



Marks Park Sports Club

Monthly Newsletter

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Manager's Comment

Dear Patrons,

We are already in lockdown - I know so many of you are sick and tired of hearing this word but our combined efforts are so important. To all the people that are alone, we think and pray for you. You are not alone in missing your families and friends. There are millions of people who feel the same. Be positive and keep on smiling. We are alive and we live on this beautiful earth. Think positively – send an email or write a letter to a loved one and, when you see that person again, give it to him/her.

Although the month of March was a trying one, many good things happened and that is what we need to concentrate on. Do not dwell on what could have been or what can be, but what is actually happening now! The saying, “Life goes on”, is so true.

We will survive and we will see one another soon to rejoice in being alive and healthy.

Let us all pray that this virus will go away soon and never be seen again. God our Almighty Heavenly Father is good!

See you all soon.

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CRICKET...

Cricket at Marks Park Sports Club (MPSC) has come to an abrupt halt just like all sports due to circumstances beyond our control. Although depressing, there was still much to celebrate at Marks Park Cricket Club (MPCC).



Marks Park has teams across junior and senior age groups. We have u7, u9, u11, u13 and u15 Junior Teams and Senior Teams that play on Saturdays and Sundays.

Junior teams are based on participation, allowing all players a fair chance to play and to nurture a love and passion for the game.

However, the Senior League is a competitive one and all games are scored and tracked. Overall, as a Club, we have done well again in terms of results. Most teams finished towards top and mid table.

The one team that stands out this year is the Sunday 7 Team, which is a 'transition' team where mainly junior players get the opportunity to play in a senior league. This league allows two over 18 players per team and 35 overs are played on a Sunday. There were 14 other teams in this league and, out of the 11 games played, this team won 11 games with 11 bonus points. This is a remarkable achievement considering that the average age of this team is 13 years old.

There were some stellar performances from this team with both bat and ball but the key to their success was working together as a team on and off the field. The parent and spectator support was a contributory factor as well.

The team was coached and managed by **Ayub Sayed** and **Ketan Jeevan** and captained by **Zayd Whyte**. In the field, our wicket keeper, **Zain Jansen**, was outstanding behind the stumps, taking 13 catches and stumpings from the 9 matches he played.

With the ball **Yahya Bhabha**, topped the wickets column with 28 wickets in the 10 matches he had played - this at an average of 6.39 and an economy of 3.6.

Captain **Zayd Whyte** lead from the front with the bat, scoring 571 runs from 9 innings. This included 2 hundreds and 3 fifties. He finished the season with a strike rate of 108.14 and an average of 71.38.

Season stats for the Sunday 7 team can be seen online on this link:

<https://cricclubs.com/MarksParkCricketClub/listMatches.do?league=14&clubId=6070>

This was, overall, a top performance from this young team and the future looks bright for MPCC going forward.

The MPCC Sunday 7 Team was undefeated for the season and won the league. This team will be recognized at the CGL Club awards which will be held later in the year.



(Back left to right) – Ketan Jeevan, Jai Bava, Zaid Hassim, Zayd Whyte (C), Yahya Bhabha, Krishay Patel, Veer Daya, Fayaz Vawda, Ayub Sayed. (Front left to right)– Zain Jansen, Morteza Manack, Armaan Manack, Rashid Ahmed Sayed, Mikaeel Garda. (Absent) – Abdullah Danka, Hamza Danka, Yusuf Danka, Salmaan Salajee, Mustafa Malik.

MPCC is one of the bigger clubs in the Central Gauteng Lions League (CGL).



MPCC has a pipeline strategy where we look at nurturing talent right from u7 through to the senior leagues and higher. We currently have senior players playing at the Highveld Strikers.

For more information please check our website and social media pages on:

<https://marksparkcricket.co.za/>

<https://twitter.com/MarksParkCC>

<https://www.facebook.com/marksparkcc/>

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Bulls-eye

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EMMARENTIA – Marks Park Archery Club gave it its best shot when it hosted the annual Gauteng Target Champions on 29 February and 1 March.



Nothing was left in the quiver when the best shots from across the province, and some from Europe, lined up to compete over the two days. It was a special treat for organisers when a contingent of archers from Czech Republic and Slovakia entered to help prepare for the Tokyo Olympics in July and August.

The tournament also saw several people shoot from a wheelchair or with prosthetic limbs. On the first day there was what archers call a 1-440 round. This involved each archer shooting 36 arrows at each of four distances, adding up to 144 arrows shot. Each arrow can yield up to 10 points, hence a maximum score of 1-440. The second day saw a 720 round with eliminations. Archers were also seeded early in the day and placed into groups so the best archers would not compete with each other in the group stages. It was only in the final rounds that the best-performing archers took each other on. "The championships have been a great success," said Marks Park Archery Club secretary and event organiser, Charmaine Ho. "We had no play lost to the rain on the weekend and a highlight was the visitors from overseas. It will be great that they can go back and say they had a nice event in Africa."



The winners

Compound bow men:

- Christian de Klerk – Gold
- Altus Aucamp – Silver
- Patrick Roux – Bronze

Compound bow men's paraplegic division:

- Justin Abrams – Gold
- Phillip Coates-Palgrave – Silver
- Shaun Anderson – Bronze

Recurve Men:

- Martin Hamor (Czech Republic) – Gold
- Vivien de Klerk – Silver
- Hannes Agenbag – Bronze

Recurve Women:

- Marie Horackova (Czech Republic) – Gold
- Alexandra Longova (Czech Republic) – Silver
- Corien Whitehead – Bronze



Martin Hamor of the Czech Republic aims his recurve bow at the bulls-eye at Marks Park Archery Club ahead of the Tokyo Olympics. INSET: Archers tally up their scores. Photos: Nicholas Zaal

BASEBALL...

The new season for seniors will commence in late April depending on the status of the Coronavirus.

The softball ladies have finished their season. They are very happy to be a part of Marks Park. The opposition teams who visited our club for softball games were all very impressed with the beautiful set-up and facilities which Marks Park offers.

Hope everyone is keeping safe during this time of lockdown.

We cannot wait to be back at the club to continue our activities.

Regards
Allen McCabe

TENNIS...

Our Annual Club Championships drew to a close on Saturday, 14 March. This tournament showcased some exceptional tennis but, more importantly, those who participated enjoyed every moment of being on the court, especially now that we are restricted to our homes.

Uys Jordaan ran out the winner of the Men's Singles event once again, proving his prowess over a number of younger challengers along the way. The Ladies Singles event was won by Jessica Portwig, a newcomer to the club who beat Kim Peters in the final. Paul Trumpelmann and Uys Jordaan held onto the Men's Doubles title in an exciting match against Patrick Wysoczarski and Philip Lawson. Kim Peters and Lisa Wade retained their Ladies Doubles titles, beating Lara Leech and Jocelyn Jardine to do so. Patrick Wysoczarski and Kim Peters took the Mixed Doubles title back from Paul Trumpelmann and Lara Leech.

There were many other tightly contested, thoroughly enjoyable matches along the way in the B, the veteran and handicap divisions. Suffice it to say that tennis is 'hale and hearty' at Marks Park. Our thanks go to our Chairman, Cyril Rudman, for his excellent organisation of the tournament.



Lynda Johnson

Hon. Secretary

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH...

