

Falcon Newsletter -- August 2014

The Falcon newsletter will be re-introduced more regularly starting from this month.

John Perryman on his return from a four month holiday will take over the newsletter, and in the interim Peter Brown has asked me to produce the newsletter on his behalf. John will also be our Web Site Administrator and update this important means of communication on the World Wide Web. Our web address is:

www.constantiabowlingclub.co.za. While on the subject of communication we also thank Graeme Elliott for his contribution as our very own FACE BOOK Master.

To start off Peter Brown your new President has produced the first article.

Spectacular week for Bowls

We are so proud of our South African bowler's performances at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. In the ten bowling events played we have won seven medals, five gold and two bronze. We are the best performing country in the sport of lawn bowls. Our bowling teams have won more gold medals than any other sport category in the South African contingent to the games. Our congratulations go to our fine bowlers.

We can only wonder at what small contribution Constantia Bowling Club made in hosting the preparatory events before their departure. Did you spot the CBC member in the stands while viewing on TV? Did you gauge the age of the bowlers? Those young ladies from Malaysia and their excitable antics certainly added a new flavour to the game.

AGM

Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27 July. We had a good turnout. Our thanks go to the outgoing Executive Committee, all the sub-committees as well as many individuals who fulfilled the many roles that contributed in keeping the club together over the past year.

A special word of thanks was expressed to Eddie Curtis who has been a stalwart on the Executive Committee for the past eighteen years of which fourteen years have been as the Club Secretary. He has also very ably fulfilled the role of Club Tournament Official and in that aspect has been the front face of Constantia Bowling to all participants in District and National tournaments hosted by us. Well done Eddie! A sincere thank you from all of us. Yours will be a hard act to follow.

The new Executive Committee are:-

Peter Brown – Club President

John Clark – Financial Controller

Chris Nurrish – Club Secretary

Louisa Veitch – Ladies Club Captain

Alan Lofthouse – Men's Club Captain

Felicia Pillay – Executive Member

Terry Hepworth – Executive Member

John Perryman – Executive Member

The Selection Committees are:-

Men's Selectors

Roy Clark

Graeme Elliott

Tim Ross-Thompson

Ian Saunders

Peter Smith

Ladies Selectors

Lynda Nurrish (convenor)

Moira Standley

Linda Stringer

Joan Wedderburn – Clarke

Lyn Clark

The various sub-committees will be announced shortly.

Housekeeping

Have you noticed that the clubhouse and men's cloakrooms are looking somewhat tidier?

The restroom(recovery room) has been cleaned out and contents sorted. We now house the water bottles ,bowling equipment trolleys with the mats and scoreboards there, no longer in either the clubhouse or the men's cloakroom. Last man off the green is to ensure that the trolleys are returned to their designated space in the restroom. We don't need the unsightly clutter anymore. Mickey Sadd will tell you that the naval definition for housekeeping is "**a place for everything and everything in it's place**". We request that you help maintain good housekeeping standards.

Gentlemen members have noticed that the upkeep of our cloakroom has not yet reached the required standards. While most clutter has been removed and we have more seating space, there is still a lot of personal equipment on top of the lockers. If you own any of this then please either remove it or store it in your personal locker. Any equipment still there by the end of August will be removed.

Maurice Moyles will be attaching proper number labels to those lockers that have paper labels.

The noticeboards will be removed and only those in the clubhouse will remain as the official boards. The wall space will be required for other purposes.

We have an ad hoc committee investigating the up grading of the kitchen.

Greens

Our greens continue to present challenges which are being very ably addressed by those who have taken on the green keeping responsibility. Terry Hepworth has posted a comprehensive report on the noticeboard. Please read this to keep yourself informed. Our appreciation goes to Terry and his colleagues who have attended a training workshop and obtained their green keeping badges. Terry has invited all who have a query

about our greens or who wish to contribute constructively to approach him directly. He has a very visible presence at the club as he is there most days.

Codgers

There will be an effort to revive Codgers on a Friday afternoon. Historically this was a very popular event for the senior men bowlers both as a playing and social event. Now, as with tabs-in, it will become an event inclusive of our lady players. Participants need to be at least 50 years of age and over, relaxed and ready for fun filled afternoons. Keith Ingram and his friends are the organisers of Codgers and they will kick off early in September. Please watch the noticeboards for further news. Thank you Keith & Co we look forward to Fun Fridays.

Membership Details and Subscriptions

Invoices for annual subscriptions will shortly be distributed. Please pay early. You just don't get better value for your money.

Please ensure that your address and contact details are up to date. If these have changed over the past year then please complete a Change of Details form and get this to the Club Secretary. We have already started work on the 2014/2015 Membership Book.

We also need advertisers to help meet the budget of this book. Do you know any? If so please contact Ian Saunders at 021 534 3587.

Good Bowling!

Peter Brown

Gildale

You have all heard about this organisation and the role it plays in the improvement of the Constantia Sports Complex. Trevor Cleghorn has for many years been on the committee and fought hard for the needs of the bowling club. The City Council Sports and Recreation Department control the Sports complex which for the benefit of any new members of our club consists of False Bay Rugby Club, Constantia Bowling Club ,Constantia Tennis

Club, Claremont Cricket Club, Virgin Active Gym, VOB Running Club and the Pre-Primary School tucked away in the south corner. John Stamper and Rusty Gillett are going to be the club representatives on the Glidale Committee. Our thanks to Trevor for his hard work and having the Council provide on an annual basis our needs for the greens.

As the immediate Past President I wish to apologise to our Life Members, Hon. Life Members and the Past Presidents who attended the AGM in July. I was overtaken by the events of the morning and did not pay my respects to them or in fact welcome them. I hope you will forgive me. John Dews

It is also my sincere wish that the new committee has a smooth transition in the operation and management of the club. The new President has three Past Presidents on his committee, so I am sure he will be well guided.

The AGM of WPBA takes place on Saturday 23rd August 2014 at Pinelands Bowling Club. Time 09.30am. Darryll Edwards who is currently on the committee is seeking re-election for a second term. The current President Ms Doreen De Power will serve a third term as she was unopposed. Of interest. Any member of a bowling club may attend the AGM, but as usual they may only observe. The AGM is not a closed shop. If you are interested in the workings and management of the Association go along and be informed.

At the last WPBA council meeting in July, I asked Peter Brown to accompany me so that he could be introduced to the set up at this high level of bowls administration. It was a cold and wet morning but I am sure Peter enjoyed the experience.

Bowls at the Commonwealth Games.

As mentioned by Peter in his article the young players were in evidence in almost all the teams participating which is a very good sign for our sport.

This brings me to the following, There has been much spoken and written about the youth and the

future of these players in bowls and the playing thereof.

In the recent under 45's competition there were about 80 participants. We had two in Greg Bowden Jenny Wade.. Well done Greg and Jenny.

The Exco member on WPBA charged with the organising of this very successful tournament asked the players at the prize giving as to how many of them were on any committees at their respective clubs. There was a hand full. Bear in mind that most of these players had been working or studying for many years so they were not all novices.

We at Constantia are in need of a "look back" at what we have in the form of our new committee. The only "youth" we have is Alan Lofthouse who is still a working man. For the rest all are retired ladies and gentlemen.

Where were the young members of our club, and we have a number in the age group 50 and above to take up the reins and step up onto the plate as committee members. Why have they left the management of the club in the hands of senior citizens? I am not being disrespectful of the present committee members, but merely ask the question.

Sick Bay.

At the time of writing this newsletter. both Paul and Lydia Calleja are in hospital.

Alan Higgins has had a problem with his "Pace Maker" and may be fit to come home by the end of this week..

General

We thank Alan Lofthouse and Nicky Parker for continuing to organise the Saturday afternoon "SNOWBALL" which is proving to again be a winner. It is important to TRY and make up your own teams and not leave it to Alan or Nicky. However they are willing to try to accommodate players who cannot find a place in a team

Take care.

John Dews