



CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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I am, for my sins, the new editor of the Falcon, trying my best to fill the shoes of John Dews who published this newsletter for many years. I hope I can keep up the high standards set by my predecessor. I am happy to consider including any item members might wish me to publish and the best way to have an item published would be to send an e-mail to jperryman2@btinternet.com with the details. I am hoping to send out the Falcon on a monthly basis during the first week of each month, so any items members would like included should be with me by the last day of the month at the latest.

Your Committee are very keen to keep all members informed on a timely basis of any matters they believe are of interest and have invested some of your money to upgrade our Club's web site. This issue and all future issues of Falcon will be published on our web site, www.constantiabowlingclub.co.za as will the following:

Selections for Flag & Muter

Details of Club, Western Province and Midweek Competitions

List of players carded for Club Competitions

A comprehensive calendar showing all known events at the club plus other key milestone dates that can be viewed daily, weekly or monthly.

The Club Rules and Bylaws

Forms that can be downloaded and printed off covering Full and Social Membership, Competition entries and changes of address.

Chit Chat News

Executive Committee Members contact details and Sub-Committee Members contact details

All these items will not be available from day one but will be added as soon as possible

To this list we will include any other matters related to our Club, as and when they arise.

For the time being communications will continue to be displayed on both notice boards and on our web site but this doubles the workload of volunteers and adds costs, so at a point in the not too distant future hard copies of some communications will be phased out.

I can see from the 2014/15 Members Handbook that a number of members either have not advised the Club of their E-mail addresses or they do not have a computer or mobile phone to connect them to the internet. For those members who have no direct access to the internet I am concerned that you could lose out by not being able to access, on a timely basis, information you would be interested in.

I myself was a late convert to the merits of having access to the internet but I now find it an indispensable part of my life. I am still amazed by the sheer volume of information at your fingertips and by the ability to be able to see and talk to family and friends via a video link to most parts of the world, and at no additional cost to the basic charge. For me it pays for itself in the saving on overseas telephone calls alone. Even if you do not have direct internet access and do not feel the need to do so, you might consider asking a neighbour, friend or member of your family to let you use their facility to enable you to access our web page.

Your Committee are looking to do some refurbishment in the kitchen and are seeking written quotes for new cupboards and plumbing, but before any actual work can start we need the roof fixed by our Landlord.

It has been decided to buy 24 new bowling mats ready for the start of the new season and a new Club Flag.

The new sets of bowls provided by the Lotto are being put to good use by the coaching staff. The conditions attached to the provision of these sets of bowls prohibit them from leaving our premises.

Our Honours Boards are with the framer being updated and a framed collage of the Club's history is being prepared for display on the back of the new TV.

We are going to hold the Constantia Easter Classic on 4/5 April 2015, and any member who would like to help with running this important fund raising competition should contact Alan Lofthouse.

Flag Day 2014, will be held on Sunday 16th November, details to follow.

Current membership stands at 86 men, 48 Ladies and 46 social members.

We welcome the following new members to our club, Dirk Schuurman, Petal Jones, Ronel Petersen, Lorna Chalmers, Colleen Marshall and Marc & Laurie Venter. Congratulations to Ian & Cheryl Saunders for introducing the last three. I am sure all members will do their bit to make these new members feel welcome and we wish them all a long and happy association with our Club.

There are currently 14 more membership applications on the notice board, 4 new playing members and 10 social members from the Tuesday 5-30ers.

We are trying to revive Jack Muller Day for 16th December 2014.

On a glorious Cape Town day we had a very well attended opening to the 2014/15 season. President Peter Brown welcomed all the members and introduced the eight Past Presidents who attended and tendered apologies from the three who could not be there. Peter also introduced his new Executive Committee and took the opportunity to detail the achievements of our members both on and off the green, for Club, Province and Nationally. In a short speech Peter emphasised that we should all be proud to be members of Constantia Bowling Club and enjoy the experience. Peter then presented

the Brian Ellwood award to Dorothy Venn, one of the unsung heroes of our Club, who has for many years given up her time to officiate at Provincial and National competitions we have hosted. This award was intended for services rendered to the Club over a significant period and Peter thanked Dorothy for being an absolute lady and for her attention to detail when looking after the participants at these events, who sadly often take such help for granted.

Nicky Parker, our Bar Manager, has drawn up the Bar Roster shown below that covers the period from 9th October 2014, through to 7th January 2015. If for any reason a member is unable to fulfil their shift then it is up to that member to sort out a replacement. The duties of the Bar Manager are onerous enough without having run around trying to find substitutes and as often as not having to step in himself.

OCTOBER	
9 th to 15th	PETER KILLASSY-ALAN HURFORD-IAN BARCLAY
16 th to 22nd	PETER MEREDITH-CLEM DOUGLAS-GRAHAM MCLEOD
23 rd to 29th	CHRIS NURRISH-PETER COTTRELL-LINDA STRINGER
30 th to	JOHN STAMPER-KEITH INGRAM-TERRY HEPWORTH
NOVEMBER	
5th	JOHN STAMPER-KEITH INGRAM-TERRY HEPWORTH
6 th to 12th	DAVID EDWARDS-DENISE EDWARDS-PETER SMITH
13 th to 19th	JET CLARK-KEITH VAN SWELM-BILL KILBRIDE
20 th to 26 th	MIKE MOYLES-MIKE BLACKER-PETER VAN DE MERWE
27 th to	GEOFF PERROW-JENNY WADE-TIM ROSS-THOMPSON
DECEMBER	
3 rd	GEOFF PERROW-JENNY WADE-TIM ROSS-THOMPSON
4 th to 10 th	WILF GEORGE-RONNIE CARMICHAEL-A N OTHER
11 th to 17 th	PETER BROWN-MALCOLM STRACHAN-ROY CURTIS-SETCHELL
18 th to 24 th	ALAN LOFTHOUSE-IAN SAUNDERS-KEVIN PATTENDEN
25 th to 31 st	ROY CLARK-LYN CLARK-PHILIP&ROSE FINKELSTEIN
JANUARY	
1 st to 7th	GEORGE RICKSON-PETER JEROME-DEREK MITCHELL

John Perryman