



CBC Old Boys Memorial Club Newsletter

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Welcome!

Winter is steadily tightening an icy grip in Pretoria and club sporting activity levels generally are slowing. Both the bowls and cricket sections are in recess and the members have apparently gone into hibernation.

However there is still some activity at the club and members are invited to attend and socialize at the functions and activities that are being staged.

The monthly Friday food market continues to be well supported and serves to put the club on the map in the minds of the many people that attend to socialise and partake of the food and drink on offer. The market opens at 16h00 on the first Friday of every month.

Barbara Roebuck who operates a catering service out of the bowls club arranged a live music evening at the bowls clubhouse. Around one hundred people attended and by all reports, everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of song, drink and good snacks. Unfortunately, notice of the event was received rather late and members were not advised timeously.

In an effort to improve communication to all members and to link with the public at large, the club has launched a revitalized club Website. Members are urged to visit the site at www.cbcoldboysclub.co.za and to keep abreast of forthcoming events, news and notices.

You are again reminded 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 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.

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

Facility renovation

The upgrading of the staff quarters will be completed on schedule in the second week of June. The long overdue renovations include an ablution block and a basic kitchen for the staff. All bedrooms have been painted and the roof has been repaired.

The upgrading of the halls in the main club and the bowls club will allow the club to “sweat the assets” during the day by offering top class small conference, meeting and training facilities. The facilities will be completed in July.

All enquiries regarding bookings should be directed to the manager, Ursula King in the office, for further information.

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What's Happening at the Club?

Beer Tasting

A craft beer tasting and sausage evening will be held on Thursday evening, the 22nd of June at 19h00.

As ticket sales will be limited to 50, it is advisable to book immediately at the office on 012 460 4061.

Please join us for a casual evening learning all about the attributes and tastes of craft beer, whilst meeting old friends over a light supper.

Tickets cost R100 per head.

Friday Lunch

Margaret Kruger, the onsite caterer, is hosting a Friday lunch in the main hall on Friday the 30th of June. Come and join us for a scrumptious three course meal at only R120.

Friday Food Market

The Friday Food Market is held on the first Friday 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 popular live music.

Special secure parking for members is available at the bowls club.



Sunday Lunch

The club is presenting a weigh-and-pay lunch on Sunday the 16th of July.

This new pay for what you eat format is gaining in popularity and really suits families with young children.

A live band will supply suitable background music throughout lunchtime.

Bring the family and some friends along to join us at the club and enjoy fabulous food and good wine while basking in the winter sun.

You can let the kids run free on the Oval.

Secure parking will be available.

Smile!

It was so cold this morning, I actually saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

A good speech should be like a woman's skirt – long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest.

- Churchill





Sporting Trivia

Cricket: SA won the inaugural champions trophy in 1998, beating West Indies by 4 wickets. They have not reached the final since and will have their work cut in this year's competition.

Rugby: The British Lions team have only once won a series against New Zealand. That was on the 1971 tour. There have been 11 tours since 1904 and 10 have been won by New Zealand.

Of the 39 games played between the two sides, New Zealand have won 29.

The Springboks have played New Zealand 93 times and have won 35 games to New Zealand's 55 wins and 3 draws.

Sports Round-up

Football

The football side has had a mixed bag of results winning only half of the games played. Obviously being promoted has meant stiffer opposition and they will need some time to adapt to the new pace and intensity. Chairman Nathan Mitchell assures the club that the results will improve in the second half of the season and that the team will establish themselves mid table by the end of season.

The football section currently has 18 members and is always on the lookout for good new talent. New players are welcome and can contact Nathan Mitchell via the club office.

Cricket

The cricket season has now ended and in general the sides fared quite well.

There are reports that quite a few good players have indicated their willingness to join CBCOB next season. Hopefully the injection of additional good talent will reignite the fortunes of the top league side in the coming season.

Pre-season training for all cricketers starts in mid July.

Bowls

The season has finished and invitational tournaments are being played. Once again our ladies are carrying the flag high for the club.

- Elsa Kruger won the BGN Ladies President's Cup
- Lizaan Norval was runner up in the BGN Ladies Masters tournament
- Ronel Lucas achieved bronze in the BGN Senior Masters competition.

Congratulations, ladies!

Squash

Refurbishing of the courts will be held over until September.

Hockey

The mighty twelve are lying 3rd in the Masters Hockey League after eight games.

The team has won six games and lost two.

It is apparent that the hours of pre-season fitness training and their undoubted skill levels - honed over decades of playing the game - is standing them in good stead.

The fields on the oval are reportedly the best in Pretoria for hockey but the future of hockey at club level is still seriously under threat, as most hockey is now played on AstroTurf.

Running

Nedbank Running Club (Gauteng North) operating out of CBCOB, had two runners in the top 10 in both the women's and the men's sections of the Comrades Marathon.

The Up run consists of 5 major hills starting with:

- Cowies Hill at the 15k mark. This hill is 2k long and probably the easiest hill.
- This is followed by Fields Hill a very steep run of 4k at the 21k mark
- A short(2k) but steep Botha's Hill is next at the 35k mark
- Then Inchanga winds uphill for 6k after the halfway mark of 44k
- After some flat sections and rolling hills from the 50k mark the infamous 2.7k Polly Shortts looms at 78k

The rest, they say, is easy.

There have been no reports of the social runner's achievements as yet. Maybe they are still on the road? The club would like to build the social running section and invites interested runners to contact Ursula King at the CBC Club Office.