



# Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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## Welcome!

“Spring is nature’s way of saying “Let’s Party”

Welcome to the early days of spring and the start of the Cricket, Bowls and Squash seasons. Luckily Pretoria experienced a mild winter unlike Scotland who have only 2 seasons, June and Winter

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, staff quarters etc. started on 22 August 2016.

The project involves only maintenance of the existing club structures and no additional building is being done.

It was hoped that the disruption would only be for a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, as the work has progressed more problem areas have been uncovered, adding cost and time for completion: the water pipes to the bowls club had rusted after years of service, adding hugely to the water bill which will now hopefully reduce dramatically. The pipes have been replaced.

Similarly, some of the roof beams in the bar area will need to be replaced prior to the waterproofing exercise being completed. Hopefully the rain season will be upon us shortly and work must be finished soonest. This means that the club house will most probably be under repair until late October which is certainly much longer than was anticipated. You are thanked for your understanding and patience.

In the meantime, the bar at the bowls club is open for business to quench thirsts as you await the Big Opening Bar Bash in October.

All members will be advised of the progress and the reopening of the Bar and Club House

## RIP

Sadly, Roger van Niekerk, a past head boy of the College and an active Hockey club member in the 90’s, lost the battle against cancer in August.

RIP Roger

## Management

Congratulations to Ursula and Ryan on the Birth of their Son.

Ursula is still on maternity leave until the end of October and during this period Wilfred Lautenberg and Ant Rea assist in managing the club.



## Sports Round-up

### Football

As the season draws to a close the CBCOB team is lying second in the league with 5 games to go. Unfortunately they have no home games left.

Here's hoping that the team can maintain form and win the remaining games which will see them win the league.

Recently the players and their partners joined "Take Action", a group providing essentials to impoverished families in the community.

For a day the players and better halves dug and painted in a house building and team building exercise in Hammanskraal.

Well done the football club. You have set the bar and hopefully other sections including the Social section will involve themselves in community work.



## Sporting History

### 20 years ago:

Man United won the League.

Hansie Cronjé captains world cup squad; Sri Lanka wins the title.

Mike Tyson is WBC Heavyweight boxing champion.

Natal bt Transvaal 33-15 to win 4th Currie Cup title.

Josia Thugwane wins Olympic Marathon.

## Squash

The squash court roof will be repaired and waterproofed as part of the renovation in preparation for the coming season.

## Cricket

The cricket season is around the corner and work has started on preparing the pitch and nets for the coming season.

In an effort to combat the drought and maintain quality facilities for cricket and bowls, it has been decided to install 4 water tanks in addition to the existing 8 for overnight storage of 120 000lt of water from the borehole.

This will allow for the irrigation system to pump water from 4 to 6 hours per day.

## Running

Post Comrades and winter is hibernation time for the runners.

Slowly but surely the numbers are swelling as the social runners creep back to the weekly time trials.

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

- **The runners are collecting old but usable running kit for disadvantaged runners.**

## Smile!

According to George Burns:

- He was so old, he could remember when the Air was clean and Sex was dirty
- Sex at ninety is like shooting pool with a rope

## Bowls

Congratulations to Ant Rea and his committee on being awarded Bowls Club of the Year Award by GNBA.

Hopefully CBC Bowls will attract some talent to enable the club to be a force in the men's League.

The ladies outshone the men in the past season with good team and individual performances.

Word on the Rink is that the men intend to rise to the occasion in the coming season.

Hmm. This could be interesting!

## Hockey

The master League side finished third in the league.

The last game of the Challenge Cup will take place on Sunday 18 September.

Duffy Heroldt is threatening to retire after 40 years of hockey.

That's a good innings Duffy, but you will still have to buy your round at the pub.

