

Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Competition NPC

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Boland 90 Event Newsletter November 2022

Warm greetings as we approach summer and with the silly season nearly upon us at this time. As we are writing this communication it feels almost unreal that **we have successfully re-launched the Boland 90 Interclub Hiking Challenge Event during September 2022.**

The journey since our first communication in December 2020 has been a long road and the successful event re-launch happened despite the many challenges we have had to navigate since. Over the past several months of this year we have successfully hosted 5 planned recce's whereby we overnight at the various huts for some of the recce's that enabled the team to hike all the trails used for the event and experience first-hand the current conditions of the route and meaningfully engage in the event tactical planning.

Given that the majority of the marshal volunteers were new to the event this experience has benefited them immensely especially as we build for the future. This applied to the scholar teams as well as a few of the prospective competitor teams who joined the recce's as part of their preparations for the challenge.

In this newsletter we also would like to acknowledge the support we received and the people involved as well as the key aspects of the successful 2022 Challenge.

THE BOLAND 90 IHC 2022 EVENT

We finally welcomed 4 teams at the opening ceremony after the withdrawal of a few teams for various reasons. The 4 teams competed in two categories, namely 3 teams in the men's category and 1 in the scholars category. It was particularly pleasing to see the teams from Nuweberg participating especially given their scholars team was the event champions the last time the event was hosted in 2007.

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The event started well with some early rain on day 1 but otherwise ideal hiking conditions throughout the event and we are pleased that we had no reported incidents and no major injuries occurred apart from the usual blisters that typically come with the territory.

On the final stage of day 3, one member from Nuweberg Team 2 withdrew from the event due to severe blisters as well as safety concerns regarding his limited gear. Despite this the teams all finished strong and the average hiking time per day was 08hrs30mins for the two stages.

In the category for men, congratulations to **NUWEBERG TEAM 1**, the **2022 BOLAND 90 INTERCLUB HIKING CHALLENGE WINNERS** with a total points tally of 164.

The 2022 Mens Champions Nuweberg Team 1 pictured on the right includes from *l* to *r*, McDullyn Mentoor (*Captain*), Bradley Ockhuis, Ruwaan Booysen and Clinton Hendricks



It is therefore fitting that the Nuweberg Team won given the success of their scholars team at the last event held. We furthermore congratulate all the teams that completed the challenge and particularly the scholars team from Lotus Secondary School who was the only scholars team and representing the youth at the event. We hope to welcome more scholar teams in the future as we look to grow the challenge for future generations.

EVENT SUPPORT

The event would not have happened the way it did if it were not for the amazing team of marshal volunteers, all 23 of them who demonstrated dedication over several months and in all weather conditions, learning about the event, the routes and mountain safety. The **Class of 2022 Marshals Team** as seen in the group photo further below, **we salute you and appreciate your hard work to make this event a success.**



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As can be seen in the marshals group photograph we had nearly two thirds (14) women volunteers for the event and at the recce's during the year which is most welcomed. Also in the overall marshals team for this year the youngest was 17 and the oldest was 80 years of age which was a good mix of youth and experience. It was also a privilege spending time in the mountains with and getting to know the marshal volunteers a little better over the course of this year as well as seeing a team spirit developing. We look forward to the New Year with enthusiasm and renewed energy to build on this year's successful event.

We recently received our post event environmental report from **NCC**, the environmental



management plan partners and appreciate their positive views on the overall event environmental compliance whilst acknowledging the various areas for improvement. The on-site Environmental Control Officers team pictured here provided the onsite event compliance support and we appreciate their inputs during our debriefing sessions.

A huge thank you to NCC for their partnership approach with the event since the very early days when we started.

We also had support from the **City of Cape Town Disaster Management Special Events** volunteers supported by the **Western Cape Provincial Department of Health Emergency Medical Services** for the duration of the event. The diligence and enthusiasm of the medical team during the event is most appreciated and we thank them for their key contribution to the success of the event.

It was very special to have had original event partner **Delta Search & Rescue** (part of Wilderness Search & Rescue) support the overall search and rescue safety component of the 2022 Boland 90 event. This has been a long association and we are grateful to Delta and their team of volunteers (*pictured*) onsite for the duration of the event making a significant contribution to the success of this year's event.



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We also acknowledge our key partnership with the Cape Nature team over the past few years when we started the conversations to re-launch the event with their incredible support across many areas including the onsite team at the Reserve making themselves available afterhours and as required by the event. Your support to the event was instrumental and contributed to its success in no small measure. Thank you, thank you, thank you! As part of the routes used during the event includes the private land of Mara Farm (part of Fruitways Farms) where we also include the task and challenge activity. We thank Mr Roux Niewoudt from Mara Farm for access to the farm during the event as well as the recce's we arranged during the year which contributed to our successful event this year.

A special thank you also goes to the Nuweberg Community who came out to support their teams every day during the event and truly brought their *gees* at the starting line as well as at the prize-giving. It was clear what this meant to the community that one of their own were crowned champions.



Also pleasing to see the youth of the community as involved in their support and no doubt we



hope to see them as future participants in the event which we look forward to. We are also grateful for the event endorsement from the Nuweberg Kommittee when we started the planning a few year ago with support from Mr Marius Lintnaar and Ms Lilian Kruger.

Whilst we have had many positive engagements with various organizations during the year we have not been able to secure the kind of **sponsorship** required for the event and it remains a challenge.

Having said that there are some organizations which we are grateful for their support including teams sponsorship from **Cape Canopy Tours** (<https://www.canopytour.co.za/locations/cape/>) as well as access to their facilities on-site, **Western Cape Education Department Safe Schools** (<https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/safe-schools-programme>) for their inflatable

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banner, **Cape Nature** (<https://www.capenature.co.za/>) for their facilities during the event as well as our recce's through the year.



We also appreciate the sponsorship of high performance **Bridgedale** hiking socks (<https://www.bridgedale.com/>) to each participant in all the teams by Mr Trevor Wyborn (*pictured*) who can be seen here handing over the socks. All the participants changed into the socks and it was most appreciated by the hikers. Given the limited suitable gear evident this was greatly appreciated and we there extend our appreciation to Bridgedale.

To all our sponsors mentioned here we truly salute your contribution and the significant impact this has made to the success of the event this year.

STEERING COMMITTEE

To the members of the Steering Committee per the group photograph further below we cannot have asked for a more dedicated team that persevered over the last few years to arrive at this point and successfully re-launch this event. Driven by the inspiration and vision of the *Late* Mr Lagardien whom we all previously worked closely with we are pleased that the event was enjoyed by all those present this year and look forward to an even better Boland 90 in the new year.

We have a few plans to further grow the event in 2023 and hope that you will join us in this journey. Please look out for further announcements of our plans for the event next year with the next news letter together with dates and further developments.

As previously received with thanks please continue to send us your comments, questions, suggestions as we look forward to hear from you. Kindly feel free to share this communication amongst your members within your organizations and networks.

Date: November 2022



BOLAND 90 INTERCLUB HIKING CHALLENGE

2022 CHAMPIONS - MEN

NUWEBERG TEAM 1

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From l to r – Mr Clinton Hendricks, Mr Bradley Ockhuis, Mr McDullyn Mentoor (Captain), Mr Ruwaan Booyser

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MARSHALS TEAM

CLASS OF 2022

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From l to r – Desiree Pietersen, Renaldo Solomons, Amy Pietersen. Apiwe Qweta, Fatima Manuel, Faiezah Albertyn, Melda Ruiters, Labeeb Fortuin,,Naseba Edwards, Fatima Fortuin, Peter Brockman, Wendy Brockman, Crystal Domingo, Marcel Seymour, Karen Abrahams, Chloe’ Seymour, Deon Holloway(Chief Marshal), Natasha Holloway, Roland Richards, Caleb Holloway, Yusuf Gamielien, Adriaan Maxwell, Ralston Lintnaar, Steve Chadwick(not pictured)

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