



# CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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## FALCON APRIL 2016

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016, our Club hosted all the WP Singles competitions and as reported in last month's Falcon we had four players left in these competitions at the semi-final stage. **Moira Stanley** having led for most of her semi-final match in the Ladies Open Singles was beaten in the last few ends by some exceptional bowling by her opponent, who then went on to defeat **Linda Stringer** in the final. **Laurie Keevy-Venter** was also finished runner up in the Ladies Novices Singles, but **Johannes Trotskie** went one better and was the champion in the Men's Novices Singles. Very well done to Johannes and to all our finalists and semi-finalist who can be justly proud of their achievements in these competitions.

It was our Lady bowlers who kept the Constantia flag flying in the WP Masters Singles, **Flo George** won the Ladies Senior Singles and **Linda Stringer** was Runner-up in the Ladies Open. You have made your club proud and we extend our congratulations to them both.

The Personal Trust Men's and Ladies All Cape tournament runs from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April through to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Constantia Bowling Club will be contributing their bit to this major event on the bowling calendar. We are hosting events at our club on the Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. **Eddie Curtis** is the tournament Official on those days, **Felicia Pillay** is in charge of catering and **Chris Nurrish** is serving on the District Organising Committee. We hope that as many members as possible will come along on those days to support the bowlers and help out in any way they can. We wish all our participating teams' good bowling.

The Personal Trust Constantia Midweek Trips commences this week on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. This runs for five weeks but this time around the final event will be extended to the 11<sup>th</sup> May due to the interruption of the All-Cape. **Mickey Sadd** the organiser of the event reports that it was fully subscribed weeks ago and there is no more room for any late entry teams. He will welcome contributions to the weekly raffle table which raises funds for the club. We have received a generous donation of a whole Karoo Lamb from our sheep farming members, **Mannetjies and Charlotte Roux**. This is being raffled over the duration of the event, The first and second prizes will be a half lamb each and the third prize is a bottle of Bells Whisky. Tickets are available from the raffle table or from **Peter Brown**.

Engagement with the City of Cape Town over a number of topics including the Clubhouse roof, borehole, security lighting, roots in the parking area and the provision of fertilizers are tedious and

demanding. The bureaucracies are unbelievable, but we refuse to surrender and will press on until we see results.

As reported in last month's issue, the folder with your Exco's recommended changes to our Constitution & Bye Laws can be found on the Tabs-in counter. If any member has any problems with these changes, or wishes to suggest other changes you can contact either myself, (until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016) or after that date **Peter Brown**. These changes will be proposed and seconded at the AGM where we hope they will be passed with little if any debate given the long window of opportunity before the AGM for members to submit their views.

In our discussions with Personal Trust over the allocation of their generous sponsorship we have secured their permission to allocate funds to a competition to be held on Tuesday mornings, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016, We are indebted to **Terry Hepworth** who has drawn up the following modus operandi for this new competition which we hope will be supported by a large number of our members and those from other Clubs in our area. The format will be as follows:

### **PERSONAL TRUST "SIXES"**

PERSONAL TRUST has chosen to invest a considerable sum of money in supporting and developing "Tabs-In" bowls. The PERSONAL TRUST SIXES is an innovation which we hope will attract bowlers from a number of Clubs in the area. It will be based at Constantia Bowling Club and run over a number of weeks on Tuesday mornings.

**.Format:** Trips over 18 ends, with the players changing position every 6 ends. Each player will get the opportunity to play at Skip, Third and Lead during the game

**Teams:** Men, women, or mixed. Only one club-graded Skip per team. Individuals, not part of a team, will be accommodated in a team on the day.

**Dates:** Tuesday mornings, starting 12 April 2016, and running over 8 weeks.

**Scoring:** The individual player will take the team score each week. The individual's **four best scores** over the 8-week period will be taken into account when determining the winners. This is important. It means that you don't have to commit yourself for all eight weeks and will not be penalised by missing the occasional Tuesday morning.

**Entry:** Teams of three: Constantia Club members to enter their teams on the list in the Clubhouse by the Friday preceding the Tuesday bowls.  
Other Clubs: can enter teams by contacting Terry Hepworth (0732671751) or Peter Brown (021 7611087) by the Friday preceding each Tuesday.  
Individual players; should arrive at Constantia no later than 08h45 to be placed in a team.  
The weekly entry fee of R25 per player includes tea...

**Prizes:** There will be weekly session prizes (R240 per team) for the best score.

At the end of the 8 weeks, prizes, based on the best four scores over 8 weeks, will be awarded as follows:

Highest individual score	R1200
Second	R1000
Third	R 800
Fourth	R 600

Should a team stay together for most of the tournament and accumulate the best-of-four highest score, they will share the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd prizes (R3, 000).

The Flag & Muter season is over for another year and as reported in last month's Falcon we had chances to win both the Men's & Ladies Premier Leagues but results in the last few matches went against us and we slipped down the table in both those leagues. Our most successful side was our Men's B side that finished third in division 1 "B". On the positive side none of our teams were relegated. Our thanks must go to both sets of selectors who, as usual, had their share of problems but discharged their responsibilities with resolution and integrity. I tried to keep the results up to date on our web-site, and we consistently published them before WP. Although some members experience difficulty in accessing our web-site a lot of others do look to see results and where they have been selected for the next game. We get only a few hundred hits to our web-site for most of the year but in January, February & March we had 4278, 4751 & 3532 respectively. I had insufficient data given to me in respect of the Ladies individual rink results and the men's D side but from the detailed results I had for the other Men's teams I produced the following table that shows the points won by each player playing at least 3 matches, displayed as a percentage of the points they could have won, with the most successful at the top:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>POINTS WON</u>	<u>% OF POSSIBLE POINTS SCORED</u>	<u>MATCH NUMBER</u>								
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
NICKY PARKER	9	31.5	70.00%	2	4.5	5	5	0	5	0	5	5
GEOFF PERROW	9	31.5	70.00%	2	4.5	5	5	0	5	0	5	5
VINCE TAYLOR	9	31	68.89%	4	2	5	5	0	5	0	5	5
CLIVE CROUS	7	24	68.57%			5	0.5	3	5	1	5	4.5
BOBBY BONIFACE	9	30	66.67%	5	4.5	5	4.5	1	0	4	5	1
FRANCIOS TROTSKI	9	30	66.67%	5	4.5	5	4.5	5	4	0	1	1
GRAHAM MCLEOD	9	30	66.67%	3.5	0.5	5	4.5	1	5	1	5	4.5
GRAEME ELLIOTT	9	29.5	65.56%	5	4.5	4	5	5	4	0	1	1
CLEM DOUGLAS	7	22	62.86%			4	2.0	0	5	1	5	5
GRAHAM BARKER	9	28	62.22%	3.5	3.5	0	4	4.5	5	4	0.5	3

J-C	LATTER	9	28	62.22%	3.5	3.5	0	4	4.5	5	4	0.5	3
ALAN	LOFTHOUSE	9	28	62.22%	3.5	3.5	0	4	4.5	5	4	0.5	3
GARNIE	PICK	9	28	62.22%	3.5	3.5	0	4	4.5	5	4	0.5	3
JOHN	STAMPER	9	28	62.22%	5	0	5	0	3.5	5	0	5	4.5
KEVIN	PATTENDEN	9	27.5	61.11%	5	4.5	5	4.5	1	1.5	1	4	1
TIM	ROSS-THOMPSON	9	27.5	61.11%	4	2	4	2	0	5	1	5	4.5
MAURICE	MOYLES	5	14	56.00%	4	2	5	0	3				
PETER	HARVEY	9	24	53.33%	3.5	0.5	4	5	5	4	0	1	1
GARY	CAPE	9	24	53.33%	2	4.5	5	5.0	0	1.5	1	4	1
JOHN	PERRYMAN	7	18.5	52.86%	4	2	1.5	0.5		1	5	4.5	
TONY	WILSON	4	10.5	52.50%	0	4.5	1	5					
NEELS	KOTZE	9	23.5	52.22%	3.5	0	4	5	5	4	0	1	1
GARRY	ROACH	9	22	48.89%	3.5	0.5	4	5	2	4	1	1	1
MIKE	PATTON	9	21	46.67%	5	0	5	0	1	0	4	5	1
PHILIP	MEREDITH	9	20	44.44%	2	4.5	4	2	0	1.5	1	4	1
PETER	SMITH	9	20	44.44%	5	0	5	0	0	0	4	5	1
MIKE	BLACKER	9	19.5	43.33%	4	2	4	2	0	1.5	1	4	1
ROY	CLARKE	9	19.5	43.33%	0	4.5	1	5	2	4	1	1	1
PHILIP	FINKLESTEIN	9	19.5	43.33%	0	4.5	1	5	2	4	1	1	1
ADRAIN	STANLEY	9	19.5	43.33%	0	4.5	1	5	2	4	1	1	1
TERRY	HEPWORTH	9	18.5	41.11%	4	2	5	0	3.5	1	1	1	1
CHRIS	NURRISH	9	18.5	41.11%	4	2	5	0	3.5	1	1	1	1
IAN	BARCLAY	6	12	40.00%			1.5		0	1	5	4.5	0
JOHN	BLIGHT	3	6	40.00%							4	5	1
PETER	KILLASY	9	17	37.78%	1.5	0	1.5	0.5	3	1	5	4.5	0
DAVID	EDWARDS	6	11	36.67%	1.5	0		0.5	3	1	5		
IAN	ROTHBART	8	13.5	33.75%	4	2		0	3.5	1	1	1	1
TREVOR	CLEGHORN	6	10	33.33%	5	0	5	0	0	0			
DES	STANTON	7	7	20.00%	1.5	0	1.5			1	1	1	1

COLOUR CODE = GREEN A SIDE, YELLOW = B SIDE RED = C SIDE.

MINIMUM QUAIFICATION 3 MATCHES PLAYED BASED UPON MAX OF 5 POINTS PER PERSON PER MATCH

IE 2 POINTS FOR SETS, TWO POINTS FOR INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATE AND 1 POINT FOR TEAM AGGREGATE  
SO IF YOU LOOSE BOTH SETS ON YOUR RINK BUT TEAM GETS THREE POINTS FOR OVERALL AGGREGATE  
YOU ARE AWARDED 1 POINT

On Easter Saturday & Sunday we held the Constantia Classic with a full complement of 36 teams taking part. The north west wind pumped on both days but mercifully the rain held off. The competition was won by Basil de Koker's team from Meadowridge which included our own **Denise Edwards**. Rob McIver from Edgemead came 2nd, **Alan Lofthouse** 3rd and Mark Epstein 4th. At times the clubhouse was straining to capacity with players and supporters. The atmosphere was both competitive and festive indicating that a good time was held by all. Teams came from as far as Worcester to participate. The Prize table was so straining under the weight of prizes that some needed to be kept on the floor, so too was the raffle table

This competition takes a lot of organising and we are indebted to the team of **Alan**

**Lofthouse, John Stamper, Roy & Lynn Clark and Nicky Parker.** They were assisted in the kitchen by Maureen, Cathy, Sharon and Hester and on the greens by Henri & Victor plus **Ronnie Carmichael** who stood in for **Terry Hepworth**.

Also a big thank you to Personal Trust International for supporting both the Classic itself and the Cheese & Wine Party that was held at the Club on the previous Friday evening. Our congratulations to **John Stamper, Roy and Lyn Clark** and their team of helpers for organising a most successful function that was very well attended and enjoyed by members and guests. Everyone went home with Pizza vouchers from Pizza Fair which they have exchanged and enjoyed by now. Many other generous raffle prizes went to participants. Once again thanks to Personal Trust for their generous sponsorship of the evening.

Thanks also to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sponsor, Thorp Motor Group and the many others who helped with the prizes.

Some of the players from other Clubs who took part expressed their thanks for the invitation to play and some of those messages are quoted below:

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*“Good Morning Alan,*

*Just a short e-mail on behalf of all the Mowbray players to thank and congratulate you and your committee for a wonderful tournament this Easter.*

*I don't have e-mail address's for John Stamper, Geoff Perrow, the Clark's, Nicky Parker etc, but please convey my personal thanks to all of them.*

*Please put my name down for a 4 ball next Easter.*

*Cheers Peter”*

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*“Hi Alan*

*a very warm and sincere "Thank you" to you in particular and to the Members of the Constantia Bowling Club in general, for (AGAIN!) making such a great success of the Constantia Classic. The welcome we all receive, the quality of the greens, catering, raffles, auctions, admin, etc and the camaradie generated by the event were really outstanding. You must all give yourselves a hearty pat on the back. I was very touched (also somewhat embarrassed!) by the kind presentation you made to me at the start of the event - many thanks, Alan. I feel extremely privileged to be counted as a friend of one of South Africa's greatest sportsmen, and Constantia Bowling Club will always be a very special venue in my book. All good wishes for the rest of the season - and here's to the NEXT Classic!*

*Mike”*

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*Thanks Al to you and your team.*

*My team thoroughly enjoyed the tournament. Everything ran like clockwork as usual. Food was fantastic. Thanks again and will definitely be back.*

*Regards*

*Brad and our team."*

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*"Great week end ,great tournament , brilliantly organised. I hope this can be a great example for other clubs to follow in the future.*

*Best Regards,*

***PHILIP I MARCUS***

Now to finish on a light hearted note:

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him Juan'. Years later; Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

A young blonde woman is distraught because she fears her husband is having an affair, so she goes to a gun shop and buys a handgun. The next day she comes home to find her husband in bed with a beautiful redhead. She grabs the gun and holds it to her own head. The husband jumps out of bed, begging and pleading with her not to shoot herself. Hysterically the blonde responds to the husband, "Shut up...you're next!"

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!" The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."

**John Perryman**

**Editor**

