



TOYOTA 1000 DESERT RACE

2018

KALAHARI BOTSWANA



22 - 24 JUNE 2018



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MESSAGE FROM ACTING CEO

We converge once again in Jwaneng, for the fourth instalment of the desert race. For the past four years, the Jwaneng community and surrounding villages have generously hosted the event, receiving thousands of spectators and fans. I extend a special welcome to all our visitors and wish you a happy stay in Botswana

The Desert race is a flagship event of Botswana, and it continues to grow in leaps and bounds. To us at Botswana Tourism, the event plays a critical role in tourism diversification; and provides an opportunity for temporary and meaningful jobs.

We will always be grateful for the support from the District Commissioner, Jwaneng Town Council, The Mayor, Tribal Leadership and other stake holders. Coordinating the Desert Race has been made easier by the combined support of all these authorities. We thank South African Cross Country Series (SACCS) for always choosing Botswana for this event. To the business sector, we trust you're ready to serve.

We have privatised some of the services, such as Camping, Marquee hosting as well as sale of the event's merchandise. We trust these, and many other efforts, will increase beneficiation from the event by Botswana communities.

Different personnel will be assigned to manage different activities of the race, therefore your cooperation on this, will facilitate smooth running of the event.

To all incoming visitors, enjoy your stay in Botswana, and take back good memories.

I wish you a happy and safe Desert Race, and implore you to take care of the environment, yourselves, and to drive safely. **DON'T SPOIL IT.**

Zibanani Hubona
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Mascom Celebrates 20 Years of Support to Sports in Botswana



Mascom was licenced in 1998 as the first mobile telecommunications operator in Botswana. This year we celebrate 20 Years in Botswana and 20 years of support to sports development in the country. Since 2009, Mascom has been a proud sponsor of the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race. Through this journey we have helped in growing the interest in the sport of motor racing as well as the development of tourism in Botswana. The Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race has proven to be the premier event on the off-road racing calendar in Africa. "As the leading mobile service operator, Mascom's partnership with the desert race culminates the passion that we have for sports development in this country. We are happy to be a part of this race again this year as we celebrate 20 years in Botswana. We look forward to an exhilarating race and a wonderful sport spectacle".

Jose Vieira Couceiro

SAFE SPECTATING

Cross Country Racing is a spectacular and exciting sport to watch, however, there are some golden rules that must be observed.

Please obey these rules when spectating as it makes the event far more enjoyable for you and fellow spectators.

- **OBEY THE RULE OF THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES**
- **DO NOT SPEED**
- **ALWAYS OBEY INSTRUCTIONS FROM AUTHORITIES AND EVENT MARSHALS**
- **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE**
- **DO NOT ENTER DEMARCATED**
- **PROHIBITED AREAS**
- **DO NOT SPECTATE AT DANGEROUS POINTS**
- **KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER OBSERVATION AT ALL TIMES**
- **PARK WELL CLEAR OF THE ROAD**
- **DO NOT LITTER**

Message from Toyota South Africa Motors



Through the years the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race has cemented its place as the toughest motor race on the African continent, and one of the most challenging and iconic races in the world. But it is also the crown jewel of the South African Cross-Country Series (SACCS), and the only marathon round of the championship. In Toyota-speak, the Desert Race, as it is also known, is "tougher-er" than any other race in Southern Africa - so right up our street then.

This is underscored by Toyota's past results on the Desert Race. Through the decades, names like that of Apie Reyneke, who won the event five times, have become part of the lore of The Desert. More recently, Duncan Vos (four wins) and Anthony Taylor (three wins) added to Toyota's Desert Race trophy collection; and last year saw Giniel de Villiers bring his Toyota Gazoo Racing SA Hilux home just six seconds ahead of teammate Leeroy Poulter, driving an identical car.

Finishing so close together after 1,000 km of racing through the soft sands of the Kalahari Desert was simply unbelievable, and that story will become part of the fabric that makes the Desert Race so spectacular. Its long and proud history makes this a race steeped in tradition and lore; but at the same time, we live in an age where technology plays a significant role in the event.

These days it is possible for fans to track the progress of the cars from anywhere in the world, thanks to the RallySafe app which is free to download on both Android and iOS phones. Social media

also plays an ever-increasing roll, and we expect plenty of posts and Tweets featuring the #ToyotaGazooRacingSA hashtag.

For the competitors, Toyota is proud to once again support the Dakar Challenge at the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race. For 2018, the name has been changed to the Road to Dakar, but essentially the race-within-a-race remains the same: The best-performing crew will receive a free entry to the world's toughest automotive race, the Dakar Rally. However, the competition is only open to crews who have not competed at the Dakar before, which certainly excludes the Toyota Gazoo Racing SA team.

With that said, the Dakar Rally has become part of Toyota SA Motors - not only in terms of marketing, but in everything we do. As such we value the Desert Race as an opportunity to test our cars in preparation for next year's Dakar Rally, and firmly believe that our success in South America comes thanks to the robust championship we have here in Southern Africa, namely the SACCS.

I would like to wish our drivers, Giniel de Villiers and Henk Lategan; as well as their respective co-drivers, Dennis Murphy and Barry White, the best of luck for the race. And to all the teams taking part in this year's Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race: A heartfelt thankyou from us as the main sponsors, for continuing to support this most iconic motor race on the African continent.

Glenn Crompton
Vice-President: Market
Toyota SA Motors

TDR 1000 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday, 22 June 2018

07:30 – 09:00 **Moto** Documentation
08:00 – 09:00 **Auto** Documentation
09:05 - 09:45 All Compulsory Competitors Briefing
11:30 – 12:50 **Moto** Start of Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Time Trial
13:00 **Auto** Start of Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Qualifying Race.
17:00 **Auto** Time bar for qualifying race

Saturday, 23 June 2018

07:00 – 08:05 **Moto** Start of Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Racing
08:15 **Auto** Start of the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race
10:30 **Moto** Leading rider expected at DSP for 15-minute service

11:00 **Auto** Leading vehicle expected at DSP for 30-minute service break
13:30 **Moto** Leading rider expected at finish
14:20 **Auto** First competitor expected at the finish.
16:30 **Auto** Time Bar
17:00 **Moto** Time Bar

Sunday, 24 June 2018

07:00 **Moto** Start of Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000
08:15 **Auto** Start of the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race
10:30 **Moto** Leading rider expected at DSP for 15-minute service
11:00 **Auto** Leading vehicle expected at DSP for 30-minute service break
13:30 **Moto** Leading rider expected at finish
14:20 **Auto** First competitor expected at the finish.
16:30 TV Podium and Prize Giving



MEET THE TEAM

Toyota Hilux #300

GINIEL DE VILLIERS



Giniel (pronounced with a soft 'g', as in 'gin') may be best-known for his triumph in the 2009 Dakar Rally – the 31st running of the event, and the first Dakar rally to be run in South America. But the plucky lad from the Western Cape has lived and breathed motorsport for his entire life. He has won championships in production cars, raced internationally on various circuits and even won a rally, behind the wheel of the Imperial Toyota Yaris S2000, in 2015.

He is, undeniably, one of South Africa's top motor sportsmen. Known as 'mister reliable', he has chalked up more top ten Dakar finishes than you can shake a stick at, and now he is back in the SACCS.

The opportunity to compete in the local championship has given De Villiers the chance to return to a championship he won a decade ago. But more than that, it gives him significantly more seat time in the Toyota Gazoo Racing SA Hilux, and the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1,000 Desert Race is the perfect place to hone his skills in preparation for Dakar 2019.



DENNIS MURPHY

Murphy is a self-confessed motorcycle enthusiast, who combines a love of off-road and enduro motorcycle racing with co-driving in cross country car racing. He has been competing on two wheels since he was 15, back in 1989 and is still active in enduro racing, riding his eighth Roof of Africa Rally in 2013. A former Mini Roof of Africa winner, he is a KTM man – "Once you've gone orange, you never go back" – and, like most off-road riders, he has always prepared his own bikes.

A motor mechanic by trade, he has gained invaluable experience in preparing race machines and has worked with top off-road car racers like Gary Bertholdt and his late brother Bevan.

He made his co-driving debut alongside Richard Fuller in a Class P BAT special in 2012 and the pair won their class twice, including on the marathon Toyota 1000 Desert Race, on their way to second in the class championship. In his first season as a co-driver in the production vehicle category of the national cross country championship, he navigated Anthony Taylor to his first cross country championship title after a dominant season in which they and their Castrol Team Toyota Hilux won four of the eight rounds, including the Toyota Desert Race in Botswana. The pair followed up with a second overall title in the 2014 Donaldson Cross Country Championship.

Toyota Hilux #309

HENK LATEGAN



Lategan, born on the 5th of May in Vanderbijl Park, has always been surrounded by motorsport. His father, Heinrich, raced in the national cross-country championship as well as fielding a touring car on the circuit. He also campaigned a Peugeot in the South African National Rally Championship before hanging up his helmet - or rather, passing it on to Henk. The younger Lategan started his own racing career at the RallyStar facility near Bapsfontein in Gauteng, where he competed in a rally sprint as his first ever race.

This was behind the wheel of a 1300 Toyota Tazz - the same car that he learnt to drive in! By 2010 Lategan had progressed to the South African National Rally Championship, where he campaigned a Volkswagen Polo. In 2011 he graduated to the fearsome Class S2000 of the championship, before joining the factory Volkswagen team as a works driver in 2012.

During this period he also took part in a number of International rallies, including two rounds of the World Rally Championship. His results were good, but Volkswagen suspended their rally programme at the end of 2015, and so Lategan took a sabbatical in 2016. He changed tack for the 2017 season, joining the factory Ford team as a works driver in the South African Cross-Country Series.

2018 brought another change, as Lategan joined Toyota Gazoo Racing SA, and now campaigns a Dakar-spec Toyota Hilux with co-driver Barry White beside him.

MEET THE TEAM

Toyota Hilux #309

BARRY WHITE



Barry is an avid motorsport fanatic. His competing in motorsport started back in the early 80's, doing a few flat track and enduro events. His real motorsport passion, however, was and will always be rallying.

His rally career started in the late 80's as service crew. It wasn't until the early 90's when Barry started competing as a rally co-driver. He competed in the KZN Championship and SA Rally Championship. His co-driving career was put on hold in 1999 as his business built and managed the Total Toyota rally cars for Etienne Lourens. During this time Barry did the odd event in the hot seat with Etienne.

Barry's co-driving on the national rally calendar restarted at the start of the 2005 season. This continued until the 2008 season when, once again, he had to put his co-driving on hold as he joined the Toyota Dealer team in their engine department. It wasn't until 2011 when Barry and Henk Lategan joined forces. Together they grew from strength to strength. At the start of the 2013 SA Rally season they signed with the works team of VW Motorsport SA competing in the South African Rally Championship. This venture with VW continued until the end of the 2015 season when VW Motorsport SA pulled out of SA Rallying.

During their time together Henk and Barry were extremely fortunate to compete in European events. They teamed up with an Austrian based team, Baumschalger Rally & Race (BRR) and drove in a Skoda Fabia S2000. During 2015 they competed in two WRC events, Rally Monte Carlo and Rally Portugal. During 2014/2015 they also competed in an ERC event in Croatia, an International event Rally Waldviertel and a few European National championship events in Italy, Hungary and Austria. Their highest achievements in Europe were 2nd overall Rally Weiz (Austrian National Championship) and 3rd overall Veszprem Rally (Hungarian National Championship).

Henk and Barry's off-road career started in 2017 where the pair joined the Neil Wooldridge Ford Team competing in class T. It was a testing season for them, with one Class T win and a Class T on day 2 of the 2017 Desert Race, and a few podiums in Class T.

This season Barry is once again teamed up with Henk with the Toyota Gazoo Team.



TOYOTA GAZOO RACING SA

TEAM PRINCIPAL GLYN HALL

Glyn Hall's motorsport career started in the United Kingdom after he joined

Chrysler United Kingdom as a student apprentice in 1975. He progressed through many departments in the company during his training, but it was the competitions department headed up by Des O'Dell (who was on the design team for the iconic Ford GT 40) that captured his imagination the most. He joined the competitions department on completion of his training and enjoyed what he describes as "three great years". This period enabled him to meet many influential people in his life such as Tony Pond, Henri Toivonen and Jean Todt, to name but a few, as well as to be involved in the prototype Lotus Sunbeam rally car.

Hall blossomed in South Africa, a country he adopted in 1980 when he came here as a 22-year-old to work for Geoff Mortimer Motorsport. Tony Pond was driving for Mortimer at the time, in addition to his European commitments. Today, Hall can look back on a distinguished contribution to the history of motorsport in South Africa and a career full of achievements, which have placed him at the very forefront of motorsport management in this country. The young drivers he employed and nurtured, who went on to become champions, include Giniel de Villiers (circuit and off road), Duncan Vos (off road) and Leeroy Poulter (circuit and rallying).

His achievements have been recognised by the Guild of Motoring Journalists (in 1999, 2007 and 2012) with the Colin Watling Award for outstanding contribution to motorsport by a non-competitor. In 2009, he received the South African Motorsport Industry Association Motorsport Business of the Year award on behalf of Nissan Motorsport. Hallspeed took over the running of Toyota Motorsport in 2010 and is responsible for the Toyota Gazoo Racing SA team in the SACCS. Hall and his company have enjoyed a decade-long successful involvement with the Dakar Rally and the FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup. Hallspeed has built more than 30 off-road racing pickups, most of which have been sold to overseas customers and, in addition to winning numerous national and international races and several national championships in Russia, Europe and the Middle East, have performed with distinction in the Dakar Rally.

A QUALITY FIELD FOR TOYOTA KALAHARI BOTSWANA 1000 DESERT RACE



Henk Lategan and Barry White

Four international teams among Production Vehicle entries

Toyota versus Ford duel continues

There is no substitute for quality and the field assembled for this year's Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race, round three of the South African Cross Country (SACCS) Championship this weekend, is as good as it gets.

A case can be made for this year's Production Vehicle entry to be the best yet. Included among the international entries are two FIA and two Class T entries complemented by the highly competitive local contenders in the FIA, T and S classes.

The FIA Class boasts a strong 10 car field with plenty of talent while the Toyota versus Ford duel in Class T will again hold centre stage.

It is a matter of public record that Toyota were last beaten in this iconic race in 2011 when Chris Visser and Japie Badenhorst won a dramatic race for Ford. Since then Toyota have held the upper hand via Duncan Vos/Rob Howie, Anthony Taylor/Dennis Murphy, Leeroy Poulter/Rob Howie and Giniel De Villiers and Dennis Murphy.

With 60 points on offer over two heats the Toyota Kalahari

Botswana 1000 Desert Race has the potential to be a game changer where championships in the Production Vehicle category are concerned.

As has been the case in the two opening events of the season the two Toyota Gazoo Racing SA Hilux entries of South African champions Giniel de Villiers/Dennis Murphy and Henk Lategan/Barry White, who scored their maiden Class T win in last year's race, will start outright favourites for the 27th running of the race under the Toyota banner.

To add needle to the already tense picture, former South African champion Chris Visser and Phillip Herselman (Atlas Copco Toyota Hilux), Jason Venter/Jaco van Aardt (4x4 Mega World ARB Toyota Hilux) and Johan van Staden/Mike Lawrenson (Elf Renault Duster), could all be classified as Desert Race troupers, have had their share of disappointment this season and will be eyeing a rich haul of points which could benefit their championship aspirations.

The globetrotting Red-Lined Motorsport Nissan Navara team has this season already competed in two Middle East events, the Mpumalanga 400, Battlefields 400 and the highly acclaimed Taklimakan Rally in China where the team again achieved a one hundred percent finishing record.



Chris Visser and Phillip Herselman



Johan van Staden and Mike Lawrenson



Terence Marsh and Riaan Greyling



Mark Corbett and Juan Mohr



Lance Woolridge and Ward Huxtable

The Red-Lined Nissan Navara squad represented by three time winner of the TDR 1000 in a Special Vehicle Shameer Variawa, now residing in the UAE, and Zaheer Bodhanya could pose a serious threat while team principal Terence Marsh and the experienced Riaan Greyling will be joined by Dutch team Maik Willems and Rob van Pelt.

Rounding out the Class is a pair of Century Racing FIA two-wheel-drive buggies in the hands of Mark Corbett/ Juan Mohr, winners of the 2000 TDR 1000 Special Vehicle Category and quad Dakar Rally hero Brian Baragwanath and Leonard Cremer.

In Class T, for vehicles with engines not exceeding 5020cc and beam (solid) rear axle suspension, current championship leaders Lance Woolridge and Ward Huxtable (NWM Ford Ranger) will be keen to build on their impeccable record so far this season. They have a slender lead over reigning Class T Champions and winners of race one last year, Johan and Werner Horn in the Malalane Toyota Hilux who will be hoping for more of the same this year.

Support for Woolridge/Huxtable will come from brother Gareth Woolridge and Boyd Dreyer and Brazilians Marcos Baumgart and Kleber Cincea, who are no strangers to the SA



Gary Bertholdt and Geoff Minnitt



championship. The younger Woolridge and Dreyer will be looking at turning their qualifying performances into points scoring opportunities.

The class has seen some fierce rivalry this season from the highly competitive and experienced Gary Bertholdt/Geoff Minnitt (Atlas Copco Toyota Hilux), Malcolm Kock and rookie Sean van Staden (Toyota Hilux) and Ramon and Maret Bezuidenhout (Elf Renault Duster) who made their return to national championship racing this season.

Also in the mix will be Dakar Rally hero Hennie de Klerk who makes his first appearance of the season. De Klerk won last year's Dakar Challenge at the Toyota 1000 Desert Race, which earned him a free entry to the Dakar Rally, where he and Gerhard Schutte finished 28th and won the rookie award.

Richard Leeke Jnr (Speedglas Welding Helmets BMW X3) in only his second desert race will be partnered by another multiple desert race winner, Danie Stassen. Stassen replaces the injured Henry Kohne. The steady Jacques van Tonder/Sammy Redelinghuys (Ford Ranger), rookies Dylan Venter/Donavan Lubbe (4x4 Mega World ARB Toyota Hilux) and visiting British team Michael Tilney/Ryan Peinke in a Johan van Staden Toyota Hilux will all add fuel to the Toyota/Ford battle.

Class S has a made to order pair who will be installed as favourites. Former South African champion Jannie Visser, with son Chris doing the co-driving in a Toyota Hilux, in their first national championship appearance this season will revel in the conditions and will be hard to beat.

Championship regulars David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte (Nissan Navara) will also face stiff competition from TDR 1000 stalwarts Heinie Strumpher/Henri Hugo and first timers LC de Jager/NM Killian in another Toyota Hilux.

One has a sneaky suspicion, however, that the major threat to the FIA Class is going to come from the Class T brigade.

Challenging route conditions, mechanical gremlins, a wrong call or a slight indiscretion can spell instant disaster and has often been the nemesis of many a team.

Proceedings kick off with a 50 kilometre qualifying race to determine grid positions on Friday, June 22 at 13:00. This will be followed by the 440 kilometre eastern loop on Saturday, June 23 and the 400 kilometre southern loop on Sunday, June 25 with each starting at 08:15.



Marcos Baumgart and Kleber Cincea



Richard Leeke Jnr



Dylan Venter and Donovan Lubbe



David Huddy and Gerhard Schutte

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A WINDFALL WAITS FOR SPECIAL VEHICLE CREWS ON TOYOTA KALAHARI BOTSWANA 1000 DESERT RACE



Coetsee Labuscagne and Sandra Labuscagne-Jonck

- **60 points on offer**
- **Some intriguing battles**

Championship hopefuls in the Special Vehicle category will be eyeing the 60 points up for grabs over the two heats with greedy eyes on the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert

Race, round three of the South African Cross Country Series championship (SACCS), from June 22 to 24.

With the season reaching the halfway stage 60 points from the only marathon event on the SACCS calendar would be a windfall for crews with title aspirations. The race offers the opportunity to put a fair bit of daylight between championship



Stefan van Pletzen and Jaco Pieterse



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KALAHARI BOTSWANA

Jwaneng Sports Complex

Friday - Sunday, June 22 - 24, 2018

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Race Information Updates

Stories, Updates and Pictures
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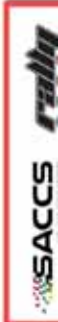
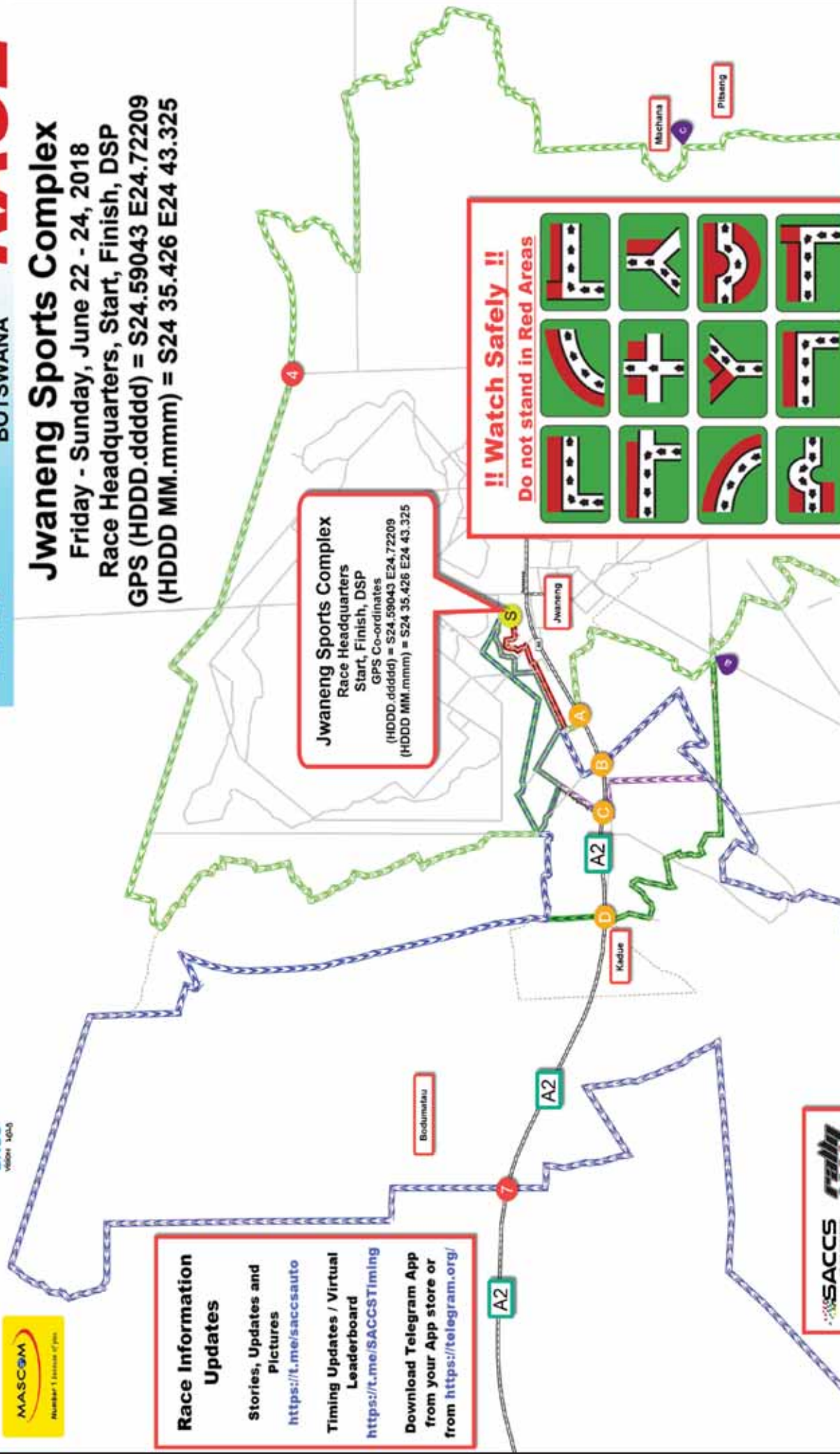
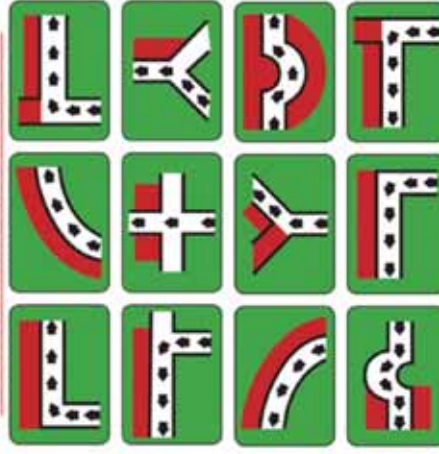
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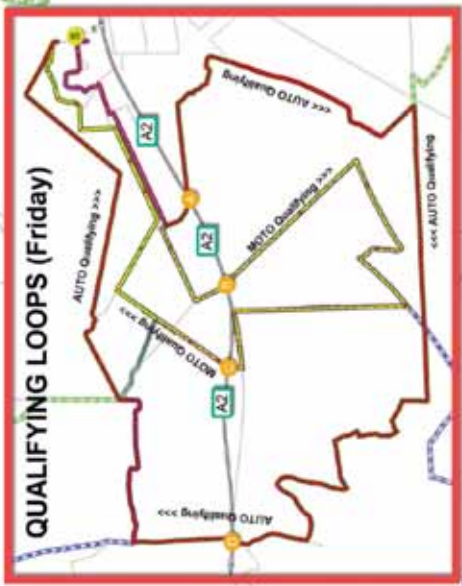


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John Thomson and Maurice Zermatten



John Telford and Victor Ntsekhe

hopefuls and the opposition, and at the same time laggards are afforded the chance of making up wads of lost ground.

After two rounds of the SACCS championship no one among the top crews has yet managed to dominate in terms of points earned thus far. That sets the scene for two highly interesting races with high stakes.

By virtue of current championship standings and Desert Race pedigree Coetzee Labuscagne and daughter Sandra Labuscagne-Jonck (4x4 Mega World ARB Porter) will be looking to consolidate their lead in the overall and Class A championship.

The Labuscagnes are known for their dogged approach and being able to grind out results and have scored two third place podium finishes in the two events run so far this season, to give them a narrow one-point lead in the overall championship. Another SACCS stalwart in Nic Goslar, who has 81 starts to his credit, is second in the overall championship and first in Class P.

While the Labuscagnes top the current standings crews to watch will be Stefan van Pletzen/Jaco Pieterse (Live Lesotho

Chenoweth), Werner Kennedy/CJ van Pletzen (Live Lesotho Porter), current Class P champions John Telford and Victor Ntsekhe (BAT) who have stepped up a class this season and former Class P champions John Thomson and Maurice Zermatten (Zarco).

The major upset, however, could come from the very capable and highly experienced Lance Trethewey who has made a comeback to national championship racing after a short brake. Trethewey and Adriaan Roets (LT Earthmovers Porter) were in formidable form on the recent Battlefields 400 before being side-lined by mechanical failure.

Another dark horse could be the Limpopo based SxS Interprovincial Challenge crew of Dean Bradbury and Timmy Botes who make their debut in the ex Evan Hutchison BAT Viper.

Experience plays a major role in a race that invariably provides a sting in the tail. You have to know what is needed to win the Desert Race and most of the above tick all the boxes.

Van Pletzen and Pieterse (Live Lesotho Chenoweth), who finished second in last year's race, won the opening event of the



Lance Trethewey and Adriaan Roets

season, the Mpumalanga 400, but lost ground after not seeing out the distance at the Battlefields 400 and will be keen to get their championship aspirations back on track.

Despite a non-finish in the gruelling Battlefields 400 confidence will be high in the John Telford/Victor Ntsekhe camp with the Calcamite BAT Warbird crew finishing second in Mpumalanga in their Class A debut. John Thomson and Maurice Zermatten who are yet to put points on the score board will be hoping to improve on their two fourth place finishes at last year's TDR 1000.

Putting their first points on the score board on the Mpumalanga 400 will have done Werner Kennedy and CJ van Pletzen (Live Lesotho Porter) a power of good and they will be looking for more of the same. Kobus/Marinda Fourie (BAT) will want to put last years' experience behind then and make a welcome return to national championship racing.

Botswana based Keith du Toit partnered by former SA Rally Champion navigator Carolyn Swan (Scania/White Star Racing BAT) has a good record on the Desert Race, while Dion

Booyens/Kenny Groenenstein will be making their first appearance this season.

Class P has been a two-horse battle this season between two experienced crew in Nic Goslar/Andre Massey (SA Clinics Zarco) and Keith Makenete who missed the Battlefields 400 and is yet to put points on the leader board.

The Class takes on a whole new look at the TDR 1000 with six crews vying for honours. Goslar/Massey no doubts will have their sights set on retaining their current position, while Makenete and Ntaote Bereng (BAT) will be staving off what could be an onslaught from Northern Regions ace Tony Goveia and Tinus Le Roux (CRT), 2017 Dakar quad hero Willem Du Toit and Kelvin Riley (CRT), Lepso Mosope and Taelo Mochebelele in the Andrew Makenete Zarco and Botswana driver Julio Ferreira and navigator to be confirmed (Sandmaster),

The event will also feature round three of the SxS Interprovincial Challenge with competitors electing to complete the full 1000 kilometres.



Nic Goslar and Andrew Massey



Keith Makenete and Ntaote Bereng



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BIKERS LOOKING FORWARD TO KICK UP DUST IN THE BOTSWANA DESERT

Motorcycle competitors are looking forward to return to the gruelling Botswana desert on 22, 23 and 24 June when they will be competing in the Toyota Kalahari Desert Race 1000 (TDR 1000) that will form the third and fourth rounds of the 2018 SA National Cross-Country Motorcycle Championship.

The TDR 1000 will see competitors take on the best part of a thousand kilometres and the event will also include the TDR 1000 Desert Adventure for motorcycle and quad riders who want to do be part of the adventure, but who are not participating in the national championship series while it will also form rounds two and three of the Botswana Motorsport (BMS) Off-road Championship.

All the action will be taking place from the Jwaneng Sports Complex and while the annual TDR 1000 is about man and machine versus a thousand kilometres in the desert, it is also about thousands of spectators and supporters and the fact that the TDR 1000 is the biggest sporting event in Botswana.

Many would like to wear the King of Desert crown, but it will especially be local Botswana rider, Ross Branch (Brother

Leader Tread KTM) who will have his eyes on a third consecutive win in front of his home crowd. Botswana is Branch's training ground and a hat trick of victories will look good on his racing CV as he is planning to compete in the 2019 Dakar Rally.

After the first two rounds of the 2018 National Cross-Country Championship, the Botswana rider is second on the overall standings and trails his arch rival, Kenny Gilbert (Pepson Plastics Husqvarna) by a single point while they are sharing the same amount of points in the ORI (Open) Championship. Gilbert, who has also entered the Dakar Rally, has just returned from Portugal where he participated in a two-day event to gain valuable navigational experience and as he had to settle for the runner-up result at the TDR 1000 last year, he will be determined for a victory this year. Although both riders will have to play it safe to avoid any injuries, this might turn into a nail biting affair in the desert.

As the faster routes suit the bigger motorcycles, one can expect to see the names of more ORI riders at the front. Fellow Botswana rider, Dartagnan Lobjoit (Yamaha) would like





to show off some silverware in front of his home crowd while Branch's team-mate, Louw Schmidt, will hope for a good result as he had a miserable start to the season. Like Gilbert, Branch, Schmidt and Lobjoit, Jaycee Nienaber (Holeshot Husqvarna) can also count on his desert racing experience as can Charan Moore (Live Lesotho Yamaha), who is currently third in ORI and podium results are possible for both riders.

The TDR 1000 is, however, also about experience and endurance and it has been proven many times that it is not necessarily only the size of the engine that counts. Louwrens Mahoney (Brother Leader Tread KTM) has won in the desert from an early age and this former multiple champion, who won OR2 (250cc Class) at the opening round, can win again. The OR2 leader, Taki Bogiages (Pepson Plastics Husqvarna) will

battle it out with his team-mate, Travis Gehlig, who shares his second place in the standings with Wynand Delpont (KTM), an experienced desert racer who has returned to off-road racing after a break of a few years.

Although an outright victory is not that easy for competitors in OR3 (200cc), good results and a healthy amount of points will go a long way in the class championship as well as the overall standings where former High School champion, Stefan van Deventer (Motul Alfie Cox KTM) is currently leading. A battle royale can be expected in OR3 as Van Deventer leads his team-mate, Bradley Cox, by a mere two points, but on the overall standings Cox, who won the opening round overall, is again one point ahead of Van Deventer.

OR3 is a mix of young blood like Van Deventer, Cox, Maarten van Jaarsveld (Bikers Warehouse Husqvarna) and Barend Pretorius (Husqvarna) who all hail from the High School Class while experienced riders like Jarryd Coetzee (Brother Leader Tread KTM) who is third in the class and fifth overall and Wilhelm Schönfeldt (Yamaha) who is fifth in OR3, have been racing for some time. This mixture makes for exciting racing action. Lady riders Kirsten Landman (Brother Leader Tread KTM) and Carika Pieterse (KTM) will also take on the desert and it will be especially Landman who will try not to remember her huge crash in the desert in 2013.

Competitors in the Senior Class might have many years of racing experience that counts in their favour, but their fitness plays an important role in the outcome of the results. Juan 'Bollie' van Rooyen (Brother Leader Tread KTM) has been in command of the Senior Championship for the past four years and has taken the early lead with Wade Blaauw (Roost Live Lesotho KTM) who has also made a come-back after taking a break for a few years. While they are neck and neck at the front, Hentie Hanekom (Husqvarna) is not too far back in third place and as Rally Raid racing is his speciality, a good result might be on the cards for him. Stuart Gregory (KTM) also has plans for the 2019 Dakar Rally and will use the Botswana

desert as testing ground for his skills.

Participating in the desert race in Botswana for the very first time, is quite a challenge for the youngsters in the High School Class who will be testing their physical and mental fitness as well as their skills. Nardus Rabe (KTM) leads the class and will aim for a first victory this year while third placed Storm Viljoen (Bikers Warehouse Husqvarna) is third and a second consecutive win might just push him higher up on the podium. Ryan Pelsler (TRP-RAD Moto RKM KTM) has been competing in this class for a few years and his experience will come in handy.

Like the last few seasons, the ongoing battle between the defending Master Class champion, Pieter Holl (Bert Smith All Stars KTM) and former champ, Wayne Farmer (Bikers Warehouse Husqvarna) will continue in the desert. With two victories so far this season behind his name, Holl leads Farmer by six points, but it can be a long three days and a total of 450 kilometres in the saddle for these competitors. Iain Pepper (Pepson Plastics Husqvarna) is third in the class. Bringing it home safe will be the best way to secure important championship points with the season at its halfway mark.

The TDR 1000 will start on Friday, 22 June at 11:30 with a 35km time-trial that will determine the starting order for Saturday. The action will start at 07:00 on Saturday, 23 June when the first motorcycle competitor departs on the 198km loop that they will have to complete twice to finish at the Jwaneng Sports Complex. On Sunday, the racing action will again start at 07:00 with riders taking on a 223km loop which they will have to do twice for a total race distance of 877 kilometres over three days.

The race will be spectator friendly with various spectator points and fan parks along the route. The race headquarters as well as the start, finish and designated service park will be at the Jwaneng Sports Complex. Spectators and crews can once again expect an extremely exciting Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 with lots of motorcycle and car racing action.

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In view of the high speeds attained by the competitors, accidents can happen. The promoters and organisers of this race meeting/event/competition cannot guarantee your safety. You are present at your own risk.

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#	ENTRANT	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	MODEL	Model
A					
A2	Live Lesotho	Stefan van Pletzen	Jaco Pieterse	Chenoweth	2005
A5	John Thomson	John Thomson	Maurice Zermatten	Zarco	Challenger
A11	Kobus Fourie	Kobus Fourie	Marinda Fourie	BAT	
A18	Keith du Toit	Keith du Toit	Carolyn Swan	BAT	
A22	Live Lesotho	Werner Kennedy	CJ van Pletzen	Porter	
A25	Dion Booyens	Dion Booyens	Kenny Groenenstein	BAT	
A88	Dean Bradbury	Dean Bradbury	Timmy Botes	BAT	Venom
A99	John Telford	John Telford	Victor Ntsekhe	BAT	Warbird
A100	4 X 4 Mega World ARB	Coetzee Labuscagne	Sandra Labuscagne-Jonck	Porter	2010
A777	Lance Trethewey	Lance Trethewey	Adriaan Roets	BAT	Venom
P					
P2	Nic Goslar	Nic Goslar	Andrew Massey	Zarco	Magnum
P7	Lepsy Mosope	Lepsy Mosope	Taelo Mochebelele	Zarco	Magnum
P17	Willem Du Toit	Willem du Toit	Kelvin Riley	CRT	
P22	Keith Makenete	Keith Makenete	Ntaote Bereng	BAT	Spec 2
P51	Tony Gouveia	Tony Gouveia	Tinus le Roux	CRT	
P55	Julio Ferreira	Julio Ferreira	TBA	Sandmaster	
FIA					
300	Toyota Gazoo Racing SA	Giniel de Villiers	Dennis Murphy	Toyota	Hilux
301	Elf Renault DE Team	Johan Van Staden	Mike Lawrenson	Renault	Duster
303	Red-Lined Motorsport	Shameer Variawa	Zaheer Bodhanya	Nissan	Navara
304	Red-Lined Motorsport	Terence Marsh	Riaan Greylingh	Nissan	Navara
309	Toyota Gazoo Racing SA	Henk Lategan	Barry White	Toyota	Hilux
310	Atlas Copco SA	Chris Visser	Phillip Herselman	Toyota	Hilux
312	4x4 Mega World ARB	Jason Venter	Jaco van Aardt	Toyota	Hilux
313	Red-Lined Motorsport	Maik Willems	Rob van Pelt	Nissan	Navara
346	Mark Corbett	Mark Corbett	Juan Mohr	CR 5	
388	Brian Baragwanath	Brian Baragwanath	Leonard Cremer	CR 6	
T					
T1	Malalane Toyota	Johan Horn	Werner Horn	Toyota	Hilux
T8	Jacques van Tonder	Jacques van Tonder	Sammy Redelinghuys	Ford	Ranger
T11	Atlas Copco	Gary Bertholdt	Geoff Minnitt	Toyota	Hilux
T12	4x4 Mega World	Dylan Venter	Donavan Lubbe	Toyota	Hilux
T13	Sean van Staden	Malcolm Kock	Sean van Staden	Toyota	Hilux
T14	Elf Renault DE Team	Ramon Bezuidenhout	Maret Bezuidenhout	Renault	Duster
T15	Elf Renault DE Team	Michael Tilney	Ryan Peinke	Toyota	Hilux
T18	Hennie de Klerk	Hennie de Klerk	Japie Badenhorst	VW	Amarok
T20	Ford NWM	Marcos Baumgart Stroczyński	Kleber Cincea	Ford	Ranger
T34	Ford NWM	Lance Woolridge	Ward Huxtable	Ford	Ranger
T77	Ford NWM	Gareth Woolridge	Boyd Dreyer	Ford	Ranger
T96	Richard Leeke	Richard Leeke	Danie Stasen	BMW	X3
S					
S1	Jannie Visser	Jannie Visser	Chris Visser	Toyota	Hilux
S6	Heinie Strumphfer	Heinie Strumphfer	Henri Hugo	Toyota	Hilux
S14	David Huddy	David Huddy	Gerhardt Schutte	Nissan	Navara
S87	LC De Jager	LC De Jager	NM Kilian	Toyota	Hilux
G					
G46	Nico Du Rand	Nico Du Rand	JG Claassen	Can-Am	
G66	Peter Walter	Peter Walter	Shaun De Villiers	Can-Am	Maverick X3
G247	Werner Mostert	Werner Mostert	Rob Green	Can-Am	Maverick X3 XRS
G444	Ronnie Botes	Ronnie Botes	Etienne Venter	Can-Am	Maverick X3 X RS
G604	Ashley Bradbury	Ashley Bradbury	Lourens Du Plessis	Can-Am	Maverick X3 X RS

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		SURNAME	MAKE	
HIGH SCHOOLS				
BMS12	Kosmas	Mamaloukos	Yamaha	
BMS10	Teto	Chibana	YZ	
26	Ryan	Pelser	KTM	TRP-RAD Moto - RKM
63	Nardus	Rade	KTM	
85	Storm	Viljoen	Husqvarna	Bikers Warehouse Team
532	Frans	Kock	KTM	
605	Bernhardt	Hoffmann-De Vries	KTM	
MASTERS				
29	Wayne	Farmer	Husqvarana	Bikers Warehouse Team
231	Iain	Pepper	Husqvarana	Pepson Plastics Husqvarna
425	Michael	Johnstone	KTM	
515	Harry	Grobler	KTM	Bert Smith All Stars
797	Chris	Opperman	Husqvarana	Noord Kaap
801	Paul	Bothma	KTM	Bert Smith All Stars
802	Leon	Gerber	KTM	Bert Smith All Stars
804	Bert	Smith	KTM	Bert Smith All Stars
871	Jacob Pieter	Holl	KTM	Bert Smith All Stars
SENIORS				
12	Juan	van Rooyen	KTM	
37	Dale	Stock	KTM	
44	Bruce	Viljoen	Husqvarna	Bikers Warehouse Team
70	Hannes	Saaijman	KTM	Q KON EMD Racing
188	Achim	Bergmann	Husqvaran	
237	Lee	Thompson	Husqvarna	
259	Hentie	Hannekom	Husqvaran	
325	Wade	Blaauw	KTM	Roost/LiveLesotho
372	Wian	Du Plessis	KTM	Q KON EMD Racing
400	Stuart	Gregory	KTM	
480	Gert	Versfeld	KTM	
799	Shaun	Stevenson	KTM	Live Lesotho
SILVER				
35	Kyle	Schutte	KTM	
213	Patrick	Moore	Yamaha	Live Lesotho
353	Llyod	Duister	Husqvarna	
C257	Marik	Kotze		KTM
C344	Eugene	Steyn	Kawasaki	
C345	AJ	Steyn	KTM	
983	Eugene	Bierman	KTM	Q KON EMD Racing
OR1				
1	Ross	Branch	KTM	Brother Leader Tread KTM
2	Kenny	Gilbert	Husqvarna	Pepson Plastics Husqvarna
7	Louw	Schmidt	KTM	Brother Leader Tread KTM 8
8	Jaycee	Nienaber	Husqvarna	Holeshot Husqvarna
19	Dartagnan	Lobjoit	Yamaha	
73	Charan	Moore	Yamaha	Lve Lesotho
192	Sean	Johnstone	Husqvarna	
368	Gary	Pretorius	Husqvarna	
725	Ryan	Ripley	Huqvarna	
OR2				
89	Travis	Gehlig	Husqvarna	Pepson Plastics Husqvarna
91	Gareth	Cole	KTM	KTM Durban
108	Louwrens	Mahoney	KTM	Brother Leader Tread KTM
194	Hein	van Niekerk	Husqvarna	Holeshot Husqvarna
222	Takki	Bogiages	Husqvarna	Pepson Plastics Husqvarna
339	Charl	Swanepoel	Husqvarna	Live Lesotho
639	Marcel	Meyer	KTM	
818	Wynand	Delport	KTM	
OR3				
10	Wilhelm	Schonfeldt	Yamaha	
16	Ian	Rall	KTM	
34	Bradley	Cox	KTM	Motul Alfie Cox KTM Race Team
117	Kirsten	Landman	KTM	Brother Leader Tread KTM
123	Maarten	Van Jaarsveld	Husqvarna	Bikers Warehouse Race Team
155	Rob	Ramos	KTM	Mahoney Junior KTM
262	Barend	Pretorius	Husqvarna	

267	Carika	Pieterse	OR3 cont.	Yamaha	Brother Leader Tread KTM Motul Alfie Cox KTM Race Team	
393	Jarryd	Coetzee		KTM		
441	Stefan	Van Deventer		KTM		
632	Erik	Merry		Husqvarna		
TDR 1000 ADVENTURE INVITATION QUAD OPEN						
42	Abraham	Saaijman		Yamaha Raptor	Q KON EMD Racing Q KON EMD Racing Q KON EMD Racing HYPER PNEUMATICS	
L22	Charly	Botha		Yamaha		
L35	Riaan	Digue		Yamaha Raptor		
L50	Steed	Wilkinson		Yamaha		
L117	Paul	Dos Santos		Yamaha		
521	Karamba	Jabbie		Bombadier		
BIKES MASTERS						
59	Marcel	Breytenbach		KTM		
121	Glen	Leyston		Husqvarna		
SENIORS						
125	Donvovan	van de Langenberg		Husqvarna		
187	Quintus	van Rooyen		KTM		
931	Izak Johan	Van Wyk		Husqvarna		
BMS QUADS OPEN						
21	Kgosi	Tsogang		Honda		
48	Ahmed Deen	Noble		Yamaha		
443	Muhamed Reeza	Dada		Yamaha		
476	Dries	Meyer		KTM		
C677	Kabelo Red	Mogolodi		Can-Am Bombadier		
L500	Lesego	Mathware				
821	Mohammed Bilal	Shariff		Yamaha		
K999	Modise	Kingsley		Yamaha		
SENIOR						
15	Zayd	Noble		Yamaha		
L33	Sidney	Rankgate		Yamaha		
66	Itseng Bushie	Nguka		Honda		
151	Tinaye	Manyothwane		Yamaha		
227	Pilatwe	Gasemodimo		Yamaha		
L257	Aobakwe	Mokobi		Can-Am		
L259	Lesego Aubrey	Khupe		KTM		
MASTERS						
L72	Roxy	Dos Santos		Yamaha		
L75	Fernando	Dos Santos		Yamaha		
99	Binn	Matengu		Yamaha		
L195	Tony	Dos Santos		Yamaha		
212	Star	Seaman		KTM		
BIKES OR1						
188	Robert	Pollock		Yamaha	Naledi Moors Wesbank Racing	
335	John	Kelly		Kawasaki		
473	Antonie	Stander		KTM	Naledi Moors Wesbank Racing	
516	Motlotlegi	Kgosiesele		Yamaha		
546	Ryan	Meyer		Yamaha		
OR2						
143	Pono Nelson	Tsalaile		Kawasaki		
OR3						
41	Albertus Adriaan	van der Merwe		Yamaha		
44	Boineelo	Rantao		Kawasaki		
55	Kagiso	Stephens		Yamaha		
70	Brady	Armstrong		Yamaha		
199	Alex	Scherer		KTM		
941	Victor	Du Toit		Yamaha		
SENIOR						
77	Owen	Clulow		Suzuki		Naledi Moors Wesbank Racing
96	Allan	Ryan		KTM		
727	Eric	Visser		KTM		
MASTER						
72	Robert	Streak		Sherco		
333	Daniel	McAllister		KTM		
LADIES						
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