



News in Brief

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YOUNG ENGINEERS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION 2005

As members might have heard, the EPA Young Engineers Construction Project in form of a Bridge Building Competition for Secondary Schools in the country took place on Saturday 25 June 2005 at the Windhoek Technical High School. 32 teams consisting of three members each of grade 11 and 12 pupils from all corners of Namibia participated in this competition.

The rules together with the material and tool kits were handed to each team on the day of the competition, the kit consisting of wooden dowels, a hacksaw, a cutter, glue and string. Planning and building of the model bridges started at 09h00 in the morning and cut-off time was 15h00. Our panel of judges, Mr. Davy, Mr. Poolman and Mr. Detering weighed and evaluated the bridges on workmanship and ingenuity, before they were load-tested by Mr. Dirk Reed.

This year's winning bridge weighed 260,3g and carried a load of 144,5kg before breaking. The winning team, made up of Glen Brown, Oliver Bause and Timo Roemer, was from the Deutsche Höhere Privatschule in Windhoek. Another team from the DHPS in Windhoek took the second place and a team from the Gobabis Gymnasium took third place. The first three teams received cash money for each team member and a cheque for their school, the prizes amounting to N\$750.00 per team and school for the first prize together with a floating trophy, N\$600.00 for the second prize and N\$450.00 for the third prize respectively. The day ended with a small cocktail function to which the participating teams, accompanying teachers, parents, sponsors, guests and members of the EPA were invited.

Sincere gratitude goes to all the volunteers assisting on the day and above all, the generous sponsors, who once again made this project possible, namely WML Consulting Engineers, VKE (Namibia), Windhoek Consulting Engineers, Africon Namibia, Lund Consulting Engineers, Pupkewitz Megabuild, Democratic Media Holdings and last but not least Air Namibia. Air Namibia has sponsored four return air tickets for the winning team, accompanied by Mr. Dirk Reed, to travel to Johannesburg to participate in the International Bridge Building Competition hosted by SAICE on 29 July 2005.

COASTAL CAREERS EXHIBITION

Amongst about 38 various companies and organisations the EPA was represented at a Careers Exhibition held in Swakopmund on 21 and 22 June 2005. This exhibition was organised by the Life Skills teachers of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay for all the schools at the coast and the Erongo region. Mrs. Chantel Kutz representing the EPA at this event reported that it was well attended and approximately 1500 learners visited the exhibition.

EPA GOLF DAY

The annual EPA Golf Day is scheduled to take place on the Windhoek Golf and Country Club. This is one of our engineers, architects, quantity surveyors, builders and are most welcome to enjoy a day of fun and laughter. EPA members closer to the time, but meanwhile you



Friday 21 October 2005 at events to bring together suppliers. Golfers and non-golfers Invitations will be sent to all might want to diarise the date.

EPA Annual General Meeting

The association's Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 27 October 2005 in order to avoid the pre-Christmas rush of events in November. Notices will be posted in due course. Please make a note of this date – we look forward to greater attendance figures than during the last couple of years.