



BAFSA UPDATE
June/July 2021

Bill & Mary Harrop

The majority of balloonist are well aware of the recent passing of Mary and soon thereafter that of Bill.

A well-attended and organised "celebration of life" event was held on 10/07/21.

Their loss is massive to our small ballooning community as both Mary and Bill were extremely prominent in ballooning and tourism in South Africa. See a tribute prepared by Hanke Fourie for pilots post at: www.pilotspost.co.za/arn0002498

Our best wishes to Sam and Sarah and all at BHOBS.

May their legends live on..... Go well.

South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2021



A smaller but successful event was held at BHOBS from 16/06/21 – 20/06/21.

Pilot attendance was only 6 after the untimely withdrawal of Danie Minnaar due to work commitments, nevertheless 21 tasks were flown over the 5 days with results as follows:

- **Marc Nuthall**
- **Andries Steyn**
- **Zach Muller**

It was fantastic to have 2 new pilots and first time entrants in Andries Steyn and Ianthe Honiball.

Special thanks are due to Daleen and her team at BHOBS, the officials and Lorin Bowen for managing the event.

Full results and gallery is available at www.hotairballoons2021.co.za

New Pilots & Training

Well done and welcome to our newest pilot Chris Burger who recently completed his checkout and solo flight. Chris is no stranger to the skies and holds numerous other pilot licences.

The training of our pilots under the Department of Sport & Recreation Grant Scheme has seen a welcome increase in activity and we sincerely hope to see some new licences being attained before year end.

National Debriefing Meeting

The committee will be arranging a debriefing meeting to review all aspects of our recent event. Details of this meeting will be finalised once the event financial report has been concluded.

All event participants, officials and any interested parties are welcome to join the meeting.

Sasol Balloon

As previously advised, the Drifters Balloon Club has offered to donate this balloon to BAFSA.

BAFSA has arranged for an assessment of the balloon and received a quotation for what is required to be undertaken in order for the balloon to obtain an Authority to Fly once again.

The committee is still to decide on what action to take but given our pending increase in new pilots it may well be warranted.



BAFSA Website & Media Activities

The BAFSA website at www.bafsa.co.za is continually being updated with news, events, etc. Please take a look.

An independent website for this years South African Hot Air Balloon Championships was established for the first time. The site remains active and can be accessed at: www.hotairballoons2021.co.za

This “tool” proved valuable in that pilots could download entry forms, event information, etc, results were uploaded daily along with photographs.

This certainly brought a better public face to our event and will continue to be used along with other social media platforms at future events.

Our thanks to Hanke Fourie and Zebra 360° Online Marketing for their continued efforts.

Citizen Newspaper – Great coverage of our event was received on Monday 21/06/21 with a front page picture and again on Saturday 26/06/21 where we had a double page centre spread display. Our thanks to Lorin Bowen for all arrangements.

New Balloon



Mario Febbraio from Mossel Bay has recently received his new balloon, a Cameron 120. Congratulations Mario and Nova Ballooning!

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Be safe, keep well and Covid free.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2021

