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As most members will know Maurice Moyles died suddenly at his home between Friday 19th and Saturday 20th February. He was at the Club for a steak evening on the Friday night but did not arrive back on the Saturday to play in the Flag. Those who knew him well feared the worst because none of us could ever remember Maurice being late for any appointment. Maurice was a very valued member of our Club. There was never a tournament or event that went by without his active participation. Whether as a player or as a coach on the green, handyman in the clubhouse, waiter at Ladies Day or volunteer barman he was always a willing participant. But most of all he set the standard of how a good bowler conducts himself on and off the green. Quiet, humble yet contributory and willing to share the value of his vast experience

Maurice was well known to bowlers throughout the WP District. He has served and played at other clubs before coming to Constantia and had made many friends throughout the District as evidenced by the number of bowlers who attended his memorial service. His popularity, his bowling acumen and administrative abilities caused him to be elected onto the WPBA Executive Committee where he represented bowls in the Province in a manner that enhanced his popularity. He represented us on numerous tournament committees including at a national level and for this he was awarded the BSA Meritorious Badge. While at WPBA he also served as Manager of WP Senior Men's Team. He also served as a Provincial Selector for many years, a role that can often lead to dissent but with his quiet and conciliatory personality he took it all in his stride.

Maurice was always a gentleman, and we are all going to miss him

It's not something that excites too many members but our Club does need a written Constitution and Bye-Laws. It is a necessary document to enable your Executive to manage your Club's affairs using an agreed set of rules and buy-laws. The Exco have agreed a comprehensive review of the Constitution and its Bye-Laws and the original document, plus the recommended deletions and additions, are available in a ring binder on the tabs-in counter. An explanation of why each change is believed to be necessary is shown opposite the change itself. If any member is interested I would be happy to send to you a complete file copy by E-mail. The Exco are not looking for comments but are of course happy to consider any suggestions members may have. The consultation period will run from early March until late June 2016, when the Secretary sends out the AGM notifications with any propositions the members need to consider. The reason for this consultation period is so that any queries and questions can be dealt with before the AGM, where

it is hoped the changes to the Constitution and Bye-Laws will be adopted without the need for protracted discussion.

The first major WP tournament was completed on Sunday 7th February 2016, and Constantia BC was represented in both finals of the triples. **Roy Clark's** side were level with three ends to play but their opponents from Durbanville got their noses in front to win by 20 shots to 14. So this prize continues to elude us having lost in numerous finals in the past. **Flo George's** team fought tenaciously to edge through in their semi-final but came up against a very strong Edgemean side, playing on their own green, and went down 24 shots to 9. To get through to the final of a WP competition is a major feat and we congratulate our two sides on their achievement.



I am obliged to **Graham & Linda Elliott** for this picture although the guy in the front row might have asked for a second chance with his pose.

At the time of going to press both our Premier sides are on top of their respective logs, with two games left to play in the Flag and one in the Muter. It's very close at the top of both competitions, which incidentally are both sponsored by our main sponsor Personnel Trust. Here are the log positions:

TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF	TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
CONSTANTIA	426	378	64	48	CONSTANTIA	246	207	43.5	39
STEL VD STEL	409	382	64	27	EDGEMEAD	235	207	43	28
GLEN	457	384	62.5	73	HELDERBERG	222	203	39	19
EDGEMEAD	439	373	62	66	DURBANVILLE	224	226	36.5	-2
DURBANVILLE	387	367	58	20	OAKDALE	229	238	30.5	-9
					SOMERSET				
WPCC	382	384	52.5	-2	WEST	211	224	30	-13
OAKDALE	369	409	49.5	-40	WPCC	229	233	25.5	-4
SA POLICE	345	375	46	-30	GLEN	206	264	16	-58
PLUMSTEAD	377	426	44.5	-49					
MILNERTON	324	437	22	-113					

On Sunday 6th March 2016 Constantia BC will host the Semi-Finals and Finals of all the WP singles competitions starting at 09h15 for the Semi-Finals and 11h30 for the Finals. We have a number of our players who have reached the Semi-Finals they are:

Ladies Open Singles **Linda Stringer & Moira Stanley** (They do not play each other in SF)

Ladies Novices Singles **Laurie Keevy-Venter**

Men's Novices Singles **Johannes Trotskie**

Please come along to support our players and hope we can get three winners from our Semi-Finalists. Its a great achievement to get this far in what are fiercely contested matches and we congratulate our players in getting this far.

Other players who did well to reach the closing stages of the six singles events are:

Ladies Open Singles **Darryll Edwards** and **Linda Nurrish** who both reached the last 16

Ladies Senior Singles **Dawn Bastic** who reached the last eight and **Liz Maisel** the last sixteen.

Ladies Novices Singles **Colleen Marshall** who was knocked out in the quarter final by Laurie.

Men's Open Singles **Neels Kotze** reached the quarter final and **Toni Wilson** reached the last 16.

Men's Senior Singles **Philip Finkelstein** reached the last 16

Very well done to all the above players.

We are one of the host clubs for this year's Personnel Trust sponsored All Cape Tournament which will be held from Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th April 2016. An ad-hoc committee will be formed in early April to manage our involvement and we are looking for volunteers to help on some or all of those days. Please let Peter Brown or myself know if you are available to help out.

Our greens staff, under Terry Hepworth's management, has worked very hard on your behalf to keep our greens up to standard. However, the flowers and areas around the greens are in need of some TLC and we are looking for volunteers to help with this task. Terry would like to hear from any member, particularly someone with a bit of gardening knowledge, who would be willing to help out with some tidying up and replanting.

We enjoy a good revenue stream from the hire of our premises and if the hirer so wishes we provide a full bar service. In most cases in the past, Nicky Parker has been assisted by Roy & Lynn Clarke to serve the hirers. If any person who is on our current list of bar volunteers wishes to be considered for bar duty on such occasions could they let Nicky Parker know. There is a small remuneration involved but it does require the volunteer to stay late into the evening and sometimes after midnight, have a very good knowledge of where our products are kept and how the tills operate. It also involves collecting up glasses, bottles and rubbish during the evening so our Club does not get in too much of a mess.

The Exco need some feedback from members regarding our web-site because we have plans to make more use of it to save on printing costs. Currently it holds the following information on our Club:

- Welcome Page
- Brief History of our Club
- FAQ
- News Items
- Full and comprehensive Calendar
- Men's & Ladies Tournaments where you can find up to date results, players selected and league tables
- Coaching contacts
- All back issues of the Falcon
- Constitution & Bye-Laws
- Membership Forms, Social membership forms, Men's & Ladies competition entry forms, change of address forms and our Code of Conduct rules (all these can be downloaded and printed)
- Contact details for Exco members
- Men's & Ladies Selection Committees
- Gallery

What we need to know is who uses this information and do you have any problems accessing the site. I know some members find the Flag & Muter results useful and I can see that because in January & February we get 10 times the number of people logging onto the site than at other times of the year. I access the site via Google Chrome, which is the recommended route but I know some members do have difficulties. I suspect members using their phone with a gmail/yahoo type connection are those most likely to have difficulties but we need feedback from members to know if we are wasting our time or how we might improve the content for members.

I attach a stock market overview produced by Personnel Trust, which I only read today so have not had time to review the content. At first reading it looks a little on the highbrow side and does pre-suppose knowledge of investment jargon that not all of you will be familiar with. We shall continue to work with our main sponsor so that future advice can be simplified for our members.

John Perryman

Editor

