

# NEWSLETTER NO 6

## November 2016



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### FEEDBACK

Thank you for supporting our event. We trust that you experienced and enjoyed the hospitality and sights of De Rust and the Karoo.

Our small team of volunteers that work tirelessly at planning and organising this event share in your enjoyment and hope to welcome you back in 2017.

This year there was a number of firsts.

- First running of the 12.5km distance
- Personalized race number bibs
- 58% of the entrants being ladies!!!
- 65% were Temp Licenses
- More than 2900 finishers – A RECORD!!!!
- Entries from Dubai and Germany!!
- Run Clean Campaign of Modern Athlete and East Rand Plastics

## **CHALLENGES**

Unfortunately, we also had our fair share of participants trying to “buck “ the system. Gentleman using bibs issued to ladies; entering the 21km and doing the 12.5km despite all our controls; phantom runners, etc. This all places undue risk on the participant and the organisers. None of us are immune to accidents – imagine one of these affected parties being involved in such an incident. The late substitution process became an operational nightmare and was abused by some. Serious thought will be going into repeating this or not going forward. Whilst we want to keep the event as “fun/casual” as possible some tightening of controls will have to be put in place to try and reduce the malpractices further. This may entail tighter registration procedures when collecting race bibs etc. Such procedures, may unfortunately, inconvenience some of us – normally then the vast majority.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

Thank you for all the comments and suggestions being received. Whilst one can never implement all of these we do consider and try to implement according to local circumstances. It remains our aim to continue striving to exceed the expectations of our participants, supporters, sponsors and visitors.

A few of the suggestions offered:-

- i. 12.5k to start 15 to 30 min before the 21km
- ii. Splitting the 12.5km and the 21km prize giving
- iii. Re-look finish tunnel exits
- iv. Ideas for the 25<sup>th</sup> running - watch this space!!!!

## **PHOTOS**

Remember to order you photos at [www.gssevents.co.za](http://www.gssevents.co.za)

## **2017 RACE DATE**

The 25<sup>th</sup> running of the Meiringspoort Half Marathon will take place on Saturday 14 October 2017.

Loyalty Entries will open on 06 May 2017 with the balance on offer from 13 May 2017.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Book your 2017 accommodation well in advance.

Visit [www.meiringspoort21.co.za/accommodation](http://www.meiringspoort21.co.za/accommodation) for links to accommodation available.

## **TRAIL RUN AND MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT**

If you cannot wait until Oct 2017 before visiting again then why not try our Trail Run or Mountain Bike challenge taking place on 27 May 2017.

Visit [www.meiringspoorttrailrun.co.za](http://www.meiringspoorttrailrun.co.za) for more information.

## **GREETINGS**

To those of you fortunate to take a break over the festive season. Be Blessed, travel safe and come back rested and ready to enter the 2017 events. Best wishes to all.

## **IN CLOSING**

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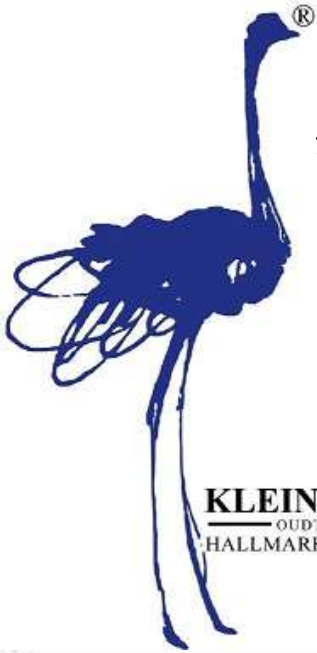
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Keep Well and Enjoy your training – see you on 14 October 2017.

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