

## **Constantia Bowling Club**

### **Falcon Newsletter – September 2014**

#### **Proud Performances by Constantia Bowlers**

Three shields were awarded for performances by Constantia Bowlers at the recent WPBA AGM.

The first went to our Ladies Fives team who won the Gold Shield as the Overall Winners. We were represented in the Trips by Darryll Edwards, Lynda Nurrish and Cheryl Saunders and by Flo George and Lyn Clark in the pairs. We are proud of you.

The second shield went to our Men's Fives team who won the Silver Shield. We were represented by Ian Saunders, Adrian Standley and Bobby Boniface/Graham Mcleod in the Trips, with Alan Lofthouse and JC Latter in the Pairs. Well done to our men.

The third shield was a Long Service Award presented to Alan Lofthouse who has served as a Member of the Western Province Men's Standing Committee for Selectors for more than 15 years. Alan resigned from this committee as he has been elected onto our Club Executive Committee as the Men's Club Captain. Alan we congratulate you for this award and we are very proud that you give your club first priority. Thank you.

#### **Western Province Trials**

Constantia Bowling Club can be further proud of the fact that we have the largest contingent of participants of any club in the province to be invited to participate in the provincial trials.

Seven of our ladies selected are Darryll Edwards, Lynda Nurrish, Flo George, Cheryl Saunders, Moira Standley, Linda Cottrell, Liz Maisel.

Again seven of our men will participate; they are Erno Pick, Roy Clark, Phil Finkelstein, Alan Lofthouse, Neels Kotze, JC Latter, and Ian Saunders.

The trials take place during October. The ladies will miss the Club Opening Ceremony, however we wish you all successful bowling.

#### **Club Opening of the New Bowling Season**

We are departing from previous practice when the opening was held on a Sunday. This season we are holding our opening ceremony on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm. All club members are invited to attend. Playing members are reminded to wear full club colours including the new yellow club shirts. After the Welcome and Opening there will be a spider and collection for the Blind Bowlers. Play will then commence without a tea break until the ringing of the bell when light snacks will be served in the clubhouse.

We trust that all members will turn up to kick start the new season and enjoy the fellowship.

#### **Our Three Greens**

Terry Hepworth reports that renovation of the **A Green** will be complete shortly. The non-arrival of top soil by our Council means that we will do without a top dressing this year. Sods have been inserted in the stressed areas, fertilisation and irrigation have begun and we trust Mother Nature to provide the cover we need.

**B Green** is taking strain, but we can only close it when A Green comes into play. **C Green** will be the last to close, probably mid-November. This means that we will only have two greens in operation until the New Year.

We are building up the height of the **banks** on C Green. We are grateful to players for avoiding placing their bags, bowls or feet on the built up banks. Please share this with visiting bowlers.

**Sundowner time:** On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and Sunday mornings, no members of the Greens staff are present to tidy up. We would appreciate it if members could continue to bring in the trolleys and

either leave them on the veranda or, better still, take them through to the Rest Room.

**Practice:** From the beginning of the new season (October onwards) we intend to institute a system of allocating rinks for practice or bounce games. This is part of our programme of changing rink markers and directions of play to avoid compaction and wear and tear.

**Utilisation:** Each year we remind our members that our greens are hopelessly underutilised. Even taking Mondays, Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons out of the equation, our utilisation of greens this past year will be just over 10%. This includes WP competitions.

We would encourage members to arrange bounce games or practice matches. The only stipulation from our side is that these games be entered in the Diary in good time.

#### **Friday Fun Bowls**

In our last newsletter we reported that there was an effort to revive Codgers on a Friday. Well we can report that Codgers is now replaced with Friday Fun Bowls. This commences at 3.00pm every Friday. It is open to all, including visitors and new bowlers. Dress is strictly mufti with flat shoes. We play two wood trips. We commenced FFB last Friday with a turnout that filled C Green. John Stamper was the first prize winner in the draw. Sorry John you are excluded from the next three draws. See you all there next and following Fridays.

#### **Snowball**

**Wow!** Participation in the winter Saturday afternoon Snowball has escalated to us filling two greens. Prize money in the draw has carried over for the past four weeks and is expected to pay out over R5000-00 next Saturday. Well done to Alan Lofthouse and Nicky Parker for keeping an enjoyable event going.

#### **Member News**

Sadly we reported that Paul Calleja, an Honorary Life Member, and Alan Higgins, a member of long standing, passed away. We have expressed the club's condolences to both families.

We wish Iris Clausen a full recovery. She has been hospitalised for over four weeks.

We are delighted to see that Dave Edwards is back on the greens having made a good recovery.

We have four new members this month. Colleen Marshall and Lorna Chalmers are novices and receiving coaching. Petal Jones joins us from Bryanston Bowling Club where she was a very active player and umpire. Dick Schuurman joins us from Kowie Bowling Club. Dick held office in the EC sub-district Committee. Welcome to you good bowlers, we are very proud that you have selected Constantia as your preferred bowling club.

#### **Business League**

An inaugural Business League meeting was attended by Peter and Linda Cottrell, Linda Elliott and Alan Lofthouse. Their idea is to create an environment where hopefully for four or five Friday afternoons we can entertain 12 teams from the Constantia business area who can play for two hours with family and friends and children and enjoy bowls and a meal thereafter. It is hoped to have everything organised by the end of the year.

We will approach companies for participation and sponsorship. They will also approach club members to manage the teams. Do we have any volunteers? Talk to Alan.

More news on this will follow.

**Remember diligent members always read the noticeboards for further news.**

**Good bowling!**