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We have two sides that have battled through the semi-final stage of the Western Province triples and these matches will be played at Edgemoor, this Sunday. The semi-finals will start at 09h15 with the finals due off at 13h30. We hope as many members as possible will go along to support our teams. In the Ladies Championship we have **Flo George, Taz Bright and Laurie Keevy-Venter** and in the Men's **Roy Clark, Phillip Finkelstein and Adrian Stanley**. Constantia have yet to ever win the Men's triples so let's hope our team can break our duck this year. Also in the Ladies triples two sides from Constantia skipped by **Carol Barker and Darryll Edwards** reached the quarter finals, congratulations to all the players involved.

All our selections for Flag & Muter as well as results and current log tables can be viewed on the Club's web-site www.constantiabowlingclub.co.za

The following have been selected to represent Constantia in the Men's National Championships to be held in Durban from 14th to 22nd May 2016:

Fours

Neels Kotze (skip)

Gary Roach

Nicky Parker

Francois Trotskie

Pairs:

Neels Kotze and Francois Trotskie

Gary Roach and Nicky Parker

Singles:

All four have elected to play in the Open singles.

On Friday 22nd January 2016, the Club said goodbye to a very faithful employee, **Cathy Louw**, who retired after 11 years service. A collection amongst the members raised R2100-00 which was presented to Cathy by Peter Brown, who thanked her for all her hard work and wished her a long and happy retirement.

Some while back **Alan Lofthouse** lent a DVD to one of our members. This DVD showed the final of the Commonwealth Games fours in Vancouver in 1994, where Alan represented South Africa who won the Gold Medal. Alan cannot remember who he lent it to but he would ask that whoever has it returns it to him. Also if any member knows of its whereabouts could they please contact Alan.

We have now signed a new sponsorship agreement with Personal Trust that started from 1st January. Personal Trust has provided us with rink markers and table numbers. They have also pledged R32000-00, of which R20000-00 has been allocated for specific events and the balance will be allocated to other bowls events that we run once a decision has been reached by your Exco. We wish to express our sincere thanks Personal Trust and hope many of our members will make use of their services and products. The Club has Peter Brown to thank for negotiating this agreement on our behalf. We are also considering a further sponsorship agreement with Warwick Wealth to follow on from the current agreement that runs until 2017.

Your Exco have been reviewing our current Constitution & Bye-Laws and expect to finalise their proposed changes at their February meeting. A copy of the proposed changes will then be displayed in the Club for any member to comment. We are not expecting you to comment unless you are unhappy with the suggested changes or you wish to suggest changes of your own. The idea is that members will have several months to make any comments they have before Exco will ask members to adopt the changes at the AGM in July. It is hoped that the AGM will not get bogged down debating the issues given members will have had ample time to make their views known beforehand.

The Club received a nice message from a young man who celebrated his 31st birthday at our Club. I quote:

"I recently had my 31st birthday at your Club. Almost everybody that came along for the day had never played the game of bowls before. What an experience, wrong bias here and there, the makeshift skips having a run at the jack like pro's and then some miracle shot-making turning a five shot deficit around, it was really something to watch.

It was a unique experience and one that all enjoyed thoroughly. I am pretty sure there will be a couple of guys and girls that will give the bowling greens another go in the future.

I must extend a very big thanks to Linda for arranging the day, and then to Alan, Roy, and Nicky for their time, coaching and making sure that all our needs were catered for on the day. It would not have been the same without all your efforts.

Regards

Warren”

Whilst I was in the UK last year visiting friends & family I was elected to the Exco and when I returned found out I had been allocated the liaison role between the bar and the Exco. I thought that to better understand how things worked it would be useful to volunteer to do a stint behind the bar. I am a believer that Exco members do enough for the Club and should not have to do bar duty on top of their other jobs but I also believe there is no better way to learn than at the coal face, hence my decision. This role on the Exco has of course brought me into contact with Nicky Parker rather more than in the past and my eyes have been opened to the extraordinary amount of work Nicky does for our Club, day in and day out. At busy times behind the bar, even if not helping to serve he is guiding the volunteer barmen, re-stocking, collecting glasses, bottles and cans, making sure all the Clubs scoreboards-mats-jacks & trolleys are brought in before closing up. He is at the Club seven days a week, greeting visitors, taking in deliveries, answering phone calls, helping out in the kitchen to make the sandwiches and tea and tackling many other ad-hoc jobs that need doing. Apart from minor reimbursements for expenses incurred on Club business he does all this without pay. All our members are indebted to Nicky for his efforts on our behalf. Contrast that with the majority of our members who do little or nothing on the Club's behalf and fully expect to be waited on hand and foot in exchange for the modest subscriptions they and all other members pay. South Africa is not the cheap place to live that it once was and the only way the Club can contain its costs is if more of its tasks are carried out by its members rather than paid staff. Without those few members who give their services for free our subscriptions could be nearer R5000-00 pa and bar prices would have to double.

The current Exco have been largely unchanged for two years and we are tasked by our President to look at succession planning and to try and identify potential candidates from within our current membership. How much nicer it would be if a few members (men & women) came forward and asked what they could do to

help. I am sure Peter would be delighted to hear from anyone who was prepared to lend a hand. One volunteer is always worth two pressed men or women.

I must thank Dawn Bastic for sending me some jokes for this month's issue. These jokes made me think there should have been a ninth beatitude, "Blessed are the religions that can laugh at themselves"

A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic asks, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

My Wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"

The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

Why do Jewish divorces cost so much?
because they're worth it.

Why do Jewish men die before their wives?
They want to.

The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that the reason is Won Ton spelled backward is Not Now.

There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the foetus is not considered viable until it graduates from law school.

Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink? A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

Q: Have you seen the newest Jewish-American-Princess horror movie?
A: It's called, "Debbie Does Dishes."

Q: Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers?
A: They never let anyone finish a sentence.

A man called his mother in Florida . "Mom, how are you?" Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."
The son asked, "Why are you so weak?"
She replied, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."
The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"
The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play.
She asks, "What part is it?"
The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."
The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Q: Where does a Jewish husband hide money from his wife?
A: Under the vacuum cleaner.

Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish mother?
A: Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

John Perryman
Editor

