

The Falcon: June 2016

Introduction

John Perryman has temporarily relinquished his editorial duties until September when he returns to our shores. In the meantime, if you have any interesting items for inclusion, please don't hesitate to let me know. The Falcon, in my opinion, should not only record events that have taken place over the past month, but also allow members to express some of their ideas or suggestions.

Results

Nationals: Among the ladies, Flo reached the last 32 in the singles and Darryl the last 16. The men won their section of the Fours but lost in the first round of the play-offs. In the pairs, Neels and Francois won their section but lost to Gerry Baker and Kepler Wessels in the first round play-off.

Personal Trust Trips: Another well-organised midweek competition came to an end a few weeks back. Congratulations to Mickey Sadd and his team for masterminding this event. Connie Pieterse, Denise Vermeulen and Louis Gadd were the deserving winners, with Danie Loubser, Neil Stofberg and Greg Nasson (WPCC) the runners up.

Club: Roy Clark beat Peter Harvey 21-18 in the final of the mens' singles and will compete in the Champion of Champions some time in July. Vince Taylor beat Tim Ross-Thompson 21-18 to win the Senior Singles.

The Ladies Singles champion has yet to be decided.

Elsewhere: Alan Lofthouse, Roy Clark, Philip Finkelstein and Peter Cottrell won the Bredasdorp Fours recently. Not content with that performance, Alan, Roy, Chris Skaife and J.C. Latter, with Lynn Clark standing in for her wounded husband on the second day, won the Plumstead Classic. Well done to all.

Personal Trust Sixes

The final round of this innovative 8-week tournament comes to an end on Tuesday 7 June. At a luncheon at the conclusion of the event, Personal Trust will be thanked for their very generous support of this variation of Tabs –in bowls. Tabs-in bowls is the lifeblood of any club. While the support for this event has been gratifying, we hope to attract more bowlers from other clubs next year.

Greens

Despite our attempts to alternate the use of our greens as well as changing the rinks on a regular basis, the 2-metre areas are taking strain. This is particularly evident on A Green. We would appeal to our members to avoid placing the mat on the same spot throughout Tabs-in games or during practice.

While on the topic of greens, may we also thank our members for cleaning up so diligently after a game. Particular thanks to those members (I won't single you out but you know who you are) who, after settling down to their first drink, notice that some boards or mats have been left out, get up, and bring them in. Much appreciated.

Physical amenities

At last, at our expense, the portion of the Clubhouse roof that leaks has been repaired. I'm sure Nicky won't miss the succession of involuntary showers he has had to endure in the Bar area. We have received a written assurance that the Council has budgeted for the replacement of the roof in the new financial year. Watch this space!

Good news is that the Council has put in the power line which will drive the new borehole facility, have laid the concrete plinth for the tanks and, this week, installed the four 10 000 litre tanks. The drilling of the boreholes is scheduled for July.

Gardens

We are grateful to Harvey Havenga for supervising work on and around our gardens. You will have noticed the new plants at the car park entrance, as well as the fact that our hedges, shrubs and trees have been rigorously pruned. Thanks to John Dews for providing the "Desert Roses".

Seminar

Henri and I recently attended a seminar on computer-assisted levelling of bowling greens. The course was run by Ron Cubitt, a retired Land Surveyor who plays his bowls at the George B.C.

WPBA has purchased a number of new dumpy levels which will be loaned out to Clubs. Our levelling will be carried out in mid-July.

Bridge

Louisa Veitch organised a highly successful Bridge Drive on Friday 27 May. She received help from Vera Paterson, Mavis Carmichael and Joan Reilly in the kitchen, assisted by our reliable team of Hester, Sharon and Kathy. Doreen Day and Ciel Brandt helped with the administration and Adriana Brown, prior to embarking on her overseas trip, also helped. A profit of R4 000 was achieved. Louisa asked me to thank all who donated cakes, wine and raffle items as well as those who generously supported the whisky raffle.

Quiz evening

Heather Cawood hosted a most enjoyable quiz evening a few weeks back. Those who attended are looking forward to the next quiz which, I am sure, will be even better supported. Grumpy McLeod claims that he was part of the winning team. I have not established this to date but I am not surprised. He must be the only member of our Club who knows that the capital of Myanmar is Yangon!

Overseas Travel

President Peter Brown and Adriana are due back from their Russian trip one of these days. On ensuing Friday evenings expect Peter to begin

with "Dobry vecher" instead of "Good evening good bowlers".

Injury list

Dave Edwards is coming to the end of a 10-session programme of radiotherapy and hopes to put in an appearance on the green sometime next week. From all of us at CBC, stay strong, Dave. We look forward to seeing you.

Derek Mitchell books into hospital on Monday 6 June to undergo vascular surgery to improve the circulation to his foot. All the best Derek, and we'll keep the Windhoek Laaaaagers super-cool for your return.

Corporate days

With our excellent facilities and the fact that our greens are hopelessly under-utilised, we should probably be doing more to encourage companies to consider us as a potential venue for team-building events. For those of us who still have contact with various organisations, please spread the word.

And finally ...

A senior citizen buys himself a new sports car. With the top down and the wind rushing through his hair, he puts his foot down and feels a sense of exhilaration as the speedometer hits 160 kmh. Hearing a siren behind him, he decides his car can outrun the police car, so puts his foot down even harder. Then thinking better of the situation, he pulls over to the side and anxiously watches the traffic cop approach.

"Sir, it's Friday and my shift ends in an hour's time. Then I'm off for a fishing weekend. If you can give me a reason for speeding, which I haven't heard before, I'll treat you leniently".

The driver considers and then says; "Officer, a number of years ago my wife ran away with a traffic cop. I seriously thought you were trying to bring her back".

"Have a great weekend" the officer said as he walked away.

