



## BAFSA UPDATE July 2019

### 1. Afrox South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2019

This years event was a resounding success despite that our pilot numbers were down from last year.

Bill Harrops Skeerpoort venue provided a great base for the event which commenced on Sunday 23/06/19 with much fanfare and ballooning community involvement

A SA record of 28 tasks were flown in the following 5 days, which were as before, directed by Mathijs de Bruijn. Other officials and target team members included:

- John Grubbströmm (Sweden)
- Flip Steyn
- Sema Mathebula
- Bongo Makhubele

We were fortunate to have the services of our own weather person, Petro Burger, who joined us for the entire event from SA Weather Services (Aviation).

Sarah Bauling and Lorin Bowen and their team pulled the entire event together most superbly whilst Daleen and team took care of all hospitality arrangements!

TV, Print and Social Media representatives were present the entire week, who along with the sponsors were treated to flights provided by BHOBS pilots, "Arthur" and Bill.

Final results were as follows:

1. Marc Nuthall
2. Danie Minnaar
3. Neels vd Merwe



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A great event all in all, which would not have been possible without the efforts of the Organising Committee and the generous sponsors noted below:



2. **World Championships 2020**

Marc Nuthall and Danie Minnaar will be the nominated pilots to attend this event which will be held from 19/09/20 – 26/09/20 in Murska Sobota, Slovenia.

3. **Department of Sport & Recreation Grant : Pilot Training**

Our 3 candidates pilots Bongo, Harold and Sema have all commenced on their path to becoming pilots! Aero Club and BAFSA memberships are in place and medical examinations done!

Flight training, Ground School, Radio Licences, etc will commence under the auspices of registered service providers as soon as practical.

Watch this space for progress updates on their training in the coming months.

4. **Presentation by Rob Bayley**

Several members were entertained by Rob Bayley, British Balloon and Airship Club Member and Cruise Ship Guest Speaker on 08/07/19. Rob delivered an entertaining video presentation on various ballooning expeditions and antics – thanks to Rob and Andrew for a great evening and BHOBS for the snacks.

5. **Medicals for Ballooning**

The Government Gazette of 29/03/19 prescribes the following requirements:

- Class 2 : Free Balloon Pilot for Commercial Purposes
- Class 4 : Free Balloon Pilot for Non-Commercial Purposes

## 6. **Membership**

Our current membership stands at 43, a growth of 3 members thanks to our pilot training scheme and grants received.

BAFSA introduced a Social Membership Class sometime back, for those (non-pilots) who enjoyed what ballooning has to offer and to be part of the ballooning community. Please encourage family and friends to sign up (see attached form).

## 7. **European Ballooning Adventures – July 2019**

- Lorraine Mondial Air Balloon 2019 France

Marc and Teresa Nuthall and Harmen Vogelzang are all at this years event. Have fun, enjoy and take plenty of photos!

- TODI, Italy

Dave McGregor is currently taking part in the Sagrantino Cup Event.

- Felicity has been doing commercial flights in the Loire Valley in France.

## 8. **Aero Club of South Africa Centenary 2020**

As you are all aware, 2020 marks our Aero Clubs Centenary year. Various ideas and events have been spoken about but we need to take these to the next level.

We appeal to all to revert with ideas and suggestions and to becoming involved. Please speak to any Committee Member.

## 9. **Terry Adams Trophy**

A bespoke trophy commissioned by Nick Saams from USA, who visited South Africa on a ballooning holiday, was made by artist Kurt Lossgott in the 1980's to be awarded for exceptional contribution to ballooning. Whilst this trophy has not been awarded for many years, it has now resurfaced and been refurbished ready for awarding. An announcement will be made soon.

## 10. **Events**

Following our Championships, away weekend events will be reinstated. Please join the sport balloon enthusiasts for these.

Aero Club Awards Dinner – Save the date as 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## **BAFSA COMMITTEE**





**BALLOON AND AIRSHIP FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP**

FULL NAME .....

ID NUMBER .....

PHYSICAL ADDRESS .....

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FEE FOR THE 2019 YEAR:                      R100       EFT      or       CASH

BAFSA BANK A/C: Nedbank, Nicol Way, A/c 1522043799

Please attach confirmation of payment if paid by EFT.

SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....

AFFILIATED TO: FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

