

Bowls in Brazil

Bowls in Buenos Aires

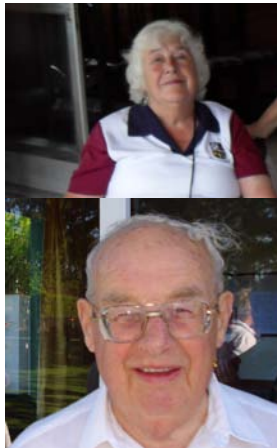
I hope you will appreciate this newsletter. If you'd rather not receive it, do let me know.

Ten years for my tour (in Rio de Janeiro at least).....& 25 for Lair and Loris

This year's tour to Brazil marked my tenth anniversary. However, the first tour in 2000 only went to Rio de Janeiro, and did not include the fabulous Iguassu Falls or Buenos Aires, so there are a few years to go before I celebrate 10 years here.

What was especially pleasing for me though was to welcome back two people who came on the very first tour. Mary Cooper (making her 4th tour) returned for the Bowls in Brazil option. This included bowls in Sao Paulo and Rio and ended at the Iguassu Falls. Peter Ashby (also on his 4th tour) came out for the Bowls in Buenos Aires option, covering Buenos Aires, the glaciers of Patagonia and also, the Iguassu Falls.

Technically, you could say that Mary was the only one who did the 1st and 10th, since Peter didn't go to Rio, but that would be splitting hairs! It was great to see them both.



It was also lovely to see Mary Rogers (on her 3rd tour), returning to Rio for the first time since sharing a room with my mother in 2005. It meant Mary got to see the project in Rio that our tour has been supporting ever since mum died. The roses on the wall (picture left) are for her, Margaret **Rose** Coulam.

It has been a great pleasure to make so many new friends through this trip over the last 10 years. Roughly half our group this year were making a return visit. The other half knew someone who had been before. I think this speaks volumes about the friendships that are created, not just within our group but with our hosts too.

Since returning to the UK I have already received enquiries about next year's tour, and despite thinking that the tenth might also be the last, I have decided to go again in 2010. The truth is, the tour is such good fun and the local people are so wonderful, that it is hard to give up. I want as many people as possible to experience this trip. However, to be sure of a tour in 2010 I need firm commitments from at least 16 people before the end of April. If you are interested in joining us (subject to the price when confirmed) please let me know of your interest as soon as possible. I hope to have dates and prices fixed by end of March.

Coming here and going there

Bowlers in Rio and Buenos Aires have asked me about arranging for them to visit the UK in 2010. I'm working on this, and if your club can host touring teams, do get in touch with me. We wouldn't expect you to match the hospitality that we receive in South America, but if your club is able to host a fixture—perhaps midweek or a weekend—then it would be good to know my options.



One thing you get from this tour that I doubt you will get from any other holiday is the genuine friendship and a welcome from local people.

In Sao Paulo our group was invited to the 25th wedding anniversary party of Lair (in the red stole) and Loris. It was themed as a gangsters and molls party, so my group worked wonders to dress for the occasion. My own feeble effort relied on a borrowed hat



but others really pulled out the stops to look the part.....



while Lair's niece attracted especial attention from one of the men in our group. I'm still not sure why. Answers on a post-card...!?



PS. There's a poster on the back! Please display at your club if you can. Thank you. Graeme

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- **All with the help of your experienced tour manager, on hand 24/7 to share a passion for the people and the places you visit. I run this tour because I love South America, I love its people, and I'm sure you will too.**

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"..superb trip..... So many happy memories," Stella Hebbard (non-bowler)

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