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April was a quieter month in the bowling calendar but we still had some major events. From the Club's point of view the Constantia Classic held over Easter Saturday and Sunday was the most important as, in addition to being one of the prestige tournaments in the Western Cape, it makes a significant contribution to your Club funds. Because of the way our Club accounts for staff costs and bar income, the published revenue generated from this single event will be shown in our accounts as lower than the gross amount raised which was close to R34,000-00.

The Constantia Bowling Club and its members can be extremely proud of hosting another most successful Classic. The first event of the Classic was the Cheese & Wine evening hosted by Personal Trust. It was attended by about 100 Club members and guests who enjoyed the great cheeses, pates and wines. After the food and drink the draw for the Tournament took place followed by the draw for five various prizes, resulting in the following lucky winners:

Whiskey	Clive Sinclair
Lamb	Keith Ingram
Red Wine	E. Hastie
White Wine	Dave Edwards
Chickens	Adrian Stanley

Pizza Fair vouchers were given to anyone present who wanted to take advantage their "buy one get one free" offer and the winners of the prizes from the raffle table collected them. We are sure that those who attended the event left feeling that their participation in the raffle had been worthwhile because of the funds it raised for our Club

Easter Saturday dawned with threatening rain-clouds rolling into the valley, as the participants arrived. Fortunately the weather improved and 144 players from all across the Western Cape were able to enjoy the competition over the two days without getting wet. **Lyn Clark** and her many helpers provided wonderful teas, lunches and snacks and received compliments from all. Thanks must also go to **Inge** for the Easter Eggs. Thanks must go to all the ladies who helped during the two days and to all who helped raise funds by selling tickets for the raffle table (**Adriana Brown, Barbara Pringle and Roy Clark**). Further thanks go to **John Stamper** for running the Swindle Board and conducting the Auction and **Nicky Parker** for

managing/manning the bar. Without all these members giving generously of their free time the Classic would not have been the undoubted success it was.

An event like this could not come about and be the success it was, if it were not for our three main sponsors, Personal Trust, Warwick Wealth and the Thorp Motor Group, and also for all the many donations from suppliers and retailers plus the generosity from some of our members. As members of Constantia Bowling Club we should show our appreciation to our main sponsors by buying their goods and services whenever we can.

The overall winners of the Classic were Don Crayne and his team from Oakdale. Well done to them and to all the other winners and thank you to all who entered and enjoyed the two days of competitive bowling.

Last, but my no means least, our Club President said in his closing address a special thanks and appreciation to **Alan Lofthouse** for his huge effort in organising the Classic and making it one of the highlights of the WP Bowls calendar. Few people have the contacts, the drive or the talent to make these big events work by persuading players to play and helpers to help. It can be a heavy cross to bear but our Club will be all the richer while Alan continues to be prepared to shoulder this herculean task.

SECURITY

On a serious note there has been a spate of incidents across the Gildale Estates where cars have been broken into and visible items left by owners or passengers stolen. Most of these incidents have occurred in the morning but at the time of writing nobody has been caught and that can only mean that other such thefts can be expected. It is critical that any items of value should be locked in the boot and not left on the seats to create temptation for would be thieves. Members should be very careful where they leave their belongings. Unattended bowls bags left on the banks during tea breaks are vulnerable where the rink is a long way from our club house. With the arrival of VOB members there are often many more people than was usual on our premises many of whom will not know each other. This gives greater opportunity to would be thieves to enter our grounds unchallenged with both sets of members thinking the intruder is there legitimately.

SOCIAL EVENING

A fish and Chips evening has been arranged for Friday 29th May 2015. The tickets are R40-00 each and can be obtained from Lyn & Roy Clark, Nicky Parker, John Stamper or Alan Lofthouse.

BOWLING MATTERS

On the bowling front our members has success in the Atlantic Triples with **Neels Kotze** being part of the winning team (his other two players were not from Constantia) and **Ghanie Pick, Peter Cottrell and Linda Stringer** were runners up only losing one match over the two days to Neels winning side.

In the All Cape our only entry finished losing quarter finalists to AD Fourie's side from Polsmore, which was a superb achievement given their original leader could not play. Well

done to **Clem Douglas, David Edwards, Chris Nurrish and Paul Goldacre**. We wish Graham McLeod a speedy recovery from his recent setback following surgery. Also Terry Hepworth and Ronnie Carmichael are both sidelined at the moment with back and hip problems and let's hope we see them all back on the green before too long.

BUSINESS LEAGUE:

The first Business League got off to a great start during March, with 12 teams from local businesses taking part. The support from our club members was exceptional. Most importantly everyone who took part enjoyed themselves and we have already had a number of requests for the dates of the next Business League. If the interest shown is any indication, we may need to use an additional green for the next event. Our goal of increasing interest in bowls in general and identifying a few potential members for our club was achieved and we hope to repeat the event before the end of this year.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Both the Men's and Ladies open singles have been completed and congratulations go to **Alan Lofthouse** and **Lyn Clark** who will now represent our Club in the WP Champion of Champions to be played this coming Saturday & Sunday. The first three rounds of the Men's section will be played at Durbanville on 9th May starting at 9-15am with the semi-finals and finals being played at Bergvliet on Sunday 10th May, also starting at 9-15am. All the matches in the Ladies section will be played at Bergvliet with the same starting times as for the men. Also congratulations to **Ian Saunders** and **Jenny Wade** for reaching their respective open singles finals.

The Men's competitions have progressed quite well except for the mixed pairs that have hardly started as yet. In the Men's Senior Singles final, Clem Douglas will play Mike Blacker and in the Drawn 2x4x2 pairs the finalists are Philip Meredith & Des Stanton against John Perryman & Roy Clark. The two wood singles and Club Pairs still have some way to go; in fact there is still a first round match to be played in the pairs. Most of the Ladies competitions have a lot of matches still to be played. It does not appear likely that the trophy presentation event can be scheduled before July.

There is a list on the Notice Board (to the side of kitchen hatch) for entries to Personal Trust International Mid-week Triples competition to be played on our greens over 5 weeks starting on Wednesday 20th May 2015. We are looking for 36 entries and to date 29 teams have entered, so if you have yet to do so please enter your side as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The Men's and Ladies Nationals are taking place from 16th to 24th May 2015. Our selected men's side is Philip Finkelstein, Jean-Claude Latter, Peter Harvey and Neels Kotze play at Ekurhuleni (East Rand region of Gauteng). The Ladies did not select a side for this event but two sides have entered Linda Stringer, Lyn Clark, Linda Nurrish and Moira Stanley together with Cheryl Saunders, Linda Elliott, Darryll Edwards and Carol Barker and they play at Port Elizabeth.

We wish them all the best of luck in this year's Nationals.

SNOWBALL

We are hoping to start on the 23rd of May and if this is possible a notice will be put up in the Club. Alan will be playing in the Spec Savers pairs that day but will ask Nicky Parker or John Dews to organise the event in his absence. We will still have Club competitions being played but we could incorporate that in Snowball should carded players be interested.

To start with the format will be triples at R90-00 per team (R30-00 per player) for tea or snacks and R15-00 per player for Snowball jackpot.

GREENS REPORT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

It was decided at the last Exco meeting to build up a wall in the undercover braai area to screen off the unsightly braais from B green. This wall will be about one metre high and painted to blend in with the existing pillars. The wall will then be topped off with a counter to become a serving area when the braai is in use. It was further decided to build a new store for scoreboards etc on the site of the old Wendy house. Quotations for a block built structure are being sought.

There has been an outbreak of fairy rings throughout the entire province and our A green and both of Bergvliet's greens have been affected. We are now back on the list of the Top 8 Greens in the WP area and our thanks and congratulations go to Terry Hepworth and his team! WPBA have announced that they will only run one competition in October 2015, and then no more until the end of January 2016. We have been pressing for this change as you will have read in previous editions of Falcon and Alan's arguments have been listened to. Our greens will be renovated in November 2015.

With regard to progress with the Council the trees between the car park and "A" green have at last been removed. The water connection to our original line has been approved as has the replacement of our entire clubhouse roof for which a contractor has been appointed. This is very good news and our thanks go to those members who have struggled to make progress with the Council on our behalf.

A LITTLE LIGHT-HEARTED SECTION

Three men, a philosopher, a mathematician and an idiot, were out riding in the car when it crashed into a tree. Before anyone realised, the three men found themselves standing before the pearly gates of Heaven, where St. Peter and the Devil were standing nearby. "Gentlemen," the Devil started, "Due to the fact that Heaven is now overcrowded, St. Peter has agreed to limit the number of people entering Heaven. If any one of you can ask me a question which I don't know or cannot answer, then you're worthy enough to go to Heaven; if not, then you'll come with me to Hell." The philosopher then stepped up, "OK, give me the most comprehensive report on Socrates' teachings." With a snap of his finger, a stack of paper appeared next to the Devil. The philosopher read it and concluded it was correct. "Then, go to Hell!" With another snap of his finger, the philosopher disappeared. The mathematician

then asked, "Give me the most complicated formula ever theorized!" With a snap of his finger, another stack of paper appeared next to the Devil. The mathematician read it and reluctantly agreed it was correct. "Then, go to Hell!" With another snap of his finger, the mathematician disappeared too. The idiot then stepped forward and said, "Bring me a chair!" The Devil brought forward a chair. "Drill 7 holes on the seat." The Devil did just that. The idiot then sat on the chair and let out a very loud fart. Standing up, he asked, "Which hole did my fart come out from?" The Devil inspected the seat and said, "The third hole from the right." "Wrong," said the idiot, "it's from my asshole." And the idiot went to heaven.

Some quick fire jokes:

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!" The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."

"I went to the zoo the other day, there was only one dog in it, it was a shitzu."

"Dyslexic man walks into a bra"

A young blonde woman is distraught because she fears her husband is having an affair, so she goes to a gun shop and buys a handgun. The next day she comes home to find her husband in bed with a beautiful redhead. She grabs the gun and holds it to her own head. The husband jumps out of bed, begging and pleading with her not to shoot herself. Hysterically the blonde responds to the husband, "Shut up...you're next!"

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

Another one was: Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'. He said: 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome'. 'Is it common?' I asked. 'It's not unusual' he replied.

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him Juan'. Years later; Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

When Susan's boyfriend proposed marriage to her she said: "I love the simple things in life, but I don't want one of them for my husband".

A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says "Sorry we don't serve food in here"

I was in Pick N Pay and I saw this man and woman wrapped in a barcode. I said, "Are you two an item?"

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".

I was having dinner with Garry Kasparov (world chess champion) and there was a check tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass me the salt.

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest.. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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".

I backed a horse last week at ten to one. It came in at quarter past four.

A lorry-load of tortoises crashed into a trainload of terrapins, What a turtle disaster

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".

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

I tried water polo but my horse drowned.

I hope people who read these Falcon editions think they are worthwhile. I get very little by way of comment and even less by way of input so it would be encouraging to get some response from time to time.

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