



# CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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## FALCON NOVEMBER 2015

We will start this month's Falcon with lots of news from our Ladies Section some of which we were too late to get into the October issue

### SELECTION

Unfortunately **Doreen Day** has had to withdraw from the Selection Committee so that she can take the time she needs to recover from recent surgery. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her back up at the club, fit and ready to play! We are pleased to advise that **Moira Standley** will be stepping into the role of selector again, and welcome her onto the Selection Committee.

The teams for the Fives have been selected, and our "Muter Day" is on track for the 28<sup>th</sup> November. We have representation from most of the Premier Division clubs and are looking forward to a great day of bowls! The Trials/practices are scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> so keep an eye on the notice board if you made yourself available for Muter.

We are going to have a meeting for all our Ladies at 13h00 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. Look out for the email and notice that will be placed on the board to confirm the details.

Based on the number of ladies who have made themselves available for selection for Muter it seems that we should be able to enter an additional side again this year.

### LADIES COMPETITIONS / ACHIEVEMENTS

The Sully Cup is now into the knock-out stage with 4 Constantia sides having taken part. Two of our sides did very well and our congratulations go to:

**Flo George, Carol Barker, Cheryl Saunders, Laurie Keevey-Venter.** Who reached the play off round.

**Moira Standley, Lynda Nurrish, Joan Wedderburn-Clarke and Petal Jones,** who reached the quarter-finals.

In the Ladies 5's our team of:

**Lynda Nurrish, Joan Wedderburn-Clarke, Liz Maisel, Flo George and Cheryl Saunders.**

reached the quarter-finals

Well done to all of you!

We congratulate our ladies who have been selected to take part in the 2016 Inter-District tournaments to be held from 4 – 8th April 2016 : **Darryl Edwards** (A side), **Linda Stringer** and **Lynda Nurrish** (B side) and **Flo George** (Seniors). Well done to all the Ladies who were invited to Trials, we are very proud of you all!

Thank you very much to **Jorri Clur** who has made a set of dusters up for those who need help counting out the score when playing Pro10 format (4,3,2,1). **Linda Elliott** has a set of 12 which we will use for the Business League and other Barefoot Bowls events.

Well done and a big thank You to **Linda Stringer** and **Peter Cottrell** who had the idea and made all the arrangements for the Hat Party. Thanks to all those who helped out on the night, especially **Colleen Marshall, Ronel and Norman Pietersen** who arranged the decor. It was great to see the support from other clubs, the band was brilliant and it seems that everyone had FUN!

The Proteas will be holding an All Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015, to take place at Somerset West and WPCC.

All are welcome to play, please contact **Darryll Edwards** or **Neels Kotze** to enter your team (Fours)

Entry forms for Ladies Club Competitions have been emailed to all members, and handed out where necessary and entries are coming in quickly.

## **EVENTS**

We raised R 6,117 through the “Bowls for Boob’s“ Day, and the day seems to have been enjoyed by all who took part. It was good to have 6 teams of non-bowlers joining us and taking part in their own round robin event. They certainly added to the fun of the day.

## **BUSINESS LEAGUE**

There is a lot of interest from the non-bowlers who took part last year, and **Linda Elliott** has received requests for invites from a few more people who have heard about the event. She would like to set up an organising committee as soon as possible and hold another business league competition from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December (from 17h30 to sunset which should be about 19h15 in early November to 19h45 in the first week of December).

We welcome back to **Pat Masters** who has made a recovery from a long illness and is playing regularly again. We also wish **Hillary Masters** a full recovery.

Many thanks to **Mickey Sadd, Michael Patton** and their team for organising a very successful Warwick Wealth Spring Midweek Tournament. A special thanks go to Warwick for their increased sponsorship for this event. The event was won by Ken Chadwick’s side from Plumstead.

A set of Drakes Pride Bowls is up for winning. **Peter Brown** is selling raffle tickets @ R5.00 each. This is an All Cape fundraiser on behalf of the WPBA. Please buy as many tickets as you can from Peter at the clubhouse.

We will be hosting matches in the All Cape Tournament that runs from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016. We will need volunteers to join a Committee to manage our involvement in this Tournament and would ask that members prepared to help contact **Alan Lofthouse or Linda Elliott**.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the Ladies will be holding their Muter Day so please note there will be no Tabs-in on that date.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Public Holiday) we shall be holding Jack Muller day which is an all day Triples competition with generous prizes followed by the presentation of Christmas Hampers to the winners of the draw. Only members who bought a ticket will be entered in the draw, the opportunity to buy a ticket was available when you renewed your subscriptions but if you chose not to buy then you can still obtain entry into the draw by paying R50-00 to **Jet Clark**. A list has gone up on the Notice Board inviting members put their names down to play in the Jack Muller competition, which will be on a first come first served basis.

Can members please note that playing members Tabs-in fee will rise on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to R20-00 per player and this will include tea and a snack.

For those members who did not see the notice from **Chris Nurrish** regarding Bounce games on Sunday mornings it is repeated here:

### **Amendment to By-Law 7.**

The Executive Committee has been asked to permit bounce games to be played on Sunday mornings and to that effect propose to replace the current by-law 7 with the rules below:

### **BOUNCE GAMES**

1. The Selection Committees shall have the power to arrange trial games and requests for rinks must be recorded in the "Diary" at least four days in advance.
2. Playing members may arrange their own games (Men only, Ladies only, or mixed) on Sunday mornings and Public Holiday afternoons unless other approved events have been scheduled for those times.
3. Selectors Trial Games and Club Member Competitions shall take preference over Bounce games.

In terms of the Constitution of the Club this change came into effect on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015.



GREENS REPORT:

A & B Greens are holding up well and should be able to cope with the demands of the next five weeks. This is due in part to the rigid programme of changing rinks on a daily basis as well as rotating directions of play. The longer fringe in the 2-3 metre area has also helped to reduce wear and tear.

C Green has not responded as quickly as we had hoped. Despite the application of a very thin layer of sand, the grass has taken a while to break through. Midweek players had to cope with a fairly slow green. The soil temperature has only recently reached the level where root growth is stimulated. Within two weeks we hope to have decent cover.

We still intend to close B Green immediately after FLAG DAY. This will mean that we will have only two greens available on Saturday 28 November. As this will be MUTER DAY, there will not be any Tabs play on that day. We cannot delay the renovation of B Green any later than that date. Renovation of A Green will commence on Monday 7 December, the last possible date before the Greens staff go on leave.

We are at present concentrating on improving the banks on all greens as well as widening the ditches to conform with national requirements.

The twice –weekly irrigation of our greens remains an ineffective exercise with 20+ pipes having to be laid out each day and the water switched on and off. Not sure whether the promised mainline connection will ever take place.

I received a call from Jan Van Wyk’s daughter who tells me that her mother is now living in Plumstead Rusoord but has kept her old number from St Mary Road 021 797 6748. If any members who know Iris would like to give her a ring she would be pleased to hear from them. Iris is in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease but she is still well enough to receive visitors. Jan’s daughter has started a new business called Injealous, that has a Facebook page, and makes handbags out of ties and denim. She is looking for donations of used ties and old jeans that she can turn into handbags. If you have any old ties or jeans that are cluttering up wardrobes please let me know and I will be happy to collect them.

On a similar theme it has been suggested we use the Falcon for members to advertise items that they have no further use of but that might be useful to other members. It would be our own version of Gumtree called **Members Bargain Box**

| DESCRIPTION          | MAKE                  | USE                                   | COST |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Printer Colour       | HP Deskjet 840C       | Ideal for general printing            | R150 |
| Printer Colour       | Cannon Pixama ip 4200 | Ideal for photo printing              | R350 |
| Small Laptop 10 inch | Acer Aspire One ZG5   | WindowsXP Home/Microsoft Office/Wi-fi | R150 |
| Laptop 15 inch       | Fujitsu Siemens Amilo | Windows Vista/Microsoft               | R300 |

If anyone is interested in buying these items please contact:

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If any member wishes to make use of the Members Bargain Box please send to me the details of what you would like to advertise by email to [jperryman2@btinternet.com](mailto:jperryman2@btinternet.com)

To finish a few short jokes from the late great Tommy Cooper who I think most of you will remember:

I bought some HP sauce the other day. It's costing me 6p a month for the next 2 years.

Last night I dreamed I ate a ten-pound marshmallow, and when I woke up the pillow was gone.

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

Two fish in a tank, one says to the other - you drive I'll man the guns.

A guy walks into a pub with a lump of asphalt on His shoulder, He says to the bar man give us a pint and one for the road.

I went to the doctors the other day and I said, 'have you got anything for wind? So he gave me a kite.

A man walked into the doctor's, the doctor said 'I haven't seen you in a long time' The man replied, 'I know I've been ill'.

A man walked into the doctor's, he said 'I've hurt my arm in several places'. The doctor said 'well don't go there any more'.

So I knocked on the door at this bed & Breakfast and a lady stuck her head out of the window and said: What do you want', I said, 'I want to stay here'. She said, 'Well stay there' and shut the window.

Man went into a bar, he only had one arm. Guy sitting next to him said 'Hey, you've got your sleeve in my drink', man replied, "There's no (h)arm in it' "

I had a meal last night. I ordered everything in French, surprised everybody. It was a Chinese restaurant.

So I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me "Can you give me a lift?" I said "Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it."

D'you know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen; it said "Parking Fine." So that was nice.

My dog was barking at everyone the other day. Still, what can you expect from a cross-breed.

I went to the doctors. He said 'What appears to be the problem?'. I said 'I keep having the same dream, night after night, beautiful girls rushing towards me and I keep pushing them away'. He said 'How can I help?'. I said 'Break my arms!'

So I said to this train driver "I want to go to Paris". He said "Eurostar?". I said "I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin".

So I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?". He said "How flexible are you?". I said "I can't make Tuesdays".

But I'll tell you what I love doing more than anything: trying to pack myself in a small suitcase. I can hardly contain myself.

You see I'm against hunting, in fact I'm a hunt saboteur. I go out the night before and shoot the fox.

The other day I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up, I said "Do you get my drift?".

So I went down the local supermarket, I said "I want to make a complaint, this vinegar's got lumps in it", he said "Those are pickled onions".

So I went to the Chinese restaurant and this duck came up to me with a red rose and says "Your eyes sparkle like diamonds". I said "Waiter, I asked for a-ROMATIC duck".

So a lorry-load of tortoises crashed into a train-load of terrapins, I thought "That's a turtle disaster".

And an airplane of spittle dived into the sea, there were no salivas. "

He said 'I'm going to chop off the bottom of one of your trouser legs and put it in a library. I thought 'That's a turn-up for the books.'

A man goes into the doctors. The doctor says, 'Go over to the window and stick your tongue out.' Man says, why? The doctor says, 'I don't like my neighbours'

Two Aerials meet on a roof - fall in love - get married. The ceremony was rubbish but the reception was brilliant.

1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. And there are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my dad. Or my older brother Colin. Or my younger brother Ho-Chau-Chou. But I think it's Colin.

I went into a butchers and I said, 'I'll have a pound of sausages.' He said, 'I'm very sorry, sir, we only serve kilos in here.' I said, 'Okay then I'll have a pound of kilos.'

Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.

I went to a really energetic "Seafood Disco" last week .... and pulled a mussel.

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I had to amputate your arms

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. And he said, "No, you're right the steaks are too high."

If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key....

I received this message a few days ago from an "old" friend. What is said is very close to exactly what took place when I was growing up in the east end of London. I suspect it was similar for people of a certain age in South Africa.:

A young lad asked the other day, 'What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him.

'All the food was slow.' 'C'mon, seriously.. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'home," I explained. !

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

**By this time, the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.**

**But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I'd figured his system could have handled it:**



Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore jeans, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school... I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10 PM, after playing the national anthem and epilogue; it came back on the air at about 6 am. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

Pizzas were not delivered to our home.. . But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --My brother delivered a newspaper, seven days a week. He had to get up at 6 every morning.

Film stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the films. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or almost anything offensive.

*If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.*

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

**MEMORIES from a friend:**

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died recently) and he brought me an old lemonade bottle.

In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea.

She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

**How many do you remember?**

Headlight dip-switches on the floor of the car.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Trouser leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heated on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn indicators.

**Older Than Dirt Quiz:**

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about. Ratings at the bottom..

1. Sweet cigarettes
- 2.. Coffee shops with juke boxes
- 3.. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
- 4.. Party lines on the telephone
5. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning.  
(There were only 2 channels [if you were fortunate])
- 7.. Peashooters
8. 33 rpm records
9. 45 RPM records
10. Hi-fi's
11. Metal ice trays with levers
12. Blue flashbulb
13. Cork popguns
14. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older

If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 11-14 = You're positively ancient!

I must be 'positively ancient' but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

John Perryman

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