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I have been in the UK for most of March so this will be a shorter than usual Falcon as I am not up to speed with all of what went on while I was away.

The Flag season ended just before I left and our first team came very close to winning the Premier League. They were given a chance as Durbanville lost their last two matches but we just failed to pick up enough points at Plumstead to take the title. The final table was as follows:

TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
DURBANVILLE	544	489	83.5	55
CONSTANTIA	529	500	82	29
GLEN	534	484	80	50
STEL VD STEL	551	522	77	29
EDGEMEAD	526	492	72	34
OAKDALE	505	509	64.5	-4
WPCC	485	509	61	-24
GOODWOOD	488	526	52.5	-38
HELDERBERG	496	578	52	-82
PLUMSTEAD	463	512	50.5	-49

Our second side had a reasonable season and were competitive in most of their matches. They finished in a respectable third place but well behind the top two sides. The final table was as follows:

TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
SOMERSET WEST A	603	455	101	148
BELLVILLE A	559	438	99.5	121
CONSTANTIA B	521	457	81.5	64
POLLSMOOR A	549	416	77	133
MEADOWRIDGE A	476	501	62	-25
WPCC C	516	535	59.5	-19
MILNERTON A	440	510	54	-70
EDGEMEAD C	447	544	52.5	-97
BERGVLIET A	437	526	49.5	-89
OLD OAK B	418	584	38.5	-166

Our Third side has a torrid time and although they picked up points in their earlier matches they were thrashed in the last two games. They played against the two top sides and although by this time the B team had lost any chance of winning their division, the side was nevertheless weakened when, despite the strength of the opposition, players were still taken out to fill in for players missing from the B side. The inevitable happened and they were relegated. Their shot difference of minus 177 was the worst of any Flag side in any division. The final table was as follows:

TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
PINELANDS A	578	425	101.5	153
MOWBRAY A	575	478	88	97
EDGEMEAD B	559	465	82	94
S A POLICE A	498	472	71.5	26
OLD OAK A	512	503	69.5	9
WPCC B	502	523	69	-21
GORDONS BAY A	466	532	55.5	-66
GOODWOOD B	487	531	49	-44
CAMPS BAY A	455	526	49	-71
CONSTANTIA C	421	598	40	-177

PERSONAL TRUST INTERNATIONAL MID-WEEK TOURNAMENT

This event starts on Friday 19th May and then runs for the next four Wednesdays starting on 24th May 2017. It is a triples tournament and a list has been put up in the Club for members to enter. The format of the rules and scoring are under review but it is likely that it will be a more conventional triples format than we had for the last few years. Can those teams entering please put the names of all three players in the team on the list. We are also asking for donations to the raffle table which I shall be pleased to receive. I hope the members will support this competition and enter teams as soon as possible. We can accommodate 36 teams but 20 invitations have already gone out to outside players who have supported us in the past so there might not be that many places left. Teams can be all men or all ladies or mixed. Geoff is having further treatment on his throat and we all wish him well, so I will manage this Tournament with help from the usual volunteers.

Peter Brown has kindly provided me with details of the following items that happened whilst I was away and asked that they be included in this month's edition. Peter is going into hospital tomorrow for a hip replacement and we wish him well and look forward to seeing him on the green as soon as he gets the all clear to play again.

Two Major Bowls Tournaments took place in Cape Town during the month of March.

The International Blind Bowlers Association 11th International Tournament was held over ten days at the WPCC Bowling Club. Constantia was proud to host the teams of three participating countries, Scotland, Israel and Australia for a day of pre-tournament practice.

In the final placings, South Africa again held the leadership position by winning the gold, Australia won Silver and Israel Bronze. Ten nations competed. Those members who observed the practice sessions and who attended the tournament came away very impressed.

The Open Inter Districts Tournament was hosted by four clubs in Cape Town and we were proud to be one of those. Competitions were played over five days from Monday to Friday with the finals played at WPCC on Friday afternoon. Once again, your club received only favourable comments from players, sponsors and BSA for our contributions. Our greens were in top condition, our catering was superb and generous, the tournament admin was faultless and as always, the bar service for the countless cold Powerades was excellent. Our thanks are extended to **Terry, Felicia, Eddie, Nicky** and their teams (who were there each day) for a job well done. We are proud of our Club Secretary, **Chris**, who worked all day and into the evening each day at HQ as the Tournament Record Keeper.

Distinguished visitors to our club included Kallie Haupt (BSA President), JC Swanepoel (CEO of the sponsors Perfect Delivery), John Edwards (WPBA President)

Unfortunately, WP did not win any medals in the Open Tournament with Gold and Silver medals going to Sables and JBA. However, in the Seniors Tournament played in Natal Inland the WP Men did win gold. Here your club proudly had two team members, **Roy Clark and Alan Lofthouse**. Congratulations guys.

WP Singles Tournaments We are so proud of our very own Flo George who won the WP Ladies Open Singles tournament. This is her biggest achievement in WP tournaments to date. It is also the

first time that Constantia has won this trophy in its many decades of history. You are invited to take a look at the lovely picture of our proud champion on the club's Facebook page.

Friendly League Tournament – Constantia Bowling Club were the proud winners of this tournament played here among the Southern Suburbs clubs. Congratulations to Pat Schluter and his team. We are also grateful to Pat for his contributions for organising the Constantia participation.

The Ladies Nationals take place in CT next month. Again, we will be a host club.

The City of Cape Town Government Parks and Recreation Department (previously Sports and Recreation) have approached the five sports clubs in the Constantia Sports Complex to revitalise the precinct committee (previously known as the Gildale Committee). This committee was discontinued by the City less than two years ago. We the clubs in the Constantia precinct are entering into this cautiously as it is clear that the City has new political and economic policies towards sports clubs.

Our **Club Lease** is due to expire in December 2019. The City has approached the Constantia Clubs with a new principles and guidelines for Sports Club leases document. We are studying this and have two meetings scheduled during April. The prime consideration of your committee is to avoid having increased costs that could impact on future membership fees. As it is we have incurred unexpected electricity costs with the installation of a prepaid meter in our clubhouse. Your committee will always have your best interests at heart.

John Perryman

Editor