



MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

2006 saw a phenomenal increase in the number of people taking to the trails with the event organisers gladly taking note. Throughout South Africa, you would be hard pressed not to find a mountain biking event taking place in your area on most weekends. With our country's spectacular scenery, world-class course builders and excellent event organisers, mountain biking is here to stay. And the best part is most events cater for the whole family so everyone can join in the fun.

SELECTED PRAISE FOR THE WINNERS

MAGALIES MONSTER MTB CLASSIC

This race should be in all MTB racer's top 10 and a must-do for all riders. – *Neil Frazer, 94%*

Real mountain bike race for real MTBers! – *Dirt Rider, 83%*

One of the toughest, most technical races. Highly recommended.

– *David Collett, 84%*

I had to get home to rest! – *Nic Jordan, 90%*

Had a grin from ear to ear for the full 98km. This was the most awesome race I have ever done, good vibe and also made a new friend. – *William Tyson, 89%*

Simply stunning – an event to diarise over and over, but can we make it longer next year? – *Andrew Darling, 81%*

I've participated in quite a few MTB events in the Eastern Cape and Knysna area. I thought they were awesome. Then I entered the Hill2Hill – incredible. Wonderful comradeship, great spirit and the finish was superb.

– *Steven Ayling, 94%*

SUNDAY TRIBUNE JEEP HILL2HILL

The after-race set-up was brilliant with excellent entertainment for the kids. I will make sure I am fitter next year so I can make more of the festivities. This year

RESULTS

 Magalies Monster MTB Classic	87%	10 votes
 Sunday Tribune Jeep Hill2Hill	87%	52 votes
2. Mabalingwe Lion Man MTB Race	86%	10 votes
3. Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay MTB Challenge (55km)	84%	24 votes
4. Subaru Sabie Classic	83%	14 votes
5. Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay MTB Race (26km)	81%	11 votes
6. 24 Hours at Wiesenhof	78%	11 votes
Karoo 2 Coast	78%	10 votes
7. Wartburg MTB Classic	77%	14 votes
8. Sun City MTB Classic	74%	11 votes
9. Mazda Barberton MTB Marathon	58%	16 votes

BEHIND THE SCENES

MAGALIES MONSTER MTB CLASSIC

Family man **KARL SCHUBERT** has organised four Magalies Monsters. The race started with just 240 riders in 2003 and has grown to 996 riders who took part in 2006.



What makes your race better than the others? The setting and the atmosphere is an integral part of any race, and the Magalies Monster has all an excellent MTB race requires: spectacular scenery, technically challenging and unique trails, and the people that take part.

What's the biggest mistake race organisers make? They focus on quantity and not quality.

Why do you organise events? Because I am passionate about MTB and I love to see other people enjoy the sport as much as I do.

Other than your own, what race impresses you the most? Subaru Sani2c has to be the best race ever, wet or dry! My favourite one-day has always been the Original Magoebaskloof Classic and the Big Induna in Hazyview.

What will you be doing this year to improve on last year's race, based on people's feedback? The route will remain the same: tough and gnarly. I will focus more on the finish area in terms of comfort for the riders and their families, such as parking, shade, seating and free beer.

Do you participate in races yourself? Hell yes! Just done the Subaru Sani2c (which is unbelievable and a must-do for any MTBer), and am riding my fourth consecutive Absa Cape Epic this year.

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ANDREW TAYLOR and Tim Whitfield of Hill2Hill Events wanted to contract the best they could find in KwaZulu-Natal when they proposed the inaugural Hill2Hill, and with this in mind they chose Johan Wykerd and his Maverick Cycles crew to design the course, and Max Cluer to coordinate the on-the-day events.



What makes your race better than the others? The difference is putting the athlete first. Happy athletes give you good race ratings and therefore good numbers which in turn make happy sponsors. I also believe that attention to detail and the setting of the course are the most important part of any race.

Why do you organise races? To see people crossing the finishing line and for being able to get people out of the rat race and into God's playground.

Other than your own, what race impresses you the most? Locally: Absa Cape Epic and Subaru Sani2c. Internationally: Tour de France.

What will you be doing this year to improve on last year's race, based on people's feedback? We aim to provide an experience and memory for all our athletes and will always strive to lift our game across the board.

Do you participate in races yourself? Yes, Absa Cape Epic, Subaru Sani2c and as many races as we can.

FEES DER FEESTE WAG VANJAAR!

Tiende Magaliesberg Sitrusfees!

MARIKANA - Die tiende jaarlikse Magaliesberg Sitrusfees vind plaas vanaf 25-27 Mei by die ATKV-oord Buffelspoort.

Van 'n beskeie begin in 1997 het die fees gegroei tot een van die gewildste kuierfeeste in die kontrei. Die 15 000 besoekers wat die fees verlede jaar bygewoon het, is sprekend daarvan. Die rede daarvoor het dalk iets te make met die logo van die fees: proe die berg!

Die fees bied die geleentheid om te proe wat die Magaliesberg en sy mense aanbied - en dit is

nie net kos nie, maar ook die gasvryheid van die mense. Daar is van kerrie-afval, pap en kaiings, biltong, sitrusprodukte tot die heerlikste sitrusmampoer.

Eerste Nasionale Bank borg vanaf hierdie jaar die immergewilde Bulletjie-rugby en -netbaltoernooi. As die 96 rugbyspanne wat in 2006 deelgeneem het as maatstaf dien, word daar vanjaar nog meer spannetjies verwag.

Die Magalies Monster Mountain Bike Challenge is in 2006 deur 'n bekende fietsrytydskrif as die

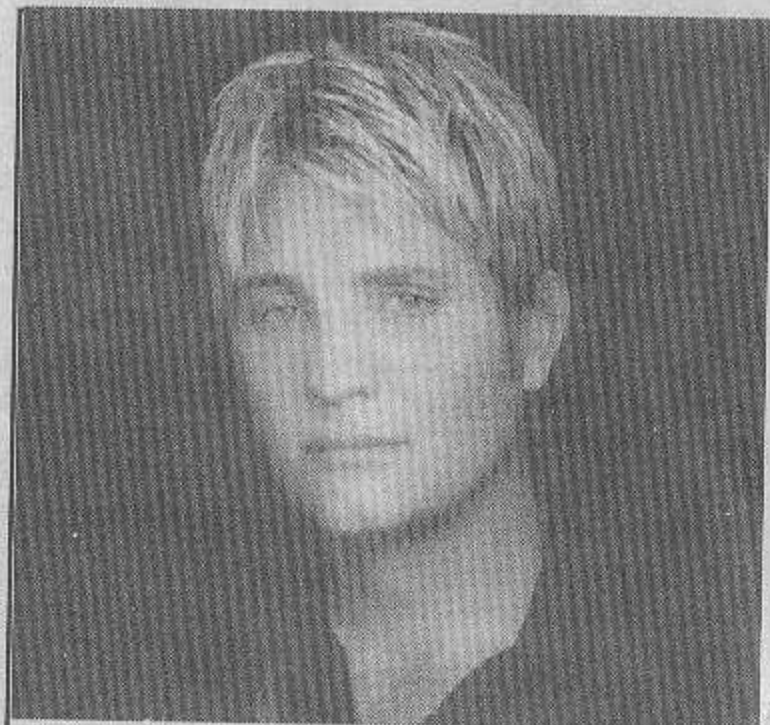
beste wedren in 2006 aangewys. Hierdie jaar word heelwat meer as die 1000 deelnemers van verlede jaar verwag. Afstande is 20km, 45km en die monster van 75 km.

Aan vermaak sal daar verseker geen tekort wees nie. Kunstenaars wat optree sluit in: Rudie Muller, Jak de Priester en Kurt Darren. Die mallemeule en ander aktiwiteite vir die kinders sal sorg dat pa en ma heerlik kan kuier by die fees terwyl die kinders hulself vermaak.

'n Gehalte kunsmark wat slegs handgemaakte items verkoop, sal in elke fynproewer se smaak val. Belangstellende entrepreneurs wat handgemaakte items verkoop kan gerus die organiseerders nader vir 'n stalletjie.

Maak gerus 'n aantekening van hierdie besonderse naweek en kom proe die berg

Vir enige verdere inligting besoek gerus die webbladsy: www.proedieberg.co.za. of kontak John Vosloo by 082 808 8355.



Kurt Darren (foto), Jak de Priester en Rudie Muller is die kunstenaars wat tydens die tiende jaarlikse Magaliesberg Sitrusfees (25-27 Mei) by die ATKV-oord Buffelspoort optree.