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I hope all members and their families will enjoy a healthy, prosperous and safe 2016. I am a bit late with this month's issue due firstly to family visits from UK over the holiday period and then of course the cricket.

We congratulate the following members for their selection to represent Western Province in the Men's Inter-District tournaments to be held from 4th to 8th April 2016.

Neels Kotze in the Open side to play at Ekurhuleni

Peter Harvey in the B side to play at Port Elizabeth

Alan Lofthouse, Phillip Finkelstein & Roy Clark in the Seniors at JBA

We held a successful Jack Muller day on 16th December 2015, with 20 teams taking part. The winners were **Tim Ross-Thompson, Vince Taylor, Alfie Frier and Des Stanton**. After the bowling was finished we held the draw for the Christmas Hampers, which were won by **Tim Ross-Thompson** (he had a good day), **Neels Kotze, Alan Hurford, George Donald and Dorothy Venn**. Thanks to **Felicia Pillay & Louisa Veitch** for both their efforts with the catering for the day and for helping me to wrap & decorate the hampers. My wife Liz helped me with buying the contents and filling the hampers that we hope were appreciated by those who were lucky enough to win them. The day went off without a hitch thanks to **Geoff Perrow** for his very efficient preparation, handling of the draw and collating the results. Also a big thanks to **Alan Lofthouse** who put a lot of effort into persuading people to play and then acted as MC throughout the day. Finally the Club would like to thank all those who played in the tournament and who bought tickets for the hamper draw both of which added to our income stream.

Behind the scenes on Jack Muller day, and where she has been ever present for 11 years, was Cathy Louw who decided to retire at the end of December. She has

shown herself to be a hardworking, trustworthy and a very cooperative reliable employee of the Club, who in recognition of Cathy's efforts are making a collection on her behalf. If you have not already done so could you please make your donation to either **Felicia Pillay or Peter Brown**. The presentation to Cathy is expected to take place on the evening of Friday 15th January 2016.

Henri our Groundsman and his wife are now occupants in the clubhouse flat. This has required some new configurations around the services, one of which is that the kitchen has re-claimed their laundry washing machine. The greenkeepers now require a washing machine for their overalls etc. Is there a member who has a spare washing machine that they can donate or sell to the club? We can arrange collection if required. Please let **Terry Hepworth** know.

One serious matter that needs to be highlighted is that members need to be mindful of their language during conversations at the club

Members have reported that they have been offended by conversations heard at the club. Most particular are references to people different to those of the conversationalist. Whether on the green or in the clubhouse members must be mindful that they are not giving offense. Never assume that all within earshot have the same opinions or views as you.

References to people of other religious, ethnic or social groups in disparaging, insulting or contemptuous terms must not occur. We have moved on from the old days and have twenty first century social norms that must be applied in all facets of our daily lives most essentially in our Club, where all must feel welcome. Members are aware that certain descriptive phrases should have been buried in the era from which they originated. Old habits die hard but if such references are used they should only be used by ***consenting adults in private*** to clone a legal phrase introduced into law for a very different reason and not in the Club.

Below are amendments and additions to the handbook since it was printed:

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If any member's details have changed or were printed incorrectly in the handbook please let **Chris Nurrish** or myself know and we will advise all the members of your correct details.

As previously advised the Exco are undertaking a review of our Constitution with a view to such changes as are deemed appropriate being notified for discussion and adoption at our AGM. A meeting of certain Exco members is scheduled for Thursday 14th January 2016 at 2-00pm do discuss this matter so if any members have any suggestions they would like considered at that meeting please send them by e-mail to me at jperryman2@btinternet.com, before the 14th January 2016.

On our web-site www.constantibowlingclub.co.za under Calendar & Events you can drop down to see Mens & Ladies tournaments. I have loaded all the Flag & Muter matches for all our eight teams and the selections for the first matches that start on Saturday 16th January 2016. With a combination of the Sunday Argus and full results for matches involving our teams I will try to update the web-site with all the results and log tables by the following Monday and then add the selections for the next Saturday's matches as soon as they are notified to me. I hope this information will be of use to members and they will access the web-site to view the information. We have a tool to measure the number of times our web-site is accessed so that we can judge if this information is being viewed.

With the Flag & Muter season almost upon us I thought I would give you my thoughts on how to approach league bowling which I have consistently be unable to apply myself, hence my shortcomings. Many years ago, watching Essex play cricket, I found myself in the County Pavilion between innings in the very early days of limited over's cricket. Essex opening batsman had to run the gauntlet of and overcrowded pavilion to get from their dressing room to the boundary edge. My personal all time favourite batsman, Graham Gooch, was one of the openers and as he passed me with pint in hand (thats me with the pint not him) his focus on the task ahead was like a blinkered horse. He stared straight ahead and never looking left or right and appeared to be in his own bubble. His county records speak for themselves and I am convinced that much of his success was less to do with natural talent and more to do with his ability to clear his mind from all distractions and focus all his concentration on the matter in hand. This same principal can be applied to bowling. In that short period when it is your turn to bowl those players who can empty their mind of all distractions, be very clear of the shot they have either chosen or been asked to play and follow a disciplined routine of preparation before delivery will be the most successful. With a team spirit built upon the basis that every good shot you can play puts pressure on your

opponents and takes pressure off your own team members I am convinced that the results will look after themselves. Matches are most often won by solid performances by all four players rather than reliance of wonder shots being played by the skip. Let's hope we can do ourselves justice in this year's Flag & Muter, where our men's sides in particular have not achieved their potential in recent years.

On a lighter note this month's joke:

A teacher asks her class, "If there are 5 birds sitting on a fence and you shoot one of them, how many will be left?" She calls on little Johnny. He replies, "None, they will all fly away with the first gunshot." The teacher replies, "The correct answer is 4, but I like your thinking." Then little Johnny says, "I have a question for you. There are 3 women sitting on a bench having ice cream: One is delicately licking the sides of the triple scoop of ice cream. The second is gobbling down the top and sucking the cone. The third is biting off the top of the ice cream. Which one is married?" The teacher, blushing a great deal, replied, "Well, I suppose the one that's gobbled down the top and sucked the cone." To which Little Johnny replied, "The correct answer is 'the one with the wedding ring on', but I like your thinking."

I have moved house in England and shall be returning to the UK on 4th May 2016, not returning to Cape Town until 1st September 2016. I am looking for a volunteer to produce the Falcon whilst I am away and to cover for me on the Exco from May until the new Exco is elected at the AGM. Please contact me if you are able to help because it is unfair that **Peter Brown** has to cover for my absence in addition to his other onerous responsibilities as our President.

John Perryman

Editor

