



CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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Communication

They say that the success of any organisation is directly related to the level of communication. If this is true, then we should be a really successful Club. From Heather's "weekly happenings" and Maureen's "info emails" to Friday evening announcements and the effective use of our Notice Boards, its all there to see or hear. So, if you're still not sure of what is going on at the Club, short of corresponding in braille, we really can't help you further.

The Falcon

Our President is convinced that no one reads the Falcon other than Geoff Perrow, Johndeon Dews and Patrick McLaughlin. This is based on the fact that, other than from these gentlemen, there is little feedback regarding issues. So please disabuse John of this conviction by contributing to, or taking issue with, any comments that may be made in the Falcon. To reward those who do read the Falcon, we have included a piece of misinformation. The first person who identifies this error, should contact our President – and only our President – to claim his/her bottle of wine.

The Nationals

Congratulations and good luck to the following members who will be representing the Club at the Nationals in May. Men: Peter Harvey, J C Latter, Peter Cottrell, Gary Roach. (venue BGN) Ladies: Darryl Edwards, Lynn Clark, Colleen Marshall, Laurie Keevy-Venter (venue Port Natal)

The Trust Fund

The costs which these players incur is offset each year by contributions from the Club and our Fund. The latter was started many years ago and raises funds essentially via our Flag and Muter Days. The Fund is administered by the following Trustees: Geoff Perrow, Alan Lofthouse, Peter Harvey, Moira Standley, Maureen McLeod and Dawn Bastick. Geoff has decided, after many years of service, to step down. We thank Geoff for a job well done. In an effort to grow the trust, we are hoping that this year's Nationals teams will run some fundraising events such as the popular Steak Evening. Your support will naturally be appreciated.

League

By the time the next Falcon appears, Flag, Muter and Friendly will have been completed, the Wailing Wall will have been demolished, and some of our teams will have bragging rights. There is widespread acknowledgement that minimum disruption to the teams this year has contributed to the enjoyment of participating in League.

WP Events

The draw for the WP Singles events, commencing on Sunday 24 February, has been published. We will be making two full greens available for the round robin phase. Once again, good bowling to all those members who have entered at senior, veterans or novice levels.

Cancer Day

Despite this event clashing with a large number of club competitions, we went ahead and raised an amount of R2 300. This was due to Heather's organisational efforts and the generous support of our members both on Saturday evening and from all those who played on the Sunday. Butch Liebenberg won the Spider and a bottle of Famous Grouse.

Ladies Day

I have not received a report about our Ladies Day from the organisers. But I was present for most of the day and heard only rave reviews about the organisation and what was on offer. So well done to all concerned. And as for the desserts! Two tables groaning under the weight of an amazing range of delectable comestibles (the last word is for you, Grumpy). Sergeant Major Maureen called up the tables two by two to avoid a Black Friday riot. Each announcement of the fortunate tables was greeted with a roar. Despite the best efforts of the gallant consumers, and those who returned for a second helping, there was enough left over to host a second Ladies Day. Very well done to the ladies. It was another occasion to be proud to be associated with Constantia!

Forthcoming events

Army Day takes place next Friday (1 March). We trust that the efforts of Keith Ingram and his team in putting together this popular annual event will result in our being able to contribute a substantial sum of money towards the upkeep of Robertson House, a facility that cares for those injured on active duty.

Greens

Our two greens assistants, Henri and Elton, take their jobs seriously. They have developed a pride in their work and appreciate positive feedback. So when next you see them, and have enjoyed their greens, please tell them.

Gardens

Harvey gets quite disappointed when he finds cigarette butts and empty cold drink cans stuck in his roses. Please folks, use the receptacles provided. And also a further request to those who may soon be thinning out their agapanthus. Please don't forget us. We need quite a few to develop an attractive bed outside the Paterson Gates.

England President's Bowls Tour

On Sunday afternoon, the 7th April 2019, Constantia Bowling Club will have the privilege of once again hosting the England President's Bowls Tour of South Africa. Please have a look at the notice on the board and add your name to the list. If past experience is anything to go by, this should be a most enjoyable bowling experience. Total cost to members playing R85.00 (lunch R 60.00 + tea R25.00).

Our sponsors

Warwick are our main sponsors. They give us R60 000 annually towards all our functions. As a Club we are currently Level 2 clients, which translates to only 6 of us invested with them. They have requested that we give them some time, if and when contacted, to discuss wills, estates and investments.

Saturday vibe

The vibe on a Saturday evening at the Club after bowls can be quite intoxicating! The noise and chatter around the Bar, the smell of grilling meat, the heavies around the braais armed with a range of cultural weapons, the storytellers who, like good fishermen, regale you with the shot "that just got away", and all this against the backdrop of Cape Town's spectacular mountain. Wow! You arrive at the Club having lost but then you share in the euphoria of the winners, and all's suddenly well with the world.

Geoff Perrow

After 25 years of officiating in a range of events at the Club, Geoff has decided to call it a day. His health, particularly his discomfort in trying to communicate, have contributed to his graceful withdrawal. Geoff ran Army Day for seven years, started the Classics with the late Barry Hobbs, and got Flag Day up and running together with Alan Lofthouse and Graham Barker, and masterminded many Midweeks. He also remembers fondly the excursions he arranged to Franschoek, Swellendam and Greyton. The Club thanks him for his enthusiasm over all these years.

Coaching

Coaching plays an integral part in the development of any Bowling Club. The number of qualified coaches available to us is limited. Therefore much pressure has devolved on IanRohtbart to provide this essential service. We appreciate the many hours you spend with potential new bowlers – and some of the older ones – on the greens, Ian. Well done!
And finally

On his death bed, Alexander the Great summoned his generals and gave them his last wishes.

1. That the best doctors should carry his coffin
2. That all the wealth he had accumulated be scattered along the way to the cemetery
3. that his hands should be hanging loosely outside the coffin for all to see.

One of his generals asked him to explain these requests. He responded as follows;

1. The best doctors carrying my coffin will demonstrate that, in the face of death, even the best doctors do not have the power to heal
2. The road covered in treasures will underline the fact that material wealth acquired on earth, stays on earth.
3. My hands swinging in the wind show that we come into this world empty-handed, and we leave the world empty handed, after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME.

TIME is our most precious treasure because it is limited. We can produce more wealth but we cannot produce more time. (And now the part I really like). When we give someone our time, we actually give them a portion of our life that we will never take back!

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