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NBAA National Team 2016

Captains Report

Region Five Bass Federation Tournament at Nandoni Dam RSA

To whom it may concern

The Namibian Bass Angling Association (NBAA) took part in the Region 5 Bass federation tournament hosted at Nandoni Dam in the Republic of South Africa. The tournament was hosted by the South African Bass Angling Association from the 13th of June 2016 to the 17th of June 2016.

The Region 5 Bass Federation tournament is currently the biggest international bass fishing tournament on the African continent and is a very prestigious event with anglers from Namibia, RSA, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe competing for the title.

Team Namibia sent a part of the team to go and scout the venue before the 21 day cut off period. Eight guys from the 2016 team took time of work and also funded themselves for this excursion. This pre-fish was done in order to give the team a bit more information on the venue.

In the pre-fish we scouted some areas that we believed to be good fishing spots and being early May, we managed to pinpoint some good areas where we found fish. This trip was however also cut short because of riots that broke out in the Limpopo area. Valuable information was gained and I would definitely encourage future teams to look at a pre-fish on the venue.

I would like to commend the effort, time and funds that these members have put in.

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The team arrived at Nandoni Dam on Saturday the 11th of June 2016. This was after traveling more than 2000km with boats to get to the venue. Sunday the 12th was the official opening ceremony attended by the Chief of the area as well as other dignitaries. The first two days are allocated as practice days for teams to further familiarize themselves with the venue.

Even with an unexpected cold front which is never a good thing for bass angling the team managed to find areas with fish and we put together a plan at the first captains meeting.

Day 1: we decided to send three of our boats to an area which we knew had good sized bass and it payed off for a while with some boats managing to catch good fish. However, during the course of the day a very strong wind pushed us off those good spots and we needed to regroup. At the end of the day Namibia secured a third position behind Zimbabwe and RSA. Although it was a very difficult day we were still in reach of first place.

Day 2: We decided to stick to our plan as our first days catch was on par with what the others were catching. Unfortunately for us although we had more or less the same bag, Zambia managed to catch the biggest single day weight of the week and slipped past us into third spot. This really caught us by surprise and at the captains meeting it was decided that we needed to focus on catching big fish on a designated area.

Day 3: we sent all but one of our boats to the "hot" dam wall area to try and catch some of the bigger fish that came out there. In the end this gamble did not pay off and only one Namibian boat managed to catch fish.

The results after the 3 days were:

Zimbabwe
RSA
Zambia
Mozambique
Namibia
Swaziland

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The degree of difficulty at Nandoni shows by the fact that RSA who were the strong favorites were beaten on home ground by the very experienced Zimbabwean team

The Namibian National Team consisted out of the following anglers.

Alec Williams (Captain)
Thinus Williams
Max Pieper
Sonita Pienaar
Jacques Marais
Jason Koudelka
Richard Grant
Jean-Pierre Judeel
Cornelius van Tonder
Johan Coetzee
Neil Engelbrecht
Anton de Witt
Dr Andre van Vuuren (Manager)
Pierre Fourie (Reserve)

I would like to thank and congratulate my team members for their support and effort throughout the tournament. Namibia can be proud in the way that these anglers conduct and carry themselves.

As captain of the team I would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors who support the NBAA and the team this year and for many previous years. I would like to make special mention of the following sponsors:

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- Dr Andre van Vuuren

I would also like to thank the EXCO of the NBAA for their support and guidance.

Regards
Alec Williams



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