

WESTERN PROVINCE BIATHLON CHAIRPERSON ANNUAL REPORT AT THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 8 MAY 2024 AT DURBANVILLE HIGH:

The WP Biathlon Exco, athletes, parents, ladies & gentlemen:

Allow me to present the 2024 Annual Chairperson's Report of the Western Province Biathlon Association at the Annual General Meeting of this Association.

Jimmy Connors, 8 time tennis Grand Slam winner, once said – "I think my greatest victory was every time I walked out there, I gave it everything I had. I left everything out there. That's what I'm most proud of."

This is so relevant of how the WP Biathlon team of the past season – the best season in the history of the WP Biathlon Association. WP Biathlon achievements of the 2023/2024 season:

- Winner of the Highgate trophy at the Highgate Interprovincial on 3 February 2024 in Oudtshoorn. A total 535 athletes from Western Province, Boland, Eden, Eastern Province, Border, Southern Free State and Griquas participated at the event. Western Province athletes won 9 gold, 9 silver and 12 bronze medals. Durbanville High was also the winner of the HI sense high school trophy for the high school's competition while
- Winner of the Les Cox team trophy, the Stan Walker senior team competition, the National Shield junior team competition and the Presidents medal trophy for most medal points. A total of 958 athletes from Western Province, Boland, Border, Central Gauteng, Eden, Eastern Province, Gauteng North, Griquas, KZN, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Free State, Northwest, Southern Free State participated at the SA Biathlon Championships on 29 and 30 March 2024 in Bloemfontein. WP athletes won 3 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze medals.

For the first time since the launch of the school's competition at the SA Biathlon Championships a Western Province school won the gold medal in the high school competition – achieved by Durbanville in Bloemfontein. The results of the top 10 schools at the SA Biathlon Championships were:

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1. Durbanville	WP	12 433
2. Outeniqua	Eden	12 416
3. Potchefstroom Gim	Northwest	12 336
4. Stellenberg	WP	12 251
5. Curro Kathu	Griquas	12 212
6. Upington	Griquas	12 179
7. Framesby	EP	12 063
8. Trio	NFS	12 058
9. Hans Moore	Gauteng North	11 988
10. Rob Ferreira	Mpumalanga	11 948

Well done to Durbanville Primary and Kenridge Primary school for finishing 2nd and 3rd in a very strong Primary schools competition. The top 10 Primary schools are as follow:

1. Paarl Gimnasium	Boland	12 495
2. Durbanville	WP	12 440
3. Kenridge	WP	12 385
4. George South	Eden	12 378
5. Grey Kollege	Southern Free State	12 360
6. Mooirivier	Noord West	12 353
7. Oranje Girls	Southern Free State	12 272
8. Willem Postma	Southern Free State	12 258
9. Eunice	Southern Free State	12 215
10. Oranje Noord	Griquas	12 210

FINANSIES

Ek het alreeds aangedui dat ons finansies baie gesond is en dat ons verantwoordelik met geld omgaan. Ernst van Schalkwyk sal later in detail die voorlopige state en bestuurstate voorlê. Baie dankie aan al die atlete vir hulle aflasies asook vir atlete wat deelgeneem het aan byeenkomste. Ons was bevooreg om vanjaar 2 klereborge vir ons atlete vir die SA Kampioenskappe te verkry – Gomaxx

and MCL painting experts. Baie dankie aan die Taylor en Labuschagne families vir hulle ondersteuning van ons atlete. Drie anonieme skenkers het ook behoeftige atlete geborg om aan die SA Kampioenskappe te an deelneem.

Onderhandeling is ook begin met 'n maatskappy, Simcash, waar ons kommissie kan kry op kaart aankooptransaksies. Hierdie is 'n wonderlike geleentheid om die koffers van Tweekamp aan te vul en is nog voordelig vir die kaarthouer ook. Craig van Reenen en Carl Maarman van Simcash gaan leter meer info gee.

ATHLETE NUMBERS & league

WP Biathlon is still growing although there was a decrease in affiliated athletes for the past season Tweekamp bly steeds groei. We were worried about the effet of Covid 19, not only on participation and a change in the support for the but also on the financial aspect of participation – it is expensive to travel and participate at interprovincial and national championships.

Provincial meetings took place at Durbanville High, Reddam Constantia, Curro Durbanville, Stellenberg High, Fairmont High, Somerset College, Parow track and Boston Primary. A big thank you to all schools and clubs for welcoming us to your venues and also for the preparation at the facilities. Very positive was the inclusion of more athletes from all areas in the Western Province teams to the Interprovincial and National Championships. Also is that more families are doing the sport – nothing new to see a family of 4 or 5 doing Biathlon.

Number of athletes participating (once or more)

Year	Number
2014	411
2015	437
2016	248
2017	495
2018	404
2019	384
2020	360
2021	170
2022	225

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2023	413
2024	265

DIE PAD VORENTOE

SA Biathlon is in onderhandeling met SAMPA oor internasionale deelname en hoop om teen die nuwe seisoen meeste van die beplanning in plek te kry. Daar is een of twee haakplekke wat oorkom moet word voor die finale ooreenkoms in plek sal wees. Dit sal bykomende focus op Biathlon plaas.

SA Biathlon het ook besluit om die 2025 en 2026 SA Kampioenskappe aan Oudtshoorn toe te ken om die volstruishoofstad dalk die meer permanente basis van Biathlon te maak. Winsdeling sal dan ook die eerste keer vir alle provinsies wees en nie net aan die gasheer provinsie nie – volgens aantal geaffilieerde atlete en ook aantal atlete by die SA Kampioenskappe.

Baie geluk aan Marike Taylor wat verkies is op die laaste AJV van SA Biathlon as die nuwe sekretaresse en Ernst van Schalkwyk gekoopteer verantwoordelik vir die rekenaar program.

COMMITTEE

A focussed, enthusiastic and task driven committee is needed to run sport these days. Luckily Western Province Biathlon is in the privileged position to have a mix of experience and young committee members with allocated responsibilities. This competent and hardworking committee are:

- Gerhard Louwrens chairman, SA Biathlon, athletes
- Vacant vice chairman
- Ernst van Schalkwyk treasurer, clothing, entries
- Marike Taylor secretary
- Margaret Monk web page
- Rens Els venues
- Anje Coetzee social media
- Christopher van Niekerk development
- Nick Thomatos equipment & sponsors branding material

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Thank you to

Team Managers

- Jason Monk, Margaret Monk

Officials

- All parents who officiated during league meetings, Highgate Interprovincial and SA Championship.

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WP Biathlon participated at the 47th SA Biathlon Championships with 113 athletes on Saturday 30 March 2024. There were 960 athletes from 14 provinces at the Championships. WP Biathlon won the following trophies at the SA Biathlon Championships:

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| • Presidents medal trophy | Most medal points |
| • National Junior Shield | u.9 to u.19 |
| • Stan Walker trophy | Junior to Master 70+ |
| • Les Cox trophy | Total team competition – for the last 8 years |
| • Future life High School | Durbanville High – 1st |
| • Future life Primary school | Durbanville Primary – 2 nd , Kenridge Primary – 3 ^d |

The following athletes of Kenridge participated at the SA Biathlon Championships:

u.9 girls – 40 participants

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| 3. | Kayla Fouche | 2 079* |
| 33. | Alexi Ras | 1 972 |

u.9 boys – 39 participants

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| 11. | Sebastian Mattheus | 2 045* |
| 17. | Connor van Onselen | 2 030* |
| 24. | Daniel van den Bergh | 2 014 |

u.11 girls – 81 participants

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| 2. | Annabelle van Onselen | 2 096* |
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u.11 boys – 85 participants

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18. Ryan Fouche
2 076*
61. Henri Pretorius
2 024*

u.13 girls – 68 participants

8. Silke Aucamp 2 034*
12. Yvette Louw 2 030*
58. Annabelle Ras 1 916
66. Leila van den Bergh 1 874

u.13 boys – 79 participants

13. Jack Fouche 2 049*
30. Matthew Taylor 2 018
34. Pierre van Onselen 2 007
56. Stefanus Louw 1 954
64. Matthew Taylor 1 942

u.15 boys – 70 participants

24. Tiaan Lambrechts 2 038*

*School medals

A special word of thanks to Lisa du Plessis for communication to all athletes and parents about league meetings and encouraging athletes to try out and also participating at Biathlon meetings.

Regards

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