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In the absence of our usual Falcon editor, John Perryman, I shall stand in this month and bring you the club's news.

Club Competitions are proceeding well and members who have entered are required to regularly check the noticeboards for cardings placed there by Kevin and Joan the Competition Secretaries.

Flag & Muter Competitions have had a break this past weekend but re-commence on Saturday. Our ladies teams are doing well in the Muter Competition. Our A team are third on the Premier log, our C team and A team are top of the 1A division and 1B division logs respectively. Well done ladies and do keep it up. The club's performance in the Men's Flag competition are not as newsworthy, however, the A team have lifted their position by 3 places in the past two events. It is also pleasing to note the increasing number of men players coming out to practise on weekday afternoons. Keep it up.

WP Bowls. We are proud to report that JC Latter and Alan Lofthouse are through to round four of the WP Men's Open Singles to be played on 22nd March. Philip Finkelstein is through to the 3rd round of the WP Senior Singles to be played on 16th March. (The good pharmacist is playing against a good doctor – this should prove to be a healthy game to watch)

The Midweek Finals are being played today where our ladies team are participating. Good luck to Moira and the three Lindas. Watch the noticeboards for the results. John Perryman's team made it through to the Quarter Finals of the Men's midweek.

We proudly expressed the fact that our club had five male and six lady players invited to play in the Marriott WP Masters at Durbanville this past weekend. We can report that Darryl Edwards made it through to the final in Ladies Open and Ghanie Pick to the final in the Men's invitation. Both came second and we are proud of your performance.

WPBA selected our club for their Colours Award Presentations. The evening was managed by the Proteas (WP Players Association) with good input from Darryl Edwards, Neels Kotze, Nicky Parker and their colleagues. Our congratulations once again go to the players awarded their WP District colours. The evening concluded with a steak braai. Doreen de Power the President of WP Bowls has written to the club expressing her appreciation to Constantia Bowling Club.

Club Events. A successful Steak Braai evening with good music was enjoyed by all on 6th February to raise funds for our teams to the Nationals. Well done Neels and team.

Ladies Day. Congratulations to Louisa Veitch and her dedicated team who made this such a successful event.

Army Day, more properly known as the Robbie Robertson Memorial Home Bowls Day occurs this Friday, 6th March. This is an all-day event to raise funds for this fine institution and this is the 36th anniversary of the event. The Army Band and Chaplain will participate in the Flag Raising ceremony. Keith Ingram reports that entries have closed weeks ago, however members are invited to come down on the day and enjoy the festive occasion and buy a ticket or two in the magnificent raffle. There will be no Friday Fun Bowls on the day.

The Constantia Classic takes place over the Easter weekend on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April. This major event on the club calendar is sponsored by Warwick Wealth and Thorpe Motor Company and is open to mixed teams from all clubs. Alan Lofthouse reports that he can accommodate a couple of more teams if you enter soon as possible. Entry fees are R1,000 per team for the two days and includes the full catering for both days.

The Constantia Classic Cheese and Wine Party sponsored by Personal Trust will be held on Friday 27th March at 18h15. All club members are encouraged to purchase a page of raffle tickets for the Classic Draw at R50 per page. This will give them entry to the party as well as entry into the raffle draw.

- 1st prize: Case of Famous Grouse Whisky
- 2nd prize: Whole Lamb from Pick n Pay Plumstead
- 3rd prize: Case of Red Wine from Edward Snell
- 4th prize: Case of White Wine from Edward Snell
- 5th prize: Two chickens from Pick n Pay Plumstead
- Everybody wins a pizza voucher from Pizza Fair Constantia.

Please remember to always support our generous sponsors.

Greens. Our three greens are in a vastly improved condition for which the members are grateful. They have also been used for District competitions. I have received complimentary comments from members and participants from other clubs.

The very nature of the watering and maintenance programmes prevent us from having greens in a condition equivalent to Saturday match-play condition all of the time. The green keeping team will strive to have "A" Green in such condition for Friday afternoon practice by the Flag and Muter Team players. Our greens are generally running at 13 seconds for most of the week. Look out for the "Practice Green" and "Green Closed" signs.

Thank you to Terry, Trevor, Henri and Victor for your sterling efforts. Terry is always ready to hear your comments and suggestions but more important please compliment the greens staff if you feel they are deserving.

Business League events are becoming a popular form of marketing the game of bowls to the wider community. Bowls SA is strongly supportive and WP Bowls are joining in the support. Constantia Bowling Club are running just such an event as part of our marketing drive. Linda Elliot together with Mr & Mrs Cottrell and Alan Lofthouse are the force behind this. The dates are Fridays 13th, 20th and 26th March. A lot of planning has gone into this so it will prove to be successful. So far we have teams from:-

- Insurance Institute
- Mutual & Federal
- Build-It
- Virgin Active
- Kirstenhof Primary School
- Safari.com
- Rawson Group (x2)
- Achievement Awards Group
- MJ Flooring
- 5.30ers (CBC Social members who also like to run)

Do you have a business team to enter? Please contact Linda Elliot.

Paradox – Two physicians

Pharmacist – Farm worker

Good bowling all!

Peter Brown

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