



# Amakhosi Masters

**Nationals  
Edition**

Joan Harrison Aquatic Centre, Selborne, East London, South Africa  
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## **27th South African Masters Swimming Long Course Championships**

*Ama Ama Ama!!*

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On 16th - 19th March 2011, South African Masters Swimming held their 27th Long-Course Championships in Oudtshoorn. We had a squad of 29 members who attended the event. The team performed exceptionally well, bringing home 5 gold medals, 27 silver medals and 20 bronze medals in the individual events. Outstanding performances in the team relays (medley and freestyle) led the team to win 2 golds, 4 silvers and 4 bronzes.

All were encouraged by great team spirit for the duration of the event - not a moment passed that the "Amakhosi's" were not standing by the side of the pool, cheering and spurring on their team members.

Special mention must be made of Bevan Manson, who was invited to swim in the Men's Age19-49 50meter Dash-for-Cash Time Trial. Bevan also went on to win the 3km Open Water Swim which was held at Island Lake Wilderness.

Amakhosi Masters Swimming Club placed 5th overall, and won the "Joe Hillstrom Trophy" for the participating team that had the most new members.

A big thank you to the sponsors of the Amakhosi team - Etana Insurance and SAB - for their contributions in making the event a great success!



### Nationals Photographs



Mike S. & Joe



Mike T.



Joe Hillstrom Trophy



Jayne, Sam, Sally & Kim



Carla, Kim & Lynne



Andy, Mike, Gregg & Bevan



Sarel & Saartjie



Huib



Paul - Big Bamboo



Gill



Gillian



Dom & Stacey





## SA Masters Water Polo Tournament



The Border Barracuda's won the 30-40 year section of the 2011 South African Masters water polo tournament held at the Joan Harrison Aquatic Complex in East London last week end.

The Barracuda's beat Clifton from Durban 6 - 5 in a thrilling final in front of a large partisan crowd with Border's Bevan Manson scoring the winning goal with 3 seconds of playing time left. The Barracuda's were deserved winners as the only team to go through the entire tournament unbeaten.

This is the first time that a Border team has won the 30 - 40 section of Masters after 11 years of previous attempts. The teams success was under pinned by a well balanced squad made up of previous Provincial and National players, strong leadership from senior players, Raymond Weppelman, Steven Hatley and Derek Breetzke and stand out performances by Bevan Manson (who received the award for "Player of the tournament"), Shamai Bachar in defence, and Nathan Carr in goals who can both be considered unlucky not to have received the awards for best defender and best goalkeeper of the tournament.

The Barracuda's captain, Ray Weppelman also paid tribute to the commitment of the players. "We have always had strong Border teams in the past but this year we put in extra effort in training to give ourselves the best chance of winning the tournament. I would like to thank the Vincent Park Centre and Global Business Solutions for sponsoring the Border teams as well as South African Breweries for being the key tournament sponsor".

The other two Border teams involved in the Tournament also performed well, with the Border Buccaneers achieving a place in the quarterfinals of the 40-50 year section, and the Border Bullets receiving the award for the "Spirit of Water Polo" in the 50 + section.

The tournament was a huge success and because of that East London will again host the SA Masters next year. Andy Reeves, who chaired the local organising committee, was very pleased with the feedback received from visiting players and supporters. "The tournament was extremely well supported. To host an event involving 39 teams from across the country takes a lot of planning which paid off. The feedback from all participants was very complimentary. East London can be proud of the way in which the tournament was run. We are lucky to have a world class facility in the Joan Harrison Pool complex, a hard working and dedicated committee, as well as the complex staff managed by Mr. Vicky Singh who contributed greatly to the success of the tournament. My thanks to all those that contributed to what was a great week end of water polo and entertainment".



## Picture of the Tournament



*The lonely fairy...*