



# CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB

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## FALCON MARCH 2017

Well, the Muter season has come and gone, but 2017 must be Constantia's most successful ever. Not only did our First Team win the Premier Division but they won it with a game still to play. They headed the Premier Division from week 1 and stayed at the top winning every game they played. Only 9 players were used for the whole tournament and that was a forced change because **Linda Stringer** played in the open division of the SA Masters on week 5. We still thrashed Durbanville A in that game by 10-1 which shows we have strong reserves. Final league table:

FINAL LOG POSITIONS PREMIER DIVISION				
TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
CONSTANTIA	306	221	62	85
MILNERTON	258	274	42.5	-16
HELDERBERG	268	239	41.5	29
WPCC	266	269	41.5	-3
DURBANVILLE	275	246	36	29
BELLVILLE	248	271	34	-23
OAKDALE	228	290	26.5	-62
EDGE MEAD	244	283	24	-39

Not satisfied with winning the Premier Division our B team also won Division 1B again only using 9 players because **Joan Hitchins** was needed to stand in for Linda on week 5 and **Liz Hudson** played in Joan's place. Let's hope they go on to beat Plumstead A in the play-off final which will be played at Bergvliet this Saturday 4th March at 2-00pm. The same 8 players who played throughout the tournament have been selected for the final and our Premier team players will be there to collect their prize. As many members as possible are encouraged to go along and support our team. No doubt our B team could hold their own in the Premier Division but sadly the rules do not allow more than one team per Club in any division. Final league table:

FINAL LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1B				
TEAM	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	POINTS	SHOT DIFF
CONSTANTIA B	277	194	57	83
OLD OAK A	285	230	49.5	55
DURBANVILLE B	297	222	48.5	75
STRAND A	275	229	48.5	46
GORDONS BAY A	252	250	41.5	2
SOMERSET WEST A	236	284	30.5	-48
MILNERTON B	223	265	23	-42
SUNNINGDALE A	177	348	9.5	-171

We almost pulled off a clean sweep of the top three Leagues but unfortunately our C team lost the crucial penultimate match against the eventual League winners Plumstead A but still finished in a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. By any standards this year represents a phenomenal performance by our Ladies teams and I would like to see a large photograph on display in a prominent position in the Club of all three teams together so that this achievement can be remembered for years to come. It could be simply described as THE CLASS OF 2017. Well done to all the players, selectors and captains for a Muter season to be remembered.

<b>FINAL LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1A</b>				
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>SHOTS FOR</b>	<b>SHOTS AGAINST</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SHOT DIFF</b>
PLUMSTEAD A	290	231	55	59
DURBANVILLE C	262	227	52.5	35
<b>CONSTANTIA C</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>
EDGEMEAD B	250	239	39.5	11
SOMERSET WEST B	266	239	35	27
POLLSMOOR A	241	253	31	-12
GLEN A	242	282	25.5	-40
STRAND B	228	317	21.5	-89

**VICTORIOUS MUTER PLAYERS AT SEASON END**



The league tables in the Flag, with two matches still to be played, show a similar story to last year. Our A side have recovered well after a heavy defeat to Durbanville in the first match saw them bottom of the log. With the exception of a narrow defeat by one point at Goodwood they have won the other 5 games and find themselves in third place after 7 games. A good result at Stel vd Stel next Saturday could see them finish runners up, but to match our women, Durbanville will have to slip up badly in both their last two games which is possible as they still have to play WPCC and Edgemoad.

Our B side are in third place but way behind the two runaway leaders Somerset West and Bellville. A very good result against Somerset West in the first game was unfortunately followed by a heavy defeat at Bellville and losing their last two matches has put paid to their chances of contesting top spot in this division. This must be a big disappointment to the selectors who adopted a policy of choosing all the best available players for the B side to try and win division 1B even though promotion could not happen unless the A side were relegated. The following are my own views but I know they are shared by others. Because our C team are also in division 1 this policy has consequences, because it condemns the C team to be uncompetitive and to battle against all the odds to survive. They may not be out of danger yet because although they have a few points in hand over Camps Bay they still have to play both Pinelands and Mowbray who are battling it out for promotion. With only the residue of players not selected for the B side the C team have done very well to pick up points in all their matches but I am not sure how many of the team will wish to repeat the experience next year if the same policy is repeated and they are not relegated this season. It is difficult to enjoy matches when you are constantly uncompetitive and on the receiving end of heavy defeats by much stronger opposition. We might even be down to fielding only two sides next season. The current league tables are shown below:

<b>LOG POSITIONS PREMIER LEAGUE</b>					<b>LOG POSITIONS DIVISION 1B</b>				
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>SHOTS FOR</b>	<b>SHOTS AGAINST</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SHOT DIFF</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>SHOTS FOR</b>	<b>SHOTS AGAINST</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>SHOT DIFF</b>
DURBANVILLE	443	365	73.5	78	SOMERSET WEST A	505	347	86	158
STEL VD STEL	447	399	66	48	BELLVILLE A	457	324	85.5	133
<b>CONSTANTIA</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>CONSTANTIA B</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>39</b>
EDGEMOAD	410	377	60.5	33	POLLSMOOR A	420	324	60.5	96
GLEN	415	390	55.5	25	MEADOWRIDGE A	382	390	51	-8
OAKDALE	398	389	53.5	9	WPCC C	403	418	44	-15
WPCC	366	399	41	-33	MILNERTON A	353	410	44	-57
HELDERBERG	386	449	41	-63	EDGEMOAD C	343	436	39.5	-93
GOODWOOD	369	416	37.5	-47	BERGVLIET A	340	420	33	-80
PLUMSTEAD	341	412	34	-71	OLD OAK B	317	490	20	-173

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PINELANDS A	443	354	76.5	89
MOWBRAY A	444	377	68.5	67
EDGEMOAD B	445	358	66.5	87
WPCC B	396	400	59	-4
S A POLICE A	396	374	55.5	22
OLD OAK A	389	393	51	-4
GOODWOOD B	389	406	41	-17
<b>CONSTANTIA C</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-80</b>
GORDONS BAY A	352	422	39.5	-70
CAMPS BAY A	333	423	27.5	-90

## **ELECTRICITY**

As many of you will know our Lease expires at the end of 2018, and we have furnished the Municipality, at their request, with a comprehensive joint future usage plan for ourselves and VOB. The probability is we will be offered a new Lease but the terms will not include many of the subsidies we enjoyed in the past. We have seen evidence of the Municipalities thinking as they have stopped the provision of fertilizer and installed an electricity meter that obligates us to fund all our consumption. The Executive are very grateful to **Kevin Pattenden** for providing them with a breakdown of our probable consumption, area by area, which suggests our monthly costs will be circa R7500-00. This is an estimate because we have not experienced a full year of metered electricity but it is likely to be very close to the actual cost. **The Exco are looking at options to reduce our costs but are also looking to members to help by switching off lights etc that are not needed.**

The big consumers of electricity are (monthly cost):

<u><b>AREA</b></u>	<u><b>ELECTRICAL FITTINGS OR APPLIANCES</b></u>	<u><b>RAND PM</b></u>
<b>Main Hall</b>	Florescent lights-Incandescent lights and Downlighters	770-00
	Cleaning & TV	120-00
<b>Main Roof</b>	Geyser No.1 & 2	920-00
<b>Bar</b>	Florescent lights and Downlighters	450-00
	Tills	110-00
	Refrigeration	340-00
<b>Kitchen</b>	Florescent lights Kettle Urn Dishwasher	430-00
<b>Outdoors</b>	Borehole Pump	420-00
	HP Distribution Pump	400-00
	Security Lighting	280-00
<b>Flatlet</b>	Various	800-00

We have received a directive from WP regarding drinking alcohol on the green during matches they organise. Please see below:

## **DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE GREENS**

We have recently received a complaint about certain individuals drinking alcoholic beverages on the greens during Flag games.

The WPB office would like to place on record that it does not condone this practice in any way. This practice, depending on the liquor licence of each independent club, may be an offence which could result in the club's licence being revoked. It is also, in the opinion of the office, disrespectful to both our sponsor, Personal Trust, and the opponents against whom the offenders are playing.

We therefore respectfully request that all club Presidents please inform all their club players competing in WP affiliated competitions, that the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the greens during play is outlawed.

We trust that we can rely on your co-operation and understanding re this matter.

## **BAREFOOT BOWLS**

The efforts put in by **Peter Cottrill and Linda** are paying dividends with their initiative to introduce barefoot bowls on Friday afternoons that is open to all comers. It was so good to see a green full of Barefoot Bowlers on B Green last Friday night. More than twenty-five people turned up and everyone seemed to be in a jovial mood and stayed late. We are looking for any old bowls bags that members have spare to store and transport the numerous sets of bowls we have accumulated and are used by the barefoot bowlers. We all hope that their sterling efforts will result in attracting a few much-needed new members.

### **Bowls South Africa Open Inter Districts Tournament Sponsored by Perfect Delivery** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

WPBA are the hosts and organisers of this major event in the SA bowling calendar. They have appointed four clubs as host clubs of which we at Constantia are very proud to have been appointed. The others are WPCC (HQ), Durbanville and Edgemoed

We achieved this prestigious honour because we have greens of a high standard that have passed inspection. We also have the facilities and organising abilities to deliver what is required. (Let's hope that it does not rain through our roof during the week).

Our top team for the event are:-

**Eddie (Sharp Pencils) Curtis** – Club Tournament Official

**Terry (Green Fingers) Hepworth** – Green Keeper

**Felecia (Spicey) Pillay** – Catering Manager

**Nicky (Love You All) Parker** - Beverage Manager

In addition **Petal Jones, Peter Cottrell and Clem Douglas** will be fulfilling roles as Umpires.

Our own Club Secretary, **Chris Nurrish**, will be nowhere to be seen as he is on the Central Steering Committee based at HQ where he will be in charge of all record keeping. During the week he will be the hardest working member and probably work the longest hours. Good luck Chris we are proud of you.

Most important for us, and which fills us with pride, is that Constantia Bowling Club has the largest number of members of any club to be selected into the WP Team. We have eight ladies and four men. Once again congratulations among the ladies to **Moira Standley, Daryll Edwards, Lynda Nurrish, Linda Stringer, Flo George, Cheryl Saunders, Taz Bright, Lynn Clark**. Taz and Lynn have achieved provincial colours for the first time. Amongst the men, we have **Neels Kotze, Peter Harvey, Alan Lofthouse and Roy Clark** all are seasoned provincial bowlers. Well done to the Clark husband and wife selected in the team. Good bowling !

We will have bowlers from around the country coming to practice at our club on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. We will light fires for a "Bring and Braai" at midday. All members are encouraged to join in and welcome bowlers from afar to Cape Town. We also host a "Club Night" on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> when Felecia will prepare a tasty supper for any participating bowlers, their supporters and CBC club members at a very nominal price. Please order from her well in advance (083 738 0609).

Constantia members are encouraged to attend as many ID events as possible where you will have the opportunity to view the best bowlers in the country competing for their District's honours. Watch the notice boards for details.

**See you there!**

### A few light hearted one liners and quotes

She Left Note on the fridge: "It's Not Working! Can't Take It Anymore" He opened the fridge, the beer was cold and he said: "WTF is she talking about?"

A cute nurse came for an interview. Dr "What Salary do you expect"? Nurse "R10,000". Dr was overjoyed and said "My Pleasure". Nurse replied "With pleasure its R25000

Bifocals are God's way of saying, "Keep your chin up."

I'd rather spend ten minutes rearranging the dishwasher to accommodate something than spend 30 seconds washing it by hand.

So, what if I can't spell *Armageddon*? It's not the end of the world.

Halloween is the beginning of the holiday shopping season. That's for women. The beginning of the holiday shopping season for men is Christmas Eve.

At what age, do you think it's appropriate to tell a highway it's adopted?

Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography.

I got my hair highlighted because I thought some strands were more important than others.

A farmer counted 196 cows in the field. But when he rounded them up, he had 200.

I once bought my kid a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying "Toys not included."

The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades

Some guy's looking at this old picture of me with no beard. Then he looks at me and goes, "You grow a beard?" No, I shave my photos.

Where there's a will, there's a relative

Being president is like running a cemetery: You've got a lot of people under you, and nobody's listening.

I have a fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it.

I'm reading a great book about antigravity—I just can't put it down

I never forget a face—but in your case, I'll be glad to make an exception.

## Upcoming Social Events:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017: TRIVIA EVENING (18h30 for 19h00)

As this is also St. Patricks Day, the evening will have an Irish theme.  
Do you have the luck of the Irish?  
Please join in the fun by wearing green!

Shepard's Pie and a GREEN salad will be available for supper but must be pre-ordered.  
Please put your name on the list on the events notice board should you wish to order a meal for the evening. (List will be up by tabs-in on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March)  
Alternatively, send your order to Heather on 082 800 5308 or [heather.c@vodamail.co.za](mailto:heather.c@vodamail.co.za)

Format/cost: Teams of no more than 4 persons at a cost of R25.00 per person.  
Smaller teams are welcome.  
Supper will be served during the break.  
If you're not ordering a meal, please feel free to bring your own snacks.  
All welcome (including Leprechauns and family)!

Due to the Easter holidays and the Constantia Classic, there will be no planned social events during April.

Do, however, watch the notice board for details regarding future events including, but not limited to:

- The first ever **CONSTANTIA BOWLING CLUB BABY COMPETITION**
- **BABY COMPETITION GRAND FINALE** along with a **CURRY EVENING** at the clubhouse (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017)
- Bowlers who are not involved with the Nationals can look forward to a Saturday afternoon tabs-in with a difference. We'll be playing **SNAKES AND LADDERS ON THE GREEN.**  
All points will once again be tallied up and added to the Battle of the Sexes running score. (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017)
- **OOM SCHALK- FROM THE HEART** – Still in the planning stages – watch this space (and the notice board!!) for more details.
- **BATTLE OF THE SEXES TRIVIA** evening, incorporating a “Test your Partner”. Your partner can be your pairs partner or your spouse – you decide!  
Points go to the Battle of the Sexes competition.
- **CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST** A Sunday meal at the club with a Christmas theme.

**I hope all members will try and support these events and the whole Club should be very grateful to Heather Cawood for her efforts in managing these events.**

**John Perryman**

**Editor**

