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NBAA NATIONAL TEAM 2015

CAPTAINS REPORT

REGION 5 BASS FEDERATION ANGLING TOURNAMENT – LAKE CHICAMBA - MANICA PROVINCE - MOZAMBIQUE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Namibian Bass Angling Association (NBAA) National Team took part in the Region 5 Bass Federation Angling Tournament, dated 27th July 2015 to 31st July 2015.

This year was the eighth (8) year in succession, that the NBAA has selected a national team and participated in the Region 5 Bass Federation Tournament. The Region 5 Bass Federation Tournament is hosted by a different country each year and this year the tournament is again to be held on Lake Chicamba, in Mozambique.

Located approximately 200 kilometres west-north-west of the city of Beira, Lake Chicamba is located in the Manica province of Mozambique, not far from the Zimbabwe border city of Mutare. The lake, which is an important supplier of hydroelectricity in the region, was completed in 1968 and filled in the early 70's. With a surface area when full of 160 square kilometres and a capacity of around 2 billion cubic metres this dam occupies a surface area approximately five and a half times the size of Hardap dam, near Mariental. Lake Chicamba is known for very large specimens of largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), with numerous fish over 7 kg's having been caught. The current, official, Namibian open record was smashed by Max Pieper at Lake Chicamba in 2013, raising the old record from 5.02 kg to a monstrous 6.42 kg.

All teams arrived at Lake Chicamba Real on Saturday the 25th of July 2015. Monday and Tuesday were set aside for all national teams to pre-fish this venue. This enabled the teams to get to know the waters and the fishing conditions a little better. The official competition then ran for the following three days.

The Region 5 Bass Federation Tournament is currently the largest international bass fishing competition held in Africa, with six (6) countries participating. Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Zambia and Mozambique took part in this prestigious event.

The Namibian Team of 2015 was haunted on the 2200km journey, by numerous mechanical breakdowns and mechanical issues on their boats and even had medically related issues affecting some team members, even before the tournament started. Broken down Vehicles, broken boat trailers and even two (2) defective boat motors plagued the team shortly after their arrival in Mozambique. These issues obviously affected the young and relatively inexperienced Namibian team negatively and put Namibia on the back foot right from the start of the tournament. Team Namibia anticipated the tournament to be won on "off-shore" and open water bite conditions, as it had in 2013.

Team Namibia thus lacked the experience to capitalize on the very early pre-spawn bite pattern, which the more experienced teams from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique figured out very early.



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Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique call lake Chicamba their home lake and thus these teams were expected to do well.

In the end it was the mighty experienced team from South Africa however, who managed to find new, pre-spawn fish every day of the three (3) day tournament and thus managed to snatch the champions title. The full results are shown in attachment.

The Namibia National Bass Angling team was represented by:

- Max Pieper (Captain)
- Thinus Williams
- Richard Grant
- André van Vuuren
- Jacques Marais
- Alec Williams
- Neels van Tonder
- JP Judeel
- Anton de Wit
- Sonita Pienaar
- Lourens Delpont
- Hendrik Pretorius
- Jason Koudelka (Reserve / Manager)

The Namibian Team returned from this event with a lot of knowledge gained and many valuable lessons learned. Material breakdowns can and will hamper your fishing ability but the experience gained, included how to catch early, pre-spawn fish in a dam that is littered with cover, but that offers very little cover and even less hard bottom (spawning bottom). Ditch, anthill and deep standing timer fishing is something that Namibians are not versed in

A sporting event of this nature, especially seen in the light of the logistical constraints of long travelling distances and the large amount of tackle and gear that has to be taken along, would not be possible without sponsors. The Namibian Bass Angling Association would therefore like to thank all sponsors who will have made this sporting event possible.

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A golf day and fundraiser auction was organized by the NBAA on the 03rd June 2015, to generate funds. It was a well supported and a fun day. Thank you for all teams that participated in the golf day, as well as all visitors and participants in the auction.

The sponsorships and support is very valuable to the sport of bass angling in Namibia. It will have a lasting effect the sport as a whole, as experiences and techniques are shared with all bass anglers in Namibia. We sincerely thank you for your involvement with and support of the Namibia Bass Angling Association.

The National Team wishes to also thank the Namibia Federation of Freshwater Anglers and the Namibia Sports Commission, for their administrative assistance provided which enables us to participate in the Region 5 Bass Federation event as a National Team.

The Namibian Team of 2015, comprised of a young and highly motivated team, with a hunger to learn new methods, explore new waters and develop new skills. We hope that these individual skills and the accumulation of knowledge and experience will one day bring us up to a level where we have the ability to compete for top ranks, even if it is not on our home waters.

Max Pieper
Captain of the Namibia Bass Angling National Team

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Attachments:

- Team Photo of Team Namibia 2015.
- Results of Region 5 Bass Federation Angling Tournament



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REGION 5 BASS FISHING 2015 - RESULTS

DAY 1	TOTAL FISH	DEAD FISH LEGAL	DEAD FISH ILLEGAL	WEIGHT	POINTS DAY1	PLACING DAY 1
MOZAMBIQUE	30	1		36.510	51.310	4
NAMIBIA	28	2		33.785	47.385	5
SOUTH AFRICA	30	1		64.400	79.200	2
SWAZILAND	26	0		19.230	32.230	6
ZAMBIA	30	3		47.690	62.090	3
ZIMBABWE	30	2		67.575	82.175	1

DAY 2	TOTAL FISH	DEAD FISH LEGAL	DEAD FISH ILLEGAL	WEIGHT	POINTS DAY2	PLACING DAY 2
MOZAMBIQUE	30	3		32.990	47.390	4
NAMIBIA	30	1		22.835	37.635	6
SOUTH AFRICA	30			56.520	71.520	1
SWAZILAND	30			27.780	42.780	5
ZAMBIA	30			41.850	56.850	3
ZIMBABWE	30	1		52.805	67.605	2

DAY 3	TOTAL FISH	DEAD FISH LEGAL	DEAD FISH ILLEGAL	WEIGHT	POINTS DAY3	PLACING DAY 3
MOZAMBIQUE	30	1		35.525	50.325	4
NAMIBIA	21	1		21.860	32.160	6
SOUTH AFRICA	30			70.980	85.980	1
SWAZILAND	28			21.105	35.105	5
ZAMBIA	30			53.315	68.315	2
ZIMBABWE	30	3		47.795	62.195	3

TOTALS

523	19
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754.550	Kg
1.443	Avg Kg

OVERALL TOTAL FISH

	TOTAL
MOZAMBIQUE	90
NAMIBIA	79
SOUTH AFRICA	90
SWAZILAND	84
ZAMBIA	90
ZIMBABWE	90

OVERALL RESULT

	POINTS	PLACING
MOZAMBIQUE	149.025	4
NAMIBIA	117.180	5
SOUTH AFRICA	236.700	1
SWAZILAND	110.115	6
ZAMBIA	187.255	3
ZIMBABWE	211.975	2