



CBC Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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Welcome!

"Come, Gentlemen, I hope we can drink down all unkindness" - William Shakespeare

The year has started at a brisk pace and though we are still in the first quarter, major developments in South Africa have left much of the population feeling very positive about the future of our beloved country.

The club too has started off the year on a positive note with a range of club sides in cricket, bowls and squash gaining promotion in their respective leagues.

The much needed renovation initiative is all but complete. Some work is to be completed at the bowls club in the near future and then all club facilities would have been repaired or renovated.

Thanks to timely rains, expert advice and a lot of hard work by the ground staff, the fields and greens are in excellent condition.

The facilities at the club are now amongst the best in the city and members can be justifiably proud of their club.

The staff too were accommodated in the renovation project. Staff quarters were upgraded and included the development of an ablution block and a small kitchen. All staff have now been registered in a pension scheme to which the club contributes and all staff have agreed with and signed employment contracts.

It is encouraging to note that quite a number of new members have joined the club and a warm welcome is extended to them all. New, young members are the lifeline of any club and we trust they will enjoy their stay at the club.

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 current committee members:

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

Work on the final major repair and renovation project will now start at the bowls club.

The men's change room at the bowls club will be renovated and the roof and ceilings of the bowls clubhouse will be repaired.

Further cosmetic changes to improve the acoustics in the bar, the relocation of the Memorial and the final painting of the hall will take place soon.

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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 Friday 6th April.

Sunday Lunch

The Sunday terrace lunch is a value-for-money appointment members should not miss. The monthly lunch is growing in popularity and the next one will be on Mother's Day (13 May). Check the club website or look at the notice boards for further details.

The main hall has been upgraded to host functions, conferences, meetings, parties etc. Members enjoy preferential rental rates for functions and all enquiries should be channelled through Ursula at the club.

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

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the bowls club on Tuesday 27th March. This is your opportunity to raise any queries you may have, be part of major decisions affecting the club and to vote your candidate onto the club committee. Your attendance would be appreciated.

Football

The CBC Old Boys Club side will play their home games on the "A" field on Friday evenings.

This is a great opportunity to share a couple of drinks with friends and support our football team.



Football Clinic

The Coever football clinic run by SAFA coach Steve Coetsee and his son Cayle will take place every Wednesday evening on the "A" field.



St. Patrick's Day

The St. Patrick's Day market will be held on the 16th of March. It will run like all our other markets but with a St. Patrick's day twist:

The 14 man Pretoria Highlanders will be performing at 7.30 and there will be cheap drinks, gourmet street food and live music.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Bowls Tournament

The Bowls section is hosting the "Shamrock Fours Challenge" from the 27th -29th March.

Teams from all over the province will be competing for the prize money of R72,000.



Members are invited to enjoy a drink and watch the best local teams in action.

Smile!

• Victoria Jackson: "There's a new Playboy for married men – it has the same centerfold every month."

• Walter Matthau: "I don't mind my wife having the last word. In fact I'm delighted when she gets to it."

• George Burns: "Do you know what it means to come home to a woman who gives you a little love, lots of affection and a little tenderness? ... it means you're at the wrong house, that's what it means."



Sports Round-up



Sporting Trivia

The only non-league side to win the English FA Cup was Tottenham Hotspur who, as a Southern league side, upset Sheffield United to win the cup in the 1901 final.

Arsenal have the best record in the FA Cup final with 13 wins from 20 appearances, followed by Manchester United with 12 wins from 19 appearances and Spurs with 8 wins from 9 appearances.

Squash

The replacement of the roof, painting of the courts and renovation of the social area has been well received by the squash members.

CBCOB has a liaison with TUT, wherein top young players represent the club. The section fields two ladies sides and eight men's sides. Both premier league sides are amongst the top 3 in their respective leagues.

An online booking system has been installed to facilitate the booking of courts.

A junior clinic coached by top national players will start in April and interested parties can contact Ursula at the club office for further details.

Football

Having been promoted last year, the football team struggled in the first division and with the possible influx of new young talent, it is hoped that the team establishes themselves in the league and plays an exciting brand of attacking football.

The first home game will be on Friday 21st April

Cricket

The Premier league side secured a spot in the "Top Six" league for the rest of the season and is currently lying in 3rd position.

The 2nd and 4th sides top their respective leagues, whilst the 3rd side is in second place in their league.

The premier league and reserve league sides play their home games at the club whilst the 3rd and 4th sides play their home games at CBC school.

Turn out at practices has been very good and it is possible that the club could field another side next year

There is talk that there may even be a ladies cricket team next season?

Running

The social runners have been making an appearance at the club as the qualification marathons for Two Oceans and Comrades loom. Indeed, some of these members have already qualified for the 2018 "Down Run", which will be slightly longer this year. The official distance for the 2018 Comrades will be 90.18 kilometers.

The club is keen to expand the social running section and invites interested male and female runners of all ages and sizes to contact Ursula at the club office for details.

The social runners run from the club on Thursday evenings and interested members can join them for a club run/walk and time trial over 4km, 6km, or 8km every Thursday evening. Runners meet at 17h30 in the car park.

Bowls

The men's first team won the 2nd league and gained promotion to the First Division. Similarly the 4th side won their league and was promoted to the 4th division.

The ladies teams also performed well in their leagues. Esme Kruger continues to excel and has now been chosen to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Annetjie van Rooyen has also been selected to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Games as a director for a partially sighted bowler.

Well done Ladies and Good luck!

"Corner of Wisdom" Chatter

The bowls community still awaits the arrival of Duffy Heroldt for the next chapter of his sporting career.

The ex-12 Apostles goalkeeper has now completed a yearlong sabbatical and a year on the comeback trail with an intensive fitness programme and a special diet.

Duffy has been spotted doing some cross fitness training on a bike in the hills of Faerie Glen. There have been whispers from the "Corner" that despite observations of Duffy pushing his bicycle on the downhill section of Old Farm Road, he is in good shape and there is every possibility that he may burst onto the bowls scene in the near future.

Hockey

Word has it that all 2017 squad members bar one, have registered for the coming season.

What a hardy bunch!

The opening game is scheduled for 18 March.