



# CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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This is my last Falcon for a while as I return to UK on 4<sup>th</sup> May and will not be back in Cape Town until early September. I must start with an apology for omitting from the April issue a report on Army Day that was sent to me by **Keith Ingram**, which I include now.

Re: 37<sup>th</sup> Robbie Robertson Memorial Bowls Day

**“John Stamper** and I would like to thank all of the helpers on the day for their willingness to make the day the success it was. We are very fortunate to have members who unselfishly gave up their time to assist in the many facets of the day, in the Kitchen, the Bar, the Music, the Raffles and the Record keeping, not forgetting the assistance given to our special guests from Robertson House. Without their participation, we could never host a day like this one and our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to each and every one who helped. We are very pleased to advise that through their efforts we raised R54,500.00 for this most deserving cause”.

The day was incredibly hot but all 38 ends were completed by the players some of whom finished rather tired, including yours truly. A high powered team representing the SADF won the competition, skipped by our own **Ghanie Pick**. They played their first game on the rink next to us and Ghanie injected a level of intensity into his team that suggested their lives depended upon victory, which they achieved. It is a pity that without an element of strength against strength seeding is not practical on a fun day like Army Day.



Army Day General Keith Ingram

Winners of Army Day March 2016

**Heather Cawood** has volunteered to run a quiz evening at the Club on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016, to start at 18h30 with team registration and the quiz itself to start 19h00. The basic format would be as follows:

- Teams of 4 players with an entry fee of R25 per person to cover the prizes.
- Each team to select a name to go onto the leader board
- Each team to pre-select a category as their bonus round where points are doubled.

- The topics covered are General Knowledge, Sport, Music, and Entertainment with 2 x “speciality rounds” based on General Knowledge and/or Music
- There will be a 30 minute break halfway through the quiz so it might be expedient to pre-order drinks.

These evenings take a lot of effort to organise so I hope as many members as possible support the trouble Heather is taking on our behalf.

As reported in last month’s issue, the folder with your Exco’s recommended changes to our Constitution & Bye Laws can be found on the Tabs-in counter. If any member has any problems with these changes, or wishes to suggest other changes you can contact **Peter Brown** by E-mail setting out the points you wish to make. These changes will be proposed and seconded at the AGM where we hope they will be passed with little if any debate given the long window of opportunity before the AGM for members to submit their views.

This year’s AGM will be held in the Club on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016, after which the Prize Giving for this year’s Club competitions will be held.

It is again falling to the few to load up and wheel the trolleys that hold the scoreboards, jacks & mats into the recovery room where they are stored. We are arranging to fit brackets so that the ice water stands can be stored efficiently and more clearly define where the trolleys should be placed when they are not being used. One suggestion to resolve this problem would be for the Tabs Official or an event organiser to nominate one person per green from Constantia members to take responsibility for this task. A rota could be set up at the start of each event to cover the whole tournament where members (in particular those members who are unable to volunteer for other tasks that help the Club) are asked to carry out this simple operation.

Whilst we wait for City of Cape Town to carry out their promise/obligation to replace our roof your Exco have decided that we must try and protect the bar and kitchen areas now from water ingress and so a contractor has been appointed to effect repairs to these two critical areas of the roof. Work is expected to start this Month.

We have purchased 14 new mats that brings our total to 36, which covers us for all three greens.

We regret to advise that one of our Life Members **Ian Swanepol**, passed away at the end of March. He had been suffering from dementia for many years and has not been seen at the Club for quite some time

During his years of good health Ian was a great supporter of the Club and entered most Club Competitions and was a regular Tabs In Player.

In the 1980's the Club was in dire need of funds for development and various schemes were introduced to raise money. One of the projects was that a member could purchase Life Membership and that entitled the member to be exempt from future annual subscriptions. The amount to be paid was calculated at 10 times the annual subs. Ian was one of 3 of our members who took up the offer and always said it was one of the best investments He had made.

After his higher education he followed his parents in the Hotel Industry and at one time was the owner of the successful Bloemfontein Hotel

To those very few members that remember Ian will recall him as being a quite confident and polite gentleman  
May he now Rest In Peace.

A message from **Ron Joubert** to his fellow members from Constantia Bowls Club

“Just a reminder that should you wish to sell your car, or you know of anyone who is trying to sell a car, please contact me on 021 709 0569 or 0823792599.” Ron has been in this business for more years than he cares to remember and can guaranty a professional and personal service to anyone who asks him to act for them. He is also able to help with advice and assistance to anyone wishing to buy a car which, as we all know, can be a risky business for a purchaser who is not aware of the potential problems that can hit the pocket of the unsuspecting buyer.

Ladies Day has been rescheduled for early June due to various fixture clashes and will become a winding down day for the end of the season. The actual date will be announced in the near future.

A Bridge Drive will be held at the Club on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, this is being arranged by **Louisa Veitch** and **Adriana Brown**. I am sure that any pair wishing to play would be most welcome.

The Personal Trust sponsored "Sixes" has started on a Tuesday mornings but there is still time to participate as prizes are based upon your best 4 results, and there are more than four weeks to go. Below is a reminder of the format:

**Format:** Trips over 18 ends, with the players changing position every 6 ends. Each player will get the opportunity to play at Skip, Third and Lead during the game

**Teams:** Men, women, or mixed. Only one club-graded Skip per team. Individuals, not part of a team, will be accommodated in a team on the day.

**Dates:** Tuesday mornings, starting 12 April 2016, and running over 8 weeks.

**Scoring:** The individual player will take the team score each week. The individual's **four best scores** over the 8-week period will be taken into account when determining the winners. This is important. It means that you don't have to commit yourself for all eight weeks and will not be penalised by missing the occasional Tuesday morning.

**Entry:** Teams of three: Constantia Club members to enter their teams on the list in the Clubhouse by the Friday preceding the Tuesday bowls.

Other Clubs: can enter teams by contacting Terry Hepworth (0732671751) or Peter Brown (021 7611087) by the Friday preceding each Tuesday.

Individual players; should arrive at Constantia no later than 08h45 to be placed in a team.

The weekly entry fee of R25 per player includes tea...

**Prizes:** There will be weekly session prizes (R240 per team) for the best score.

At the end of the 8 weeks, prizes, based on the best four scores over 8 weeks, will be awarded as follows:

Highest individual score	R1200
Second	R1000
Third	R 800
Fourth	R 600

Should a team stay together for most of the tournament and accumulate the best-of-four highest score, they will share the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes (R3, 000).

If you have not already done so please come along this Tuesday morning and take part in this new innovative tournament that is being managed by **Terry Hepworth**.

Speaking of Terry he has kindly volunteered to write the Falcon while I am away and I am sure he will produce some stimulating reading for all our current and some past members who are on our circulation list.

Mike Patton is also looking for teams/players to play in this years Constaniaburg tournament to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This tournament is played on the greens of 4 local Clubs, Meadowridge, Plumstead, Bergvliet/Polsmoor and ourselves. It's a triples competition with each club providing 12 teams, 3 teams from each club play simultaneously at the 4 venues. Please contact Mike urgently as he needs to finalise the arrangements this week.

Finally, hot off the stop press, the All Cape Tournament has come to an end and one Constantia side made it through to Finals Day that was held this past Saturday at WPCC. **Tim Ross-Thompson, J C Latter, Mike Blacker and John Stamper** battled through to the Semi-final of the men's plate where they were finally defeated by a very strong side from Collegians Bowling Club in Durban. This same Durban side beat a team from Polsmoor in the Quarter Final that included **Neels Kotze & Francois Trotskie**.

The All Cape only comes to Cape Town every 4 or 5 years and this will come as a great relief to some of our hard working members who put in a huge effort to help to make it a success. Firstly our Secretary **Chris Nurrish** who represented us on the WP management team and had the onerous task of collecting all the results and uploading them onto WP web-site each day. He displayed his usual efficiency and I was able to follow the progress of all our side day by day. Chris has been part of the Organising Committee who have met many times in the recent past to plan this event with military precision. Next, **Eddie Curtis**, who was plucked out from semi-retirement by our President and asked to manage the matches that were allocated to our Club to host. Eddie was assisted by **Peter Killassy** on all the days I was present. As usual with any task Eddie undertakes it was carried out with great efficiency and a minimum of fuss. A huge task fell on the very capable shoulders of **Felicity Pillay** to manage the catering and with our staff and a number of volunteers, **Louisa Veitch, Adriana Brown and Min Putter**. **Nicky Parker** was ever present helping his bar volunteers whenever necessary and keeping the Club as tidy as possible whilst the bowlers were on the green and **Terry Hepworth**, missing any chance of a lie-in, to ensure our greens were cut each morning and as good as we could make them. Never far from the action was **Peter Brown** covering any gaps and making sure our Club could be proud of its contribution to the success of the 2016 All Cape Tournament.

I sign off with something for our older members:

To commemorate her 79th birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

(Sing It!)

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polydent and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinning,  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

**John Perryman**  
**Editor**

