



THE GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

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AN EDITORIAL OPINION:

Well here we are, almost at the end of yet another year. I don't know about you but I've had a lot of fun and some excellent competitive sport, played in just the right spirit. Much as I probably upset people on a regular basis, this hasn't shown too much – bless you, I'm afraid that showing enjoyment rather loudly has become an uncontrollable habit!

I believe that we all have a great deal to be thankful for. Although my state of degeneration and my rather dilapidated system doesn't allow me to play as often as I would like, on reflection I just can't recall any moment of unhappiness, even when on a losing side. I know that I have said it many times already, but I make no excuses for repeating that "It's a wonderful world at WCCB".

I would like to personally thank every one of you for being a part of making life great. OK this is helped by the fact that I regularly fall head over heels for all our bevy of beautiful ladies, most of whom accept my attentions in good spirits and humour. It's such a shame that age and lack of good looks is inclined to make this member of the male species unhappily "Safe".

A big THANK YOU must go to all of our people who make life so much easier – both paid and volunteer. You all do a wonderful job, mainly pretty quietly in the background.

MAKES YOU THINK!

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich owned cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

What if your dog only brings back the ball because he thinks you like throwing it?

In 1953 Doctors told Stephen Hawking that he only had two years to live. They are probably all dead.

ERROL SAYS:

What a privilege to be involved in the affairs of the WCCBC in our 50th Anniversary year. To become involved when the Club is operating at maximum efficiency as well! The elected Committee is packed with experience so there should only be additional efficiency in the coming year.

Preparations for the coming celebrations will soon be put into operation to make the 50th a memorable and exciting year. The Club is in a very good position financially, greens are looking good, membership is growing every month and the new bowlers developing skills at a pleasing rate. Attention will be given to members to improve our league results. The exceptional TABS turnouts will no doubt improve skills levels throughout the Club.

On the entertainment side the Entertainment Comm will no doubt provide plenty of enjoyment through the year, culminating in another very successful Mime Show. A little bird whispered that next years Show will be even better than this years show, that will need a really special effort which they are certainly capable of doing.

**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
YEAR 2018!**

THE AGM AND PRIZE GIVING:



The AGM and Prize Giving were held at the Clubhouse on the 4th November and we heard no fireworks in the background.

Doug Watson got things going (even the mike) nice and quickly and announced the new Committee for the forthcoming year with Errol Eichstadt taking over as President and John Semple as his Deputy. In his outgoing address Doug Watson mentioned the many improvements to our Club and thanked the many people who had worked hard during the year.

Unfortunately the Guest of Honour, Dave Larkin, President of KZN Bowls was unable to attend due to recent surgery, but in his place our own Charles Levy, Vice-President SA Bowls, addressed the meeting emphasising the desperate need to encourage younger bowlers to the game and for schools to be approached. Charles also explained the previously notified change in the Club Constitution and after some discussion the changes were accepted and passed.

Doug then asked that those present wait until after the selection of Club Selectors and the Prize Giving to eat the prepared snacks. It was most disappointing to see that some totally ignored Doug's request and attacked the snacks, of which there were a more than adequate number, like a bunch of hungry wolves that don't get fed at home. My own personal view is that this was extremely bad manners.

The Prize Giving, run by Mink and Cynthia, with Charles doing the presentation of prizes, then took place with Kevin O'Donoghue stealing the limelight with five prizes, thus forcing your Editor to dramatically change his views on this man's prowess on the green. (Only joking Kev!) Well done to all the winners who will now have to visit the local store to purchase more silver polish.

It was nice to see Lisa Nourse, our Club Manager, visit and she will always be made very welcome, whenever she can get a break from her onerous task that she does so well. It should be remembered that WCC is our club, and we are just a very important section.

**THERE WILL PROBABLY BE NO
NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY SO PLEASE
WATCH THE BOARD FOR ANY NEWS.**

WELCOME!

Wow! We are now up to 140+ members and growing all the time - Wonderful News! At the AGM it was suggested that we should wear name tags, but just in case this doesn't happen, please introduce yourself to the new lads and lasses, making them feel welcome and saying - "Welcome to the best club!"

A BLAST FROM THE PAST:



Once again this event was a resounding success thanks to Val, James and Cynthia who, once again, ensured it's smooth running from the start. Success is always very gratifying and every member of the cast and full crew should be feeling this right now, you all worked extremely hard did a wonderful job and well deserve all the praise that you got. Here we have to include the bar teams who must have worked hard, confirmed by us running out of wine glasses on the Friday and Saturday.

On two separate occasions I clearly overheard people remark that they hadn't wanted to come to the show this year, but were extremely pleased that they did, as they had a wonderful time, even if we did have the usual rain to contend with.

It has been announced that the show made a very healthy R33,000 for the club. I believe this to be a very satisfactory and necessary swelling of club funds.

A professional video was done of the show on the Tuesday night and will be available once we know how many will be required and what the cost will be. I'm sure that a notice will go up on the board.

A woman doesn't come home one night. The next morning she tells her husband that she slept over at a friend's house. He phones her ten best friends and they know nothing about it.

A man doesn't come home one night. The next morning he tells his wife that he slept over at a friend's house. The woman phones his ten best friends. Eight confirm he was there and two say that he still is.