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Since our last edition, we have sadly lost two further members **Derek Mitchell** and **Mavis Carmichael**. They were both highly respected members and they will be missed. I am aware that all active members will already know about their passing but the Falcon is sent to a number of old members who may not know as they have moved away but still like to be kept in touch with news from our Club.

On a much happier note our members are well represented in the selected teams to represent Western Province in this year's Inter-District matches. Those selected are as follows:

Men's Open Team **Neels Kotze & Peter Harvey** playing at Home in Western Province

Men's Senior Team **Alan Lofthouse & Roy Clark** playing in Natal Inland

Ladies Open Team **Darryll Edwards & Linda Stringer** playing at Home in Western Province

Ladies B Team **Cheryl Saunders, Taryn Bright, Moira Standley & Lynda Nurrish** Playing in Natal Inland

Ladies Senior Team **Flo George & Lyn Clark** Playing at Pietermaritzburg

All games to be played from 13th to 17th March 2017

We congratulate all those selected and hope they can play well and help Western Province win some gold medals.

On the question of selection for major honours an ex member of ours **Sylvia Burns** was selected by Bowls South Africa to represent her country in the World Bowls tournament held in Christchurch, New Zealand last November. The team as a whole did not do very well but the Ladies Trips, with her colleagues Elma Davis & Susan Nel, won the bronze medal winning 7 of their 9 round-robin matches which got them into the quarter final. There they beat Scotland 18-17 but narrowly lost in the semi-final to Australia 15-17. Australia went on to win the final by a wide margin. Sadly, this bronze was South Africa's only medal at this event. I am indebted to Inga Freddi for drawing my attention to this achievement.

This is a message from Bowls South Africa to all clubs:

SPEC-SAVERS: BOWLS SA PRO 10 PAIRS.

It is with regret that we advise the discontinuance and removal of the above event from our national calendar.

Our sponsor namely, Spec-Savers, has withdrawn their financial support after carefully monitoring their reciprocal business and support emanating through their stores from bowlers. We wish to thank Spec-Savers for their support over a number of years and fully understand their position.

It is not financially possible for Bowls SA to continue with this event and Districts are requested to inform their clubs accordingly.

This is a message to all bowlers from WP Bowling Association:

International Blind Bowls Tournament in South Africa 20th to 28th March 2017

The above tournament will be held at WPCC from Monday 20th March 2017 to the final round on the morning of 28th March 2017 followed by the prize giving.

The tournament takes place straight after the Inter-districts tournament and practise the week before commencement has been arranged with various clubs in the district.

Players will be participating from Australia, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Israel, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and of course South Africa.

The formats of play are singles – men and ladies (mornings) and pairs - mixed (afternoons) and will take place on a round-robin basis in four categories being B1, B2, B3 and B4. Bowlers are categorised according to the 'level' of blindness with B1 being totally blind. Each bowler will play with a director who will communicate with the marker (in a singles game) and the other player (and his/her director) in the case of the pairs.

It promises to be very enlightening experience for spectators and officials.

Such a tournament cannot take place without a tremendous amount of support and assistance from the local bowling community. To this end, we require the assistance of markers and umpires for each day of play (Monday 20th – Friday 24th) and Monday 27th. The biggest requirement is for markers (around 20 each morning).

Mike Connolly of WPCC will be co-ordinating all technical official requirements and volunteers. Please, if you are able to volunteer your assistance on any of these days of play, would you e-mail him with your availability at mconnolly@telkomsa.net also stating your 'qualifications' to umpire or mark. For markers, anyone who is fully familiar with the duties of the marker, has played/marked in the singles format before will be able to assist. Umpires will need the required qualifications.

Should anyone require additional information about the tournament, please e-mail Jenny Phillips at jennyp543@gmail.com.

Kind regards

Lynette Botha

District Administrator

Your Exco trusts that Constantia Umpires and Markers will come forward in support.

The Flag & Muter season is now well underway with three matches played and the league positions to date are shown below:

FLAG LOG POSITIONS PREMIER DIVISION					FLAG LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1B					FLAG LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1A				
TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF	TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF	TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
DURBANVILLE	197	156	33	41	BELLVILLE A	200	138	40.5	62	PINELANDS A	197	138	38	59
STEL VD STEL	192	180	28.5	12	POLLSMOOR A	197	124	36.5	73	MOWBRAY A	197	149	34	48
HELDERBERG	181	168	28	13	SOMERSET WEST A	217	156	32	61	OLD OAK A	170	155	26	15
OAKDALE	166	150	25	16	MEADOWRIDGE A	195	145	28.5	50	S A POLICE A	172	150	26	22
CONSTANTIA	159	175	23	-16	CONSTANTIA B	174	150	26.5	24	EDGE MEAD B	161	151	25.5	10
EDGE MEAD	167	172	20.5	-5	MILNERTON A	150	173	19.5	-23	WPCC B	164	172	18.5	-8
GLEN	172	179	20	-7	BERGVLJET A	147	177	15.5	-30	CONSTANTIA C	163	194	18	-31
WPCC	151	155	18	-4	WPCC C	173	194	12	-21	GOODWOOD B	176	176	18	0
GOODWOOD	163	178	15.5	-15	EDGE MEAD C	138	204	11.5	-66	CAMPS BAY A	147	175	13	-28
PLUMSTEAD	152	187	13.5	-35	OLD OAK B	103	233	2.5	-130	GORDONS BAY A	138	225	8	-87

MUTER LOG POSITIONS PREMIER DIVISION					MUTER LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1B					MUTER LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1A				
TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF	TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF	TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
CONSTANTIA	131	102	27	29	CONSTANTIA B	130	70	29	60	DURBANVILLE C	122	91	23	31
MILNERTON	117	108	20.5	9	DURBANVILLE B	138	85	24	53	PLUMSTEAD A	118	97	22.5	21
DURBANVILLE	122	98	17	24	SOMERSET WEST A	114	99	23	15	CONSTANTIA C	105	112	19	-7
OAKDALE	114	111	17	3	OLD OAK A	123	96	19	27	GLEN A	110	110	15.5	0
WPCC	105	128	14	-23	GORDONS BAY A	100	123	13.5	-23	EDGE MEAD B	97	104	14	-7
HELDERBERG	101	116	13	-15	MILNERTON B	82	121	9	-39	SOMERSET WEST B	95	107	13	-12
EDGE MEAD	110	125	12.5	-15	STRAND A	85	120	7.5	-35	STRAND B	99	115	13	-16
BELLVILLE	111	123	11	-12	SUNNINGDALE A	83	141	7	-58	POLLSMOOR A	102	112	12	-10

Our Ladies teams have made a tremendous start which we all hope will continue. It's still early days for the Men's teams but they have another 6 matches to improve their positions.

I try to update all the scores to our web-site on the Sunday after the matches are played. It is not always possible to obtain all the detailed scores of all the matches involving our teams in such a short time but that is the objective. I also try and publish the selected teams for the following Saturday so members know if they have been picked without visiting the Club or making phone calls. This should be available by the Tuesday morning at the latest.

MESSAGE FROM TERRY HEPWORTH ON BEHALF OF HIS GREENS COMMITTEE

ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION REGARDING GREENS PREPARATION

We wish to bring to your attention the following arrangements and procedures which have been discussed by Exco.

Practice facilities

1. Where possible, two greens will be made available for skills and squad training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
2. Should a second green not be available on one of these evenings, due to unscheduled repair activities, the Greens Committee will inform those running the training programmes timeously.

3. Unfortunately, the extreme heat at the moment plus our fertilising programme requires us to water the greens on a Thursday, particularly after the previous day's WP Midweek games. This watering will take place early in the morning so as not to affect the speed too adversely.
4. The A green will not always be one of the greens available for practice.
5. We will continue to consult team captains regarding the condition of the greens but cannot guarantee that Thursday's speed will be exactly replicated on the Saturday.

Club competitions

6. Where competitions are carded for a Sunday, it is not our policy to bring in staff to cut the green.
7. However, where the Competition Secretaries feel the status of the match deserves it, (Singles/Pairs semis and finals), they will arrange with the Greens Committee for the green to be specially prepared.

Friday afternoons

8. There will normally be two greens available for Development, Barefoot Bowls, Tabs and practice on a Friday afternoon.
9. Where a green is taken up by an outside organisation (Corporate Bowls), the members will be notified in advance.

Bookings

10. Bookings should be entered into the Diary during the week preceding the requirement, preferably before the weekend.
11. The maintenance programme for the week is drawn up on a Sunday evening, having taken bookings in the Diary into account.
12. Any special requests such as rinks for bounce games, club competitions, practice matches or barefoot bowls, which are made after the start of the week should be communicated directly to Terry.
13. Merely writing in the diary the need for a rink or two for a bounce game, club competition, practice match or barefoot bowls will not guarantee that it will be noticed and the required preparation taken place.
14. Having said that, having three greens does allow us quite a bit of flexibility in arranging additional games.
15. Players are encouraged to read the Greens Committees daily notes on the whiteboard at the Club entrance.

SOCIAL LEAGUE

Six teams are participating in this Trips competition which commenced two Saturdays back and will continue for another 5 weeks (at least!). This is open to all members not involved in other Club commitments. Please give Terry a shout if you would like to be included.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER BROWN

Sponsorship

Bowling clubs that offer multiple events during each year are heavily dependent upon sponsorship for such events. These include both highly competitive tournaments and more relaxed tabs-in type games. Sponsorship money is generally used to provide prizes and meet costs towards hosting the events. Bowls does not offer the substantial prizes that many other sports codes are able to provide. Never the less it is often sufficient to attract local participants from neighbouring clubs.

At Constantia Bowling Club, we hold twelve events each year. These serve to keep the game of bowls very much alive in our community and promote club life. These showcase our top provincial players (of which we proudly have twelve this year) and give our ordinary bowlers an opportunity to enjoy wider inter-club competitions. We are therefore most grateful to those sponsors who have come forward in support of our club with their generosity.

We have entered into a generous three-year agreement with **Warwick Wealth** who will be sponsoring six bowling events each year. They have also tripled their signage and marketing payments to us. These include the sign boards, new flip boards, rink numbers and table numbers. We will brand our future club shirts with their logo on the breast. In addition they will pay to advertise in the membership address book and to have an annual staff bowls and braai day at the club. They plan to increase their visibility at our clubhouse. Just last Friday the Director, Marc Wiese and staff of their Private Clients Division arrived for drinks at the bar. Some of their managers, namely Sandy Street, Nick Rusling and Dieter Timmerman have been observed having a roll-up. We expect Warwick to enter a team in our Business League tournament and some staff beginners to arrive on a Friday for barefoot bowls.

We are pleased to retain a sponsorship relationship with **Personal Trust** who have agreed to sponsor our Personal Trust Autumn Midweek Trips tournament over five weeks as well as our Classic Cheese and Wine Social. Andy Calmeyer and Gavin Ashwell and hopefully other executives will be participants in their midweek trips. They have also offered to provide prizes for club tabs-in type competitions. They will be holding a midyear presentation function at our clubhouse.

We have an advertising and sponsorship commitment from **Perfect Delivery** (short term insurers) who are requesting two new additional events at the club. Their advertising is already on display.

Your Exco will not commit our club to exclusivity demands and are delighted that our sponsors understand and respect this. The fact that we have sponsors who are from the same or similar sectors and are willing to be conciliatory during their events is testimony to this.

We request our club members to acknowledge these generous sponsors by making them their first call when requiring financial investment, retirement planning and testamentary services. They deserve this. Your club will reciprocate by properly acknowledging and giving them promotional opportunities during hosted events.

On the subject of Forthcoming Events could members note the following dates and events:

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017 ROBBIE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL DAY BETTER KNOWN AS ARMY DAY. THIS IS THE 38TH YEAR THIS EVENT HAS BEEN HELD AT CONSTANTIA TO RAISE MONEY FOR ROBERTSON HOUSE.

Please contact Keith Ingram 021 794 1566 or John Stamper 021 794 5726 for details of how you enter a team or if you just want to play they will try and fit you into a team.

**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2017 CONSTANTIA CLASSIC CHEESE AND WINE PARTY
SPONSORED BY PERSONAL TRUST**

Nearer the time tickets can be obtained from John Stamper

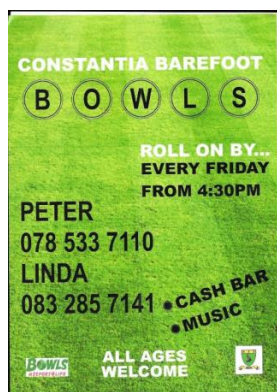
SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2017 CONSTANTIA CLASSIC

Further information about this event can be obtained from Alan Lofthouse

**10TH FEBRUARY 2017 THIS IS NOT ACTUALLY A BALL BUT RATHER A PARTY AT
WHICH WE HAVE A BALL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM HEATHER
CAWOOD OR PETER COTTRELL**



EVERY FRIDAY AT THE CLUB WE HOLD BAREFOOT BOWLS DETAILS BELOW



We hope as many members as possible will support these functions and we thank those who give up their time to organise them.

John Perryman

Editor