



AMAKHOSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH BUFFALO CITY AQUATICS

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Presidents Report

Amakhosi Masters in conjunction with Buffalo City Aquatics would like to put forward our first official 2017 National Masters Newsletter. This Newsletter will update our progress towards next year's National Championships and in conjunction with our "BEL-App" which was introduced at the Presidents Meeting, as well as our very own Amakhosi Facebook page, will endeavor to keep all Masters Swimmers constantly in touch with our progress.

Many of you before have experienced a wonderful Masters Championship here at Buffalo City (formally East London) and you can be guaranteed that our 2017 edition will be even better. Without giving too much away,

we will slowly release our plans of how each and every National and International Masters swimmer will be tested in the pool, entertained during the evenings and experience our Theme of 2017 – "Turning moments into Memories".

Our organizing committee for the 2017 National Championships will be highlighted in the next News Letter and their enthusiasm coupled with Buffalo City Aquatics involvement will ensure a world class Nationals from the 15th March to 19th March 2017.

The Sunday open water event will be held at one of our surrounding big dams once logistics and suitability has been established, so get ready

for a real flat water event which hopefully will provide Masters with some record times.

Despite the cold, the snow and the odd tornado, I wish to remind you all that in just over 220 days, the 2017 Nationals starts so, "Dip your toes" into the water and get that training up and going for fun, fitness and fellowship.

Regards

Kerry Skidmore

↓ AMAKHOSI PRESIDENT



Preferred Accommodation Listings

1. PICCOLOMONDO GUEST HOUSE

108 Beach Road, Nahoon, East London

8 Rooms – Double Rooms – R690 B/B

Ph 043 – 735 3146 – Peter Grobler

Email: peter@piccolomondo.co.za

2. MAJESTIC HOTEL

21 Orient Road, Beach Front, East London

Single room R490 B/B

Double Room R730 B/B

Swimmers will get 30% discount

47 Rooms

Ph 043 7437477

Email: Russell@seymourproperties.co.za

3. CHANDLERS GUEST HOUSE

1 Lukin Road, Selborne, East London

Ph 043 743 1494

Email: admin@chandlers.co.za

Single room – R835 B/B

Sharing - R495 B/B

4. HAREWOOD LODGE

11 Harewood Drive, Nahoon Mouth, East London

043 735 4987 Alison or Nandi

www.harewoodlodge.co.za

R850 for single person

R550 sharing

Various types of Rooms available

Useful links:

Amakhosi Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/amakhosimasters.swimming>

Trip Advisor East London:

<https://www.tripadvisor.co.za/Tourism-g312556->

[East London Eastern Cape Vacations.html](http://www.thewatson.co.za/)

Events and local info: <http://www.thewatson.co.za/>

East London entertainment: <http://showme.co.za/east-london/events-entertainment/>

Introducing our new Secretary...FELICITY MASON



Kind, caring and super-duper efficient!

Please send all correspondence to our new email address:

[**amakhosi@benchmarksa.co.za**](mailto:amakhosi@benchmarksa.co.za)

Felicity will make sure that it is handled by the correct person.

What does 1930's and these tyres have to do with our dinner dance



DID YOU KNOW?

Famous people who came from East London or surrounding Border Province and were schooled in this area / Sporting achieved.

- Jody Scheckter – 1979 Formula One World Champion
- Jonty Skinner – 1976 World 100m Freestyle record holder
- Joan Harrison – 100m Backstroke Gold Medal winner at 1952 Helsinki Olympics
- Springbok Rugby players – Mark Andrews, Keith Andrews, Andre Vos, Brent Russell, Akona Ndugane, Odwa Ndugane
- Allan Gray – Wealthiest South African
- Protea Cricketers – Makhaya Ntini and Mark Boucher
- Border shared the Currie Cup Rugby Trophy with Western Province in 1932 & 1934
- Border beat the All Black 9-0 in 1949 and then later in the same tour drew 6-6 with them when the All Blacks fielded their full strength side.
- Border beat the 1955 British Lions 14-12. The British Lions drew the series 2-2 with the Springboks.
- The South African Grand Prix was first run at the Prince George Circuit in East London



Turning Moments into Memories
IN BUFFALO CITY

Come make yours.