

The Falcon: March 2019

We are the champions

Pride of place in this month's Falcon must go to the Ladies Premier side for winning, most emphatically, the Premier Trophy. They are followed by the Ladies 2nd team who, playing in the tough 1st Division, came second in their section.

Also in the running for top place in the Flag Premier Division was our A Team. They lost out to Edgemoor eventually, with the rub of the green not going their way in the last two games of the nine-week season.

And let us not forget Pat Schluter and his merry men who strolled off with the Friendly League Trophy.

The rest of the teams had mixed fortunes but, judging by the atmosphere in the Club last Saturday evening, they were all winners!

Going the extra mile

One of the Presidents of a neighbouring Club distinguishes between "Members of the Club" and "Club Members". The latter are committed and help out whenever called upon. We know that Maureen has thanked all concerned who assisted with the organisation during the Flag/Muter season. But Doreen Day and Wilma Prade deserve extra mention. The time they gave up, Saturday after Saturday, to ensure that home games proceeded smoothly, encapsulates the role of real Club Members. Thank you both very much. And while on the subject of commitment, may we add Eddie (Lucky) Curtis to the list of devoted members. Sunday after Sunday he has officiated during the WP Competitions held at Constantia. Not taken for granted, Eddie; much appreciated.

The Selectors

I am fairly confident that I write on behalf of most of the players when I congratulate both teams of Selectors for their efforts and actions this season. There were few mourners at the "Wailing Wall" this year and this was probably due to the Selectors doing their initial homework, recognising the strength of compatibility in the

teams, and also tinkering minimally with the composition throughout. So well done to both Selection Committees.

Falcon readability

Our President's assertion that few members read the Falcon was designed to get some reaction. And it did!

Firstly, Ron Joubert wrote; "Sorry, Mr President, I am an avid reader of our magazine and really look forward to being brought up to date on all the Club happenings every month". Then Maureen McLeod tried to claim the (spot the error) bottle of wine on some strange technicality. Then ex-Newspaper Editor Tim Ross Thompson insisted that the error was grammatical ("its" should be "it's"), but the judges dispatched with that one! The bottle of wine eventually went to Harvey who recognised that Henri's co-greens assistant was named Elvis and not Elton.

The assertion by a number of members that the question favoured those who work with the Greens staff is quite correct. Nepotism is alive and well!

Army Day

The 40th Memorial Bowls Day was held at the Club on Friday the 2nd of March. All who participated enjoyed the fun and camaraderie. The Military were unfortunately unable to participate due to the winding up of Armed Forces Week held the week before.

30 teams participated and the winners on the day were Colleen Bryant and her gallant team. Lunch, overseen by Madele Ingram, was enjoyed by all as was the auction run by our resident Auctioneer, John Stamper. Due to his fine efforts and the generosity of some of the players we raised R6,700.

The raffle table was loaded with 58 prizes, which were donated by our regular generous donors and others coerced by John Stamper. During the afternoon some of the Robertson House residents arrived, and I am sure these lovely people made

many of us realise what a worthwhile cause we are supporting.

We have not finalised the amount raised, but whatever it is will be gratefully accepted by Robertson House.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the day - from the kitchen, to the raffle tables, to the bar, to the scoring and reception of the teams, to the parking, to the greens, to the music. A huge amount of effort goes in to the organisation of the day.

And finally, to "Colonel" Keith Ingram and "RSM" John Stamper, our congratulations and appreciation.

Coaching Corner

If any bowlers require coaching please contact Ian Rohtbart on 083 325 3419 to arrange a suitable time.

Most coaching is on a Friday afternoon and evening.

Sometimes the correction of a seemingly insignificant error in grip, stance or delivery can markedly improve one's bowls.

Coaching Tips

Use a consistent foot position on the mat.

Square your shoulders and hips and aim your feet in the direction you want your bowl to travel.

Do not let your arm get floppy – keep it straight during the delivery and follow through.

Forthcoming events

21 March St Patrick's Day Meal (preceded by Snakes and Ladders bowls)

29 March Trivia evening

28 April McCully ABBA show

19 May "Long Table" Sunday meal

31 May Music quiz

7 June Cheese and wine

16 June Potjiekos competition.

Snowball.

Watch the board for the commencement of the very popular Saturday Snowball which is scheduled to commence in the next month or so.

New Barman

We are pleased to announce that Pinius Sibanda has been appointed as the new Barman. Pinius was born in Bulawayo and has been in Cape Town since 2008. Previously employed at Tokai Estates, he comes highly recommended. We wish him all the best in this new position.

England President's Bowls Tour

We are still short of a few players to play against the touring England President's Bowls Team next month.

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 R 85.00 (lunch R 60.00 + tea R25.00).

New Members

A special welcome to Sharron Dunt, a new bowler who has recently played her first Tabs game at the Club. She has an impressive sporting background, having represented Western Province at provincial badminton level. We wish her many enjoyable years of bowls both at the Club and in the various WP competitions on offer. It was also wonderful to see Paddy (Alison) Goncalves' smiling face after Tabs on Saturday. Paddy has upgraded from Social Member to Playing Member and assured me, pointing at the Honours Board, that her name would be up in lights pretty soon. So be warned.

Also upgrading from Social to Playing is John Coetzee. This is the right time, John, as we have a number of Snowball and other fun Club events on the programme.

Club etiquette

I was chatting to Tommy Snyman during the Inter-Districts this week. Tommy had represented the WP Executive at our Opening Day in October. It was good to hear him reiterate his impression, going back a number of years, that Constantia Bowling Club was seen to set the standards, both on and off the green.

This gives us the opportunity to remind our members that, in dress, in behaviour, in embracing the true spirit of this great game, we must continue to lead by example. Wearing the wrong cap in Flag, commenting sarcastically when a lucky wick takes out your shot, or (my favourite) not noticing that your opponents glass is empty, are all the small things that can undermine our reputation.

The Classic

The Constantia Classic will be played over the Easter weekend on 20 and 21 April. It is already fully subscribed, thanks to the efforts of Alan Lofthouse, assisted by Lyn and Roy Clark, Lyn Liebenberg and John Stamper. This is our annual “showpiece” event, and Alan and his team spare no efforts in ensuring that it is a memorable occasion.

Should any members wish to contribute to the raffle table, please contact any of the members listed above.

Finances of the Club

BAR The Club G.P policy and actual gross profit is in line with budget .

Wages & expenses are over budget by 34 % (R25 000)

The good news is that bar prices have not been increased despite the recent increase in *SIN taxes*

CATERING The G.P.% and actual gross profits are the best achieved in the past 8 years .

Expenses are over budget but net profit is still ahead of budget .

HIRE OF CLUB FACILITIES This is the big winner – already double the budgeted profit and well ahead by R22 000 over last year’s actual .

Sick Bay

As most of you know, Balfour Laing suffered a serious stroke a few weeks back. Our thoughts are with him and his family as he travels the road of convalescence.

Birthdays

Very best wishes to the following who will be celebrating their birthdays in the last two weeks of March ;

Greg Michell, 17th, Graham Barker 19th, Sandy Ringwood 21st, Ray Howell 22nd, Doreen Day 23rd, Sean Hammon 26th, Lyn Liebenberg 27th and Butch Liebenberg 29th.

Word from our sponsors

As of May last year the Warwick Asset Management (WAM) team has been absorbed into Cadiz Asset Management and the new unified team are now responsible for managing all of the Cadiz and Warwick funds. Consequently, Warwick clients not only hold Warwick and Cadiz funds in their investment plans and PSP’s, but they also benefit from the processes, procedures and disciplines established by and executed within the Cadiz Asset Management team (CAM). You will now notice both names on the front and the back of the entrepreneurs selling ‘The Big Issue’.

Below are some of the past performances of their *fixed income funds*. Please contact Richard Filer on 0800 50 50 50 or one of Constantia Bowls Club



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Fund Performances									
2019/02/28	1 YEAR			2 YEARS (ANN)			3 YEARS (ANN)		
	Return	Rank	Qtr	Return	Rank	Qtr	Return	Rank	Qtr
(ASISA) South African IB Money Market									
Cadiz Money Market A	7.74	6	1	7.85	5	1	7.88	4	1
Peer Group Median / Ranking	7.43	31		7.55	31		7.59	27	
(ASISA) South African MA Income									
Cadiz Absolute Yield B2	9.55	8	1	9.30	7	1	9.49	7	1
Warwick BCI Enhanced Income C	9.11	14	1	8.93	12	1	8.69	18	2
Peer Group Median / Ranking	8.28	71		8.10	68		8.15	61	
(ASISA) South African MA Low Equity									
Cadiz Stable B	8.61	10	1	6.55	37	2	6.59	23	1
Peer Group Median / Ranking	5.04	138		5.91	131		5.50	119	

Committee for further information.

You be the judge

In a closely contested Tabs game a few Tuesdays back, and on the 16th end, Long John Silver’s lead, a fugitive from Pollsmoor, drew three shots, two of which were touchers. These were duly marked by the opposing Skip, as a gesture, since it’s not so easy for Long John to bend down. (3 down). Then Long John’s middle man, who in his spare time fiddles the books for the Club, produced an astonishing running shot which buried the jack, with his bowl coming to rest a metre from the ditch (4 down).

Long John’s opponent, the Ethiopian, who normally struggles to reach the other end, then delivered a remarkable shot, to his own

amazement, which buried the Account Fiddler's wood and ended up shot.

Two ends later, the Ethiopian's team finished one shot ahead and were about to shake hands when both Long John Silver and the Account Fiddler claimed, on a dubious technicality, that actually they had won the game as no one had marked the Account Fiddler's toucher which had gone into the ditch and would have been shot had it not been lifted!

But who should have marked the wood, and who took it out of the ditch? Was this gamesmanship on the part of the Ethiopian or sour grapes on the part of the losers?

And they say Tuesday bowls is a friendly gathering!

And finally

We often refer euphemistically, and perhaps unkindly, to someone who is mentally challenged by saying "he's not the sharpest knife in the toolshed" or "his lift does not quite go to the top floor". I came across this one a few weeks back in a book I was reading where one of the characters was described as "being just two cherries short of a trifle"!

Snapped

Inga sent us this picture of "Evergreen Dawn", a study in concentration and "Big Ian" trying his best not to look too interested.

