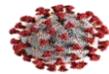




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Covid-19 Corner

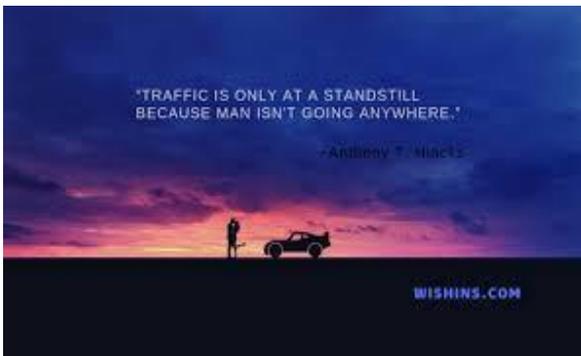


On the 27th July 2020 federations were invited to an emergency meeting at the Sports Ministry to discuss the resumption of sport in Namibia. A briefing was held regarding protocols and the process federations had to follow to obtain permission for events to take place. However, this was not meant to be because no sooner had the NMSF submitted all its documents and application for the first of 3 events to take place when the Covid-19 lockdown regulations tightened as the number of positive cases were increasing. Despite us entering the last quarter of 2020, some motorsport codes are still hopeful that at some point between now and the end of the year, the situation will ease sufficiently for a few events to take place. 2020 has been a strange year with nothing positive to offer at face value but despite this, the “situation” has taught us many positive lessons in life. So, let us continue to exercise patience and build on the positives learnt and hopefully motorsport will return soon. Stay Safe.

The NMSF Office



In 2016 the newly elected NMSF Council drew up a 5-year Strategy plan and one of their objectives was to open an office and to employ a full-time administrator in order to serve its members and affiliates better. In the past various Council members utilised their own business premises and sacrificed their private time to perform the administration functions of the federation but this was not sustainable because of the added pressure the modern world has brought upon businesses. In 2017 the NMSF established an office in Kleine Kuppe and after three successful years at these premises, the time came for the federation to move on. The new address is Commercial Block, Auashills Retirement Village, 28 Montreux Street, Auasblick.





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The future of Motorsport is Green



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Racing towards a *greener* future

There are always debates when it comes to motorsport and environmental matters because of its contribution to the carbon footprint thus contradicting itself when trying to implement measures to protect the environment.

In order to become less dependent on fossil fuels and to decrease the carbon footprint created by motor vehicles, manufacturers of cars and motorcycles have been spending huge amounts of money on hybrid and electrical technology.

It was only as recent as 2007 that the world of motorsport took its first steps to reduce the impact motorsport has on the environment and since then we have seen various types of technology being applied to motorsport either in the form of a hybrid with an internal combustion engine coupled to an electric motor or full electric motors which can reliably race a distance of 300 kilometres.



One can be forgiven for thinking only of pollution when it comes to most forms of motorsport and we do not realise that there are ways in which we can contribute to sustaining our environment.

While it will be sometime before the environmentally friendly technology makes its way into lower category championships around the world, but we can all play our part by addressing the rest of the environmental issues at hand. It is only when one reads the motorsport environmental code that one realises how much can be done to preserve our environment.

Let us put the car or bike aside for a minute and look at our actions when we organise or compete on events. How do we dispose of our waste at an event? Do we drop oil or fuel on the ground and by doing so contaminate the soil or water? Do we damage the vegetation? Do we rehabilitate damaged vegetation? Some of these things might seem small but play a huge part in protecting our environment and once we look beyond the vehicle, things start to make sense when it comes to motorsport and our environment

As motorsport enthusiast, you are encouraged to read the motorsport environmental code to see how you can make a difference.

The NMSF will be releasing its environmental code for Namibia within the next few months.





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The Story of the X- Race



When it comes to Off Road Motorcycle events, most countries have one which stands out from the rest. Our neighbor South Africa has the notorious Roof of Africa and in Namibia we have the X-Race.

These events are extreme and are known to test man and machine to breaking point and to successfully complete them is similar in stature to completing the Namibian Desert Dash or other extreme sports events where endurance, stamina and mental ability plays a big part.

Namibia has the X-Race, an event which evolved from what was known as the “Braveman” and in 2016, this Extreme Enduro was called the X-Race for the first time.

The X-Race is the toughest one-day Enduro in Africa which takes place on tracks in the scenic Elizenheim mountains and is held each year, except for 2020 due to Covid-19, around August September.

Despite the X-Race being a one-day Enduro, the event takes place over two days starting with a prologue on the Friday evening in the form of an Enduro cross. The results of the prologue determine the starting order within each class for the Enduro.



The adrenaline pumping prologue draws many spectators every year and extraordinary skill is needed for a rider just to complete the prologue.

The event consists of 3 classes, namely Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Silver and Gold classes navigate the tough route by means of GPS, while the Bronze class navigates their route through normal route markings and a transponder system. In 2017 a junior class is presented for the first time as part of the X-Race.”

Over the years the event has evolved and grown in stature and in 2017 and 2018, the event was FIM supported. In 2019, the event was awarded Continental status by FIM and competitors from 5 countries participated namely, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, and Kenya.

Despite tough experienced competitor from other countries, Namibian competitors have always done themselves proud by refusing to stand back and finishing at the top.





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Club Profile

Did you know, the NMSF is the only motorsport federation in the world which has spinning as one of its motorsport codes? Many don't associate spinning with motor racing but as part of the federations mandate to try and keep illegal motorsport activity off the streets, the NMSF bravely took spinning under its wing. This month we profile Windhoek Spin City.



Joel Nambahu

Name of club: Windhoek Spin City (WSC)

Motorsport Category: Spinning

Chairperson: Joel Nambahu

Year formed: 2016

Windhoek Spin City was established in 2016 by two very close friends who came together for their undying passion of motor sport.

On the 27th of August 2016 Windhoek Spin City held their very first spinning show in Ongwediva at the Namundjebo Number Trading fair which was a huge success with over 1000 people in attendance. Two of the first spinners who performed that night were Peter Opali, co-founder of WSC, well-known now as Most Wanted and Joël "Wamboe Seun" Nambahu, the first son of Joel Nambahu.



Wamboe Seun, who was only 15 years of age at the time, made a great impact on the audience that night, leaving them in awe. Many spectators could not believe the strength and fearlessness he showed for someone that was the youngest member of the spinning team at the time.

With the good feedback that was received from the public, Joël Nambahu with the assistance of Peter Opali went ahead and built a spin arena in Windhoek in September 2016 and the now legendary show called King of Spin was held there a few months later. In 2017, Joel became WSC's sole owner after co-founder, Peter Opali, moved out of town.

Windhoek Spin City has been able to travel across the country, taking spinning to the masses. WSC has held shows in Helao Nafidi, Ondangwa, Ongwediva, Tsumeb, Luderitz, Keetmanshoop, Windhoek, Walvis Bay and Swakopmund.

Future plans: To continue taking spinning and motorsport to different towns in Namibia. There are so many people who really express a keen interest in motorsport but they are unable to participate because of a lack of funds and they are unable to attend some shows because the events are held too far away from where they reside.

