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Overall Best Performance Award recipient Phokela Lebea, who is the regional communications manager.



The Wilderness Section walked away with Best Performing Park of the Year Award. Photos: SANParks

SANParks honours staff excellence in Garden Route

Rozano Alie

KNYSNA - SANParks' Garden Route National Park rangers and conservationists were honoured at its annual regional awards ceremony, held at Villa Castollini in Breiten-on-Sea on Friday 31 October. The prestigious event recognises staff excellence across the park's three main sectors: Wilderness, Tsitsikamma and Knysna.

The celebration brought together 150 staff members and stakeholders to acknowledge dedication, passion and exceptional service. Awards were presented across multiple categories, including Excellent Performance in the Workplace, Best Constituency Builder, Lifetime

Contribution, Overall Best Performer, Regional General Manager's Award, Leadership Development Award, Leadership Award, Best Ranger Post, Best Performing Camp of the Year, Best Performing Park of the Year, and Best Performing Division.

Highlight of the evening

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Regional General Manager's Award to human capital management officer Cheryl Wiley in recognition of her 35 years of dedicated service. Wiley has been a cornerstone of the park's human resources office and will retire at the end of November.

Four long-serving employees were also honoured with the Lifetime Contribution Award. Regional communications manager

Phokela Lebea received the Overall Best Performance Award for his exemplary contribution to the park's mission.

Wilderness Section earned the Best Performing Park of the Year Award, while the Storms River Mouth Rest Camp in the Tsitsikamma Section was named Best Performing Camp of the Year.

All regional winners will now represent the Garden Route National Park at the SANParks Kudu Awards to be hosted in Gauteng later in November.

SANParks expressed gratitude to The Water Club for sponsoring certificates and trophies and to Camping RetrEats for contributing premium retreat vouchers valued at R72 000. The support of the broader Garden Route business community was also acknowledged for making the event a resounding success.



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Wyndham Ewerts

KNYSNA - Jordan van Rooyen (12), 'n gr. 6-leerder van Knysna Primër, het die afgelope naweek weer sy uitsonderlike krietentalent getoon toe hy vir Kilt (Knysna Initiative for Learning and Teaching) 'n onoorwonne 106 lopies teen Thembaletu van George aangeteken het.

Asof dit nie genoeg was nie, het hy ook sy veelsydigheid onderstreep deur vier paaltjies in dieselfde wedstryd te neem.

In die 50-boulbeurt-wedstryd het Kilt eerste gekolf en 154 lopies almal uit in die 33ste boulbeurt behaal. Thembaletu is daarna vir slegs 74 lopies almal uit in die 18de boulbeurt uitgeknikker.

Miguel September van Kilt was die held met die bal en het in agt boulbeurte vyf paaltjies laat kantel vir slegs 29 lopies.

Hierdie is nie Jordan se eerste groot vertoning van die seisoen nie. Vroeg dié jaar het hy reeds 157 lopies van net 79 balle teen Milnerton van Kaapstad geslaan, asook 84 lopies teen Outeniqua Primër, beide vir sy skoolspan, Knysna Primër. Hierdie indrukwekkende vertonings het hom 'n plek besorg in die SWD o. 13-span wat van 29 November tot 2 Desember aan Krieket SA se nasionale week in Benoni sal deelneem.

Benewens sy skool en Kilt-verpligtinge, speel Jordan ook vir die Knysna Cavaliers, waar hy voortdurend sy vaardighede slyp.

Met sulke uitsonderlike prestasies lyk die toekoms beslis blink vir dié jong krieketster van Knysna - wie weet, dalk wag daar eendag 'n plek in die Protea-span op hom!

Jordan van Rooyen



Southern Stars fall short in thriller Women's League final

Zama Gagu

KNYSNA - Knysna's hopes of reaching the Western Cape Championship were dashed last Sunday when Southern Stars went down 4-1 against FC Milan in an exciting Safa Eden Regional Women's League final. The match was played at Smutsville Stadium in Sedgefield. FC Milan's duo, Naye Sitofile and Indiphile Mose, each scored twice for the Mossel Bay side, while Thimna Boyce netted the only goal for Southern Stars from the penalty spot.

Despite determined efforts from Likhona Tyelo, Okuhle Maku and Yibanathi Ngobondwana, the Stars struggled to break through Milan's defence, with goalkeeper Owethu Gxaba delivering a standout performance.

FC Milan, who topped their stream with 22 points this season, took early control of the match. Sitofile opened the scoring from the penalty spot before Mose's brace made it 3-0 at half-time.

Boyce briefly lifted Southern Stars' hopes after converting a penalty, but Sitofile sealed the result late in the game.

After the match, Stars head coach Patrick Bosch admitted his side were second to most balls and failed to capitalise on their chances. He praised captain Boyce's fighting spirit, calling her "a true leader and motivator," but conceded that on the day, "the best team won."



Southern Stars captain Thimna Boyce (yellow) shields the ball from her opponent.
Photo: Zama Gagu

40 years and going strong

Chris van Gass

GARDEN ROUTE - This year's Southern Cape golfing tour, now in its 40th year, was a major success, says organiser Leroux Delpont.

Each year a group of about 40 golfers from across South Africa descend onto golf courses along the Garden Route, playing in Mossel Bay, Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and George.

"It was an exceptional tour - the accommodation was fantastic and we braaied and enjoyed the camaraderie. It was a privilege to play these top courses," said Delpont, "and it was a great privilege to see everyone again."

Friendships

The tour was started in 1986 by Deon Ollewagen, Johan Slabbert and two colleagues from the then Bakke in Paarl.

Wynand Deyssel (this was his 38th tour) and his father Willie from Stilbaai (then from Williston) joined the group.

The aim of the tour is to create an opportunity for friends and family from various parts of South Africa to cement their friendships, while at the same time competing for 10 trophies and medals.



The winner, Pierre Meyer from Mossel Bay, and chairperson of the Southern Cape tour, Richard Barry.

RESULTS

The first four this year, and their Stableford points scored on each of the four days, were:

First: Pierre Meyer (Mossel Bay)

D1: 38 | D2: 37 | D3: 36 | D4: 36

Second: Kenneth Klopper (Kuis River)

D1: 31 | D2: 37 | D3: 33 | D4: 38

Third: Stefan Janse van Vuuren (Mossel Bay)

D1: 41 | D2: 32 | D3: 28 | D4: 36

Fourth: Christo Nel (Kuis River)

D1: 32 | D2: 37 | D3: 32 | D4: 35



Leroux Delpont knows that scorekeeping can be an arduous task. Photo: Chris van Gass

It's a pleasure playing at Mossel Bay.



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