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Public Relations Officer Report 2017

Although we had a very good rainy season this year with both Von Bach and Oanob getting substantial inflow, it was a tough year for bass fishing. After a severe drought lasting for a couple of years the eco systems of both Von Bach and Oanob will take some time to recover.

Cancelled Events

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the NBAA once again had to take make the tough decision to cancel the Winter Bass Classic and the renowned Summer Bass Classic. The cancellation of the Summer Bass Classic always has 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 the NBAA and bass fishing tremendous exposure to the public.

NBAA Golf Day

The NBAA hosted 2 golf days this year. The first was held on the 2nd of June at Rossmund Golf Course in Swakopmund. It is the first time that this event was hosted and turned out to be very successful.

On the 30th of June the NBAA hosted its annual golf day at the Windhoek Country Club. It was an extremely successful event. A total of 22 teams attended the event. Pietman die Skot was a special guest at the event. The auction was also very successful and the NBAA managed to raise some well needed funds.

Corporate Bass Challenge

The annual CBC was held at Lake Oanob from the 13rd till the 15th of September. **Old Mutual** once again was the main sponsor of this event along with **Score Energy Drink**. 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.

Executive Council:

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

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Team Pupkewitz Lexus | (Skipper: Richard Grant) |
| 2. Team Christo Brand Brokers | (Skipper: Alec Williams) |
| 3. Team Namibia Oncology Center | (Skipper: Max Pieper) |
| 4. Team Paratus | (Skipper: Andrew Hall) |
| 5. Team Old Mutual 1 | (Skipper: Neil Engelbrecht) |
| 6. Team Old Mutual 2 | (Skipper: Jacques Marais) |

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 Claw Dam, Zimbabwe. The event started on the 22nd of July until the 29th of July. The following anglers represented the Namibia:

1. Alec Williams
2. Thinus Williams
3. Richard Grant
4. Jacques Marais
5. Jason Kodelka
6. Nic Kruger
7. Ricardo Abrantes
8. Max Pieper
9. Neels van Tonder
10. Andrew Hall
11. Lourens Delport
12. Anton de Wit
13. Anton Smit (Reserve)
14. Neil Engelbrecht (Manager)

The fishing was good. All boats managed to catch fish. Unfortunately the big ones eluded us. The camaraderie was fantastic and the team worked well together. Namibia managed to get a 4th place.

B.A.S.S Nation Championship

The BASS Nation Championship was held at lake Hartwell, South Carolina USA from the 19th of November. James van Rooyen represented Namibia as the Boater. This year it was Thinus Williams who went as the non-boater. This is a very prestigious event that gives the anglers and the NBAA great international exposure.



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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, make public announcements, announce the national team, give recognition and exposure to the sponsors and advertise planned events. The NBAA published various newspaper articles during 2017, most of them in the Republikein and some in the New Era, Informante and Namibian 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.

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. One article was published in the SA BASS Magazine during 2017.

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.

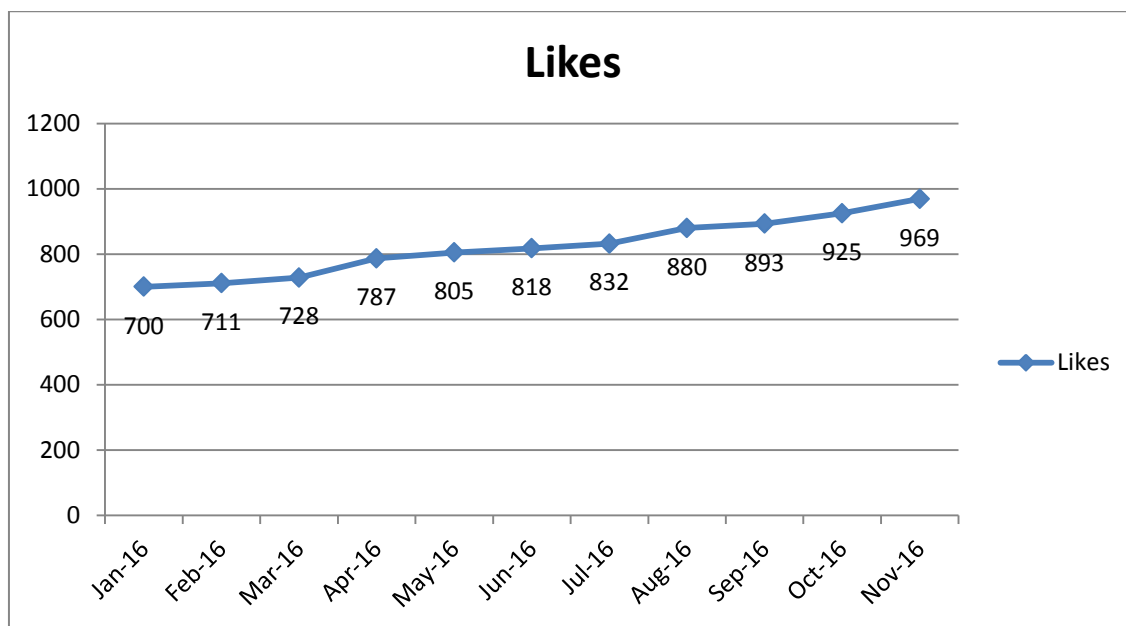
NBAA Website (www.nbaanamibia.com): In this digital age, the website is a window into the workings of the NBAA. Anything about the NBAA can be found on this website from picture galleries, videos, membership entry forms, newsletters, competition results, upcoming events to contact details. The website 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 2017:

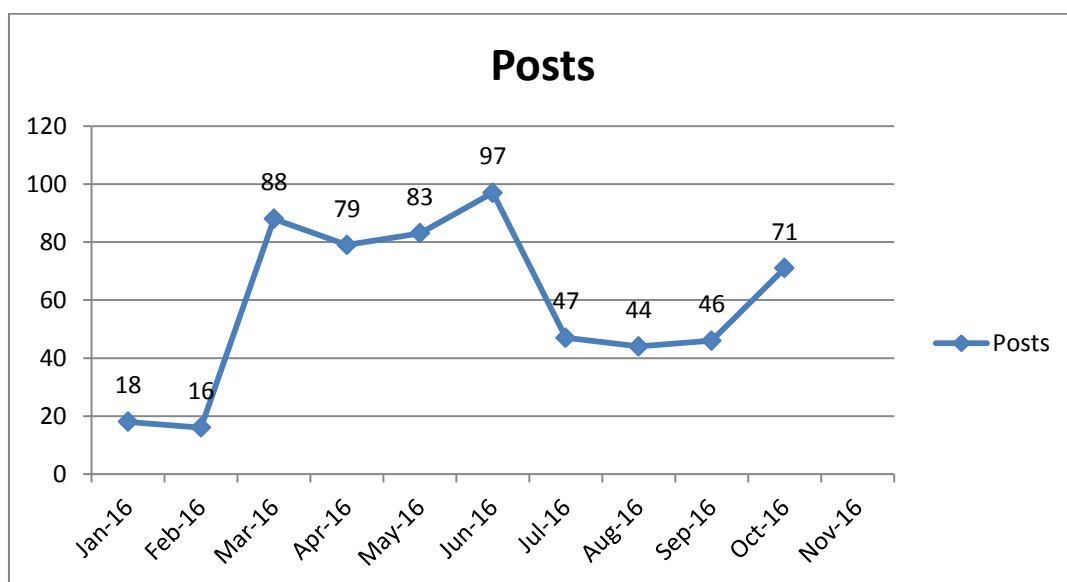
Raffle: The NBAA held its first ever raffle with some great prizes that were up for grabs. The initiative was a great success and successfully raised some funds for the NBAA.



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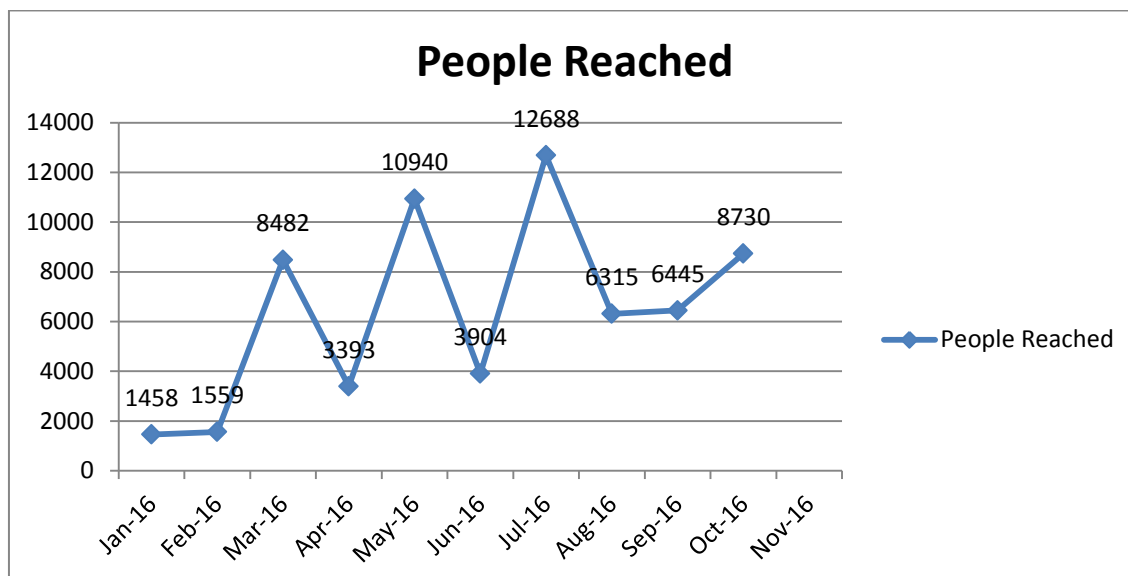
Likes have increased from 700 to a total of 069 during 2017



This graph shows the amount of posts per month. A total of 589 posts for the year posted.



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

The following campaigns were done on FB during 2017

1. NBAA Angler profiles
2. Boat Safety Equipment awareness
3. Tournament rules (Brush up on your rules)
4. National Team Angler profiles
5. Myth or Fact campaign
6. Bass Nation countdown

Video: 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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The NBAA would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support during 2017. Taking the current difficult economic times into consideration these sponsors have persevered:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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) |
| 15. Liberty | 15. ErongoMed |
| 16. Eye Store (Icare) | 17. Quanta Insurance |
| 18. OJ Construction | 19. Radiant |
| 20. Omujeve | 21. DB Space |
| 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 | 29. Africa Online |
| 30. Audio Vision Namibia | 31. Namibia Oncology Centre |

With the tough economic conditions our country has been facing over the last year, the NBAA would like to express its gratitude towards these sponsors for their committed support.

It has been a tough year for bass fishing in Namibia. The prospects however look good and we hope to return to a fantastic fishing season in 2018

I wish everyone a happy festive season and all the best for 2018!

Andrew Hall
Public Relations Officer 2017

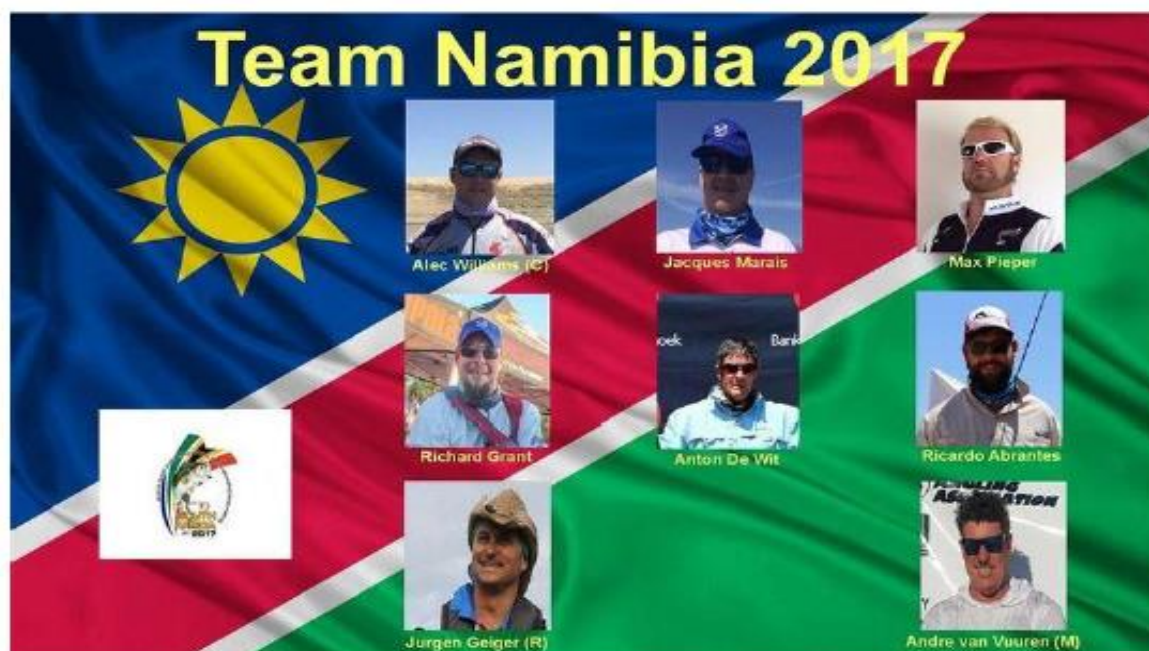


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Annexure A

Baarsspan sien kans vir enigiemand

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'n Namibiese hengelspan ding dié week in die 13de Black Bass wêreldkampioenskap mee wat gister begin het en tot komende Sondag duur.

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Baarshengelvereniging tree as die gasheer op vir die geleentheid wat oor 'n gebied van 52 kilometer lank op die Vaalrivier aangebied word.

Die byeenkoms is die wêreld se grootste internasionale spankompetiese in baarshengel en geniet groot internasionale aansien. Spanne van Suid-Afrika, Zimbabwe, Zambië, Swaziland, die VSA, Kroasië, Duitsland, Italië, Mexiko, Rusland, Portugal, Spanje en Namibië ding mee.

Dit is die eerste keer dat Namibië die kans aangryp om deel te neem – grootliks vanweë die hoë reiskoste om spanne na vorige gasheerlande in Europa of Sentraal-Amerika te stuur.

Uit die vyf dae van die byeenkoms is twee oefendae uitgesit, voor die drie dae van amptelike kompetisie.

Die stelsel van puntetoekenning is anders as waaraan die Namibiërs gewoond is. Elkeen van die drie dae se kompetisie is afsonderlik en dit gaan nie oor elke span se totale gewig, soos waaraan die Namibiese hengelaars gewoond is nie.

Elke span het drie bote met twee hengelaars op die water. In die Grand Prix-puntestelsel word spanwerk beloon en dit is van deurslaggewende belang dat elke Namibiese boot op elke kompetisiedag minstens vyf visse uittrek. Kommunikasie op die water is belangrik en die spankaptein het ook 'n sentrale rol.

Die Namibiese span vir die week is Alec Williams (kaptein), Jacques Marais, Max Pieper, Richard Grant, Anton de Wit, Ricardo Abrantes, Jürgen Geiger (reserwe) en André van Vuuren (spanbestuurder).

"Die Namibiese span berei reeds vir maande voor en is gereed om die voorste hengelaars in die wêreld die stryd aan te sê. Die meeste spanlede het reeds voor die amptelike spertyd na die venue vertrek om op die Vaalrivier te gaan oefen. Ons oefensessies was uiters waardevol en het ons spanlede baie selfvertroue gegee," het Richard Grant, nasionale spanlid en voorsitter van die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging, gesê.

Volgens die Namibiese spanbestuur sal hul webblad (www.nbaanamibia.com) en hul Facebook-blad gebruik word om belangstellendes op hoogte van sake te hou.

Hengelspan vestig hom as wêreldklas

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Met Namibië se heel eerste deelname aan die pas afgelope 13de wêreldkampioenskap in baarshengel, was die nasionale span heel tevrede om in 'n respektabele sewende plek uit 13 lande te kon eindig.

Die wêreldwye spogbyeenkoms vir die sport is op die Vaalrivier deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Baarshengelvereniging (SABAA) aangebied.

Elke span het drie bote met twee hengelaars elk in die veld gestoot vir die kompetisie wat oor 'n gebied van 52 kilometer op die rivier gehou is.

Deelnemers was hoogs beïndruk met die puik reëlins van die toemooi wat selfs eerstewêreldlande se vorige aanbiedings oortref het. Die mediadekking het selfs volledige regstreekse video stroom op prominente YouTube-kanale soos FLWFishing en Just Fishing ingesluit, wat elke deel van die hengelwêreld bereik het. Hengelaars en organiseerders was dus vol lof vir wat die SABAA onder leierskap van Craig Fraser vermag het.

Die Namibiese span het uit Alec Williams (kaptein), Jacques Marais, Max Pieper, Richard Grant, Anton de Wit, Ricardo Abrantes, Jurgen Geiger (reserwe) en André van Vuuren (bestuurder) bestaan.

Die Namibiërs se besluit om twee weke vooraf op die Vaalrivier te gaan oefen, het vrugte afgewerp met die ondervinding en plaaslike kennis wat goud werd was.

Ná twee amptelike oefendae het die kompetisie van drie dae begin. Die eerste kompetisiedag was egter die heeldag koud en reënerig en toestande op die Vaalrivier was dus veel anders as tydens die vorige oefensessies.

Die Namibiërs het nogtans nooit besgegee nie en elke boot het daarin geslaag om sy limiet vir die dag te vang. Namibië het dus die eerste dag in die algehele vyfde plek afgesluit – selfs voor die Amerikaners.

Toestande op die tweede dag was gunstiger, maar die verandering in die barometer en die bootverkeer wat visse al meer sku maak, het meegebring dat hengelaars dit steeds nie maklik gehad het nie.

Met goeie spanwerk het die Namibiërs wel hul limiet in elke boot gehaal, maar 'n ongelukkige terugslag was dat een boot se swaarste vis gevrek het minute voordat dit ingeweeë sou word. Dit het Namibië tot agtste laat terugsak.

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Op dag drie het die weersomstandighede verder verswak. Nogtans het die Namibiese bote hul sakke vol gevang en die dag in die vyfde posisie afgesluit, wat hul algehele plek in die toernooi op sewende te staan gebring het.

Namibië se beste boot (Max Pieper en Ricardo Abrantes) het in die individuele kompetisie in die vierde plek geëindig. Pieper se beste vangs van 2.28 kg was ook die vierde swaarste vis van die toernooi.

Die deelnemende lande se hengelspanne het soos volg geëindig: 1. Suid-Afrika, 2. VSA, 3. Italië, 4. Spanje, 5. Zambië, 6. Zimbabwe, 7. Namibië, 8. Duitsland, 9. Swaziland, 10. Mexiko, 11. Portugal, 12. Rusland, 13. Kroasië

Die NBAA spreek sy dank uit teenoor die Namibiese Federasie van Varswaterhengelaars (NFFA), die Namibiese Sportkommissie en alle borge wat dit moontlik gemaak het vir die nasionale span om op die wêreldtoneel te kon meeding.

Die spanlede bedank ook hul vroue en families vir die ondersteuning om dit 'n gedenkwaardige geleentheid te maak.



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Baars-vennootskap opnuut hemu

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Die Namibiese Baarshengelvereniging (NBHV) het vir die vierde opeenvolgende jaar 'n borgskap van Bank Windhoek vir die 2017-seisoen ontvang.

Die Bank Windhoek nasionale baarshengelkompetisiereeks het reeds verlede maand by die Von Bachdam naby Okahandja afgeskop. Mōre sal die ywerige hengelaars mekaar opnuut in drie afdelings pak. Daar is plek vir die jeugdige hengelaars, terwyl die senior manne en vroue ook deelneem.

Die enigste twee damme in die land waar baarshengel beoefen word, is die Oanobdam wes van Rehoboth en Von Bach, vertel Richard Grant, voorsitter van die NBHV.

"Die borgskap van Bank Windhoek word hoofsaaklik gebruik om ons kompetisies aan te bied. Sonder hierdie belangrike borgskap sal dit vir ons nie moontlik wees om kompetisies te hou nie. Tweedens word die geld aangewend om die sport te help ontwikkel met die oog op die jeug en veral vroue. Ons nooi nuwe hengelaars asook die publiek om die dag saam met ons te kom deurbring," het Grant gesê.

Kompetisies vir 2017

25 Maart: Von Bachdam.

22 April: Oanobdam.

12 en 13 Mei: venue nog onbekend.

27 Mei: Von Bachdam.

17 Junie: Von Bachdam.

19 en 20 Augustus: venue nog onbekend.

9 September: Von Bachdam.

29 en 30 September: venue nog onbekend.

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5 en 7 Oktober: Vaalrivier Swartbaars wêreldkampioenskap in Suid-Afrika.

27 en 28 Oktober: Von Bachdam.

11 November en 2 Desember: Oanobdam.



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Region 5 International 26th to 28th of July 2017 Hosted at Claw Dam, Zimbabwe

The Namibian Team departed for Claw Dam on the 20th of July 2017. It was a 3 day journey from Namibia, through Botswana to Kadoma in Zimbabwe covering a total of almost 1800km.

This year the team was made up out of the following anglers:

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Alec Williams | (Captain) | Jacques Marais | |
| Richard Grant | | Max Pieper | |
| Neels van Tonder | | Anton de Wit | |
| Thinus Williams | | Jason Koudelka | |
| Lourens Delpont | | Ricardo Abrantes | |
| Nic Kruger | | Andrew Hall | |
| Neil Engelbrecht | (Manager) | Anton Smit | (Reserve) |

The team arrived at Claw Dam on Saturday afternoon the 22nd of July. The Kadoma Angling Club put a lot of effort into the camping facilities making the team's stay there very comfortable and enjoyable. The catering company did a sterling job with providing food for all the countries and the boat packs were fantastic.

The Region 5 tournament is usually attended by 6 countries namely Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Mozambique and Swaziland but due to unfortunate circumstances Swaziland had to withdraw this year. This gave a total of 30 boats competing on the water.

The tournament was officially opened on Sunday the 23rd of July with two practice days and the official tournament starting on the 26th, one could feel the excitement in the air. The camaraderie amongst the countries was amazing with some very good friendships built up over the years.

During practice days the team was divided up into different areas of the dam, each boat looking for and marking structure on their electronics, pitching a bait into certain spots checking if the fish was there but taking extra care not to get a hook up. It is very important not to "sting" a fish during practice as they tend to go off the bite when caught.

Tournament Day 1:

The following fish made it to the scales:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Mozambique | 20 fish |
| Namibia | 27 fish |
| Zambia | 29 fish |
| South Africa | 30 fish |
| Zimbabwe | 30 fish |

Namibia was in 5th position after day 1 due to the total weight of our fish being less than the other countries. Total weight for the day was 138.86kg and a total of 136 fish

Tournament Day 2:

The following fish made it to the scales:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Mozambique | 23 fish |
| Namibia | 30 fish |
| Zambia | 28 fish |
| South Africa | 30 fish |
| Zimbabwe | 29 fish |



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Namibia moved into 4th position after day 2.
Total weight for the day was 135.62kg and a total of 140 fish

Tournament Day 3:

The following fish made it to the scales:

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Mozambique | 20 fish |
| Namibia | 23 fish |
| Zambia | 22 fish |
| South Africa | 29 fish |
| Zimbabwe | 30 fish |

Namibia was still in 4th position after day 3
Total weight for the day was 113kg and a total of 124 fish

The total amount of fish caught for the tournament was 400 with a total weight of 387.48kg

The end results as follows

1. Zimbabwe
2. South Africa
3. Zambia
4. Namibia
5. Mozambique

The camaraderie amongst the Namibian team was something to be proud of and although they only got a 4th place it is a 4th place to be proud of! Team Namibia worked as a solid team and the bronze medal was in reach at all times. The biggest challenge was that the bigger fish seemed to elude the Namibian lures! Team Namibia left Zimbabwe as a proud team with lots of great memories.

The NBAA would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors for their contributions to make this event a reality for Team Namibia; **Cymot, Deepcatch, Old Mutual, KTE, Frametique, Adri Basson Insurance, Bushwhackers, Paratus Telecom, Quanta Insurance, Zebra Trailers, Pandora, Engen Jan Jonker, Tow in Specialist, Miko Coffee, Standard Bank, TN Mobile, Hollard, Douglas Motors, Africa Online, WV Carpentry, TyreRack, Surestart Properties, NALGU, Nampharm, Mercury Car Hire, Kameel Hout Investments, G4S, Ricoh Namibia, Dujan Construction, Nam Tyre, Connas Upholstery, FasFit Wheel & Tyre and Beuke & Associates.**

A special word of thanks to the NBAA main sponsor **Bank Windhoek Namibia**. Thank you very much for your ongoing loyal support and for making such a contribution and tremendous difference towards the sport of bass fishing in Namibia.



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Left to Right: Jacques Marais, Richard Grant, Thinus Williams, Neels van Tonder, Ricardo Abrantes, Max Pieper, Jason Koudelka, Anton de Wit, Lourens Delport, Neil Engelbrecht, Anton Smit, Alec Williams, Nic Kruger and Andrew Hall

Yours Sincerely
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Namibian Team 2017



Max Pieper & Ricardo Abrantes



Andrew Hall & Lourens Delpont



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Bass anglers seventh at World Champs

• HELGE SCHÜTZ

NAMIBIA finished seventh out of 13 countries at the 13th Black Bass World Championships, which were hosted by South Africa on the Vaal River from 2 to 8 October.

It was the first time that Namibia had competed at an event of such magnitude, and they gave a fine performance at the world's biggest team bass angling tournament.

Each country had three boats on the water with two anglers each, while the tournament was held on a 52km stretch of water on the river.

The Namibian team went to practise at the venue two weeks before the cut-off date, which gave them valuable experience before the start of the tournament.

The world championships consisted of five days of angling, which included two days of practice, and three days of competition.

On the first day of competition, the team encountered rainy conditions with very cold weather, with the rain coming down non-stop from 06h00 to 10h00. Team Namibia was cold and wet, but continued to fish in the miserable conditions. The hard work thus paid off as all the Namibian boats managed to catch their limit for the day while the country finished fifth overall, ahead of angling powerhouse the United States.

The second day saw much better weather, but fishing became more difficult, mainly due to boat pressure and the change in the barometer. One of the Namibian boats had further misfortune as their biggest fish died a few minutes before the weigh-in, with the result that Namibia moved



Photo: Contributed

FLYING THE FLAG ... The Namibian Bass Angling team, from left: André van Vuuren (manager), Anton de Wit, Alec Williams (captain), Richard Grant, Jacques Marais, Ricardo Abrantes, Jürgen Geiger (reserve) and Max Pieper.

down to eighth place overall. The weather once again took a turn for the worse on the final day, but Team Namibia managed to fill their bag limits to finish fifth on the day, and seventh overall.

One of the Namibian boats, with Max Pieper and Ricardo Abrantes on board, came fourth overall in the individual standings, while Pieper also caught the fourth-biggest fish of the tournament, weighing in at 2,26kg.

South Africa were the overall winners, with the United States coming second and Italy third.

They were followed by Spain, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and then Namibia. According to

Andrew Hall, the PRO of the Namibia Bass Angling Association, the organisation of the tournament was impeccable.

"The media coverage was phenomenal, with live updates being broadcast all over the world, including on the famous FLW Youtube channel. Each day's full weigh-in was broadcast live on the web, and fans tuned in from all corners of the globe," he beamed.

The Namibian team consisted of Alec Williams (captain), Jacques Marais, Max Pieper, Richard Grant, Anton de Wit, Ricardo Abrantes, Jürgen Geiger (reserve) and André van Vuuren (manager).



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Press Release

The Namibia Bass Angling Association regrettably would like to inform the public that the 2017 Radiowave Summer Bass Classic which was scheduled to take place at the end of October has been postponed to 2018 due to the fact that S. Von Bach Dam has not yet recovered from the effects of the devastating drought that Namibia experienced over the last couple of years.

S. Von Bach dam was at a mere 9% in December of 2016. Fortunately there was considerable inflow since December in the form of the good rains that Namibia experienced coupled with the water which Namwater has been pumping to S. Von Bach from Omatako Dam and S. Von Bach currently stands at over 70%. Unfortunately even though S. Von Bach is reasonably full the eco-system is in a state of repair and will take time to recover fully.

The NBAA is extremely conservation orientated and feel that putting additional pressure on our most important resource would most certainly not aid the recovery process and as a result of all of the above have made the decision to cancel the 2017 event.

Kind regards,

Richard Grant
Chairman

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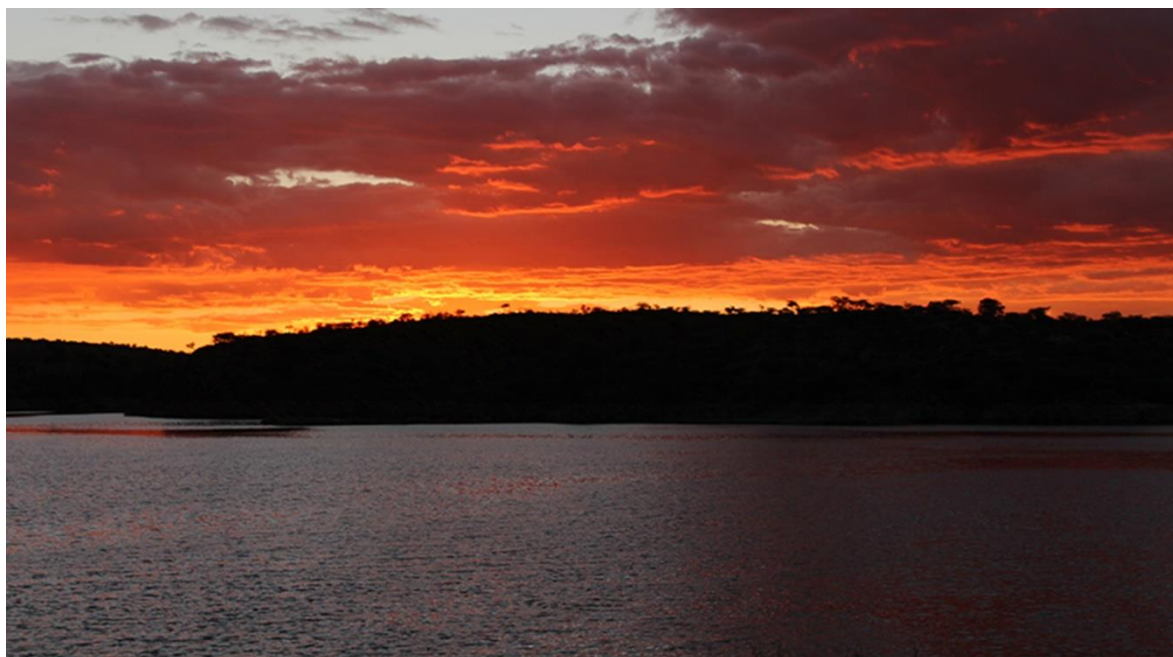
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Annexure B



Bank Windhoek National Tournament #1 25th of February 2017 Lake Oanob

The NBAA hosted the 1st Bank Windhoek National Tournament for 2017 at picturesque Lake Oanob, 90km south of Windhoek on the 25th of February 2017. Anglers were all excited to start the new season. The turn-out for the tournament was fantastic with no less than 5 new anglers, 3 returning anglers that did not compete due to the drought in 2016 and 4 ladies competing of which one was a junior. The NBAA is excited to physically see the growth in the sport and is aiming to take bass angling in Namibia to new exciting levels.





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Namibia was blessed with great rains at the beginning of February that pushed Lake Oanob from 25% to 80% with in the space of 3 weeks. This inflow is fantastic for the future of Bass fishing in Namibia however it made the first Tournament extremely difficult with only 6 fish coming to the scales.

Jandre Engelbrecht Caught the biggest fish of the tournament which was subsequently big enough to win the tournament as well. The fish weighed an impressive 3.676kg (8 lbs 10 oz.) and can be considered to be a 'wall hanger'. Nic Kruger caught a giant too weighing in at 3.02kg (6 lbs 7 oz.) which turned out to be the second biggest fish of the day. Alec Williams caught his fish, a respectable specimen of 2.051kg, in injury time just before the tag board closed, earning him valuable points in the always closely contested 'Angler of the Year' race.

For the anglers out there that want to catch a giant bass at Lake Oanob, the two giants were both caught on a white and chartreuse spinner bait. Try it; you might just get a giant surprise.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

| Angler: | Points: |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 st Jandre Engelbrecht | 4.176 |
| 2 nd Nic Kruger | 3.502 |
| 3 rd Alec Williams | 2.551 |
| 4 th Jürgen Geiger | 2.089 |
| 5 th Johan Coetzee | 1.576 |
| 6 th Stefan De Wet | 1.570 |

Stefan de Wet was one of the new anglers with little bass angling experience and did exceptionally well under truly tough conditions.





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Bank Windhoek National Competition 25 March 2017



The NBAA hosted the Bank Windhoek National Competition on the 25th of March 2017 at Von Bach dam. The venue was warmly welcomed by all anglers as it has been almost a year since we hosted a competition at the dam. The prevailing drought during the previous years have resulted the dam level in reaching a low of 9% before the rainy season started last year. The site of a 55% water level Von Bach brought joy to all anglers that attended the competition. A total of 18 boats with 23 anglers attended the competition.

The prospect of this magical fishing destination returning to all its glory has rekindled a flame in many old competitive anglers and we expect our attendance numbers to increase throughout the rest of the year!

Fishing conditions were still a little challenging with the rapid rise in water levels but none the less everyone had a great time on the water. A total of 8 fish made it to the scales.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

| Position | Name of Angler | Number of Fish | Total Weight |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Alec Williams | 2 | 4,810 |
| 2 | Willem Burger | 2 | 3,750 |
| 3 | Gregg Howard | 1 | 2,735 |
| 4 | Hendrik Pretorius | 1 | 2,359 |
| 5 | Richard Grant | 1 | 1,850 |
| 6 | Thinus Williams | 1 | 1,420 |

The heaviest fish for the day was caught by Gregg Howard, a new member to the NBAA, it weighed in at 2.735kg.

We had 3 lady anglers that attended the competition but unfortunately none of them was able to weigh in a fish.

Thank you very much to Bank Windhoek for their loyal and ongoing support and making such a difference to bass angling in Namibia.



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Bank Windhoek National Competition 22 April 2017



The NBAA hosted the 3rd Bank Windhoek National Competition of the year on the 22nd of April 2017 at Oanob dam. A total of 21 boats attended the competition. Random safety checks on individual boats were done early in the morning and the tournament was kicked off with a prayer by Willem Burger.

This tournament will truly be remembered by all as conditions presented anglers with the worst conditions one could hope for. It is suspected that because of the dramatic increase in water level over a very short period of time, the dam is in the process of "turning" which causes extremely low levels of oxygen in the water resulting in loads of dead fish scattered all over dam including bass.

James van Rooyen won the tournament with the only fish that made it to the scales. He weighed in a beautiful 3.098kg fish.





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Bank Windhoek National Competition 13 May 2017



The NBAA hosted the 4th Bank Windhoek National Competition on the 13th of May 2017 at Von Bach dam. A total of 18 boats with 23 anglers attended the competition.

Tough conditions prevail once again with only 3 fish making it to the scales. The positive part is that the fish came out from the one corner to the middle to the back of the dam which means that the bass are widespread and that they have once again populated areas in which they were before the water receded. The NBAA appeals to all angler to be patient and to allow mother nature time to heal.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

| Position | Name of Angler | Number of fish | Total Weight |
|----------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Andre van Vuuren | 1 | 2,177 |
| 2 | Max Pieper | 1 | 1,924 |
| 3 | Anton Smit | 1 | 1,818 |

The heaviest fish for the day was caught by Dr Andre van Vuuren, it weighed in at 2.177kg.



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Bank Windhoek National Competition 19 August 2017



The NBAA hosted the 5th Bank Windhoek National Competition on the 19th of August 2017 at Von Bach dam. A total of 15 boats with 25 anglers attended the competition.

Frontal conditions had quite a severe impact on the fishing conditions and the turnout was quite poor on what felt like the coldest day of the year. A total of 2 fish made it to the scales. The Williams brothers seemed to have dominated this tournament with 2 well deserved fish the caught.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

| Position | Name of Angler | Number of fish | Total Weight |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Thinus Williams | 1 | 2,254 |
| 2 | Alec Williams | 1 | 2,174 |

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Bank Windhoek National Trials 9 – 10 September 2017



The NBAA hosted the Bank Windhoek National Trials on the 9th and 10th of September 2017 at Oanob dam. A total of 23 boats with 23 anglers attended the competition. This is an important tournament to determine the anglers that will be representing Namibia at the 2018 Internationals. Anglers are allowed to take part on invitation only.

It promised to be an eventful tournament with the bass going onto their nests for the spawn. It was however clear after day one that it was going to be a tough tournament as anglers battled to bring fish to the scales. James however had nailed the pattern and with some excellent sight fishing skills managed to bag 4 fish on day two. A total of 18 fish made it to the scales over 2 days. Total weight being 16.875kg

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Day 1:

| Position | Name | Number of fish | Weight |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | Alec Williams | 2 | 4.005kg |
| 2 | Max Pieper | 2 | 0.931kg |
| 3 | James van Rooyen | 2 | 0.915kg |

Day 2:

| Position | Name | Number of fish | Weight |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | James van Rooyen | 4 | 5.046kg |
| 2 | Jurgen Geiger | 1 | 1.526kg |
| 3 | Duan Kotze | 1 | 0.714kg |



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Overall Winners

| Position | Name | Number of fish | Weight |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1 | James van Rooyen | 6 | 5.961kg |
| 2 | Alec Williams | 2 | 4.005kg |
| 3 | Max Pieper | 2 | 0.931kg |

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Winner: James van Rooyen



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Annexure C

>> SA BASS INTERNATIONAL – NAMIBIA

Autumn Fishing at Von Bach

Aerial photos of Von Bach Dam

This story starts at a dam about 80km north of Windhoek very close to a town called Okahandja.



James van Rooyen with a bass caught at Von Bach Dam

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Alec Williams with bass caught at Von Bach

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Sartorius von Bach or more commonly known as Von Bach Dam is nestled elegantly in the bush, covering an area of 4.89km² and on occasion offers the sighting of some early morning antelope having a drink at the water's edge. This is Namibia's oldest bass fishery and an absolute paradise to any bass angler. Von Bach is a rock filled impoundment in the Swakop River catchment system, the dam has a total lack of aquatic vegetation. The Swakop River is the main river feeding to the dam. The average precipitation for this area is about 410mm per year.

Von Bach is the primary water source of Windhoek and Okahandja and has a total capacity of 48,560 million cubic meters. The dam has faced some tough conditions during the drought the last couple of years and hit a low of about 9% before the rainy season started in December 2016. Since then the dam has received quite a bit of inflow and stood at 42.8% end of February 2017 with some good rain prediction still ahead.

There are a multitude of fish species in Von Bach namely, carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), African sharptooth catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*), our beloved largemouth friends (*Micropterus salmoides*), straightfin barb (*Barbus paludinosus*), blue curper (*Oreochromis mossambicus*) and redbreasted curper (*Tilapia rendalli*). Bass was introduced to Von Bach in the 1970's by the Ministry of Fisheries to control the expanding carp population. This dam has evolved into a unique eco system over the last 47 years with some exceptional bass fishing. The last Zone-6 tournament held on Von Bach yielded a catch of about 450 fish for the tournament, truly a memorable event to every angler that attended.

As autumn starts we enter into a very exciting time for bass fishing at Von Bach. Water temperatures slowly start to decrease which causes the baitfish to move into the shallow waters in the back of bays. Bass follow this baitfish into the back of these bays and it is here where they will be most commonly found in the autumn months. Bass

>> Andrew Hall

become very active during this period as they start to feed for the upcoming winter and prey on almost anything. It is during this time that the faster moving baits work exceptionally well.

The number one bait for Von Bach during this period is a lipless crankbait. You will surely bag a few beauties with this bait as well as some catfish in the process. A couple of alternative baits to consider that also work well during this period are jerkbaits, square bill crank baits for those shallows as well as regular crankbaits to cover the deeper water. The colour of choice would be canary kurper or any natural colours that mimic the baitfish as closely as possible.

As mentioned earlier Von Bach has little to no aquatic vegetation and majority of the bass relate to rock structures and piles. There are a few dead trees but these are usually only submerged during high water levels after a good rainy season. Any of these submerged trees and stick ups are also good places to go hunting for bass and are sure to produce a fine specimen or two. Alternative places to target for bass would be tapering rock points that have access to deeper water, boat docks in shallower water as well as river channels and edges. The bigger fish start moving into the shallow waters once the water temperature reaches about 20°C. As autumn progresses and water temperatures drop even lower it is recommended to downsize your baits for the most effective fishing.

The dam offers its visitors the option of camping or luxury chalet accommodation. There is also a restaurant available to guests.

If you are ever in the area, make sure to schedule a fishing trip to Von Bach to make this dam part of one of your most memorable bass fishing destinations. 🐟

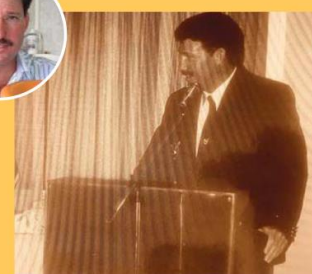


NBAAA Hall of Fame

The NBAA pays homage to people that made the sport of bass angling in Namibia what it is today. People that have gone out of their way to improve the sport that we all love. People that have spent many hours and have spent thousands of dollars just to make a difference for our future generations. These people are heroes.

The first LEGEND OF THE NBAA to be honored is Dr André

van Vuuren (Fires). A true ambassador of the sport. He has been making a difference since before 2000 which means that he put in over 1½ decades of his life into his passion. Fires was part of the team that stocked Oanob Dam with the largemouth bass that we all enjoy catching today which is one of the NBAA's most impressive success stories of all. 🐟





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Annexure D

..... Winning Ways Newsletter – Lake Oanob – 25.02.2017



The NBAA hosted the 1st National Tournament of 2017 on the 25th of February on Lake Oanab. The event was well attended with some of the old familiar faces returning from a well-deserved break. The Captain's meeting was buzzing with excitement as the dam water level stood at 75,5% receiving a lot of inflow from where it stood at about 28% three weeks prior to the competition. This dramatic increase in water level definitely called for a tough competition but this did not but a damper on our spirits as we know we are in for a good year of fishing! A total of 6 fish made it to the scales but all anglers had a blast experiencing the dam at such a high water level.

The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek our main sponsor for sponsoring the event.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Senior Men:

| | | | |
|----|--------------------|--------|----------|
| 1. | Jandre Engelbrecht | 1 fish | 3.676 kg |
| 2. | Nic Kruger | 1 fish | 3.002 kg |
| 3. | Alec Williams | 1 fish | 2.051 kg |

The biggest fish of the day was caught by Jandre weighing in at 3.676 kg.

Jandre's summary of the competition is as follows:

I caught my fish on a white and chartreuse spinnerbait. My strategy was to target green bushes submerged in about 3 feet of water. I also used crankbaits and a light texas fluke but the spinner proved to be the most effective.



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Nic's summary of the day is as follows:

I used a war eagle spinnerbait in white and chartreuse with one silver and gold willow leaf blade. I targeted brush on points close to shallow water where the baitfish was. Steven my boat partner caught his fish on a blue and chrome rattle trap on steep banks.



Alec's summary of the day is as follows:

I caught my fish on mojo baby brush hog june bug 3/16 oz sinker. My strategy was to cover as much water as possible.



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Well done to all three gentlemen! Those are some decent size fish you caught under very challenging conditions!



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..... Winning Ways Newsletter – Von Bach dam – 25.03.2017



The NBAA hosted the 2nd National Tournament of 2017 on the 25th of March on Von Bach dam. The event was well attended with the exciting prospect of this bass fishing haven returning to all its glory with the good inflow it received during this rainy season. The dam hit a low of 9% end of last year and currently stands at a proud level of 55%. Fishing conditions were still tough with the big metamorphosis the dam has undergone this rainy season. A total of 8 fish made it to the scales.

The NBAA would like to thank Bank Windhoek, Cymot and Score Energy for sponsoring this event! Without the loyal support of these sponsors all this would not be possible.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Senior Men:

| | | | |
|----|---------------|--------|---------|
| 1. | Alec Williams | 2 fish | 4.810kg |
| 2. | Willem Burger | 2 fish | 3.750kg |
| 3. | Gregg Howard | 1 fish | 2.735kg |

The biggest fish of the day was caught by Gregg Howard weighing in at 2.735 kg.

Alec's summary of the competition is as follows:

I used a weightless juniebug trick stick on the one fish I caught and a paddle tail small fluke on drop shot with 6lb seagaur on the other. I did not have a strategy as I caught nothing during my prefish session so I just rotated between different spots.



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BIG BITE BAITS - 5" TRICK STICK



JUNEBUG PUMPKIN



Willem's summary of the day is as follows:

Bait: Terminator, willow leaf spinnerbait in gold and silver, brown and white skirt.

Strategy: Concentrated efforts mainly on rock piles / rock ridges where there was a slight chop (waves) on the water.

Technique: Casted the spinnerbait out to the shoreline grass and bush and retrieved it slowly. Once out of the bush or grass line, I slowed down even more and fish the spinnerbait yo-yo with long pauses.

I caught one fish in the grass line, the other fish picked up the spinnerbait on the drop of the yo-yo.

I switched to plastics in the afternoon as there was no wind movement.



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Gregg's summary of the day is as follows:

I prefished the dam and concentrated on the cleaner water. I thought we had found some sort of pattern pitching plastics a few weeks prior to the event. However as the dirty water cleaned up close to the event I think a number of fish moved back into the main section of the dam. The day of the event I continued in the cleaner water and focused on the grass lines and points. It was quickly evident that the fishing had deteriorated. I practically threw the kitchen sink and managed to get one to commit to a baby bass spook. Fortunately it was a better one.



Well done to all three gentlemen!

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