



## AMAKHOSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH BUFFALO CITY AQUATICS

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### 33<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL MASTERS UPDATE

#### JANUARY 2017

Amakhosi Masters swimming Club committee should be called the “A Team”, because we love it “When a plan comes together!” and that is exactly what has started to happen in the month of January. Entries and registrations are now closed and preliminary reports show close to 490 individual entries for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Nations to be held from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This is one of the biggest entries for Masters National gala for many years, and the “A Team” has lots of plans for all these Masters Swimmers and supporters to keep them entertained during this period.

Behind the scenes, Amakhosi has been working with the Buffalo City Aquatics with the help of Swim South Africa as well as the Buffalo City Metro Municipality to make sure firstly that the Joan Harrison swimming complex is tip top and ready to host this gala and that BCA has all the technical points covered and ready to provide the most organised and efficient Masters Championship Gala ever!

To start with we have a local Radio station based at the pool complex each day, as well as SABC and Supersport TV coverage and two local newspapers providing daily news and picture articles to promote this event.

All your food and drinks requirements have been covered with a variety of local vendors providing a full range of takeaways including healthy alternatives in a Country style larger under the trees with seating being made available. For those wanting a full sit-down meal, we have a Country Club Restaurant available as well as a local Coffee shop within 500m of the pool complex and menus will be provided for you in your “Super-dupa” goody bag!



*President: Kerry Skidmore Vice President: Tazlin Skinner Treasurer: Karen Veaudry*

*Committee: Felicity Masson; Kim Nancarrow; Therese Dixon; Bryn Jevon; Joe Hillstrom and Flo Burbidge*



Brief summary of the evening's entertainment is as follows:

- Wednesday night – Welcome party, snacks and cool drink – at the Pool complex.
- Thursday Night – Free night. Clubs to decide on what they would like to do. Recommended Restaurants and things to do, will be included in our February Newsletter with contact details.
- Friday Night – Happy Hour will be held at the HAMS Country Club, which is right next door to the swimming pool complex. Full bar plus live music by a local band, true East London Hospitality. A light supper will be provided.
- Saturday Night - The Gala Awards evening will be held at the World class I.C.C Premier Hotel's Function's venue on the beachfront. The theme is "Grand Prix", first hosted in East London, in 1934. Join us for a night to remember!!

The Open water 1km and 3km will be hosted at one of the Eastern Capes best hidden treasures – Wriggleswade Dam. This dam is situated 75 km inland from East London. This event has been outsourced to ZSports from Port Elizabeth and will provide full electronic timing chips for accurate and quick results. Wriggleswade Dam has crystal clear water covering over 100 hectares and with ablutions and a Club House it provides the ultimate Open water destination to conclude the 33<sup>rd</sup> Masters Nationals.

In conclusion, please look out for our last National newsletter in February before we welcome you all to our wonderful city and region for us to **"turn Moments into Memories"**!

**Train hard for fitness – but do not forget the fun and friendship!**

Regards

Kerry Skidmore  
AMAKHOSI PRESIDENT