



CBC Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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Welcome!

"O, Wind, If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" - Percy Shelley

Now that the winter solstice has passed, the words of the poet ring true and spring will hopefully see a reduction in the devastating effects of the corona virus which is now ravaging the world in general and Gauteng in particular.

It has been sometime since the last newsletter was published, but in response to certain requests, normal service is resumed.

Covid

The third wave is upon us and is wreaking havoc close to home.

A couple of club members have contracted the disease and notably, Vincent Sinovich has had a severe bout that necessitated weeks in ICU on a ventilator. Vinny is home now and receiving physical rehabilitation.

The rise in infections in the bowls club informed the decision in mid-June to close the club for two weeks.

We wish all affected club members a steady and full recovery.

The new level 4 lockdown regulations have forced the club to close, pending a review in the second week of July. Club members will be notified of the reopening date.

Hopefully, the move to level 4 lock down will help to stem the transmission tide and South Africa can return to a semblance of normality. The pandemic regulations had already all but decimated sport activities and events at the club.

Despite the loss of revenues and profitability, the club has managed to retain the services of all members of staff. Stay safe!

Sadly, Charles Reid, a long standing member of the club and member of the famous 12 Apostles hockey side passed away on 3rd March this year at the age of 69. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We will remember you Charlie.



2021 Committee

At the last AGM, the following members were selected to the committee:

Renier Smit	-	Chairman
Ant Rea	-	Treasurer
Rod Watters	-	Vice Chair/Secretary
Tinus Havenga	-	Member
Martin Ryan	-	Member
George Loate	-	Member

The committee would like to extend a vote of thanks to the previous chairman Wilfred Lautenberg, for his diligence and dedication to duty.

During his chairmanship, the club has seen many renovations and has remained financially strong. Thank you Willo!

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

Facility renovation

The following renovations were recently completed:

- The main bar received a major overhaul.
- The grass nets have finally been completed.
- The squash courts and entertainment area have been renovated.
- New fencing has been erected around the bowling club.
- The home changing room floor has been fitted with rubberised floor covering.

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50 Years Ago (1971)

E-mail was invented by Ray Tomlinson, Disney world opened and Rolls Royce went bankrupt.

Pop Music

George Harrison (My Sweet Lord), Middle of the Road (Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep), Rod Stewart (Maggie May), Dawn (Knock three Times) and T Rex (Hot Love) all topped the British charts for four or more weeks in 1971.

Sporting Trivia

The first of a trilogy of boxing matches between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali took place in March 1971 at Madison Square Garden. The fight – billed as the “Fight of the century” – was won by Joe on a majority points decision over 15 rounds.

The 1971 Springbok rugby tour of Australia was disrupted by several anti-Apartheid protests. The protests ultimately succeeded in halting the cricket test series that was to follow.

Australians Ken Rosewell and Yvonne Goolagong won the singles titles at Wimbledon.

Jack Nicklaus won his second US PGA Title.

Sports Round-up

The disrupted seasons for all sports has left little to report with respect to performance.

Cricket

The club still has a healthy cricket section boasting four senior sides and six junior sides.

Football

A few of the players from last season have retired. They have been replaced by younger players and the team is confident they can feature quite well in the league once it gets going.

Squash

The squash section has seen continued growth in membership this year and the Committee must be complimented on their efforts.

Congratulations goes to **Sipho Ncube**, who has been included in the national team going to the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur in December.



Running

There have been no races in the province but the club hosted the Nedbank Gauteng “Virtual Comrades” race, run over a 21km circuit in the eastern suburbs of Pretoria.



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Bowls

The season has been disrupted but this section remains vibrant. Ant Rea has again assumed the office of Chairman, which bears testament to his popularity or as his wife states, “a moment of madness”.

Despite the disorganised season, our ladies fours team (Esme Kruger, Ina Fourie, Trudie le Grange and Rolinda Fourie) managed to win the Ladies Fours competition at the SA Nationals in May. Esme and Trudie were also runners up in the Pairs competition.

Well done Ladies!

Corner whispers

It has been some time since the last publication and the world has changed drastically, yet we still wait expectantly for Duffy Heroldt to make his much vaunted debut on the bowling greens. Knee surgery and a serious ankle injury sustained in his lounge, have contributed to the delay. Maybe next season?

Mike Kuhn had heart surgery and has made a good recovery. He has resumed his post at the “Corner of Wisdom” and is again holding court, reminding some of the misinformed or forgetful members of the actual facts in a range of current topics.

Hockey

The hockey season had no sooner started, when the season was halted due to the onset of the third wave of covid.

Smile!

“No amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot.” - Mark Twain

“The only mystery in life is why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets.”
- Al McGuire

