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FALCON DECEMBER 2015

This is the last Falcon of 2015, and on behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to wish all members and their families an enjoyable Christmas break and a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

We are now approaching that period in bowls where some members get hot under the collar about how their elected Selection Committees have failed to appreciate their skill and experience and placed them into teams or positions lower than they feel their ability merits. This happens in the Flag & Muter season in most Clubs, most years and so far, if the trial selections are anything to go by, it will be a plague on our Club again this year. Those members who have been taking issue with Selectors decisions know who they are and I would ask that they take cognisance of their actions and the damage it causes to our Club. An ever decreasing number of members are prepared to contribute to helping to run our Club and those numbers will continue to fall if some members believe that paying their subscriptions gives them the right to attack volunteers who have made decisions they disagree with. I very much hope that it is premature to draft the epitaph of a good Club member. In my view a good Club member is one that asks themselves the question "how can I help my Club rather than how can my Club help me" It is perfectly acceptable to politely say to a selector that you are disappointed in the team you have been picked to play for and say that you are going to prove your point by your performance on the green. To use aggressive verbal attacks and send unpleasant e-mails to selectors is a disgrace and members who resort to this type of behaviour should be ashamed of themselves. I know that if I ever received that kind of approach I would, as a matter of principal, never promote the individual for the rest of the season.

Flag & Muter matches are the one time in the year when members are asked to put the Club's interests first and their own interest second. I just hope that when the actual teams are announced that all members will accept the decisions and do their very best to make 2016, a successful year for all our teams.

Constantia ladies hosted their first Muter Day on Saturday 28th November, which was won by Durbanville A, 2nd Place Constantia A, 3rd Constantia B. Money raised to go to the Ladies trust. Constantia A team donated their winnings to the Ladies Trust.

Constantia Ladies played in The Ladies of the night tournament at Bergvliet over the last 3 weeks and brought home the Trophy again. Great fun was had by all, Flo gave us all a laugh when she arrived with 2 bowls for trips and no bowls shoes. Having senior moments.

Mens Flag day was held on Sunday 22nd November and despite some late withdrawals we were able to find substitutes fill the green. Neels and his team did a good job on the day and WPC A were the victors. The revenue raised on the day will go into the Mens Trust Fund.

JACK MULLER DAY 16th DECEMBER 2015

At the time of writing we are still looking for a few more teams to fill the two greens we shall have available for this annual sponsored all day event. There will be decent prizes and all the profits go in your Club funds. Following the bowling we will hold the raffle for the five identical Christmas Hampers. Please make the effort to play in our last organized event for 2015.

I am loading all the Flag and Muter Fixtures onto our web-site and when I get the details I will load the selected teams followed on the Sunday/Monday by the results. I hope this will help members to know when and where they are playing if for any reason they cannot get to the Club. I am dependant for my information on the respective Team Captains and the Convenyor(s) of Selectors. The Selectors just need to e-mail me the teams they have selected and the Captains to e-mail the results for their teams match only, showing the shots scored on each 10 end set for each rink and the subsequent points. I can then tell by working out the points myself if the figures make sense. My e-mail address is **jperryman2@btinternet.com** If everybody concerned does their bit I will do mine.

We can see all the hard work being put in by our green staff to renovate A & B greens and we hope their efforts of our behalf are appreciated and will have the desired effect in 2016.

The monthly jokes:

A Bible group study leader says to his group, "What would you do if you knew you only had four weeks left before the great Judgment Day?" A gentleman says, "I would go out into my community and minister the Gospel to those that have not yet accepted the Lord into their lives." "Very good!" says the group leader. One lady speaks up and says enthusiastically, "I would dedicate all of my remaining time to serving God, my family, my church, and my fellow man with a greater conviction." "That's wonderful!" the group leader comments. One gentleman in the back finally speaks up loudly and says, "I would go to my mother-in-laws house for the four weeks." The group leader asks, "Why your mother-in-law's home?" "Because that will make it the longest four weeks of my life!"

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What is politics?" The dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I'm the breadwinner of the family, so let's call me capitalism. Your mother, she's the administrator of the money, so we'll call her the government. We're here to take care of your needs, so we'll call you the people. The nanny, we'll consider her the working class. And your baby brother, we'll call him the future. Now, think about that and see if that makes sense." The little boy goes off to bed thinking about what dad had said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has soiled his diaper. The little boy goes to his parents' room and finds his mother sound asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now." The father says, "Good son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "Well, while capitalism is screwing the working class, the government is sound asleep, the people are being ignored and the future is in deep shit."

This is quite a short version of Falcon this month as not too much happened in November or been reported to me for inclusion.

John Perryman

Editor

