

## THE 88TH AYALA WINNERS!



The morning of 15 January 2015 saw 36 teams on the greens of Hermanus Bowling Club, ready to do battle for the honour of ***“Winner of the 88th Ayala Tournament.”***

A blind draw for the first round was followed by strength against strength for the remaining two games of 15 ends each on day one.

At the end of three games, the 36 teams were divided into three sections according to their position on the log. The first three teams in each section qualified for a prize, with the overall winners being the victorious team in Group A.

Going into round 4, there was one point difference between the first two teams in Group A. In Group B there were no less than three teams with the same score, with only a difference in shot profit. Group C likewise showed a difference of two points between the first two teams.

At the start of the sixth and last game the team of Peter Quinn from Caledon and John Stamper from Constantia were vying for first place in Group A. Close behind was WPCC, with the sponsor, Mark Gibbs, as a member, and then Riaan Pienaar's team from the home club.

The only other Hermanus team in the offing was that of Cedric Taylor in top position in Group C.

At the end of the day the team of Peter Quinn from Caledon emerged victorious and Chris Barnard from Kleinmond had moved up from 7th position to claim the second spot, followed by Riaan Pienaar from Hermanus.

The winners of Group B was Neil Stofberg, representing WPCC, second was Lionel Verwey from Edgemead and third was Pierré Niemann from Bredasdorp.

Group C's winner was Cedric Taylor, Sakkie Viljoen, Worcester was second and Alwyn Smit, L'Agulhas was third.

The Ayala Tournament is, as always, known for the camaraderie among players, some of whom have been playing in this tournament for 20+ years.

Hermanus Bowling Club wishes to thank the sponsor, Personal Trust for its continued financial support. A big thank you also to Mark Gibbs who puts his reputation as a bowls player on the line by entering a team every year.

As we all know, it is not easy in these tough economic times to find sponsors and we as bowlers should actively support our sponsors, like Personal Trust, for their willingness to help make the Ayala the prestige tournament it is.

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