



# CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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## FALCON NOVEMBER 2014

Most members will know by now that Jan Van Wyk died suddenly at home on the morning of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the age of 76. A memorial service was held at Plumstead Russoord on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 and Terry Hepworth was amongst those who spoke about Jan's life with particular reference to his significant contribution to our club. Unfortunately the service clashed with the final day of our mid-week competition so only a limited number of our members were able to attend. Jan was a member for many years and for several seasons played for the Premier Side, but it was for his voluntary services to our administration that he will best be remembered. He was at various times, Secretary, Competition Secretary, Bar Manager and he founded our Club Handbook in its current format. He went around to many local businesses to sell them the idea of placing adverts in our handbook for a modest fee. As those who knew him will testify he did not take no for an answer very easily and persuaded many organisations to place adverts, raising many thousands of rand for the Club. Jan spent many years in the South African Police Force, and diplomacy was not high on their priority list when it came to the training schedule. He could start an argument on a desert island and on occasions would speak to fellow members with a bluntness that was less than polite. For me he was a character and I liked him warts and all but unfortunately some took offence that I don't think he meant to give. He did pay a high price for these indiscretions because those in a position to do so blocked his award of a Life Membership that the positive side of his contributions to the Club clearly merited. This hurt him a lot and caused him to withdraw his services to the Club in recent years.

I have a story that I think sums up Jan's personality very well. He was kind to me when I joined and invited me to play in his team and I never forgot that help. We got on very well although we had nothing in common, so when he told me he was visiting England to see his son I invited him and Iris to stay with us in Norfolk for a few days and then arranged for them to use my daughter's house near London as she was in the Caribbean on holiday. After they had stayed with us we lent them a car and delivered them to Hertford where they stayed for a week or so. On the first morning Jan tried to watch the TV but got into a muddle with the various remote controls. Given his serious lack of patience he probably pushed every button on the three remotes at least three times in the first minute. Never one to give up on such a problem and despite it being very early in the morning Jan knocked boldly on the next door neighbour's door. A young man still rubbing the sleep out of his eyes answered the door and was told "my name is Jan and I am staying next door at Yvonne Perryman's house as I am a friend of her father. I cannot make the TV work can you help me? The young man explained they had a young baby who they needed to get ready for nursery and he and his wife were getting ready to go to work. Jan ignored these genuine explanations in a way that suggested to the chap that it would be quicker to sort out Jan's TV than to argue with him on the doorstep. The TV got sorted out and during that day Jan went to the local supermarket and bought enough ingredients to make his favourite chicken curry for the whole street. He waited until the neighbours got home from work and then

knocked next door and presented two bowls of curry and rice to say thank you for helping him that morning. He also asked for the names of the other neighbours and then boldly marched up the street giving out bowls of curry to astonished neighbours. A day or so later with the TV mastered Jan is watching the news at about 5-00am, when an item comes up to say that a hurricane has struck the Caribbean and he remembers that was where our daughter was staying. With no thought of the time Jan rings me at home with this news. I thought, shall I go into details about the geography of the Caribbean, or just thank him for letting me know. I chose the latter option. Yvonne had only owned the house for a few months and did not know her neighbours other than by sight. When she got home she found the house in immaculate condition (thanks to Iris) and her neighbour called to ask "who was that extra-ordinary chap from South Africa who stayed in your house?" Oh that was Jan Van Wyk what happened? Genuine characters are rare, I and many of our members will miss the little man.

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Members will have noticed that we now have a second new TV in the Club. Special thanks goes to Graham Barker for organising the fund raising and to the following members who each contributed R250-00. Geoff Perrow, Alan Lofthouse, Graham Barker, Graeme Elliott, Peter Cottrell, Daryll Edwards, Mike Patton, Clem Douglas, Maurice Moyles, Peter Smith, Nicky Parker, Trevor Cleghorn, Chris Nurrish, Jean-Claude Latter, Tim Ross-Thompson, John Perryman Roy Clark, Graham McLeod and Ian Saunders. Further thanks goes to Peter Harvey for the fantastic discount he negotiated on the TV and cables, Kevin Pattenden for wiring up the set and the Ladies in the kitchen for clearing up the mess caused by the installation.

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In the first major WP competition of the season, congratulations go to Alan Lofthouse, Peter Harvey and Jean-Claude Latter for reaching the final of the men's triples. Sadly they went the way of the previous twelve triples finalists from Constantia since 1980, who all finished as runners-up. For the record the previous teams were:

1980 B Ellwood, M Carroll, A van Niekerk  
1985 H Lambert, R Botha, A van Niekerk  
1992 R Botha, K Dilkes, P Schoeman  
1993 A Lofthouse, G Barker, G Elliott  
1994 J Cushnahan, K Pentz, G Perrow  
1995 A Lofthouse, G Barker, G Elliott  
1996 P W Lee, A van Niekerk, D Walton  
2002 B Boniface, R Scott, D Watson-Smith  
2003 A Lofthouse, P Harvey, G Williams  
2006 A Lofthouse, P Harvey, G Williams  
2011 A Stanley, J Perryman, D Stanton  
2013 R Clark, G Perrow, G Roach

Our record in the final of this competition since 1980 is P13 Won 0 Drawn 0 Lost 13. One year soon this trophy will sit in our cabinet but I doubt any other club can boast reaching the final as often as us in this period.

Thanks to Alan Lofthouse for this information.

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In the men's triples two other Constantia sides reached the play off stage, Geoff Perrow, Gary Roach & Vince Taylor plus Ghanie Pick, John Perryman & Adi Stanley. In the ladies triples Moria Stanley's team also reached the play-off stage.

In the Sully Cup Flo George's side reached the quarter-final and Moria Stanley, Lynda Nurrish, Joan Wedderburn-Clark and Petal Jones are in the semi-final to be played at 9-30am at Fresnaye on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We wish them luck and good bowling and hope they can retain the Cup for themselves and for Constantia.

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Negotiations between VOB and CBC have progressed to a point where we are almost ready to sign an interim Agreement of Association for a year commencing 01 November 2014 as unanimously supported by members of both clubs. In the meantime we have afforded them access to the clubhouse. The relationship between the negotiating committees has been most co-operative, cordial and in a spirit of good sportsmanship. We request our members to extend the same welcoming spirit of cordiality to the VOB members.

What is the immediate impact for us:-

- They will use the clubhouse for their club runs on a Tuesday and Thursday evening and for time trials on a Wednesday evening. Their access is not limited to these times and they are welcome to arrive at the club at any convenient time especially to share a drink at the bar.
- On Thursday 06 November they are holding a club “tap” run and a braai thereafter
- On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November they are holding their Annual Club Party at the club house
- We have given them storage space in the flat at the rear of the clubhouse which they have secured
- They will convert one of the ladies toilets to a shower.
- We have given them the noticeboard outside the club office and wall space to place their honours board. That corner in effect becomes theirs. You will notice that we have moved the club poster to the other side of the door. Men please note that our notices are now posted in our cloakroom. Please check your cardings there.
- They will use our meeting room for their committee meetings
- They will place signage on our perimeter indicating their new location. This signage must meet our and council approval.

“We have been requested by VOB Running Club to prepare a set of House Rules/Code of Conduct so as to set standards of behaviour among members of both clubs. While we have always coped without such rules, we fully understand their request, so we have jointly prepared the rules/ code of conduct circulated with this edition of the Falcon. These will also be posted on the club notice boards. These rules will equally apply to members of both clubs. CBC members are requested not to regard these as a form of Tiny Tot management of members but rather appreciate this code as serving to provide behaviour norms and harmonise relations. Once you have read these you will appreciate that nothing really changes for us”. Please feel free to raise any concerns with your Club Captain or the Club President.”

A copy of these House Rules/Code of Conduct will be attached to the Email sending out this Falcon. For those members who do not have Email a copy will be available in the Clubhouse.

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## **GREENS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2014**

### **Renovation:**

The aggressive part of the renovation of A and B Greens is now complete. The greens have been scarified, aerated and given a light topsoil covering.

The stressed areas along the south and eastern borders of A Green have been resodded and the grass is knitting quickly.

B Green is unlikely to require much resodding at this stage. A decision to dig out and replace areas on the green where the “vlei kweek” has taken over, has been deferred.

After Flag Day on 16th November, C Green will be scarified, roller- spiked and given the lightest of topdressings.

**Availability:**

A Green: As from Saturday 1 November, 4 rinks will be available playing N-S. By Monday 10 November, we will open 4 rinks playing E-W. Hopefully, all rinks on A Green will be ready for Flag Day on 16 November.

B Green: We estimate that, should the hot weather prevail, we should open a few rinks on B Green after 3 weeks ie by Monday 24 November.

C Green: Will close on Monday 17 November and probably be playable within 2 weeks ie by beginning of December.

**Procedures:**

To avoid compaction and unnecessary wear and tear, the following procedures are being followed:

1. A 2 metre border of longer grass around the greens will be maintained.
2. For the next few months, the greens will be cut at 4mm and no shorter.
3. The greens will be groomed twice-weekly to keep the speed acceptable.
4. Rink markers will be changed every second day of use.
5. Directions of play will also be changed regularly
6. Skips will be asked to move the mat up and down as often as possible.

**Practice:**

To support the measures listed above, we intend indicating to our members most afternoons which greens should be used for practice purposes (and in which directions). It is no secret that most of our members, for one reason or another, choose to practise on A Green and in an E-W direction as well! We hope that those members who practise regularly will support this initiative.

In the New Year, when Flag and Muter commence, we will obviously try to have the best greens available for practice purposes.

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On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014, we will be hosting players from other clubs in round 4 of WP Mid-week so members wishing to play Tabs-in that afternoon will be required to play in whites.

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We are reviving Jack Muller day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (National Holiday). A list has been put up in the Club for members wishing to play to add their names. The format is triples and generous festive prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Please put your names on the list if you wish to play or talk to Alan Lofthouse.

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A steak evening is being held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, to raise funds to send teams to the Mens & Ladies Nationals in May next year. Please contact Peter Cottrell who is organising this event. The quality of the steaks represent amazing value for money and these functions provide an opportunity for a members, their wives and husbands to enjoy a social evening at the club and help us to compete in the Nationals, that are to be held next year in Eastern Cape.

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Since the last Falcon a lot more content has been added to our website [www.constantiabowlingclub.co.za](http://www.constantiabowlingclub.co.za) A full calendar is now available and if you look in the monthly format, the space each day is limited but to view the full detail just move your cursor over the item you wish to see and left click your mouse. Kevin Pattenden has added information on the Club competitions and Peter Brown has loaded some pictures from our opening day back on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

I am hoping to load pictures of the successful teams in our Spring Midweek competition that finished on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

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Congratulations to Graham Barker's team who just beat Clem Douglas's team on shot average to win the Tournament. A special thanks to Micky Sadd and his team of helpers for the smooth running of this event once again.

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We continue to subsidise our catering by holding our prices at a time when, as you all know, food prices continue to rise. For the time being the Executive Committee will keep the R15-00 charge on tabs-in days but will only serve biscuits or cake rather than sandwiches. This situation will be kept under review because there has to be a limit to our catering losses.

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There are a few typing errors in our 2014/2015 Membership Book and some new members since publication. Can you please make the following adjustments and additions to your copy of the Membership Book:

### **Constantia Bowling Club Membership 2014/2015**

#### Errata and additions:

Page	Alteration
4	Linda Stringer Cell number is 083.285-7141
14	Jorri Clur's address is: 4 Tamsyn Close, de Tijger, 7500 Parow & home number is 021.829-0743
29	Derrick Metcalff has resigned from the club
31	Peter Moxley has resigned from the club
35	John Perryman's correct email address is: jperryman2@btinternet.com
37	Min Putter's correct email address is putter@mweb.co.za
39	Add Charlotte Roux (PM) and Mannetjies Roux (SM) 33 Sillery Avenue 7806 Constantia 082.321-0165 email bieiespoort@gmail.com
41	Ronald Scott has resigned from the club
41	Clive Sinclair's correct email address is: di@disinclairoldage.co.za
45	Jan van Wyk recently passed away
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