

Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Competition NPC

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Stakeholder Communication – July 2022

Warm greetings to all from a cold and wet Cape Town with snow forecast on the high lying areas over the next few weeks. The countdown has begun and are just over month to go before the start of the Boland 90 Event. We therefore look forward to the **re-launch the Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge over the weekend of Friday 23 to Sunday 25 September 2022 at the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve** just outside Grabouw in the Western Cape, South Africa.

We successfully hosted the second recce over the weekend of 17 to 19 June 2022 with an overnight at the Boesmanskloof hut. We started hiking the Orchard trail during very testing weather conditions with early morning heavy downpours, hail and raging rivers which forced us to change our plans for the day due to safety concerns. It was yet another reminder of what to expect when out in the Boland mountains during winter and the safety of our group. Well done to the group of marshals on the hike who preserved in these conditions. The group decided to travel by road to the hut to overnight there and hike some of the route from the hut side where we could see the impact of the heavy downpours on the trail.



As can be seen below some of our group on the trail where we again had a scholar team participate as a training hike together with the marshals in our group. Also great to see so many ladies experienced hikers as marshal volunteers. We look forward to more volunteers for the upcoming recce's remaining.



EVENT ENTRIES

We are pleased to see the responses since our event entries opened in May and have decided to extend the period to enter to 16 September 2022. A separate notice will also

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be distributed which provides all the details of how to enter and the cost per person for the event. Those teams who would like to join the planned recce's may also do so and will be hosted overnight at no cost subject to space availability (as Marshals will be prioritised) and will be on a first-come-first-serve-basis. All teams are also requested to nominate a marshal volunteer.

CALL FOR MARSHALS VOLUNTEERS

We are further calling for Marshal Volunteers for the remaining planned recce's in the Nuweberg Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve for the following remaining dates to diarise as follows:

Recce # 3	29 to 31 July 2022	Landroskop
Recce # 4	26 to 28 August 2022	Boesmans Kloof

This will include all marshals, event officials and search and rescue teams, the full details and itinerary to be provided to those committed for these dates. A marshal application form would be provided to those interested and available for these dates. Kindly share this with your club members and other interested persons. The contact details for this are as follows:

Area of interest	Contact person	Contact details
Marshal volunteers	Mr Bennie Pietersen	Benjamin.pietersen@boland90.co.za
Competition matters	Director	082 202 5821

The key purpose of the recce's includes the marshal orientation, training and development as well as route planning logistics for the event. Please also see our separate Call for marshals' notice to be shared within your networks for anyone interested.

We were again warmly welcomed by the Nuweberg Community the Friday evening when we arrived at the last weekend recce.



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As previously received with thanks please continue to send us your comments, questions, suggestions as we look forward to hear from you as we work towards the re-launch of the Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge in September 2022. Kindly feel free to share this communication amongst your members within your organizations and networks.



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