

# The Falcon: July 2020

## **Back to bowls**

Yes, it's official and, no Jennifer, it's not Bobby up to his tricks again!

BSA has been given the green light, our Club has fulfilled all its Covid 19 requirements, and so we are ready to go.

By now you should have received a notification from John Stamper stating that Saturday afternoon, and subsequent bookings, can now commence. You will be reminded of all the things you need to do – (fill in the Record of Attendance prior to arrival at the Club etc). Quite a bit to get used to!

The weather promises to be great for the next few days, so enjoy being back on the green.

## **From the President**

Regrettably, due to Covid 19 circumstances, our AGM will not take place this year. As this prevents me from publicly expressing my gratitude once again to our members, I would like to take this opportunity to repeat briefly what was contained in my President's Report.

Thanks once again to all for your support, and particular thanks to my Exco for their work during the past two years.

I would also like to give special mention to Butch and Lyn Liebenberg who will be leaving Cape Town in a few weeks time. They will be returning to their beloved KZN to be closer to their families. They have worked tirelessly for the Club in their respective roles. We are all extremely grateful to them and wish them Bon Voyage.

To the incoming Executive Committee under the guidance of your new President, I wish them well in taking Constantia Bowling Club forward into the future.

John Stamper

## **John Perryman**

John has advised us that he and his wife Liz have taken the decision to return to England permanently. This move is dependent on their selling their apartment and the availability of flights back to the UK.

John has been an extremely involved member of the Club. Over the years he has been a Selector, has rewritten the Constitution, has edited the

Falcon and has organised, very efficiently, the Mid-Week competitions. He was also a member of the "Walkers Club".

He did tell me that when things returned to normal, he and Liz would more than likely return to South Africa for their summer holidays. When that happens, we hope he will join us for the occasional Tabs game and a drink at the Bar. So to you and Liz, on behalf of the Constantia Bowling Club, thank you for everything you have done during your time as a member. Enjoy being back in the UK with your families.

John Stamper

## **Clubhouse roof**

Councillor Liz Brunette has formally advised us that the City Council has approved the replacement of our roof (as well as that of the Tennis Club). At this stage there is no indication of when we can expect work to commence.

The relevant details have been given to Neels. While on the subject of the roof, we must once again thank Butch and Peter Cottrell for their efforts in patching the roof.

A few weeks back we had thought of adding indoor swimming classes to our range of activities. Now, after the severest storm in years, and the recent actions of these two, there were one or two minor leaks only.

## **Greens**

The surrounds and banks are all looking good, but we will have to wait for Spring growth for the greens surface to recover fully from the effects of the drastic herbicide treatment.

The only good news, I'm afraid, is that the weather fundis predict an early Spring, following the very good winter rains we have experienced.

## **Sick Bay**

Geoff Perrow is in the wars again, receiving blood-thinning treatment. Geoff's traditional greeting is "wishing you health and happiness". We wish you the same, Geoff.

Keith Dilkes, one of our Social Members, is also battling a bit at the moment. He may appreciate a call from those of you who know him and played alongside him.

## August Birthdays

1	Gary Roach
5	Elize van der Sandt
7	John Paynter
16	Patrick McLaughlin
17	Linda Stringer
18	Dave Marshall
19	Rudy Horn-Botha
23	Peter Rogers
24	Athol Swanson
26	Keith van Swelm
26	Diane Verboom
27	Louisa Veitch
31	Colleen Marshall

## A message from Butch and Lyn

Sadly, Lyn and I are leaving the Western Cape on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July after 21 years in Hout Bay. We have not yet bought in KZN, but hope to conclude a purchase once we have time to have a good look at what is available around Umhlanga and further north to Salt Rock, a little further out from the new International Airport.

Our time (4 years) spent at CBC has been wonderful. As complete novices we were accepted by the members as part of the family . We could mention names but somebody would be left out, and feelings would be hurt. We both must make mention of Ron Joubert. He included us from the first day as if we had been there for years, and made us feel at home. Thank you Ron. To the many other friends, thank you for teaching and encouraging us to love and enjoy the wonderful game of bowls.

With Covid 19, times are tough for all the clubs. CBC has a great history, and I firmly believe that with the expected consolidation in the clubs around us, that a sufficient number of quality people will flow into our membership, to strengthen our management in the years that lie ahead, and take our club to greater heights. We are hoping to be back around October, when we can meet at our club to say a proper goodbye, with a beer or glass of wine ,and some snacks.

We will miss you all  
Lots of Love from us both  
Butch and Lyn

## Parting Shot

As a top-class sportsman, Butch knows about motivation – motivating himself and others around him.

So for those who languish in the lower leagues, he wishes to offer them this parting thought.

In a Club Pairs match played earlier this year, on what some thought was a tricky green, he (a 5<sup>th</sup> team player) and Ian Saunders (who was not playing competitive bowls at that stage) defeated two of our top players Graham Barker and Carl Marshall (not sure whether you should feel honoured or not, Graham and Carl!).

His point. Focus on your game, ignore other factors, and you'll be surprised at what you can achieve.