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DEVELOPMENT REPORT – SUMMARY

1. NEW CLINICS HELD

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1.1 SUMMARY

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The main reason is the current drought experienced in Namibia.

Due to the low rain fall and minimum to no inflow into the dams the dam levels are critically low at present. This influenced the Bass fishing in general and the NBAA members experienced a decrease in the amount and size of the fish caught during official tournaments.

To promote the sport of Bass fishing under these conditions are very difficult. To develop the sport one need more favourable conditions in order for the anglers to experience the pleasure of bass fishing in Namibia. A lot of time any money are invested in our sport and no new angler will invest in the sport if they do not catch fish. The current drought has put our dams and Bass fishing under tremendous pressure. In order to reduce further pressure on the dams the NBAA already moved one of their official tournaments. All future official tournaments as well as development events depend on the rain fall and the water levels in our dams.

From the development events (Corporate Bass Challenge) held during 2015 the NBAA gained a few new members in 2016.

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2. NEW CLINICS HELD

De Hoop Dam: South Africa

2.1 PURPOSE

Richard Grant, Chairman of the NBAA started the initiative to send a development team to RSA to give anglers that are close or have been in the Namibian team the opportunity to fish against and with Protea Anglers.

2.2 SUMMARY

The Protea anglers made their boats and tackle available to the NBAA team thus allowing us to travel by plane to RSA. De Hoop dam was identified as the perfect venue for this event.

Namibian Anglers arrived at OR Tambo international airport on Thursday evening and after luggage and rental bus was sorted departed in the early evening towards De Hoop Dam.

Upon arrival we were greeted by the RSA anglers and over a beer teams were selected for the next day's fishing.

Early Friday morning all members were up and ready to start the day and explore the beautiful venue. Due to the Protea anglers having practiced the day before the first fish were caught very quickly.

The pattern for the day was pitching thick structure with compact plastic baits. No Namibian angler ever gets the opportunity to do this at home due to the lack of such structure.

Day 1 was a great success with lots of fish being brought to the scales in the afternoon. The biggest lesson learned for the day was by Pierre Fourie that learned how to use a landing net.

Day 2 started with the same vigour as the first day with angler eager to try the things discussed the night before around the fire. Top water baits was doing very well with Braam and Reinhard catching lots of bass early morning on the Zaraspook. Later the day the fish moved back into cover and fish again was caught on creature baits pitched into the thick stuff.

At the end of day 2 even more and bigger fish were brought to the scales with the anglers using what they have learned on the previous day. After the event all anglers agreed that the event was the start of great things to come with new friendships being formed. The next event is already in the planning stages and I can personally advise all

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aspiring bass anglers to make use of this opportunity to learn and practice on such a development trip.

The NBAA would like to thank the South African anglers:

Braam Wahl
Cornel Smit
Kobus Retief
Martin Ferreira
Tewie Wessel
Wayne Louw
Reuben

3. NEW CLINICS HELD

NBAA Golf Day. 13 May 2016: Windhoek Country Club

3.1 PURPOSE

The NBAA hosted their annual golf day on 13 May 2016. The main purpose of the golf day was to raise funds for the National team for participation in the Region 5 Bass Federation International Angling Tournament, at Nandoni Dam, Limpopo province, South Africa from the 13th to the 17th of June 2016.

3.2 SUMMARY

The NBAA invited several Corporates to participate in their annual golf day. A total of 12 teams entered for the day. 8 Corporates also sponsored holes on the golf course to show their support to the NBAA. Several corporates also sponsored prizes for the golf day as well as items for the auction.

After a successful day on the golf course the day was rounded off with a prize giving and a 3 course meal and an auction.

During the prize giving ceremony Richard Grant (Chairman of the NBAA) thanked all the sponsors and participants for the continued support to the sport of Bass fishing in Namibia. Without the sponsors the participation in international events would not be possible. The success of the NBAA is largely due to the contributions of these sponsors.

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OJ Construction
Radiant Lighting
Medicine World
Omujeve Hunting Safaris
Old Mutual

4. NEW CLINICS HELD

NBAA development event. **Bank Windhoek Corporate Challenge Relay**

4.1 PURPOSE

Bank Windhoek has been the main sponsor of the NBAA for the last couple of years. The NBAA decided to support their main sponsor by manning a water point on the route for the teams participating in the event.

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4.2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Several members of the NBAA assisted at the water point and also entered teams for the event.

4.3 NUMBER OF COACHES

Several of the EXCO members as well as the spouses and children helped with the handing out of water cups and keeping the area neat and tidy.

4.4 SUMMARY

The NBAA team had their water point, with a lot of support from the public. We had a BASS boat on display. Mr. Max Pieper was very gracious and gave his boat as advertisement.

Mr. Richard Grant did the banners and pamphlets for the NBAA that we distributed amongst the public and contestants. We also showed several fishing videos on a big screen television and several people had a look at the sport of BASS fishing.

Another sponsor of the NBAA (CYMOT) also assisted with the setting up of the gazebo and helping out at the water point during the day.

In the end it was a very successful day and the public were made aware of the sport of BASS fishing in Namibia.

5. NEW CLINICS HELD

The annual Corporate Bass Challenge was held on the weekend of the 23rd – 25th of September 2016.

5.1 PURPOSE

The NBAA hosts the CBC in an effort to expose the sport of bass angling to the corporate community in Namibia. Various corporates are invited to attend the event at which the NBAA shows the corporates exactly what the NBAA does. The participants are taken out onto boats with Namibian team members as guides for the day. The idea is for the Namibian team members to get each participant to catch a bass for the day. The day is run in competition format and there are great prizes to be won.

The event is also an extremely important fund raising event for the NBAA.

This year the NBAA also introduced a media boat with a journalist from the Namibia and a person who operated a Drone and they captured the whole event.

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5.2 SUMMARY

Old Mutual was the headline sponsor for the event and the event was therefor called the Old Mutual Corporate Bass Challenge.

The event started on Friday the 23rd of September 2016 with all the guests arriving at the Oanaob dam. Rooms were allocated and the official welcoming was scheduled for 18:00. At 18:00 all the guests gathered and were welcomed by the chairman of the NBAA.

The team was introduced to their respective skippers for the followings day's angling. After the dinner the teams mingled and enjoyed good company.

The next morning was an early start with all the skippers (coaches) collecting their boat packs and drinks for the day at 06:30 and gathering at the boat launch. The boats were quickly launched and the captain's meeting was held explaining the rules for the day. Every participant received a goodie bag from Old Mutual. Everybody then pulled away for the days fishing.

The fishing once again proved to be tough with the low water levels at Oanob. Most of the boats did catch fish though with only 2 of the boats catching nothing.

After the boats were taken out of the water everybody returned to their rooms to get ready for the prizegiving. The prizegiving was held at 18:30 and everybody was eager to see how the day had panned out.

The results were as follows:

1. Team Panther Express – Oujan Brand and Emile Brand (jnr) skippered by Alec Williams
2. Team Christo Brand Makelaars – Johan Brand and Herman Engelbrecht skippered by Richard Grant
3. Team Namibia Breweries – Roan Myburgh and Marius Templin skippered by Anton De Wit

Biggest Fish:

1. Oujan Brand- 3.35KG

The sponsors had made sure that there were enough prizes and most of the competitors received something. The floating trophies were also handed out.

After the prize giving everybody enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner. An auction was also held with Richard Grant as Auctioneer. The main purpose of the auction was to raise funds for Neil Engelbrecht and Alec Williams for the participation in the BASS nation

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event in America. After the auction the participants all reflected on the days proceedings and shared their experiences after most of the tired bodies retired to bed.

The guests woke up on Sunday morning at leisure, had breakfast and departed.

Feedback received after the event was extremely positive and all the teams promised to be back next year.

6. Clanwilliam Winter Classic

Clanwilliam: Western Cape - South Africa

6.1 VENUE

Clanwilliam Dam: South Africa

6.2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

13

6.3 SUMMARY

2016 is the forth consecutive year that the Namibia Bass Angling Association (NBAA) has included the Clanwilliam Winter Bass Classic in its yearly events calendar. The NBAA has done this in an effort to get more Namibian anglers exposed to international competition under different circumstance against arguably the best anglers South Africa has to offer. This is all done to gain experience for the National Team in order to make the Namibian National Bass Angling team more of a formidable opponent at the annual Region 5 Bass Angling Championships.

A total of 13 Namibian anglers prepared to compete in the event which was held on the week-end of the 3rd and 4th of September 2016. Competition entry fees per team and accommodation costs had be paid well before the time and each angler was responsible for paying their own expenses including fuel and meals to further themselves as anglers and in the long run to benefit Namibia should these anglers qualify for future National team representation..

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The Namibian anglers that competed in the event are as follows:

1. Alec Williams
2. Richard Grant
3. Max Pieper
4. Reinhardt Laggner
5. Neil Engelbrecht
6. James Van Rooien
7. Jurgen Geiger
8. Andre van Vuuren
9. Thinus Williams
10. Ricardo Abrantes
11. Jacques Marais
12. Andrew Hall
13. Pierre Fourie

The full results for the Namibian teams are as follows (out of 64 teams):

- 14th – Bass Docta (Alec Williams & Richard Grant)
- 20th – Optic Exclusive (Reinhard Laggner & Max Pieper)
- 23rd – Viper Namibia (Neil Engelbrecht & James van Rooien)
- 24th – ESB Boats (Richard Watson (SA) & Jurgen Geiger)
- 43rd – Die Suidwesters (Andre van Vuuren & Thinus Williams)
- 48th – Nam Bass (Ricardo Abrantes & Jimmy Abrantes)
- 53rd – Ranger 2 (Jacques Marais)
- 55th – Woestyn Visse (Andrew Hall & Pierre Fourie)

Well done to all the Namibian anglers, you have made your country proud. The NBAA hopes to secure some funding for the 2017 event so that more Namibian anglers can attend the event.

7. NEW CLINICS HELD

Omeya Golf day

7.1 PURPOSE

The main purpose for the event was to raise funds for two of the NBAA's angler to participate in the BAS Nation contender event in America.

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7.2 SUMMARY

The event was a fun event where participants could use any mean to get the ball down the fairway and into the hole at the other end. They used different methods and tested their skill they would normally use on the water when trying to catch Bass. Every team also received a picnic basket to ensure that if they get lost they would have something to eat and drink.

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