

## National Club Championship Reflections by Dr Lyndon Bouah

The South African National Club Championship was held from 22 to 25 September at the University of the Western Cape. The event was held by Western Cape Chess under the auspices of Chess South Africa.



*National Club Championship 2017 with more than 200 players and 45 teams*

Two sections were contested by clubs from the Western Cape, Free State and The Eastern Cape. The event was dominated by Manyanani Chess Club from Cape Town who won both the A and B sections. They have done themselves proud by playing good chess.

Going into the event they were seeded first with heavyweights IM Watu Kobese, IM Donovan Van Den Heever and FM Shabier Bhawoodien. They were a plus supported by Warrick Erlank and Gordon Lawrence. I could see from Watu's body language that they meant business as he was aggressive on and off the board (in a positive way!). Manyanani played six matches, won 4 and drew two, one with Steinitz B and ACL A.



*1<sup>st</sup> place winners, Manyanani Chess Club A*

The team that ended second was MRL who has shown great promise. The reigning WP Champions was spearheaded by FM Calvin Klaasen and was ably supported CM Maxwell Solomon and Graham Solomon and Johan Laurie. They scored heavy wins but the final day proved their undoing as they were not able to win their matches on the final day but they had done enough to secure second place already.



*2nd place winners, MRL A*

Steinitz chess club A scored as many match points as Manyanani but could only come third as they unfortunately only win with low scores. They won 5 matches and lost only one to the champions. A tough one for the proud club.



*3rd place winners, Steinitz A*

African Chess Lounge came fourth with Steinitz B in fifth position. Both teams played uncompromising chess and the players can be proud of their achievements.



*4th place winners, ACL A*

## CHAMPIONSHIP A – SECTION

### Final Ranking crosstable after 6 Rounds

Rk.	Mannschaft	1.Rd	2.Rd	3.Rd	4.Rd	5.Rd	6.Rd	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	Manyanani A	7w3½	5b2	10w3½	3w3	2b2½	4b2	16,5	10	0	225,3
2	MRL A	11w3	10b2½	5w3½	8b4	1w1½	3b1½	16,0	8	0	201,3
3	Steinitz A	14b2½	12w3½	4w3	1b1	6b2½	2w2½	15,0	10	0	192,8
4	African Chess Lounge A	16b3	6w3½	3b1	5w1½	12b4	1w2	15,0	7	0	178,8
5	Steinitz B	9w3½	1w2	2b½	4b2½	11w3	7b2½	14,0	9	0	181,5
6	Port Elizabeth A	15w3	4b½	7w1½	10b4	3w1½	8b3	13,5	6	0	152,8
7	Zuckertort A	1b½	9w3	6b2½	12w1½	14b3½	5w1½	12,5	6	0	144,0
8	Stellenbosch A	12w1½	14w3	15b3½	2w0	9b2½	6w1	11,5	6	2	114,0
9	Bellville A	5b½	7b1	16w3	13b3	8w1½	11b2½	11,5	6	0	115,5
10	University of the Western Cape A	13b3	2w1½	1b½	6w0	16b3½	12w2½	11,0	6	0	113,5
11	African Chess Lounge B	2b1	13w1½	14b2½	15w3	5b1	9w1½	10,5	4	0	110,3
12	University of Cape Town A	8b2½	3b½	13w3	7b2½	4w0	10b1½	10,0	6	0	114,0
13	Capablanca A	10w1	11b2½	12b1	9w1	15b2½	16w2	10,0	5	0	95,0
14	University of Cape Town B	3w1½	8b1	11w1½	16b2	7w½	15w2½	9,0	3	0	92,3
15	Mitchells Plain A (FOORD MP)	6b1	16w3	8w½	11b1	13w1½	14b1½	8,5	2	0	80,8
16	MRL B	4w1	15b1	9b1	14w2	10w½	13b2	7,5	2	0	78,5

#### Annotation:

Tie Break1: points (game-points)

Tie Break2: [Matchpoints \(variabel\)](#)

Tie Break3: The results of the teams in then same point group according to Matchpoints

Tie Break4: FIDE-Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break

In the ban section Manyanani B pipped Steinitz C to the finish line in an exciting match that went down to the wire. 28 teams competed in this division and a good spirit was shown by all all teams.



## PRESTIGE B – SECTION

### Final Ranking crosstable after 6 Rounds

Rk.	Mannschaft	1.Rd	2.Rd	3.Rd	4.Rd	5.Rd	6.Rd	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	Manyanani B	22w2	25b3½	15w4	6b3½	2w1	7w3	17,0	9	0	55,75
2	Steinitz C	13w4	6b2	8b3	9w3	1b3	3w1½	16,5	9	0	65,75
3	Blackjacks A	9b3	17w2½	7b2	8w2½	18b3	2b2½	15,5	11	0	74,75
4	UWC B	16b2	5w3	12b3	7w1½	10b3	9w2½	15,0	9	0	61,25
5	Uitsig	23w2½	4b1	13w1	28b4	12w2½	18b4	15,0	8	0	41,00
6	Blackjacks B	24b4	2w2	10b3	1w½	8b2½	11w2½	14,5	9	0	59,75
7	Steinitz D	28b4	8w1½	3w2	4b2½	16w3½	1b1	14,5	7	0	40,75
8	Life is Good	29w4	7b2½	2w1	3b1½	6w1½	20b4	14,5	6	0	29,00
9	Steinitz E	3w1	14b4	11w3	2b1	13w3½	4b1½	14,0	6	0	39,00
10	CPUT A	18w3½	15b2½	6w1	13b2½	4w1	16b3	13,5	8	0	47,50
11	Grassy Park A	14b3	12w2	9b1	22w3	19b3	6b1½	13,5	7	0	40,50
12	PECC B	26w3	11b2	4w1	23b2½	5b1½	19w3	13,0	7	0	36,75
13	Steinitz F	2b0	27w4	5b3	10w1½	9b½	26w4	13,0	6	0	32,00
14	Worcester CC	11w1	9w0	29b4	17b2½	15w2	23b3	12,5	7	0	32,00
15	Bellville B	21b4	10w1½	1b0	20w1½	14b2	24w3	12,0	5	0	26,75
16	UWC C	4w2	23b2½	17b3½	18w2	7b½	10w1	11,5	6	0	35,00
17	Condogreen Mplain B	20b3	3b1½	16w½	14w1½	22b2	27w3	11,5	5	0	24,25
18	Crossroads A	10b½	24w4	19b3½	16b2	3w1	5w0	11,0	5	2	26,75
19	Elsies Blitzkrieg	25w2	22b2½	18w½	26b4	11w1	12b1	11,0	5	0	23,75
20	Steinitz G	17w1	26b2½	22w2	15b2½	23w2½	8w0	10,5	7	0	36,25
21	Steinitz H	15w0	--2	27b2½	25w2	26b1	28w3	10,5	6	0	19,75
22	ACL C	1b2	19w1½	20b2	11b1	17w2	--2	10,5	4	0	19,50
23	Chess Kings	5b1½	16w1½	28b3½	12w1½	20b1½	14w1	10,5	2	0	6,50
24	UWC D	6w0	18b0	--2	27w3	25b4	15b1	10,0	5	0	18,00
25	Drakenstein Dragons A	19b2	1w½	26w1	21b2	24w0	29b4	9,5	4	0	14,75
26	CPUT B	12b1	20w1½	25b3	19w0	21w3	13b0	8,5	4	0	20,00
27	Young Knights	--2	13b0	21w1½	24b1	29w3	17b1	8,5	3	0	4,00
28	TSiBA	7w0	29b3	23w½	5w0	--2	21b1	6,5	3	0	4,00
29	The Four Knights	8b0	28w1	14w0	--2	27b1	25w0	4,0	1	0	0,00

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Tie Break4: Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break (with real points)

I shall in my next report look at the individual players.

Regards.

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