

Cape

ENS v Bar Trophy on 16 February 2014 at the Newlands Oval

By Joel Krige

On Sunday, 16 February 2014, under a scorching 36°C sun (1°C hotter than last year), the Bar cricket team squared up at the Vineyard. It was the annual trophy match against Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs. Following ENS' trumping of the Bar last year, expectations were high. The boundary ropes were drawn to make a test-size field right up to the forecourt of the club house. Whether in response to the heat or the anticipated bloodletting, ENS had arranged for an ambulance with two medics to be on standby. Positioned in the shade of the Vineyard poplars, against the backdrop of Table Mountain, the medics kept a close watch. The participants also took the precaution of having drinks after every ten overs, to obviate the need for a medical evacuation.

Beyond the ropes and in the shade, Mesdames Cooke and Heyns and the little Cookes and Heynses and other team supporters lent an air of elegance and youth to the occasion.

Sportingly, ENS' captain Ayanda Mhlongo offered us the option of batting first. Donning our new logoed caps and

shirts, we were pleased to take up the offer. Mhlongo, of course, was putting his faith in ENS' fast bowlers who he hoped would make us wilt like Mitchell Johnson. André Botha (0 for 31 off 7), the husband of an ENS staffer who stood in at the last minute, and Warren Newton (3 for 39) kept the pressure on Attie Heyns and Roelof Steyn (11). Celebrating his joining the Bar, Steyn grabbed the chance to open the batting and took us to 16 for one off six overs. Peter Coston, who has played for Namibia, showed his pedigree by striking powerfully off the front foot, including a six over long on, for 18.

Darryl Cooke, our resident number-4 batsman, fresh from shark-cage diving, stepped up to the crease. Striking his habitual half-century, Cooke scored a grand 57 and Heyns, late cutting with deftness, scored 28. We were soon 100 for 4 off 20 overs, chasing 200 – par for the Vineyard course.

The veterans were followed by Iaan Coetzee, our regular guest attorney, who struck 25. Adrian Montzinger, spurred on like Dale Steyn, pumping after every lusty blow, struck 17 not out in partnership with another guest attorney, Paul Hartwick (18 not out). Hartwick hit a six into the oak trees to take our total to 194 off 35 overs.

Lunch, kindly provided by ENS, was a sumptuous affair, with waiters serving braai and a summer delight of juicy salads and deliciously ripe fruits.

Roy Gordon and Coetzee opened the bowling. Two wickets fell in the first two overs to each as ENS started to chase the game. In came the talented Jan Viviers (who bowled superbly for 1 for 37) to shore up the innings with Botha, who struck 39 runs. Viviers was eventually caught behind for 13 patient runs off Gordon's swing bowling (2 for 29).

Viviers' and Botha's batting required a response and so, after the tenth over, we brought on slow wrist-spinner Steyn, rather than bowling him later, as second-change bowler. Steyn put in a stunning performance, beating the hat-trick of his last game and getting a 'fifer' – 5 for 10 off 4 overs. Steyn's mate, guest attorney Wouter Hanekom, took the last wicket, with figures on 1 for 1 in 1 over. He was helped on by Hartwick, who bowled with real style and grace, ending with impressive figures of 4 overs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets for 12 runs. And so we bowled ENS out for 72, snatching victory by 122 runs.

Choosing the man-of-the-match was a tough call: was it to be Cooke's 57 or Steyn's fifer? In consultation with the veteran Gordon, we decided that Steyn's fifer, the first for this team, really deserved the bottle of Backsberg Merlot presented by Ayanda.

The Bar team extends its appreciation to ENS for a great game, as good a match as any played since 2000 and a most enjoyable occasion. **A**



Victorious Cape Bar cricketing heroes!

Front from left to right: Attie Heyns, Darryl Cook, Joel Krige (captain), Roy Gordon, Jan Buurman. Back from left to right: Wouter Hanekom (attorney), Paul Hartwick (non-Bar member), Iaan Coetzee (attorney), Adrian Montzinger, Joel Krige, Peter Coston.

Cape: new members

By Luke Kelly

Since 1 December 2013, twenty four new members have joined the Cape Bar. They are: Yaaseen Abbas, Robin Bizony, Craig Bosch, Adam Delpont, Marie Enslin, Mark Filton, Angelique Heerink, Tamlyn Lambson, Dale Lubbe, Genevieve Mannel, Retha Marais, Pearl Mathibela, Adrian Montzinger, Jeanine Mook, Fairouz Nagia-Luddy, Uday Naidoo, Rae Niewenhuis, Yaseen Rawoot, Trish Sarkas, Fairuz Seria, Brandon Smith, Roelof Steyn, Pedro van Wyk, and Liandé Wade. **A**