



CBC Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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Welcome!

"Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows." - Helen Keller

Summer ushered in the return of the cricket and the bowls leagues, not to mention the occasional thunderstorm and rain that is most welcome. This all bodes well for the club, as the sportsmen and sportswomen shake off the winter blues and grace the sports fields and the bars once more.

Welcome back!

Thanks to the timely rains and some expert advice, and of course the hours of hard work by the ground staff, the oval and the bowls rinks are in immaculate condition.

It is encouraging to notice a couple of new faces around the club and a warm welcome is extended to all new members. It is always exciting to get new members and the value they add is appreciated.

All members should note the following;

- A visit to the club website at www.cbcoldboysclub.co.za/ will keep you in touch with all forthcoming events, news and notices.

- Members are reminded below of the committee members for 2017:

Wilfred Lautenberg	-	Chairman
Renier Smit	-	Vice Chairman
Ant Rea	-	Treasurer
Rod Watters	-	Secretary
Erik van Rensburg	-	Member
Martin Ryan	-	Member
Nico Martin	-	Member

Members are invited to raise all concerns or to table constructive criticism with any of the committee members. A suggestion box has been placed in the main bar, should a member wish to raise a topic anonymously.

Facility renovation

The project to upgrade the facilities at the club is nearing completion. To date, the following repairs and upgrades have been completed:

- The leaking roof of the main club has been repaired. The aged and rotting wooden beams in the ceiling were replaced and the electrical wiring was replaced to comply with safety regulations.
- The change room facilities at the both the main club and the bowls club have been upgraded.
- The roof at the staff quarters has been repaired and the sleeping quarters have been renovated. The quarters now also include a kitchen and a modern ablution block.
- The main hall has been painted and equipped to accommodate conferences.
- Floodlights have been erected on the "B" field.
- The grass on the Cricket oval and the bowls rinks has been scarified and treated.
- The cricket nets have been upgraded and expanded to include grass nets.
- Additional water tanks have been installed to harness and store extra water from the borehole. This will assist in keeping the fields in pristine condition.

Work has now started on upgrading and refurbishing the Squash club.

This being the last newsletter of 2017, the committee would like to wish all staff, members and their families a safe, happy and blessed Christmas. See you all in 2018.

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What's Happening at the Club?

Food Market

The Friday Food Market is held on the first Friday evening of each month and is extremely popular. Members are invited to visit the next market and enjoy a wide variety of good foods and some live popular music. Special secure parking is available for members at the bowls club. The next market will be on 1/12/17.

Sunday Lunch

Sunday "Lunch on the Terrace". Margaret Kruger is presenting the Christmas Weigh and Pay Lunch on Sunday 26th November. This will be a special Christmas lunch with Father Christmas in attendance and members are asked to bring a wrapped present for their children. Treat your family and friends to an affordable and tasty Sunday roast and some good wine, whilst kids run and cycle freely on the Oval. Secure parking is available.

The **Main hall** has been booked for functions until the end of the year and there have been a couple of enquiries to hire the hall on an extended contract for a couple of days per week.

Please "like" the club's facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCOBC>

Reunions

The club has hosted a couple of CBC school reunions lately.

See the accompanying photos and "check your mate".



Members are encouraged to freely contribute interesting snippets of information for the newsletter, relevant to the club family, via the secretary.



Smile!

• Spike Milligan: "Money can't buy happiness, but it does bring a more pleasant form of misery."

• WC Fields: "It was a woman that drove me to drink and I never had the courtesy to thank her for it."

• Roger Dangerfield: Marriage is not a word... it's a sentence."





Sporting Trivia

Coetzee's unenviable record of firsts:

- June 11 2016: A loss to Ireland 26-20 in Cape Town is the first loss to Ireland on home soil – and this against 14 men.
- August 2016: A 26-24 loss to Argentina in Salta. The first ever loss to Argentina.
- October 2016: New Zealand beat the boks by 57-15 in Durban. The biggest home soil loss ever.
- November 2016: Italy beat the springboks 20 -18 in Florence. The first ever loss to Italy.
- September 2017: New Zealand inflict the biggest ever defeat on the Springboks, a 57-0 loss in Albany.
- November 2017: Springboks lose 38 – 3 to Ireland. The biggest ever loss to Ireland.

Quo Vadis SARU?

Sports Round-up

Football

Having been promoted last year, the football team struggled in the first division this year and finished mid table in the league. The committee is looking at various options to bolster the section with some talented players.

Running

The social runners have also been making an appearance at the club. These drinkers with a running problem meet in the car park for a club run and time trial on Thursday evenings at 17h30.

The club would like to build the social running section and invites interested runners to contact Ursula King at the CBC club office.

Squash

The squash section can look forward to renovated courts and social area in the new year.

CBCOB has a liaison with TUT, wherein top young players represent the club. The section fields 2 ladies sides and 7 men's sides.

Both premier league sides are amongst the top 3 in their respective leagues.

Hockey

The 12 apostles hockey side finished third in the masters league behind Tuks and Boy's high old boys.

The players will now take a well earned 6 month break to let the legs and lungs recover.

Bowls

The ladies premier side won their league and is hoping to repeat that performance this year. Well done ladies you have indeed done us proud.

Stars of the show for the bowls section were Esme Kruger who was selected to represent South Africa and won gold at the Africa States Games and Annetjie van Rooyen who won two Gold medals as a director to Herman Scholtz at the World Disability Bowls Tournament.

The bowls community awaits the arrival of Duffy Heroldt in the new season. Duffy has now completed his year long sabbatical after many seasons as the goalkeeper for the 12 Apostles Hockey side.

Cricket

Titans cricket changed the format of qualification for the Premier league this year and all premier sides had to play qualification matches. The club premier side qualified comfortably and is now lying in the top 4 in the league.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th sides are all lying in the top 2 in their respective leagues.

Apart from fielding 4 senior sides in the local cricket league this year, the cricket section will also be fielding an under 15 side. Talented players from local schools will be invited to participate and will receive coaching.

The club has attracted a number of quality players and is looking forward to being a force to be reckoned with in the premier league and being one of the top sides in Pretoria.

Good sportsmanship

Paolo Di Canio, playing for West ham against Everton, noted that the Everton goalkeeper, Paul Gerrard lay injured on the ground and instead of slotting the ball into an empty net to score the winner, Di Canio caught the ball.

For passing up the opportunity to score a goal, Di Canio was commended by FIFA for sportsmanship. And this from a man who once knocked over a referee.

“Those days are gone my friend, I thought they'd never end” - Mary Hopkin