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For those members reading this month's Falcon, congratulations on surviving 2014 and I hope we can all stay healthy for the New Year ahead. Now that the excesses of the holiday season are over it's a good time to start trying to get back to our fighting weight to meet the bowling challenges that start in less than two weeks time.

December was a quiet month bowling wise, with the main competitions winding down for the holiday season. However, before the break, our Ladies performed very well in the WP Fours with two teams in the semi-finals but unfortunately both missed out on reaching the final. Congratulations to **Joan Hitchens, Rose Finkelstein, Maureen Mcleod and Flo George** and to **Linda Stringer, Linda Clark, Lynda Nurrish and Moira Stanley (Liz Maisel substituted for Moira in the semi-final)**. The men had three teams in the quarter final but two of those were drawn against each other and **Gary Roach's** team beat **Roy Clark's** four to make the semi-final. Our other team skipped by **Peter Harvey** lost in the quarter final to the eventual winners from Durbanville. **Bobby Boniface, Kevin Pattenden, Ian Saunders and Gary Roach** also went out at the semi-final stage but to get to a WP semi-final is a fine achievement.

The following players have been selected to represent Western Province in their various Inter-District sides to be held in March 2015:

Open Side **Neels Kotze** to play in Durban

B Side **Gary Roach** to play in Pretoria

Senior Side **Alan Lofthouse, Roy Clark & Philip Finkelstein** to play in Oudtshoorn

Our Club should be very proud to be so well represented in this year's Inter-District teams. The players will be awarded their colours at an Inter-Districts Awards Evening being held on 23rd February at Constantia, but this will be for WP Players, WPBA Exec and Constantia Exec members only.

The Exco Committee decided to respond to a number of members asking for the dress code to be clarified in certain areas and Rule 14, after lengthy deliberation, has been amended and now reads as follows:

- a. Club colours must be worn for all Club, Inter-club, District and National competitions and invitational events.
- b. Club colours are the yellow shirts, white slacks or shorts for men with white socks, caps or hats. Ladies may wear black slacks as long as they are worn uniformly by the team.
- c. For competitions taking place over a number of successive days, then after the first day, club colours may be substituted by white shirts with a yellow trim; first team green shirts, plain white shirts or sponsor's shirts provided all team members wear the same shirts. In competition play-offs the club requires club colours be worn.
- d. The Dress Code for sponsored events is decided by the respective Competition Convenor.
- e. For Tabs-in and all other casual/informal bowls events including Hurricane Pairs and Two-Wood Singles members may wear club colours or informal attire (mufti). T-shirts are not considered acceptable wear.
- f. Informal attire may not be worn on greens being used for Inter-club or District events.
- g. Footwear must conform to WPBA Conditions of Play as published in their handbook.

For those members who have lost, mislaid or never received a copy of the WPBA handbook I quote below section A13, subsection 9 covering footwear:

Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes which have a continuous smooth sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe. To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of a

matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap (and socks are optional). The District reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear.

I hope members will read this rule given the time it's taken me to type it with one finger. Perhaps fines could be introduced for any member not able to recite this rule verbatim when called upon to do so. It does seem very clear from this that **flip-flops** are not permitted on the green at any time.

Invitations for Ladies Day on 13th February have been put on the notice board for players to enter their teams. Any members wishing to take part in this annual event please contact **Louisa Veitch** or **Darryll Edwards**.

The first batch of invites has been sent out for the Easter Classic to be held on 4th & 5th April 2015. We are hoping to attract a full field of 36 teams and any member wishing to play or put in a side please contact **Alan Lofthouse**. A Cocktail Party will be held on Friday 27th March for all players participating in the tournament, at which the first round draw will be made.

Jack Muller day was revived this year with 28 teams taking part This event was organized and fronted by **Alan Lofthouse**, with help from **Geoff Perrow**, **Lousia Veitch** and myself. Special thanks to Victor, Cathy and Sharon who worked tirelessly throughout the day. The competition was won by **Alfie Frier** who returned to Constantia with a team from his current club in Fish Hoek. We intend to return this event as one of our regular calendar dates.

Clubs like ours can only run on a mixture of voluntary and paid help. The stark fact is that the more paid help we have to use, the higher our costs and the more revenue we have to raise. Our revenue, in the main, comes from subscriptions and bar profits. There are other useful contributions from the Hire of our facilities, Members Handbook, Tournaments, Interest and Sponsorships etc but 70% of our income depends upon our two main sources. Our bar profits, at the prices we currently charge, are very dependent upon members taking their turn to help behind the bar. We currently have 86 men, 49 women and 59 social members. Some members do not have enough time due to work and family commitments and some do not have the administrative skills to discharge the responsibilities of a major office, but all members who have the physical ability should be prepared take their turn behind the bar. Nicky Parker and his team have compiled the bar duty roster commencing this month but find they have only 13 teams of three members each available to them, the same 13 teams that helped in 2014. This is despite the fact that a number of Exco members also volunteer for bar duty on top of their other responsibilities. The consequence is that each team has to do 4 stints each year. If this situation does not improve those 39 members currently prepared to help will become disillusioned and wonder why they are in fact helping to subsidize bar prices for those members not prepared to take their turn. The logical progression is that paid staff will have to fill the gap and bar prices will rise to a level comparable to those charged by local commercial enterprises. Your President has written to some male members to ask for their help but there is no reason why the majority of our 194 members should not be prepared to help. Should the team leader prepare an adequate roster for the week of duty, then no member needs work on more than four evenings. Each duty week commences on a Thursday to the next Wednesday and hours are from 16h30 to 19h30.

Would any member who is prepared to help please contact either Nicky Parker or Peter Brown.

We are seeing more people looking at our web-site and to try to further increase interest I have developed 7 separate spreadsheets to cover each of our teams entered in the Flag & Muter. These will show firstly the selected teams and then the detailed results from our team's matches plus the points from the other matches in that division and the log positions. If I get the information quickly then members can look at our web-site to see where they have been selected to play and then how the results are going. If the two Convenors of our Selection Committees could E-mail their selections to me once they are made, and the team captains could send me the full results of our matches, ie shots and points for each rink and play-off ends, then with the information from Sunday Argus I should be able to update the web-page on a timely basis. My E-mail address is jperryman2@btinternet.com and not as

shown in this year's handbook. Attached is a sample of one spreadsheet.
Would the Convenors and Captains please note, thanks

Remember you can access our web-site on
www.constantibowlingclub.co.za

Members are advised to exercise care when parking at the Club and ensure that valuables are not left visible in their cars. The following incident was reported to us via the community watch scheme we are part of.

Incident Type: Theft - Out of/from M/Vehicle or M/cycle
Date and Time: 2014/11/29 05:30:00
Location: CONSTANTIA SPORTS CENTER ,

Thief stole various items of value, including vehicle music system out of a vehicle parked near the gym. Sadly the driver had left cell phone, wallet and other items inside. Matter reported to SAPS.

Best wishes

John Perryman