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## Public Relations Officer Report 2016

It has been a tough year for bass fishing in Namibia with the ongoing drought resulting in very low water levels in our dams. This resulted in 4 of the competitions of the year being cancelled.

A total of 4 National Competitions were all hosted at Lake Oanob as well as the National Trials. Bank Windhoek was the main sponsor of these events together with Deep Catch (Score Energy Drink). Below is a list of the number of Anglers per event:

Date	Number of Anglers	Winner
06-Feb-06	26	James van Rooyen
12-Mar-16	26	Alec Williams
09-Apr-16	23	Jacques Swart
17-Sep-16	25	James van Rooyen
2016-10-22 (Trials)	20	Neil Engelbrecht

### **National Development Event**

A new event was added to the NBAA Calendar this year. A National Team development Event was held at De Hoop Dam in South Africa. There were 5 anglers from the NBAA present at this event. These anglers included; Neil Engelbrecht, Nic Kruger, Pierre Fourie, Ricardo Abrantes and Reinhardt Lagner. Experienced anglers who are or have been part of the SA national team each took an angler on their boat and shared some of their knowledge with them. This is also a good social event with interaction between NBAA and SABAA members.

### **Cancelled Events**

Among the events cancelled this year were the famous Summer Bass Classic, the Christmas Cup and 2 National Competitions. The rainfall prediction for 2017 seems to be very positive and we hope that these events will return to our calendar in 2017. The Summer Bass Classic is an event from which the NBAA has a tremendous financial benefit. The cancellation of this event had a very negative effect on the fundraising for the NBAA budget; it is also one of the best attended events for the NBAA with very active media coverage provided by Radiowave, giving us tremendous exposure to the public.

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### **NBAA Golf Day**

The NBAA hosted its annual golf day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May at the Windhoek Country Club. This is one of the biggest fund raising events the NBAA has during the year. We managed to get a total of 10 teams for the golf day. National team anglers are each expected to get a team to enter the competition. This fundraiser is crucial to collect funds for the national team to compete at the region 5 tournament. The costs of the Region 5 tournament have escalated by almost 20% year on year over the past 4 years and without this funding, the national anglers have to finance a great deal out of their own pocket.

### **Corporate Bass Challenge**

The annual CBC was held at Lake Oanob from the 23<sup>rd</sup> till the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. **Old Mutual** once again was the main sponsor of this event along with **Bushwhackers, Tyrerack, Surf and Turf** and **Deep Catch** (Score Energy drink and Glenbrynth whiskey) who generously sponsored some prizes. Part of the national team's responsibility is to avail their boats and tackle and act as skippers for the teams. There is also an auction after the prize giving event on the final evening. All proceeds go towards the NBAA.

We managed to enter 8 teams for this event. The teams were as follows:

- |                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Team Old Mutual            | (Skipper: Neels van Tonder)           |
| 2. Team Christo Brand Brokers | (Skipper: Richard Grant)              |
| 3. Team Panther Express       | (Skipper: Alec Williams)              |
| 4. Team Buildwise             | (Skipper: Pierre Fourie)              |
| 5. Team CSV Construction      | (Skipper: JP Judeel / Sonita Pienaar) |
| 6. Team Namibian Breweries    | (Skipper: Anton de Wit)               |
| 7. Team Score Energy          | (Skipper: Thinus Williams)            |
| 8. Team Pirtek                | (Skipper: Max Pieper)                 |

This event serves 2 purposes, namely a fundraiser for the NBAA and to introduce the public to the sport of bass fishing. We would like to thank our sponsors and the companies who made this event possible.

### **Region 5 Bass Angling Championships**

The championships were held at Nandoni dam, Limpopo South Africa. The event started on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June until the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. The following anglers represented the Namibia:

1. Alec Williams
2. Thinus Williams
3. Richard Grant
4. Jacques Marais
5. Jason Kodelka
6. JP Judeel
7. Sonita Pienaar
8. Max Pieper
9. Neels van Tonder

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10. Neil Engelbrecht
11. Johan Coetzee
12. Anton de Wit
13. Pierre Fourie (Reserve)

It was the first time that the Namibian team had a manager on the water. This role was fulfilled by Dr. Andre van Vuuren. Fishing conditions were tough as the anglers were hit with cold fronts. Zimbabwe managed to win the competition with Namibia ending 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is the pinnacle of each bass anglers fishing career. It offers international exposure to the anglers and the NBAA.

### **Fundraiser Omeya Golf Day**

The NBAA also hosted a fun day at Omeya golf course on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November to raise funds for Alec and Neil who attended the B.A.S.S Nation qualifier. Only 5 teams attended the event but it was a successful test run of something that could evolve into a much bigger event on the NBAA calendar. Heidi Englebrecht was the driving force behind this event and the NBAA would like to thank her for all her effort and input.

### **B.A.S.S Nation Championship**

The BASS Nation Championship was held at lake Conroe, Texas USA from the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Neil Engelbrecht represented Namibia as the Boater and for the first time the NBAA sent a non-boater to the event as well. This year it was Alec Williams who went as the non-boater. This is a very prestigious event that gives the anglers and the NBAA great international exposure.

### **The following vehicles are used to raise awareness and promote the sport of bass angling in Namibia:**

**Newspaper Articles:** The newspaper articles are used to publish information of the national competitions, give results of each competition, announce the national team, give recognition and exposure to the sponsors and advertise planned events. The NBAA published 7 newspaper articles during 2016, most of them in the Republikein and some in the New Era newspaper.

**Please see annexure A of the published articles.**

**Newsletters:** A report is sent to Bank Windhoek, main sponsor of the NBAA, after each national competition. The report is a summary of the event along with the results of the competition. This report is sent to stakeholders in the form of a newsletter.

**Please see annexure B of the newsletters.**

**Radio Advertising:** Radiowave sponsors airtime to the NBAA to promote special events and raise awareness of the NBAA.

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**Magazines:** Articles of national competitions, results and information about the NBAA are published in the SA Bass magazine. This gives the NBAA some international exposure and some insight for our neighbouring countries on fishing conditions and activities of the NBAA in Namibia. We managed to publish 2 articles in the SA BASS Magazine during 2016.

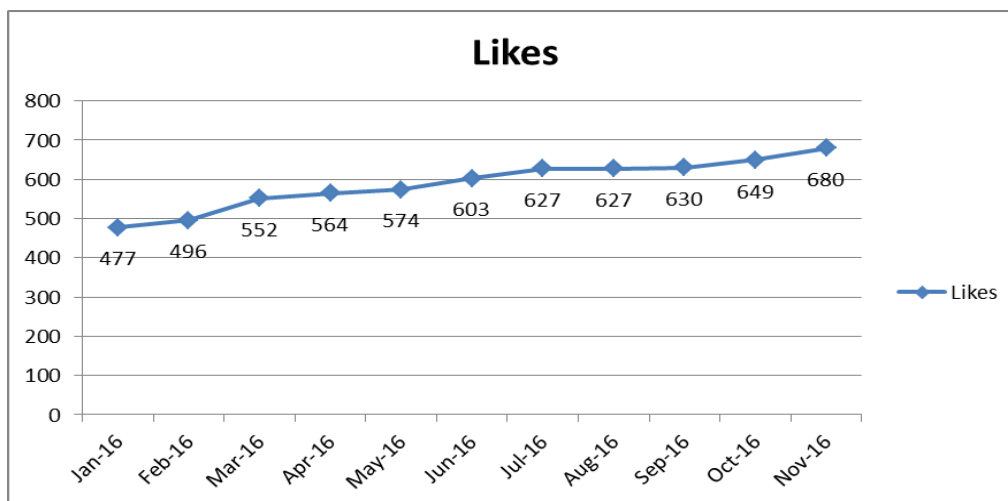
**Please see annexure C of the SA Bass Magazine articles**

**Winning Ways:** This is a newsletter that is circulated amongst the members of the NBAA and also published on our website. We ask the top 3 winners of each competition to share their strategy and methods of winning that specific competition. This is a great way of sharing information especially with the newcomers to the sport and another way of creating skilled anglers.

**Please see annexure D of the Winning Ways newsletters.**

**NBAA Website ([www.nbaanamibia.com](http://www.nbaanamibia.com)):** In this digital age, the website is a window into the workings of the NBAA. Anything about the NBAA can be found on this website from picture galleries, videos, membership entry forms, newsletters, competition results, upcoming events to contact details. The website is also used as a vehicle to give exposure to our sponsors and thank them for their support.

**Social Media (Facebook):** The NBAA has a Facebook page on which events are posted and awareness raised. Here are some interesting statistics for 2016:



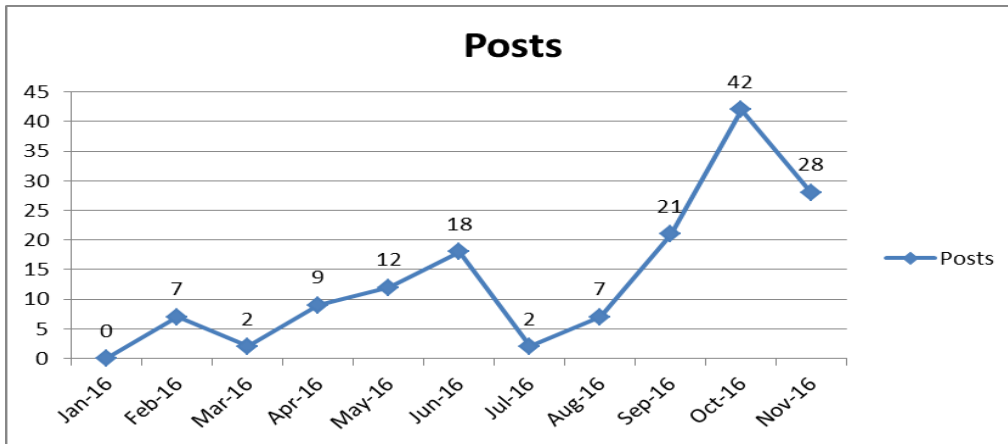
Likes have increased from 479 to a total of 680 during 2016

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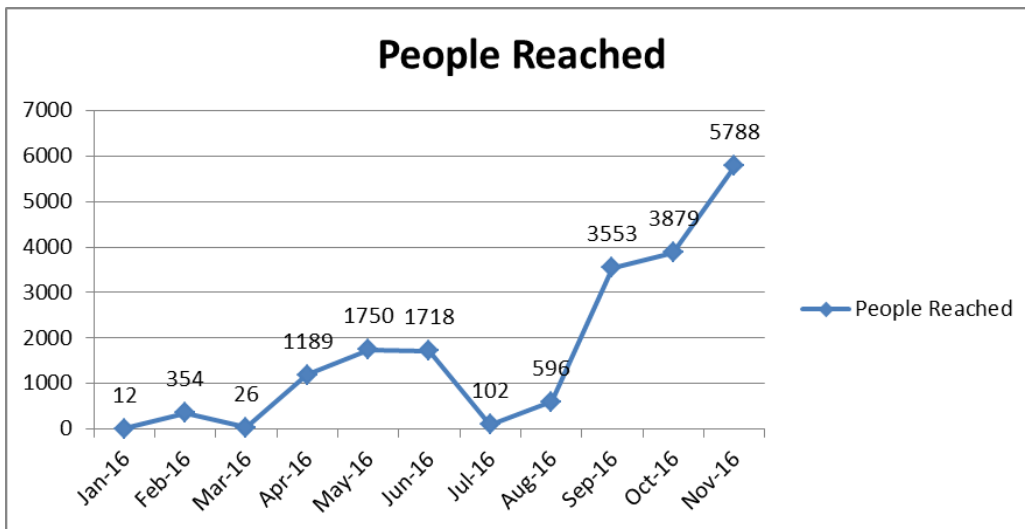
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This graph shows the amount of posts per month. A total of 148 posts for the year posted.



This graph depicts the amount of people reached with the Facebook page per month.

We also launched a countdown campaign for the B.A.S.S Nation Championships to raise awareness of our two Namibian anglers that attended the event. A post was done every day for Neil and Alec with an interesting fact about each of them up to the date of the event.

**Video:** The NBAA managed to get a drone to shoot some footage during 2 of the competitions held. Videos were compiled using the footage and stills to promote the event, thank sponsors and create awareness. The videos were published on our Facebook page and website. These videos are also used to give our sponsors some publicity.

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**Weigh station:** The NBAA has built a new modern weigh station. The weigh station was built by one of our own anglers, Nic Kruger (KTE Namibia). We also had other sponsors namely Surf and Turf, Bank Windhoek, Tyrerack, Cymot, Frametique and Deep Catch who either donated money or parts for the trailer. The weigh station will also be used as a platform where other sponsors pay an annual fee to put their logos on a banner. This banner will be erected next to the weigh station. All anglers with their catches for the day will be photographed in front of this banner giving the sponsors exposure by the photos that get published in the newspaper, Facebook and on the website.

**The NBAA would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support during 2016. Taking the current difficult economic times into consideration these sponsors have persevered:**

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Bank Windhoek          | 2. Old Mutual            |
| 3. Deep Catch             | 4. Cymot                 |
| 5. KTE Namibia            | 6. Bushwhackers          |
| 7. Surf and Turf          | 8. Autohaus              |
| 9. Frametique             | 10. Optics Exclusive     |
| 11. Varkaneli Customs     | 12. Paratus Telecom      |
| 12. Wispeco               | 13. African Eyes (Icare) |
| 14. Liberty               | 15. ErongoMed            |
| 16. Eye Store (Icare)     | 17. Quanta Insurance     |
| 18. OJ Construction       | 19. Radiant              |
| 20. OmuJeve               | 21. Panther Express      |
| 22. D&M Rail Construction | 23. Medicine World       |
| 24. Engen Jan Jonker      | 25. Dr Andre van Vuuren  |
| 26. Radiowave             | 27. WV Carpentry         |
| 28. Camp Chobe            |                          |

With the dwindling number of bass anglers due to tough fishing conditions and the fact that bass angling is not really a spectator sport the NBAA would like to express its gratitude towards these sponsors for their committed support.

We have had some changes during 2016 regarding the Public Relations Officer position on Exco. Sonita Pienaar resigned from the position after the first quarter of 2016 as she relocated to Swakopmund. We would like to thank her for all her efforts and wish her well with her future endeavours. I was appointed Public Relations Officer during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016.

I wish everyone a happy festive season and all the best for 2017!

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## Annexure A

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Gholfdag n

## Republikein

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29 April 2016 | Sport

### Gholfdag moet toere help betaal

Die Namibiese nasionale baarshengelspan is aan die v  
deelname aan die jaarlikse Streek 5-kampioenskap – d  
gesogte titel in Suider-Afrika.

Die beste hengelaars van Suid-Afrika, Zimbabwe, Zamb  
Swaziland en Namibië sal sake oor vyf dae uitspook or  
die hengelwaters te beproef. Suid-Afrika is hierdie kee  
die kompetisie by die natuurskone Nandonidam in die  
Die Namibiese hengelaars werk reeds vir maande har  
dat hulle hierdie keer met silwerware huiswaarts kan k  
Vir die eerste keer in die geskiedenis sal die nasionale  
oefenlopie op die einste Nandonidam kan gaan hou or  
die sperperiode van 21 dae in werking tree.

Die Namibiese span van 2016 (met vorige internasiona  
Alec Williams (spankaptein, 5), Thinus Williams (4), Max  
reserwe in 2015), Neil Engelbrecht (6), Anton de Wit (2)  
André van Vuuren (spanbestuurder).

Die oefengroep verlaat Windhoek vandag en keer op 7  
Junie en keer op die 19de terug.

Uit die aard van die saak is groot geldelike koste aan h  
kilometer moet sleep – twee afsonderlike kere.

Die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging (NBAA) bied dus  
aan. Dié toernooi is altyd groot pret en die prysuitdelin  
Die volle opbrengs van die gholfdag word vir die reisko  
die gholfdag wil inskryf of andersins betrokke wil wees

<https://www.republikein.com.na/nuus/gholfdag-moet-toere-help-betaal/>

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Hengeltoer

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08 June 2016 | Sport

### Hengeltoer: Vyf lande getakel

Die Namibiese nasionale baarshengelspan vertrek Vrydagmiddag Nandonidam in die Limpopo-provinsie van Suid-Afrika vir die kampioenskap mee te ding.

Spankaptein Alec Williams en sy span het vertroue dat hulle medaljewenners in hierdie gesogte jaarlikse toernooi van Suid-Afrika kan eindig.

'n Maksimum van 13 hengelaars uit elk van die deelname lande Afrika, Zimbabwe, Zambië, Swaziland, Mosambiek en Namaland volg vroeg volgende week meeding.

Komende Maandag en Dinsdag is die amptelike oefensessies. Die Namibiese span hul strategie in die plaaslike omstandighede. Die kompetisiedae op die Woensdag (15 Junie), Donderdag (16 Junie). Alec Williams (kaptein, vyf toetse), Thinus Williams (vier toetse), van Tonder (vyf toetse), Jacques Marais (ses toetse), Jan van der Merwe (twee toetse), JP Judeel (twee toetse), Richard Grant (vyf toetse, spanbestuurder).

'n Hele string borge het ingespring om die koste van die toernooi bydraers was onder meer die Namibiese Varswaterheren, Score Energy Drink, Glenbrynth whisky, Bushwhackers, Safaris, RadioWave, OJC, Tyre Rack, Frametique, MV Car, Mutual, Eye Store Optometrist, Quanta, Engen Jan Jonk.

<https://www.republikein.com.na/nuus/hengeltoer-vyf-lande-getakel/>

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27 September 2016 | Sport

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Die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging (NBHV) het onlangs Windhoek nasionale kompetisie by die Oanobdam aan en 25 hengelaars deelgeneem het.

Die weersomstandighede was allesbehalwe ideaal nadat sentraal Namibië die vorige dag getref het. Op die kom en onsmaklike koue sake nie maklik gemaak nie.

Die watervlakke van die Oanobdam is steeds laag, wat gedwing het om sy beste te lewer. Ten spyte van faktor se beheer, het hulle steeds daarin geslaag om 16 visse van 25,107 kg aan wal te bring.

Fernando Abrantes het net 'n enkele baars uitgesleep, grootste vangs van die dag.

Abrantes en sy seun Ricardo het eers laat verlede jaar die watervlakke en koue weer van stryk laat bring nie en sy Richard Grant, voorsitter van die baarshengelvereniging uiteindelik gestalte gekry het.

"Ons is trots om te kan sê dat ons sommer met die eers wat natuurlik die toets met vlieënde vaandels geslaag h blinklywe daar geweeg word," het Grant vertel.

"Ons moet nog die finale afrondings daaraan doen, want gaan ons een van die voorste weegstasies ter wêreld h want hy het nie net baie ure daaraan bestee nie, maar

"Ons dank gaan ook aan al ons lojale ondersteuners wat Hierdie was die NBHV se laaste kompetisie vir 2016. Vo 23 Oktober, waar 'n nasionale span gekies sal word.

"Die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging bedank graag o afgesluit.

Die kompetisie se topdrie was: 1. James van Rooyen, vier Fernando Abrantes een vis (3,256 kg).

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By *New Era Staff Reporter* on September 26, 2016 *No Comment*



The Namibia Bass Angling Association (NBAA) hosted the Bank Windhoek National NBAA Competition, attracting a field of 20 boats with 20 anglers at Lake Oanob outside Rehoboth last weekend.

Tough fishing conditions – combined with a cold front that hit central Namibia on the Friday and Saturday, anglers were left to face freezing and windy conditions – were also not helped by the low water levels, which created highly challenging fishing conditions.

However, the anglers braved the chilly conditions and still managed to catch a fair amount of fish, with Fernando Abrantes' catching the biggest fish of the day and setting a new personal best in the process.

His son, Ricardo, only joined the NBAA late last year and has faced tough fishing excursions due to the very low dam levels, which has dominated the weather conditions in the country of late.

Nevertheless, Fernando persevered and managed to catch a personal best during an official competition and a massive haul of 16 fish made it to the scale with a total weight for the tourney hitting 25.107-kg.

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“It’s with great excitement that we announce that this was the first tourney at which we could showcase and use our new weighing station. The weigh station has been mooted for many years now and the NBAA started construction at the beginning of this year.

“Last weekend was a test run for the weigh station and it certainly passed with flying colours,” said an excited chairman of the NBAA Richard Grant. “We now need to add the final touches and branding after which the NBAA will have one of the best weigh stations in the world of bass fishing.

“The NBAA would like to thank Nic Kruger from KTE Namibia for building the actual weigh station and for sponsoring material, hard work, sweat, blood and tears to get it done,” Grant said. It also applauded all its other loyal sponsors that helped making the dream of a world class weigh station a reality.

This was the last national competition for the year. Next up is the Bank Windhoek National Trials on October 22 and 23, where the national team for 2017 will be selected. “We would once again like to thank our main sponsor, Bank Windhoek, for their loyal support and continued contribution to bass angling in Namibia,” Grant concluded.

The full results of the competition are follows:

1. James van Rooyen 4 fish 4.102 kg
2. Babaloki de Wit 2 fish 3.470 kg
3. Fernando Abrantes 1 fish  
3.256 kg

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## Pieper en Pienaar behou hul titels

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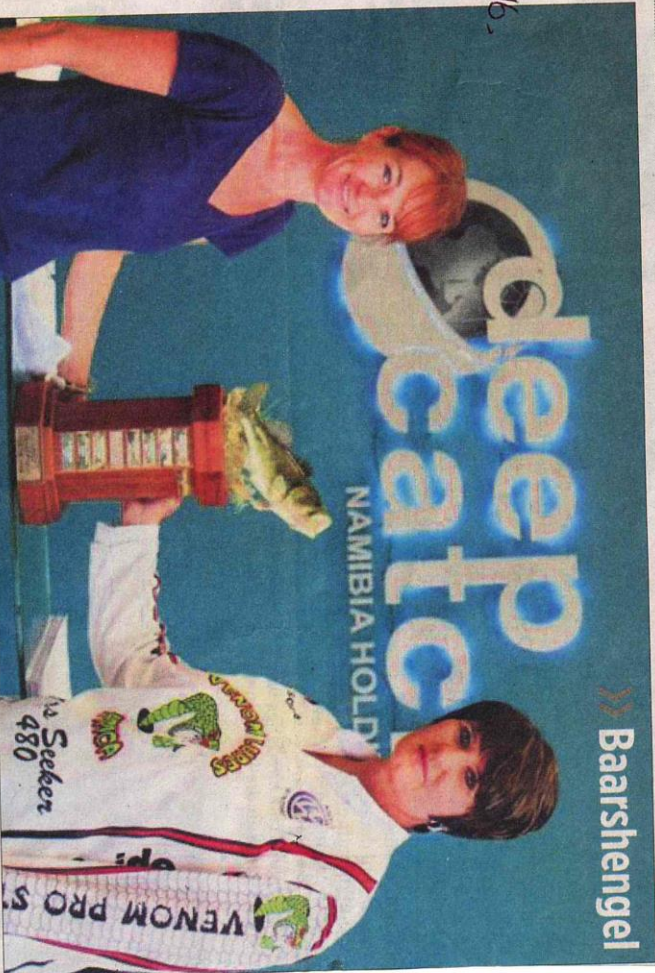
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 3 damme uiters gevaar-

lik maak, kon Max Pieper  
 en Sonita Pienaar daarin  
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 kategorieë in die affiliasie  
 NBAA (Namibiese Baars-  
 hengelvereniging).

Max Pieper is as die  
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 Gedurende die kompeti-  
 sies word streng reëls toe-



Sonita Pienaar (regs) saam met Leoni Cohen-Velida van Deep Catch, een van die reëks se borge.

- gepas om te bepaal wie as  
 weners uit die stryd tree.  
 Die tien voorste  
 hengelaars vir 2015 was  
 soos volg:
- 1 Max Pieper 98.25
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  - 3 Sonita Pienaar 96.50
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  - 4 Neels van Tonder

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- 7 JP Judeel 95.50
- 8 Richard Grant 95.25
- 9 Johan Coetzee 93.50
- 10 Alec Williams 93.25

Die NBAA wens al die  
 hengelaars geluk met hul  
 prestasie en volharding  
 gedurende die moeilike  
 hengelseisoen. Sonder die  
 geesdrif van al die hen-  
 gelaars sal die sport in  
 groot agteruitgang beleef  
 vanweë die lae damvlakke  
 wat tans ondervind word.  
 Sonder borge sal dit  
 ook onmoontlik wees om  
 sulke geleenthede aan te  
 bied. Die NBAA bedank  
 graag vir Bank Windhoek,  
 Deep Catch en Cymot vir  
 hul volgehoue bydrae om  
 die sport te ondersteun.  
 Een interessante item  
 in Cymot in Talsstraat  
 se groot verskeidenheid  
 hengeltouersing is 'n  
 hengel-rabootser waarop  
 jy jou vernut kan uittoets.





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Woensdag 10 Februarie 2016

## Van Rooyen is baarse se baas

### » Hengel

Die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging het Saterdag sy eerste nasionale kompetisie by die Oanobdam wes van Rehoboth aangebied nadat Bank Windhoek verlede week sy borgskap aangekondig het. Ses toernooie sal gedurende 2016 by verskillende damme gehou word en die hengelaars is hoopvol vir beter vangste as in 2015 toe die baarse maar sku vir die hoeke was.

Resultate van die ses Bank Windhoek-toernooie word gebruik om die uitverkorenes te bepaal wat die Namibiese span by die Streek 5 baarshengelkampioenskap in 2017 gaan verteenwoordig. Dis ook die kans vir die baarsjagters wat Namibië by die 2017 Bass Anglers Sportman's Society Nation-kampioenskap in die VSA wil verteenwoordig.

Verlede naweek het 27 hoopvolles vir die eerste kompetisie ingeskryf en was gretig om die dam in te vaar en die grotes te gaan aankeer. By die kapteinsvergadering vroegoggend kon alle hengelaars hulle van die reëls vergewis.

Kort ná 07:00 kon die eerste boot weggliip, terwyl die res met elke 30 sekondes die water kon laat spat om die beste hen-

gelplek te gaan soek. Nie lank daarna nie is begin sê dat die baarse skaars is en dat niemand nog daardie ontwykende bielie kon uitoorlê nie.

Om 16:00 was die hengelaars terug aan wal waar almal dit eens was dat die dag se uitstappie bykans vrugtelos was. Net twee hengelaars kon daarin slaag om hul kwota van vyf visse vir die dag in te katrol met James van Rooyen, 'n nuwe lid wat die swaarste sak ingeweeg het. Sy grootse baars van 2.595 kg was ook die swaarste van die hele kompetisie.

Die uitslae vir mans: 1.

Richard Grant, voorsitter van die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging, het agterna gesê: "Ons is opreg dankbaar vir Bank Windhoek se ruimhartige borgskap wat weer eens die jaar se aktiwiteite ondersteun. Vir Cymot Greensport se wenpryse en Deepcatch Trading wat drinkgoed aan die deelnemers verskaf het, sê ons ook dankie."

Die Baarshengelvereniging se program vir die res van 2016:

- Die Bank Windhoek-toernooie: 12 Maart by Von Bachdam; 16 April by Oanobdam; 14 Mei by Von Bachdam; 20 Augustus weer by Von Bachdam ter afsluiting die vyde byeenkoms by die Oanobdam.

- Nasionale proewe word vanaf 6 tot 8 Oktober gehou, voordat die Bass Nation Contenderproewe vanaf 10 tot 12 November aangebied sal word. Beide kompetisies sal by een van die bovermelde damme aangebied word.

- Die Winter Bass Classic op 28 Mei en die Summer Bass Classic (22 en 23 Oktober) word beide by Von Bachdam aangebied.

- Die laaste kompetisie vir 2016 sal die Christmabeker op 3 Desember by Oanob wees.

Belangstellendes kan [www.nbaanamibia.com](http://www.nbaanamibia.com) vir meer inligting besoek.



Adri van Tonder se baars van 2.481 kg het die vrouekompetiese gewen en was die algeheel derde swaarste vis.

James van Rooyen 7.81 kg (vyf visse), 2. Alec Williams 2.98 kg (vyf visse), 3. Richard Grant 2.5 kg (drie visse).

Vroue: 1. Adri van Tonder 2.481 kg (een vis), 2. Sonita Pienaar 0.533 kg (een vis).





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## Damvlakke skrik hengelaars nie af

31/03/2016.

➔ BARRY DE KLERK

Die tweede Bank Windhoek Nasionale Baarshengeltoernooi het op 12 Maart by die Oanobdam buite Rehoboth plaasgevind.

Die toernooi wat deur die Namibiëbaarshengolvereniging (NBAA) aangebied word, was vir baie van die hengelaars 'n uitdaging aangesien die vlak van die dam baie laag was.

'n Paar van die deelnemers het die geleentheid gebruik en hul vaardigheid ten toon gestel, soos Alec Williams wat die enigste hengelaar was wat vyf visse gedurende die toernooi gevang het.

Jacques Marais het die grootste vis gevang wat 2.053 kg geweeg het. Sonita Pienaar was die enigste vrou wat visse kon uittrek en het met twee vir die

dag gespog.

Die top nege posisies vir die toernooi is soos volg: Alec Williams, met vyf visse, 3.943 kg; Jacques Marais, vier visse, 3.629 kg; Neels van Tonder, drie visse, 1.867 kg; Richard Grant, drie visse, 1.781 kg; Reinhard Laggner, twee visse, 1.516 kg; JP Judeel, twee visse, 1.467 kg; Jürgen Geinger, een vis, 1.260 kg; Thinus Williams, twee visse, 1.202 kg en Sonita Pienaar, twee visse, 1.177 kg.

Die NBAA se komende nasionale toernooie vind op die volgende datums plaas:

16 April by die Oanobdam.

14 Mei by die Von Bachdam.

20 Augustus by die Von Bachdam.

10 September by die Oanobdam.

Vir meer inligting besoek [www.nbaanamibia.com](http://www.nbaanamibia.com).



Alec Williams, met twee van die visse wat hy gevang het.



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## Press Release

### – NBAA National Tournament held on 06.02.2016 at Lake

Oanob -

The Namibia Bass Angling Association hosted the 1st **Bank Windhoek National Tournament Trail** Competition at Lake Oanob nearby Rehoboth on the 6th of February 2016. Expectations were high after an extremely tough fishing year in 2015. The **Bank Windhoek National Tournament Trail** consists of 6 competitions, which will be hosted throughout the course of 2016. The results of the **Bank Windhoek National Competitions** are used to determine the Namibian National Team, which will represent Namibia at the Region 5 Bass Angling Championships in 2017, as well as the anglers that will represent Namibia at the B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society) Nation Championships in the United States of America in 2017.

A total of 27 anglers arrived at the launch ramp at Lake Oanob eager to get the day underway so that they can set off to catch that big fish. Captain's meeting was held at 06:30 in which new members were welcomed and the rules for the day were explained to all.

At 07:00 sharp the first tag was drawn and the 1st boat set off with the rest of the boats following in 30 second intervals. By late morning the news had circulated that the fishing was tough and that nobody had caught any big fish. Everybody knew that it would only take 1 or 2 big bites to do well.

All the tags were on the board at 16:00 and everybody was talking about the tough day of fishing, which had just ended. Only 2 anglers managed to catch a limit of 5 fish for the day and one of the NBAA's newest members, James van Rooyen, managed to catch a bag of 5 fish which weighed more than twice as much as the next biggest bag.

The results are as follows:

#### **Senior Men:**

James van Rooyen 5 fish 7.810 kg

Alec Williams 5 fish 2.980 kg

Richard Grant 3 fish 2.500 kg

#### **Senior Ladies:**

Adri van Tonder 1 fish 2.481 kg

Sonita Pienaar 1 fish 0.533kg

Unfortunately no juniors participated in the event.

The biggest fish of the tournament was caught by James van Rooyen and weighed in at 2.595kg.

Well done to all the anglers.

The NBAA would like to take this opportunity to thank Bank Windhoek for their generous sponsorship, Cymot Greensport for sponsoring the prizes and Deepcatch Trading (Score Energy Drink, Glenbrynth Whisky) for keeping the anglers hydrated in the blistering heat.

Yours faithfully,

**Richard Grant**

**Chairman - NBAA**

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The second national bass fishing tournament of the NBAA took place the past Saturday at Lake Oanob. Conditions were tough as most of the anglers expected due to falling water levels in our dams all over Namibia and the lack of sufficient rain to create inflow to the dams.

A few anglers had the opportunity to maximise the challenge of the day and that was to catch as many fish during this tournament. Alec Williams showed off his skills by being the only angler catching 5 fish. Jacques Marais weighed in the biggest fish of the tournament at an astounding 2.053kg.

The scoring was close and the following anglers managed to get the Top 9 spots:

Alec Williams	5	3.943
Jacques Marias	4	3.629
Neels van Tonder	3	1.867
Richard Grant	3	1.781
Reinhard Laggner	2	1.516
J P Judeel	2	1.467
Jürgen Geiger	1	1.260
Thinus Williams	2	1.202
Sonita Pienaar	2	1.177

Sonita Pienaar was the only lady that managed to weigh in fish for the day with a total of 2.

The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek for their contribution to grow bass fishing as a sport in Namibia.

Alec Williams with his winning fish:



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### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT HOSTED AT LAKE OANOB ON 09 APRIL 2016

The NBAA hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual bass fishing tournament at Lake Oanob close to Rehoboth on Saturday, 09 April 2016.

The morning started with a medal handover ceremony of the previous competition hosted in March 2016. With much anticipation the competition kicked off at 07:00am with a noticeable change in season. You could feel the winter is lurking closer at a fast rate. The cold of the morning was soon over when the sun started to come out. During the day the temperature went up to a scorching 34C.

Thirteen anglers had the opportunity to feel the effect of a bass biting on a hook. It turned out to be one of the toughest competitions ever hosted at Lake Oanob in the recent years. It took skill and patience for every angler to commit to the long competition hours without any action in the early morning. In the past years the April/May tournaments were some of the most enjoyed ones as the bigger fish started to feed for the winter season approaching, but this year was a whole new set of rules – passion for the sport, commitment and durability played a role with every angler.

The results for the day:

	<u>ANGLER:</u>	<u>TOTAL FISH CAUGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT:</u>	<u>POINTS ACCUMMULATED</u>
1	Jacques Swart	3	2.834	<b>100</b>
2	James Van Rooyen	5	2.073	<b>99</b>
3	JP Judeel	2	1.109	<b>98</b>
4	Alec Williams	2	1.052	<b>97</b>
5	Ricardo Abrantes	1	1.042	<b>96</b>
6	Anton de Wit	1	1.033	<b>95</b>
7	Reinhard Laggner	1	0.774	<b>94</b>
8	Thinus Williams	1	0.759	<b>93</b>
9	Nic Kruger	1	0.548	<b>92</b>
10	Andrew Hall	1	0.544	<b>91</b>
11	Jason Koudelka	1	0.508	<b>90</b>
12	Pierre Fourie	1	0.462	<b>89</b>
13	Max Pieper	1	0.444	<b>88</b>

The NBAA would like to make use of this opportunity to thank our sponsor for their support. It would be impossible to host such events without the support and contribution of Bank Windhoek.

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## Bank Windhoek National Competition 17 September 2016 Lake Oanob

The NBAA hosted the Bank Windhoek National Competition at Lake Oanob on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. The event was well attended with 20 boats and 25 anglers which is a really good turn-out.

Fishing conditions were tough as a cold front hit central Namibia on the Friday and continued through Saturday. Anglers faced cold and windy conditions which together with the low water levels made for challenging fishing conditions. The anglers braved the conditions and still managed to catch a fair amount of fish.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

1. James van Rooyen	4 fish	4.102 kg
2. Babaloki de Wit	2 fish	3.470 kg
3. Fernando Abrantes	1 fish	3.256 kg

Fernando's fish was also the biggest fish caught for the day and is a new personal best for him. Fernando and his son, Ricardo, only joined the NBAA late last year and have been faced with tough fishing due to the very low dam levels which we are currently facing in Namibia. They have however persevered and now managed to catch a personal best during an official competition.

Unfortunately, no ladies managed to weigh a fish in.

A total of 16 fish made it to the scale with total weight for the tournament coming in at 25.107kg.

It is with great excitement that we can announce that this was the first tournament at which we could showcase and use our new weigh station. The weigh station has been in planning for many years now and the NBAA started construction at the beginning of this year. This past week-end was a test run for the weigh station and the weigh station passed with flying colours. We now need

to add the final touches and branding after which the NBAA will have one of the best weigh stations in the world of bass fishing. The NBAA would like to thank Nic Kruger from KTE Namibia for building the actual weigh station and for sponsoring a lot of materials, hard work, sweat, blood and tears to get it done.

The NBAA would also like to thank all of our other loyal sponsors that helped to make the dream of having a world class weigh station a reality.

This was the last Nationals competition for the year, next up are the National trials on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October to decide who the National Team will be for 2017.

We would once again like to thank our main sponsor, Bank Windhoek, for their loyal support and continued contribution to bass angling in Namibia.

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## Bank Windhoek National Trials 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016 Lake Oanob



The NBAA hosted the Bank Windhoek National Trials at Lake Oanob on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016. Anglers attend the Trials by invitation only. A total of 20 Anglers attended. Nationals is a prestigious event and important part of the selection process of the national team that will represent Namibia at the 2017 Region 5 tournament.

Taking the current water levels and all other conditions into consideration, fishing in general was better than previous competitions held. On day one a total of 27 fish were caught and on day two which is only half a day on the water, 9 fish were caught. This gives us a total of 36 fish caught between 20 anglers over 1 and a half days with a total weight of 54.472kg.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Day 1

Position	Name of Angler	Total Weight	QTY of Fish
1	Neil Engelbrecht	6,394	5
2	Lourens Delport	6,115	2
3	Richard Grant	5,976	3

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#### Day 2

Position	Name of Angler	Total Weight	QTY of Fish
1	James Van Rooyen	3,130	2
2	Nic Kruger	3,014	1
3	Neil Engelbrecht	2,925	1

#### Overall winners

1. Neil Engelbrecht
2. James van Rooyen
3. Lourens Delport
4. Max Pieper
5. Nic Kruger
6. Ricardo Abrantes
7. Richard Grant
8. Neels van Tonder
9. Thinus Williams
10. Andre van Vuuren
11. Sonita Pienaar
12. Alec Williams

Congratulations to Neil Engelbrecht on yet another win. Neil will also be representing Namibia at the B.A.S.S Nation Championships held at Lake Conroe in Texas USA. The Championship starts on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2016.

Lourens Delport caught the heaviest fish on day one weighing in at 3.444 kg, it also turned out to be the heaviest fish for the tournament.

Nick Kruger managed to catch the heaviest fish on day two which weighed in at 3.014 kg. This is Nick's personal best, he is also new to bass fishing and has had a tough year of fishing behind him. What a way to finish of the year!

Sonita Pienaar, the only lady to attend the National Trials managed to land a fish on day one. She is a very avid angler and always a contender for the National team with quite a few caps behind her belt.

This event marks the end of our bass fishing calendar for 2016. We are confident that the upcoming rainy season will fill our dams to the brim and rejuvenate bass fishing to what it was 3 – 4 years ago. We are looking forward to a bass filled 2017!

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## Namibia at the B.A.S.S. Nation

The NBAA – has been fortunate enough to send Neil Engelbrecht a B.A.S.S. NATION Champions event held in America this year

“The road towards qualifying for this prestigious event was tough” Neil said. He has been fishing for many years and has always dreamt of competing on such a high level against the top guys from other countries.

Neil is the person whom every Namibian Bass angler is grateful for as it is through his commitment and leadership on the NBAA Exco that Namibia qualified to become members of B.A.S.S and a new addition to the Bass family.

The Bass Nation Qualifying event was held in November 2015 on the famous Von Bach Dam. Neil started his event blind on the water, not being able to practice the day before, he had to go out and fish blind. He said, “I usually go on fishing history, so I knew I had to come up with something good and it had to be fast”. This helped him to ignore the usual “spots” and he started to take into consideration the current weather, water temperature, clarity etc to find the hiding places the bass were at.

Neil managed to fight his way to the top for the place crown and the opportunity to compete in the B.A.S.S. NATION CHAMPIONSHIP to be held on Thursday the 17th November to Saturday 19th November on Lake Conroe, Montgomery, Texas.

*I asked Neil some interesting questions and his answers are shorty:*

***Will you be able to practice beforehand?***

“The official practise will be held on Wednesday 11th November, but this year is the first time that competitors will be able to attend pre-practice from the 12th to 14th November on the lake. I will thus be going earlier to take use of this opportunity to familiarise myself with the venue”.

***Is the B.A.S.S. Nation Event a dream come true for you?***

“YES, to be able to compete with the best anglers in the world on one of the best fisheries the world has to offer is a dream come true”.

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# NBAA

## The Namibian Bass Angling Association

The Namibian Bass Angling Association (NBAA) has held three national competitions as to date. The first competition of 2016 was held on the 5th of February on Oanob Dam which is located approximately 90km south of the capital city Windhoek.

The competition day started at 6:30 with the regular captains meeting, fellow fishing competitors trying to catch up after the season holidays. At 6:55 engines may be started and at 7:00 the first boat was on its way.

As the day proceeded, some competitors had managed to hook up on some bass but not the sizes that are known for Oanob dam. At 16:00 cut-off time all the boats were back at the launch.

The day was not as successful as the anglers had hoped and only a few managed to weigh-in some fish.

However the day was still filled with new anglers clawing their way to the top positions and the old boys fighting to keep theirs. The first three places for the days fishing were as follows:

**1st place:** James van Rooyen with a

bag of 7,611

**2nd place:** of 2,98kg

**3rd place:** of 2,50kg

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. The main sponsor is De subsidiary of Ltd.

### Second competition

The second competition was held on the 16th of February as our venue was affected by drought.

The competition started at 6:30 with the regular captains meeting, fellow fishing competitors trying to catch up after the season holidays. At 6:55 engines may be started and at 7:00 the first boat was on its way.

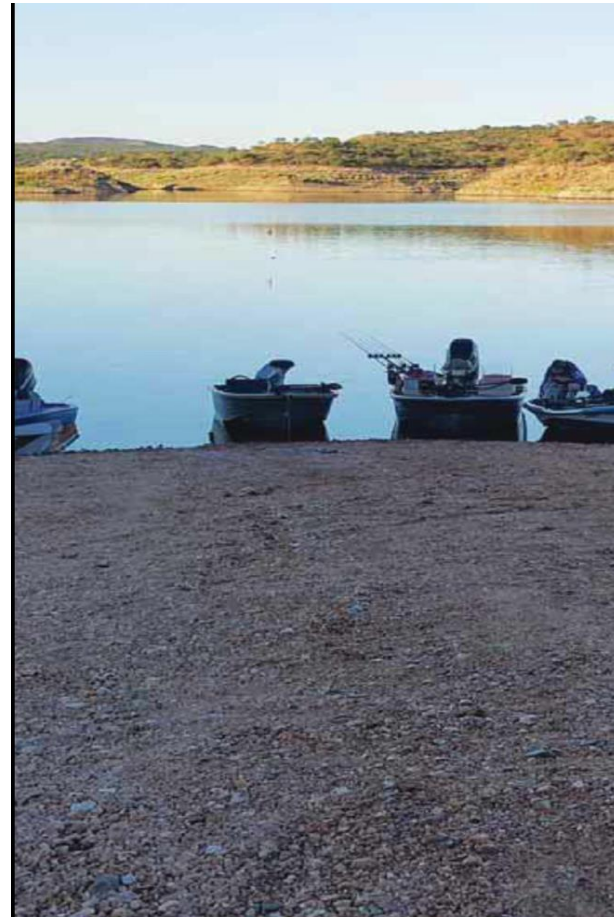
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We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting us on that day. The main sponsor Deep Catch Trading and our subsidiary sponsor Bank Windhoek Ltd.

### Third competition

The third competition was held on the 9th of April on Oanob Dam. We are experiencing a severe draught and we are currently facing some tough decisions to be made for conservation reasons and the livelihood of the wonderful sport of bass fishing in Namibia.

The competition day started at 6:30 with the regular captains meeting, fellow fishing competitors trying to catch up after the season holidays. At

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The NBAA hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> National Tournament of 2016 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February on Lake Oanob. Fishing conditions had not changed much since 2015 and the severe drought which Namibia is currently facing is really making things hard here in Namibia. Most of the anglers fished the venue a few times before the tournament and had everything planned out for the day. The tough fishing prevailed on the day with only 2 anglers managing to catch a limit and stories of the big ones that got away echoed all around the weigh station.

The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek and Cymot Greensport for sponsoring the event.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

### Senior Men:

1. James van Rooyen	5 fish	7.610 kg
2. Alec Williams	5 fish	2.980 kg
3. Richard Grant	3 fish	2.505 kg

### Ladies:

1. Adri van Tonder	1 fish	2.481 kg
2. Sonita Pienaar	1 fish	0.533 kg

The biggest fish of the day was caught by James weighing in at 2.501 kg.

James's summary of the competition is as follows:

In practice I had found 2 patterns, so when the tournament started I decided to run to some of the shallow banks and I was throwing a shallow running crank. I fished this until about 9:30 and got 4 small keepers doing this! I was using Shimano Akrab cranking rod with Curado reels. I was using 2 different setups one had 8lb Torray Fluoro and the other had 10lb. I was using a 4-6ft diving depth crank in a custom painted tilapia color.

At 9:30 I knew the water had warmed enough for my second pattern to start working. I fished a variety of deeper areas where there were large boulders at 16-25ft. That was the key to the deep bite was the size of the boulders! My Lowrance Electronics played a big key on this pattern! I was using a drop shot rig that I fished straight up and down. I was using a G-Loomis drop shot rod paired with a Stella and 6lb Torray Fluoro! I used a 1/2oz ball drop shot sinker with a number 1 Trokar drop shot hook. I used 3 baits on the drop shot. 4" finesse worm, 4" Senko, 5" hand poured finesse worm. Best color was Aaron's magic.

I got both the 2,5kg fish and the 1,58kg all off one Boulder and in a short space of time. I got +-15 keepers on the drop shot and did lose 2 really big fish that I could not hold on the 6lb. The main area was between Jürgen's bay and the S-Bend. I had caught all those fish before 11:30.

Alec's summary of the day is as follows:

I used a mojo rigged Big Bite Cane Thumper in Green Pumpkin as well as a Zoom Fluke in Junebug and Watermelon Candy. Found keepers by sifting through small fish on a main lake point in about 25 feet of water.

And there you have it. The next time you are out on the water, try to replicate what James and Alec did!!!!

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..... Winning Ways Newsletter – Lake Oanob – 12.03.2016

## Bank Windhoek Logo Score Logo

The NBAA hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Tournament of 2016 on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March on Lake Oanab. The fishing was still tough the people that managed to practice knew that the pull away draw would be crucial as everybody knew of a few spots where one could catch a few keepers.

**The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek and DeepCatch Trading (Score Energy Drink & Glenbrynth Whisky) for sponsoring the event.**

The results of the tournament are as follows:

### Senior Men:

4. Alec Williams	5 fish	3.943 kg
5. Jacques Marais	4 fish	3.629 kg
6. Neels van Tonder	3 fish	1.867 kg

### Ladies:

3. Sonita Pienaar	2 fish	1.177 kg
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The biggest fish of the day was caught by Jacques weighing in at 2.053 kg.

Alec's summary of the competition is as follows:

The fishing was tough and the spots were limited. When I eventually managed to get to my spot I decided to stay there for a while (most of the day) and it worked out well for me. I caught most of my fish on the Big Bite Cane Thumper in Green Pumpkin and a Zoom Junior Fluke in Junebug colour. I was fishing finesse with a very light mogo rig.

The sensitivity of the Falcon Rod I was using really helped me detect the most subtle bites and the Seagar Fluorocarbon helped me land my fish in the rockiest terrain.

Jacques' summary of the competition is as follows:

I caught all my fish on a 5 inch Senko in Watermelon Black Flake and Baby Bass Colour. I found the fish on the flats in 5 foot of water.

Neels' summary of the competition is as follows:

My approach to the day was to start shallow and search for active fish on shallow flats near deeper water and river beds, I targeted the flats using soft plastic jerk baits and shallow to medium running crank baits. I tried this till about 8:30 after not getting any keeper fish on the flat, I fell back to my second pattern that worked very well on the practice weekend.

I dropped back and fished deeper water humps, ledges en boat docks with finesse style baits and deep diving crank baits. I've started getting more bites. The key was to get a keeper or almost keeper fish to bite and then stay on that spot and then just rotate your baits. As the fish were schooled up and once you located a school you just needed to stay with it.

The fishing was a grind and you had to work hard to get that first fish and locate the school, after I located the school I caught 3 keepers within 10 minutes. I allocated the school next to a shallow ledge dropping from 4ft to 10ft of water.

My tackle that I was using was, 7ft MH spinning rod rigged with BWG's 12lbs Maji Kamba braid and a 10 lbs Roho Kamba Fluorocarbon leader. I've used a bit thicker leader line as I was fishing a drop shot rig vertically and didn't want to get broken off on every second cast.

I've used a 1/8 oz barrel lead weight and a 1/0 drop shot hook. I had 3 baits that I rotated through out the day, Xcite Baits SlimX worm in Sprayed Grass color, Zoom Super Fluke Jr in Baby Bass color and Zoom Finesse worm in Baby Bass Color.

**Sonita's summary of the day is as follows:**

**I used a Carolina rig 3/8oz with 14 pound flouro line and a Junebug UV Baby Brush Hog.**

**I caught both fish early morning while it was still overcast.**

And there you have it. The next time you are out on the water, try to replicate what Alec, Jacques, Neels and Sonita did.

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..... Winning Ways Newsletter – Lake Oanob – 17.09.2016

**Bank Windhoek Logo**

**Score Logo**

The NBAA hosted another National Tournament for 2016 on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September on Lake Oanob. A cold front hit Namibia on the Friday and prevailed through Saturday resulting in even tougher fishing conditions. It was with great pride that we could showcase and use our brand new weigh station. We would like to thank Nic Kruger from KTE Namibia for building and sponsoring a lot of the material for the weigh station.

**The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek and DeepCatch Trading (Score Energy Drink & Glenbrynth Whisky) for sponsoring the event.**

The results of the tournament are as follows:

**Senior Men:**

1. James van Rooyen	4 fish	4.102 kg
2. Anton de Wit	2 fish	3.470 kg
3. Fernando Abrantes	1 fish	3.256 kg

The biggest fish of the day was caught by Fernando weighing in at 3.256 kg and was also his personal best.

James's summary of the competition is as follows:

I caught my fish on a drop shot rig with a 4" fineness worm on a Gloomis drop shot rod with an aldebaran and 6lb Fluro. I targeted 12 – 14' of water with the drop shot. I caught one fish a river2sea s waver swimbait on a 7.7 nrx with a Calais and 16lb Gamma Fluro. The fish on the swimbait was caught in a shallow bay.



Anton's summary of the competition is as follows:

Early morning we first started in the back of a bay where we previously located fish and saw cruising fish prior to the competition. That did not work out as planned. We moved out of the bay to a part of the dam where there is shallow water near deep water forming part of the main lake. There I managed to pick up a good fish but unfortunately the fish broke the line. Dumb mistake for not checking the line for rock damage. I left that area and tried to get the same in other parts of the dam. Unfortunately that did also not work out as planned. After we had a quick lunch we returned to our first spot. We moved along the bay in 12 to 15 feet of water managed to catch a keeper in 4 to 6 feet of water just after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. After spending time in deeper water we returned back to the same depth and I managed to catch the 2.8 Kg fish. Both were caught on zoom paddle tail in junebug colour. I slow rolled the

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paddle tail on both occasions and that seemed to work for me. The water temperature was about 65

degree in the afternoon as to 60 degree early morning.



Fernando's summary of the day is as follows:

Not having time to practice much for the competition we fished 4 weeks before the time. We located fish on the out skirts of possible spawning bays and on points. We got 2 nice fish in these areas. So when we started preparing, we tied rigs as we suspected it to be a similar bite due to fish being close to spawn and a cold front passing on competition day. I insisted to tie on a white swim jig with a white paddle tail trailer as this what worked in the practice session. I slowly rolled the jig over rocks just ticking the tops, this method landed both fish in our boat in the competition. We fished gradually slopping banks in the morning sun from 15ft water casting to banks passing ledges and points.

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..... Winning Ways Newsletter – Lake Oanob – 20.08.2016

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The NBAA hosted this year's B.A.S.S Nation qualifier event on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2016. The event was held at Lake Oanob over a period of 2 days. Easily one of the toughest events for the year, anglers battled the elements and low water levels to land some fish. Never the less we had a very good turnout of anglers that competed.

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The results of the tournament are as follows:

#### Senior Men:

	Day 1	Day 2
1. James van Rooyen	1 fish 2.248kg	1 fish 2.258kg
Alec Williams	2 fish 2.698kg	1 fish 1.230kg
2. Neil Engelbrecht	1 fish 1.381kg	2 fish 2.356kg
3. Thinus Williams	1 fish 3.170kg	no fish

The biggest fish of the day was caught by Fernando weighing in at 3.256 kg and was also his personal best.

James's summary of the competition is as follows:

I caught my fish sight fishing with a gan craft swimbait on 20lb gamma Fluro with a Gloomis swimbait rod and curado 300 reel fishing shallow bays.



Alec's summary of the day is as follows:

I caught all three fish a mojo rigged plastic fishing deep points. I don't have much more to elaborate on as I feel most of it was luck.

Thinus's summary of the day is as follows:

In practice I found fish in the first 1/3 of bays which indicated that fish was starting to look at possible spawning places in bays. I marked these places and other possible "good" areas on my map and decided to rotate these areas in the tournament.

On tournament day I started in the shallows with a Spro frog and pitching structure with a finesse jig. I did not find any activity shallow and started fishing deeper rock points close to marked areas where I lost a nice fish on the jig. Word on the water was that everyone was having a tough tournament - I decided to continue fishing

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points and bluff walls for the rest of the day targeting staging fish and was rewarded with a fish over 3kg (duma fish) in the last 15 minutes at the dam wall area using a green pumpkin super hog texas rigged.

This put me in first position after day one. On day 2 when i put my trolling motor into the water it unfortunately did not work and I could only fish one area where the wind was not bothering me resulting in no fish being weighed.



Well done gents, we will keep a close eye on you at the next competition ☺

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