



CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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Falcon Newsletter September 2015

Our usual editor, John Perryman, will return from his pilgrimage to the UK in mid-September when he will resume the production of the Falcon newsletter.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you for turning out in such a large number for the AGM. We had more than the required quorum. It was pleasing to see the number of new members who attended this event. Sergio Martinengo was our guest. Sergio is a past-president of Constantia Bowling Club and a past-president of Western Province Bowls. He presented the prizes at the Annual Prize Giving event after the AGM.

Dave Waywell, Chairman of the VOB Running Club also graced us with his attendance. That was appreciated. Dave used the opportunity to express their club's appreciation for the sincere welcome and friendly reception the runners received from the bowlers during their first year.

Holding the annual prize giving event and snacks thereafter proved a successful idea. Many thanks to the good ladies for their catering efforts.

Club Committees

The nomination and election of the Exco was a smooth process. Louisa Veitch has decided to step aside and create an opportunity for another lady bowler to step into the shoes of the Lady Club Captain. Thanks for your good services Louisa. We are delighted to welcome Linda Elliott unopposed onto the committee as the new Lady Captain.

Equally so, did the nomination and election process for the Selection Committees go smoothly and we wish them well in their duties going forward.

The Exco have appointed able volunteers to fill the other committees and roles that keep the club functioning. These are all listed on the noticeboard and the website will soon be updated. Please give them your support.

Flag, Muter and Friendly Bowls

Members have received their forms to enrol for these competitions. You are encouraged to complete these and return them to the Club Secretary as soon as possible. Constantia is a competitive club and we encourage as many members as possible to enter the Flag and Muter competitions. While the Friendly competition is relaxed and fun we do encourage the skilled and able men to enter the Flag competition. Go on bowlers! Give the Selectors work to do.

WPBA have confirmed, after a two stage participatory process, to change the game to a 2x10 format for this season. This is the popular format among our clubs.

Social Bowls

Fair weather and foul weather bowlers have been turning out for Friday Fun Bowls as well as Snowball on a Saturday afternoon. Snowball has had some generous carry over awards. FFB is always played on a tabs-in basis with trips or pairs as the preferred format. Snowball is played on a trips format and requires team entries if possible.

Many thanks to Alan Lofthouse and Nicky Parker for their stout efforts in the Snowball. Come out and enjoy yourself!

Warwick Spring Midweek Tournament

This Constantia midweek tournament starts on Friday 09 October and thereafter each Wednesday for the next four Wednesdays. The entry form is on our noticeboard and you are required to fill in the four names of your full team. Entries are now open to our

neighbouring clubs and are filling up so please get yours in to avoid disappointment.

I am pleased to advise that Warwick Wealth have increased their sponsorship for this event. Thank you Brian Yarwood and the team at Warwick.

Mickey Sadd and Mike Patton are appealing to members to donate some prizes for the raffle table. Popular are bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, chickens and bowling socks for the last draw. Of course anything else of good consumption or good use will be appreciated

Bowls Boobs & Braai; Heritage Day 24 September

This event is being hosted by Bellville Bowling Club in the North and Constantia Bowling Club in the South. This is a day of social bowls as a fund raiser and awareness of breast cancer. The entry fee is only R300 per team and this includes coffee and rusks on arrival, mid-morning tea and snack, lunch at mid-day and snacks and prizes at the end of the day. Darryl Edwards is our organiser and requests you to enter and support this event. Guys please understand that this is not a ladies event. You are all expected to be there and support the cause. Full details are on the noticeboard.

Personal Trust Seminar and Afternoon of Fun Bowls; Tuesday 22 September at WPCC

Personal Trust have organised a short seminar on "How to Manage Your Retirement Affairs Successfully" followed by tea sandwiches and an afternoon of fun bowls. There are cash prizes and snacks at the end of the afternoon. Entries close on 11 September. Full details are on the noticeboard. We encourage Constantia bowlers to participate.

Personal Trust and your committee have enjoyed cordial meetings together and have an agreement for improved sponsorship towards our club. Thank you to Jeni Williams and the team at Personal Trust.

WPBA

Our support and congratulations are extended to:

- Darryl Edwards for her re-election to the Executive Committee
- Terry Hepworth for his nomination onto the Greens Committee
- Maurice Moyles on the Award for his long service (11years) as a Provincial Selector

Club Opening Ceremony Saturday 3rd October 2015 at 14h00

Please make sure you have this event in your diary. All members should be there to enjoy the opening together in a spirit of good bowling and club camaraderie. Please wear your club colours for the afternoon and bring a little donation for the blind bowlers.

Coaching

Chris and Linda Nurrish are now running, as a regular feature, an hour of coaching at the club. This occurs every Saturday morning between 10am and 11 am. This is intended for existing bowlers who need to improve their performance as well as prospective bowlers who are planning to start bowling. Coaching and testing according to BSA criteria is provided. Please feel free to join them. Contact either at 021 794 85 38 for more information.

We extend our appreciation to the Nurrishes for their efforts to lift the standard of bowling amongst our members.

Membership Fees

The small increases have been contained within acceptable limits for club, district and national fees. Please collect your invoices at the clubhouse from John Dews, Jet Clark or Roy Clark. This will save postage expenses. Many thanks.

Good bowling!

Peter