



Marks Park Update
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Editor's note....

Awkward situation, having to write a preferably sporty piece when a Cricket Test to decide the series against England has only just begun, and after some drizzle to oblige them and make them feel at home, those wily Sassenachs are more than 100 without loss.

Captain Faf lost the toss again, which is unforgiveable, as he really should brush up on his pretidigital skills in the service of his country, the way the Australians do with sandpaper.

The situation brings to mind an observation about Ireland by historian John Mahaffy: in Ireland the inevitable never happens, and the unexpected constantly occurs. We sure need a bit of that now!

Not that I am as biased as Sinead Murphy, who said "I was brought up to respect the peoples of all nations, unlike those feckin' English heathens." We prefer to follow the editorial policy (especially in the middle of a Test match) of keeping our words soft and tender, because tomorrow you might have to eat them.

Ag man, let's rather reminisce about rugby.

But back to our venerable Edwardian club. The shiny new floor in the main watering hole is a grand start to the new year. Many thanks to the great powers that be, and the guardians of the purse strings.

The members who regularly enjoy a sociable beverage or two have been calling for this renovation for some time. Your lowly scribe, who once lay on that same floor for some time during a heart attack, remarked that at least next time he will have a nice clean, hygienic floor to lie on.

We nearly forgot to wish you all a happy, prosperous, magical, corrupt, crooked and kleptomaniacal New Year.

Do send news and comments in to Sandy, good or bad, and she will relay it to the usual suspect, Uncle Terence. Remember that to an editor news is great fun, just as the capsizing of a boat in Sydney Harbour is great fun for the sharks.

Terry Friend 😊

Manager's Comment

Welcome again Terry. Our News Letter is just not the same without your Editor's note. Thank you Sandy for begging him to assist again.

Well this is the first News Letter of the year and we from Marks Park Sports Club want to wish each and every member a Happy New year. May all your dreams come true and we truly hope that 2020 will be full of Blessings and Happiness.

We are already in February and I would like to thank all of you for coming back to Marks Park yet another year. We did send Invoices out so I just want to request that you come to the office if you did not receive your Invoice. You as our members are the back bone of the Club and we need each and every one off you to make this year successful.

We had our first Staff Birthday on the 27 of January. Norman Mkwanzazi, we wish you well for 2020 and hope you will have a year of note! 😊



Social....

I am totally unashamed to say I've begged Terry to keep writing for us! Thank you, Terry for 'filling the gap' once more, I'm sure everyone will be as delighted as I am to have your anecdotes!



We've had a gentle start to the year seeing many of our members. We have danced, met for Darts and for lunches and renewed old friendships.

Sadly the Corona virus has forced the Chinese Embassy to close down all large gatherings in case anyone in the vicinity should be carrying the virus without realizing they were incubating it. This is sad, but it is the right thing to do as a precaution.

We hope you enjoy visiting some of the new places we'll have on our programme in the coming months. We are trying some new things and some new venues, whilst still returning to the places we enjoy.

Our Valentine's party is filling up nicely – don't be left out – book early as numbers are limited so that we have plenty of dancing space!

Here's to a great year! 😊

Take care,
Sandy.

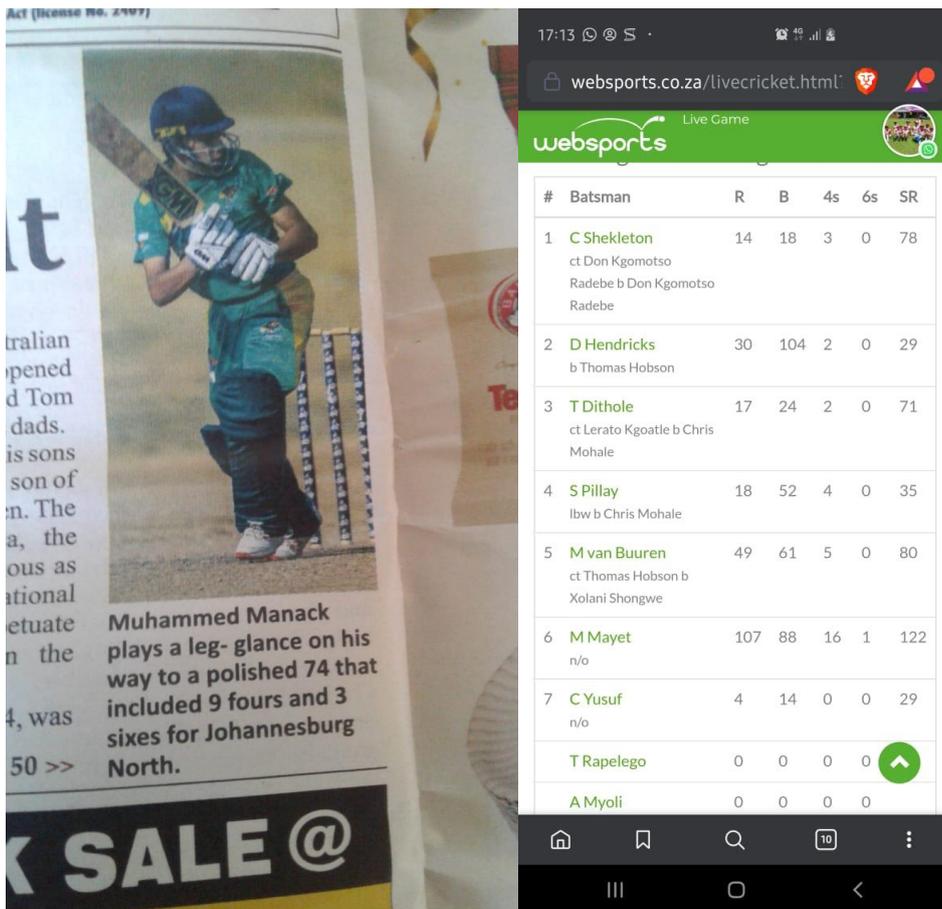
Social Highlights of the Month

- PUB NIGHT – Friday 7th February – live music by Adrian Beecham from 6:00 p.m.
- Marks Park Valentine's Party – Saturday 15th February. Bookings: Sandy
- Marks Park Social Club Bring & Braai – Sunday 23rd February 12:00noon

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[17:14, 11/29/2019] +27 82 852 4667: Our coaches have been doing some amazing work and we are beginning to see the fruits of that labour

[17:16, 11/29/2019] +27 82 852 4667: Allen you are one of those coaches having assisted us with vital skills that we continue to pass onto the kids. 🙌

[17:17, 11/29/2019] Allen McCabe: Awesome Yasin. Great news. Keep the flag flying ✓👍🙌

PLEASE NOTE: All material to be included in next month's Newsletter should be submitted by **FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY** the **MARCH NEWSLETTER** to: sandy@uparty.co.za

Thought for the month:

Be happy with what you have while working for what you want. - Author Unknown