



WESTERN PROVINCE BIATHLON CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

The 2017 season was the best in the history of Western Province Biathlon and for the following reasons :

- Winning the Highgate Interprovincial Championships for the 3rd time since 1991
- Winners of the Sportsmans Warehouse South African Championships for the 8th time since 1976
- Western Province athletes broke 5 SA records during the season.
- A growth in athlete numbers of 14%
- Moving from manual to web base entries/registration – thanks to Ernst van Schalkwyk for his dedication to achieve this.

This is an excellent achievement by this competitive and leading Biathlon Province in South Africa. Western Province is the SA Champion Province for the 5th time in 8 years and for 8th time in the 42 years of SA Biathlon. Congratulations to all athletes, team captains, team managers, parents, committee members, sponsors and everyone contributing to the success

We want to thank Sportsmans Warehouse and in particular Kobus Potgieter, the marketing executive, for his sponsorship for second season. This sponsorship helped us in growing the sport as per above numbers. Sportsmans Warehouse was also this year the title sponsor of the SA Biathlon Championships in Paarl. Thanks again, Kobus.

This report will focus on :

- Interprovincial and National Championships
- Achievements of athletes
- Growth in athletes numbers
- Changes & challenges

Highgate Interprovincial – Oudtshoorn : 4 February 2017

A team of 131 athletes represented Western Province at the Highgate Interprovincial in Oudtshoorn. This meeting gives all athletes a chance to compete at a higher level than the normal league meetings because the best athletes are not always available due to other sport early in February. Western Province won 25 medals out of a possible 72 medals with 8 gold, 8 silver, 9 bronze medals as well as

9 fourth placed athletes. Overall Western Province won the Highgate Interprovincial for only the 3rd time since 1991 when the trophy was sponsored by Western Province. Western Province also won the junior and senior team competitions. This was once again a well organised event with the prize giving and braai on the farm the highlight.

SA Kampioenskappe – Paarl : 8 March 2017

WP is by die SA Kampioenskappe 2017 verteenwoordig word deur 'n span van 110 atlete wat op meriete gekies is, die grootste WP span ooit na 'n SA Kampioenskappe. Heelwat nuwe atlete het aan die Kampioenskappe deelgeneem en WP was by verre die grootste span by SA's. Die volgende prestasies is behaal :

GOLD	Boys u.11	Dawid Kriel	2 394
	Girls u.17	Kelly Vroon	2 406
	Boys u.17	Retief Ochse	2 451
	Junior veteran men	Jeandre Swanepoel	2 349
	Veteran men	Roger Bezuidenhout	2 352
	Senior veteran men	Derek Oehley	2 375
	Senior veteran ladies	Viv Williams	2 513*
SILVER	Boys u.13	Beurick Kayser	2 360
	Boys u.17	Adrian Taylor	2 366
	Junior veteran men	Hercus Greyling	2 337
	Junior veteran ladies	Esrie Loock Bezuidenhout	2 304
	Veteran ladies	Kate Bihl	2 345
BRONZE	Boys u.13	Francois Malherbe	2 359
	Girls u.13	Iane Marx	2 346
	Boys u.15	Daniel Moolman	2 430
	Boys u.19	Tshepang Matebele	2 175
	Master men	Johan Bezuidenhout	2 300
	Master ladies	Marille Bass	2 302
4th PLACE	Girls u.11	Johane van Blerk	2 478
	Girls u.19	Lalande Esterhuysen	2 241
	Girls u.15	Aimee Scott	2 372
	Open ladies	Marna Louwrens	2 373
	Open men	Paul Roux	2 330
	Junior veteran men	Cornelis Engelbercht	2 288
	Junior veteran ladies	Cindy Greyling	2 232

Western Province won 18 medals out of a possible 66 medals at the SA Championship as well as 7 fourth placed athletes. The following trophies were also won :

- Senior Victrix Ludorum for ladies
- Presidents Medal Trophy for most medals
- National Shield for the Junior Team competition

- Stan Walker Trophy for the Senior Team competition
- Les Cox Trophy for the Overall winner
- 3 x SA records by WP athletes : Dawid Kriel, Jaendre Swanepoel, Viv Williams

During the season six WP records were broken namely girls u.9, boys u.11, girls u.11, junior veteran ladies, junior veteran men and senior veteran ladies. The following SA Records were also achieved by our athletes :

- Boys u.11 Dawid Kriel
- Girls u.11 Isabella Carneiro
- Junior veteran men Jeandre Swanepoel
- Junior veteran ladies Esrie Loock Bezuidenhout
- Senior veteran ladies Viv Willaims

Growth in numbers :

The Western Province geographical area for biathlon is the Cape Peninsula excluding Paarl and Wellington and including Stellenbosch. Traditional the most league meetings were in the Northern Suburbs, Cape Town and Bellville South. During the 2017 season there were a meetings at SunValley Primary in Fish Hoek/Noordhoek area, Table View Primary and Milnerton High in the Atlantic Seaboard area, De Hoop Primary and Strand High in the Helderberg area and also Belville South and the Northern Suburbs. Very positive was the inclusion of more athletes from these areas in the Western Province teams to the Interprovincial and National Championships.

	'30 Aug	'3 Sep	'10 Sep	'1 Okt	'8 Okt	'5 Nov	'12 Nov
	Winter	League 1	League 2	League 3	League 4	League 5	League 6
Boys / Men	43	56	81	45	61	56	50
Girls / Ladies	28	52	50	33	42	47	41
Disabled	1	0	3	3	3	1	2
	'14 Jan	'21 Jan	'4 Feb	'18 Feb	'28 Feb	'8 Mar	
	League 7	League 8	Interprov	League 9	WP Champs	SA Champs	
Boys / Men	109	88	78	68	90	53	
Girls / Ladies	79	63	52	48	77	55	
Disabled	2	0	1	1	3	2	

Deelname het gewissel van 72 tot 190 (by die WP Kampioenskappe - 170) – dit is 'n gemiddeld van 121 atlete per byeenkoms. 'n Uitstekende prestasie, veral as in ag geneem word dat slegs geaffilieerde lede toegelaat word om aan die Provinsiale Kampioenskappe deel te neem.

	2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Boys/Men	Girls/Ladies	Boys/Men	Girls/Ladies	Boys/Men	Girls/Ladies	Boys/Men	Girls/Ladies
u.8	21	9	17	15	16	11	21	18
u.9	12	10	15	6	11	9	25	15
u.11	28	35	39	32	54	32	64	53
u.13	58	34	32	39	33	28	70	31
u.15	34	38	33	27	28	22	30	31
u.17	22	15	48	23	18	16	21	16
u.19	13	7	10	7	11	7	11	8
Open	9	7	11	9	7	3	7	6

Junior vet	7	8	15	6	7	6	11	9
Vet	21	8	18	14	7	7	14	10
Senior vet	10	1	7	3	4	2	6	5
Masters	1	3	6	3	4	1	6	2
Diabled			1	1	3	1	2	3
Total	236	175	252	185	203	145	288	207
		411		437		348		495

Our Winter Championships on 30 August 2016 was attended by 72 athletes.

Veranderinge en uitdagings

Ons wil in die komende seisoen een van ons komitee-lede taak om tweekamp uit te bou in die ouer ouderdomsgroepe en gebiede waar tweekamp onbekend is. Die struktuur sal as volg wees :

- Skole – 4 streekverteenwoordigers
 - Suidelike voorstede
 - Noordelike voorstede
 - Atlantiese kusgebied
 - Stellenbosch/Strand/Somerset Wes gebied
- Gestremde atlete
- Swemklubs
- Minder bevoorregte skole en atlete
- Meester swemklubs
- Hardloopklubs

Al die verteenwoordigers vorm 'n komitee om oor die hele spektrum atlete te identifiseer om tweekamp as sport te beoefen.

Skole kompetisie

WP het 6 jaar terug begin met 'n skole kompetisie vir Laerskole en Hoërskole waar die wenskole wisseltrofee ontvang aan die einde van die seisoen. Skole kon soveel as moontlik atlete inskryf en elke atleet se punte het getel vir spantotaal. Dit het egter gelei daartoe dat nie alle skole op gelyke vlak kan meeding nie aangesien getalle 'n groot rol speel. Die WP komitee het toe gaan sit en beplan en met die voorstel vorendag gekom vir SA Tweekamp vir die 2017 seisoen. Dit is voorwaardelik aanvaar by die SA Tweekamp AJV 2016 in Bloemfontein. Daar is besluit dat 'n loodskompetisie in die suidelike Provinsies aangebied sou word. Die wenskole van die onderskeie streke het toe aan die Highgate Interprovinsiale kampioenskappe deelgeneem.

Die provinsies is as volg verteenwoordig :

Westelike Provinsie

- Hoërskool Durbanville, Stellenberg, Jan van Riebeeck,
- Laerskool Durbanville, De Hoop, Jan van Riebeeck

Boland

- Hoërskool Hugenote
- Laerskool Olifantsvallei, Curro Langebaan, Meisieskool Paarl

SWD

- Oakdale Landbou, Outeniqua
- Laerskool Wesbank, Glenwood, George Suid

Oostelike Provinsie

- Hoërskool Framesby, Marlow, Pearson
- Laerskool Sunridge, Lorraine, St Georges

Baie geluk aan Laerskool Durbanville en Durbanville Voorbereiding wat die provinsiale en interprovinsiale wenners is en aan Hoërskool Durbanville wat die provinsiale en Hoërskool Stellenberg wat die interprovinsiale wenners. Die 2018 seisoen sal egter heeltemal anders daarna uitsien met die provinsiale en interprovinsiale wenskole wat by die SA Kampioenskappe sal deelneem. By die SA Tweekamp AJV 2017 in die Paarl het alle provinsies opgewonde aangedui dat hulle die kompetisie in streeksverband en op nasionale vlak gaan ondersteun.

Punte tabelle

Daar is ook op die AJV van SA Tweekamp besluit om die eerste keer in jare die punte tabelle aan te pas om beter vergelyking tussen die ouderdomme te bewerkstellig. Baie dankie aan Johan Ferreira vir die baie ure wat spandeer is en ook die houe wat gevat is voor die tabelle deur SA Tweekamp aanvaar is. Met die nuwe tabelle is dit baie eenvoudig om wenners oor ouderdomsgroepe soos vir Victor en Victrix Ludorum te bepaal.

Webblad gebruik

Die webblad is die eerste keer ingespan vir registrasies en inskrywings. Baie dankie aan Ernst van Schalkwyk vir ure se harde werk om dit in plek te kry asook om die nuwe punte program en webblad registrasies vir SA Tweekamp te hersien.

Die pad vorentoe.

Toekomstige SA Tweekamp kampioenskappe :

- 2018 Gauteng North - Pretoria
- 2019 Eastern Province – Port Elizabeth
- 2020 Kwazulu-Natal - Durban : tbc
- 2021 Western Province – Stellenbosch : tbc or
- 2022 Western Province – Stellenbosch : tbc

Doelwitte

- Om die leidende tweekamp provinsie in Suid Afrika te handhaaf oor die volgende jare
- Spesifieke fokus op 2018 & 2019
- Volspanne 66 atlete vanaf onder 9 tot meesters na SA Kampioenskappe
- Wen die skole kompetisies vir hoërskole en laerskole by die SA Kampioenskappe 2018
- Meer ouer betrokkenheid by alle byeenkomste
- Geïntegreerde stelsel

Dankbetuigings

Een van ons staatmakers van WP Tweekamp deur die jare, Christine Williams, is gediagnoseer met kanker en het die afgelope 2 jaar lang tye in die hospitaal deurgebring. Sy het egter die stryd verloor vroeg in die jaar en ons bring hulde aan 'n getroue staatmaker.

Thank you to the competent and hardworking committee of WP Biathlon :

- Johan Ferreira, Ernst van Schalkwyk, Esrie Loock Bezuidenhout, Jan Slabbert, Herman Ochse, Christopher van Niekerk and Roger Bezuidenhout

They have put in a lot of time and effort to make Western Province the leading Biathlon region in South Africa. Congratulations to Johan Ferreira who was selected at the SA Biathlon AGM 2017 as the new secretary of SA Biathlon.

We want to thank The Almighty for giving us the strength, health and the time to participate in a sport we love – by participating, as an official or just as a supporter

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Chairman : Western Province Biathlon