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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

23- 25 September 2016

OLD MUTUAL CORPORATE BASS CHALLENGE 2016

1. NEW CLINICS HELD

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

2. VENUE

Oanob Dam for the event and accommodation and meals.

3. 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.

4. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

16 excluding the media boat

5. NUMBER OF COACHES

8

6. 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.

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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 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.

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Richard Grant at Captains meeting



Team Panther Express



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Team Christo Brand Makelaars



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Oujan Brand – 3.35KG



Some other action from the day



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Emile Brand: Junior angler of the day



Oujan Brand: Biggest Fish of the day



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