



Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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Welcome!

“Some people feel the rain, others just get wet.”

At last, the long-awaited rains have arrived and transformed the oval overnight, into a mat of verdant green.

Members are encouraged to freely contribute interesting snippets of information for the Newsletter, relevant to the Club family, via the Secretary.

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Facility renovation

The renovation of the club house, change rooms, bowls entrance and braai area started on 22 August 2016.

Due to various problems uncovered as work progressed, inter alia the damaged underground water pipes and the unsafe electrical network in the clubhouse, the renovations took longer than at first anticipated.

A summary of the work done to date:

The club house roof was repaired and re-painted.

Fortunately, work on the roof was completed before the onslaught of the recent rain storms.

The club house ceilings and general repair work were completed.

The cricket change rooms have been refurbished.

Electrical work has been upgraded to standard.

The club house has been fumigated and cleaned by industrial cleaners.

Thank you all for the patience shown and we trust you will enjoy the “new” club.

Work will now start on the squash courts and the staff quarters.

Thanks must go to Renier Smit who coordinated the project and spent an inordinate amount of his own time ensuring that the work was correctly done.

The cricket practice nets will now be upgraded and the cricket field will be treated in December in preparation for the January start up.

To harvest as much water as possible from the borehole, extra water tanks have been erected behind the southerly side screen to increase the capacity to 120,000 liters per day.

Management

Ursula has returned from maternity leave to resume her post as club manageress.

Again, thanks to Wilfred Lautenberg and Ant Rea who kept the ship floating in the absence of management.



Sports Round-up

Football

The football side have developed a fantastic spirit, as was evidenced by their commitment to their social development project. This spirit also shone through in their performance on the field.

The team forfeited home ground advantage to allow the cricket season to start and played their final game against the co-leaders in the log. Unfortunately, they lost that final game and thus ended second in the league.

Well done guys, the team did a sterling job and moreover, you did the club proud.

Cricket

As the cricket season approaches the December break, all sides are lying second in their respective leagues.

The Premier League side is young and inexperienced, but is resilient and has applied themselves well to play some great cricket. They are lying second to Tuks.

The grass practice nets will be laid in December to allow the cricketers to enjoy a top class practice facility.

Running

Some of the social runners have already qualified for the Two Oceans and Comrades races. With qualification out of the way, the hard slog of putting hours on the legs begins.

Any runners interested in joining the Nedbank Running Club can contact Ursula King at the CBC club office.

Squash

Work on the roof of the squash club will start early January.

Hockey

The season has closed and it is hoped that the senior/ old men's league will still select the club as the venue of choice in the new season.

Bowls

The bowlers have been hard at work practicing under lights and the club has attracted a couple of new players.

The season has begun and both the first ladies' and men's sides top their respective leagues.

Thanks to the bowls club for catering to the thirst of all members while the main club was under renovation. The change proved to be a learning experience for the Corner of Knowledge in the main bar, as they added yet another "arrow to their quiver" – bowls experts too.

Turkey Day will be on the 11th December and all are welcome.!

Sporting Trivia

The three most expensive transfers in football:

- Paul Pogba from Juventus to Man U for 89,3 million pounds (2016).
- Gareth Bale from Spurs to Real Madrid for 85,3 million pounds (2013).
- Cristiano Ronaldo from Man U to Real Madrid for 80 million pounds (2009).

Highest earners in the Premier League before December negotiations:

- Paul Pogba earns a measly 290 000 pounds per week.
- Wayne Rooney on 260 000 pounds per week.
- Zlatan Ibrahimovic on 250 000 pounds per week.

Closure

The club will close on Friday 23rd December and reopen on January 3rd.

This being the last newsletter of the year, the committee wishes all members and staff a safe and blessed Christmas and we will see you all again in 2017.

Smile!

• Elton John thought "sorry seemed to be the hardest word to say" until he landed in the Welsh village of llanfairpllgwyngyllgogerychwryndrobwlllantysilliogogogoch

• Oscar Wilde: "Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same."

