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It does seem ironic that with our greens playing at their best and the weather being at its most sublime we have almost finished the competitive program for this season. Something needs to be done in future years to address this anomaly.

The Flag and Muter season is over with very mixed results for our Club. March was a very busy period with six WP Singles competitions as well as the Inter Districts. In the Inter Districts Men's teams we were represented by:

Neels Kotze in the open side

Gary Roach in the B side

Alan Lofthouse, Roy Clark & Philip Finkelstein in the seniors

WP won the gold medal in the seniors and bronze in both the open and the B side.

A very good result and well done to all our players.

In the Ladies Inter Districts we were represented by:

Moira Stanley & Darryll Edwards in the open side

Lynda Nurrish & Linda Stringer in the B side

Flo George in the senior side

WP open side won silver and the B side bronze, so it was only in the ladies senior's that WP missed out on a medal. These are hard fought tournaments and our Province, with the help of our members, did very well in collecting a total of 5 medals

In the WP singles competitions pride of place goes to **Joan Hitchins** who won the Ladies senior title, with **Darryll Edwards** runner up in the Ladies open. **Alan Lofthouse** reached the semi-final of the Mens open and **Cheryl Saunders** was beaten in the Ladies open semi-final by Darryll. **Laurie Keevy-Venter** also reached the same stage in the Ladies novices. **Jorri Clur** reached the quarter-final of the Ladies seniors, **Flo George** reached the quarter-final of the Ladies open, Jenny **Wade** reached the same stage in the Ladies novices as did **Philip Finkelstein** in the Mens seniors.

In the Flag & Muter competitions we had disappointing results for both our "A" sides in their respective Premier divisions with mid-table finishes. The highlight was both our B & C teams won their respective A divisions in the Muter and therefore played off against each other with the B side coming out on top. Both our teams in Divisions 1A & 1B of the Flag finished mid-table but our D team in division 2A were a bit out of their depth against many clubs A sides and were relegated.

Here is an analysis of the actual points scored by each player during the Flag season shown as a percentage of the points that they could have been scored. This is simply a factual exercise and does not pretend to be a reflection of how each person played. It's not 100% accurate given three players played 10 games given the gaps in the Premier League schedule. The following players also played Bill Kilbride, Peter Van Der Merwe, Peter Brown and Ronnie Clausen all played one game, Wilf George and Albert Myburg played twice and Mark Venter three times. I would like to thank Graeme Elliott and Eddie Curtis for providing me with all the selections and results during the season. I was unable to produce any analysis or keep our web-site up to date in respect of Muter results because I was not provided with the necessary data. The same lack of information is the reason I have not include anything on the efforts of our players in the Friendly League.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>POINTS</u> <u>WON</u>	<u>% OF</u> <u>POSSIBLE</u> <u>POINTS</u> <u>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>	
				PETER COTTRELL	9	38.5	71.30%	2	6	6	2.5	1	6
DAVID EDWARDS	7	29	69.05%	2	0	6	3	6	6	6			
TONY WILSON	9	37	68.52%	3	3	1	6	6	6	6	0	6	
ROY CLARKE	9	34	62.96%	0	3	1	6	6	6	6	0	6	
PHILIP FINKLESTEIN	8	30	62.50%	3	3	0	6	6	6	6	0		
ADRIAN STANLEY	8	28	58.33%	0	3	1	6	6	6	6	0		
CLEM DOUGLAS	9	30.5	56.48%	0	0	6	2.5	6	6	0	4	6	
IAN SAUNDERS	9	28.5	52.78%	0	3	1	2.5	1	6	3	6	6	
GEOFF PERROW	8	25	52.08%	1		0	2	6	6	4	6		
NICKY PARKER	9	28	51.85%	4	3	4	0	1	4	0	6	6	
KEVIN PATTENDEN	9	27.5	50.93%	0	0	6	2.5	1	2	4	6	6	
TREVOR CLEGHORN	8	24	50.00%	5	0	6	3	0	3	6	1		
ALAN LOFTHOUSE	6	18	50.00%				1	4	3	2	5	3	
PHILIP MEREDITH	9	27	50.00%	4	3	3	6	0	2	0	4	5	
DEREK MITCHELL	9	27	50.00%	5	2	0	4	1	4	6	0	5	
DES STANTON	9	26.5	49.07%	3.5	1	5	2	3	2	0	4	6	
PETER KILLASY	9	26	48.15%	2	0	6	3	0	3	6	1	5	
GARRY ROACH	9	26	48.15%	1	3	1	1	4	3	2	5	6	
GRAHAM MCLEOD	8	23	47.92%	2	6	3	6	0	2	4		0	
RUSTY GILLETT	6	17	47.22%			6	0	3	2	6		0	
JOHN PERRYMAN	6	17	47.22%	2	6	3	6				0	0	
BOBBY BONIFACE	8	22.5	46.88%		3	1	3	3	6	4	0	2.5	
GRAHAM BARKER	8	22	45.83%	3	3	0	3	3	6	4	0		
GRAEME ELLIOTT	9	24.5	45.37%	0	0	6	3	3	6	4	0	2.5	
NEELS KOTZE	9	24.5	45.37%	3	3	0	3	3	6	4	0	2.5	
CHRIS NURRISH	9	24.5	45.37%	3.5	0	0	4	1	4	6	1	5	
J-C LATTER	9	24	44.44%	1	3	0	1	2	6	3	2	6	
DIRK SCHUURMAN	9	24	44.44%	4	3	4	0	3	4	2	0	4	
PETER HARVEY	8	21	43.75%	0	3	1		4	3	2	5	3	

GARNIE PICK	8	21	43.75%	1	3	1	1	4	3	5	3
TERRY HEPWORTH	8	20.5	42.71%	3.5	1	5	2	1	4	0	4
MIKE PATTON	9	23	42.59%	2	6	3	6	0	2	4	0
MIKE BLACKER	9	22.5	41.67%	3.5	1	5	2	3	2	6	0
JOHN DEWS	9	22	40.74%	5	1	4	2	0	4	2	0
JOHN STAMPER	9	22	40.74%	3	1	5	2	3	2	6	0
VINCE TAYLOR	9	22	40.74%	3	1	0	2	6	6	4	0
ROSS-											
TIM THOMPSON	7	15	35.71%	3	1	0	2	0	6	3	
JOHN McMILLAN	8	17	35.42%	2	0	0	4		3	6	2
TREVOR NICKLIN	8	17	35.42%	0	0	6	0	3		6	2
MAURICE MOYLES	9	18	33.33%	2	0	0	4	1	4	2	0
MICKY SADD	9	18	33.33%	2	0	6	3	0	1	0	1
PAT SCHLUTER	7	14	33.33%	5	2	4	2	0	1		0
KEITH VAN-SWELM	6	12	33.33%			6	0		1	0	0
RONNIE CARMICHAEL	9	16.5	30.56%	4	3	4	0	1	0	2.5	2
IAN BARCLAY	9	15	27.78%	0	0	4	0	1	4	2	0
PETER SMITH	9	15	27.78%	3	1	0	2	0	3	6	0
PETER JEROME	5	8	26.67%					3	0	0	0
LES FLYNN	7	10.5	25.00%	0	2	4	2			2.5	0
EDDIE CURTIS	9	11.5	21.30%	0	0	6	0	3	0	2.5	0
DAVID HALL	7	7	16.67%		0	4	2	0	1	0	0
OTTO KREPELKA	5	4.5	15.00%						0	2.5	0

The Exco appointed a Sub-Committee to look at the current format and scoring system for Flag as WP are due to review the format now that two seasons have passed since it was last looked at. After discussions with the Selection Committee the Sub-Committee sent the following submission to WP for their consideration:

To Western Province Bowling Association

Recommendations for the Future of Flag & Muter from 2016 and onwards

We believe that the format and scoring system should better reflect the fact that Flag matches are 12 players from one club team playing 12 players from another and the relative **team** performance should be fully reflected in the scoring system. The same principals could be applied to Muter but with 8 players per team. Our recommendations are set out below with detailed reasons for our views:

We would like to see the Premier & First Division Leagues remain rink matches played on 3 rinks with four players in each rink.

Our reason is that League matches between clubs are traditionally played as four man rink games and, if either the size of the team was changed or a move away from rink matches was introduced, this would detract from the competitive nature of the games. Two rink matches tend to become too tactical too early in the match and a move to triples would force clubs to drop key players from their sides causing internal difficulties. We also believe that strength in depth should be a key factor in who challenges for league titles.

We believe these Three Divisions should remain as 10 team Divisions

We think it needs a minimum of 9 matches in a Flag season to do justice to the importance of the competition and to allow the best teams to battle for honours against the maximum possible number of rival teams. Any fewer matches would devalue the status of the competition.

We believe the sets format has enhanced and modernised the competition and should be retained but we would like to see 10 end sets with no play-off end.

We think two ten end sets gets numerically closer to the old 21 ends and gives a rink a better chance to recover from a difficult start. We are opposed to three seven end sets because we feel this increases the lottery element given a seven end set gives little time for a team to recover from dropping a large count on a single end. (In fact a seven end set could be won by a team only winning one of the seven ends which does not seem fair to us). We believe a play off end is not appropriate in a league format and should only be used in knock-out based competitions to determine who advances to the next round. Also to award one point for winning a single end when only awarding two points for winning a whole set is disproportionate and unfair.

We believe that we should retain the two points per set and the single bonus point for each rink that scores the most shots over twenty ends, but in addition award a minimum of three bonus points for the team scoring the most shots over 60 ends.

We think the fairest system is to award points to the team scoring the most shots over sixty ends. This acknowledges in the scoring system the fact that Flag is a competition between teams of 12 players on each side and the overall performance is important and deserving of recognition in the scoring system. We acknowledge that each of the three rink matches is a separate match in its own right and a team that wins on two rinks but loses on the third and loses the overall aggregate would feel aggrieved to receive no bonus points at all for its two winning rinks.

We would support any moves to change those divisions below division one to a triples format and if it was administratively possible, to sub-divide the lower divisions into geographical zones.

The number of divisions is on the decline and if the lower divisions were 9 man teams playing triples, clubs may enter more teams. We ourselves are down to four sides and at this point in time it is looking probable that this may reduce to three next year. The distances teams in the lower divisions have to travel are undoubtedly a deterrent to some players and a reason why some members are reluctant to commit to playing Flag. If we did adopt the triples format then the scoring system could be as set out above but with two sets of nine ends.

Yours Sincerely

Alan Lofthouse

John Perryman

Members of Constantia Bowling Club Executive Committee

Club Library

The club library, which is situated on the South wall of the clubhouse next to the door, was previously operated by the late Jan van Wyk. We keep it going as a tribute to him.

Members will note that it has recently been enhanced. We received a generous donation of books from Cecily of the Friday afternoon Bridge Club and a bookshelf from Trevor Cleghorn. Without the additional bookshelf, we would not have coped. We have also removed the older less popular, dog-eared or inappropriate books. We notice how some members have noticed the arrival of popular authors and books by the gaps appearing on the shelves. Good stuff.

The library is operated on an "honesty borrower" basis. Members are asked to borrow not more than two books at a time and try not to keep them for longer than two weeks. You are requested to place your donation for each book borrowed in the deposit box provided. Donations will be passed on to the Rusoord Old Age Home which was well supported by Jan. There is no specified minimum donation but bear in mind the needs of this fine institution.

Members who wish to donate books are encouraged to let the library have books by popular authors of fiction, thrillers, novels, biographies etc. Please do not donate textbooks, outdated encyclopaedias or specialist topics that do not have general interest. You only create a burden on the club to dispose of these.

Kitchen Stove

The club has benefited by the donation and delivery of a good stove from Pearl Hempel. This was immediately installed and brought into operation to the delight of the kitchen staff. Many thanks to Pearl from Felicia Pillay and her colleagues on the Exco.

Donations

Members wishing to donate equipment to the club are asked to clear this with a member of the committee first. While most donations are welcome, we need to ask "if it is redundant to my home, will it be redundant to the club as well?". Please do not dump equipment at the club.

Bar Report

The Bar Roster for three months from 2nd April 2015 is as follows:

2 nd April	8 th April	ROY CLARK	LYN CLARK	NICKY PARKER
9 th April	15 th April	GORDON RICKSON	PETER JEROME	DEREK MITCHELL
16 th April	22 nd April	PETER KILLASSY	ALAN HURFORD	IAN BARCLAY
23 rd April	29 th April	PHILIP MERIDITH	CLEM DOUGLAS	GRAHAM McLEOD
1 st May	6 th May	JOHN STAMPER	KEITH INGRAM	TERRY HEPWORTH
7 th May	13 th May	CHRIS NURISH	PETER ROGERS	PETER MERENSKY
14 th May	20 th May	PETER SMITH	J-C LATTER	MIKE BLACKER
21 st May	27 th May	JET CLARK	KEITH VAN SWELM	BILL KILBRIDE
28 th May	3 rd June	PETER HARVEY	PETER COTTRELL	LINDA STRINGER
4 th June	10 th June	GEOFF PERROW	JENNY WADE	WILF GEORGE
11 th June	17 th June	RONNIE CARMICHAEL	DIRK SCHURMAN	MARK VENTER
18 th June	24 th June	PETER BROWN	GRAEME ELLIOTT	MALCOLM STRACHAN
25 th June	1 st July	ALAN LOFTHOUSE	KEVIN PATTENDEN	IAN SAUNDERS

The appeal for additional volunteers made by Peter Brown and by your editor in the January 2015 edition of the Falcon did not produce many extra names and we are all indebted to the above members for their unselfish attitude to our Club. Without their voluntary help either our subs would have to be substantially raised or bar prices. The situation would be even worse were it not for the fact that seven of the above hold office in the Club and are already doing their fair share of voluntary work without having to do bar duty as on top of their other responsibilities. We cannot, nor would we wish to, make bar duty a condition of membership but the current situation is far from satisfactory. We recently raised some bar prices to maintain our profit margins but that will only give us annual bar profits of circa R185k. To cover the bar with paid staff given the unsociable hours involved would wipe out at least half of that profit so we are all enjoying subsidised bar prices courtesy of the above members.

Our finances do show a healthy reserve of cash but this is misleading given we need to upgrade our kitchen facilities and carry out other internal repairs. This essential work is on hold because we cannot start any internal work until our roof is repaired. The frustration experienced by Trevor Cleghorn and his team in trying to get action from the municipality is causing them to tear their hair out. Their efforts on our behalf are much appreciated even if they are as yet not producing results. Three other important issues also remain outstanding: The removal of trees between A green and the car park which were pollarded some time ago and are now growing back to cause us the same problem as before, the connection of mains water to our irrigation system and a consignment of fertiliser.

Army Day message from Keith Ingram & John Stamper

The 36th Robbie Robertson Memorial Bowls Day was held on the 6th of March. The Military played their usual part, with a flag raising in the morning with the Army Band in attendance and a flag lowering and Last Post played at the end of the day, as they do each year in making the day a special one.

We had 30 teams competing on the day with plenty of fun and music. John Stamper our resident Auctioneer at lunchtime raised R3,400.00 by auctioning some very select wines from The Last Word Wines, Alle Bleue Winery and Groot Constantia. The raffle table was very well supported as well as the Whisky raffle and Swindle Board.

The winners on the day were the team sponsored by Pincus Matz and led by Terry Hepworth together with Connie Pieterse, Vince Taylor, Ian Barclay with Ron Joubert filling in for Terry when his back played up, congratulations to them. The runners up were the team from W.P. Bowls who were ably skipped by none other than our President of W.P. Bowls Doreen de Power.

A number of Residents of Robertson House arrived later in the afternoon and they were ably entertained by Darrell Edwards and Joan Hitchins.

The day raised R45,500.00 and we will be going out to Robertson House for the hand over shortly.

We wish to thank all of the players and sponsors together for their fantastic generosity. I must make special mentions of the main contributors on the day, my good friend Nathan Friedman of Cape Gate, Maryna Sage from Prudential Unit Trusts, David Hall and John Perryman, The Waltons Trust via Peter Jerome.

A day like this cannot be a success without the willing support of many club members who man the various tables, the kitchen, the bar, the music, the catering, the waitressing the score board, registration and all of the odds and ends that have got to be tied up. We send out an order of the days programme to each member involved together with their duties and without fail each one is nothing but positive about assisting. Many thanks to each of you from John and I for your unfailing support it makes our task so much easier.

John Perryman

Editor