

IRENE NEWS

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following members who were on the podium at the Intercare race:

Ansie Breytenbach 1^{st} Master lady – 21 km (1:41:53) Noel Banda 2^{nd} Master – 21 km (1:32:01 John Cannon 1^{st} GGM – 21 km (1:55:27)

Sandra Steenkamp 1^{st} Lady walker -21 km (2:11:34) Elsa Meyer 2^{nd} Lady walker -21 km (2:24:54) Jaap Willemse 2^{nd} Walker -21 km (2:20:46) Jacquie van der Waals 1^{st} Vet lady -10 km (41:07) Mike du Bruto 1^{st} GGM -10 km (48:42)

Estien van Wyngaard 1st Lady walker – 10 km (1:07:40)

Sunet Eybers 1st Vet lady – ARWYP 15 km (69:50)

Keith Reynolds 1st Overall – Entebbe 16.5 km Challenge (1:22:08)

Well done to all of you!

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Motlanalo Kudumela 1st Marathon
Tebogo Tselongoe 1st Half Marathon

Janene van Niekerk PB – 10 km

Congratulations!

Please let us know about your personal achievements i.e. personal best times, first race in a certain distance etc. Don't be shy!

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday:

Strength training @17:30 - Club house

Tuesday:

Time trials @ 17:30 – Club house (Everybody starts together at 17:30)
Talk by Bruce Fordyce

Saturday:

Bronkhorstspruit 4/10/21 @ 06:00 – Erasmus Hoërskool (league status to be confirmed)

Sunday:

Club run @ 06:00 – Club house – All welcome, your distance, your pace.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The new running season is in full swing and we have so many happening this year at the club. The club is celebrating its 25th anniversary and the excitement is mounting. The group training is going well and I urge you to join in. This is sure-fire way to be motivated and to improve your performances. We need to start thinking positively by setting goals for every training session and race we are going to do. There should always be an outcome achieved when you attend a race or a training session. Compare how you feel before and after a training session or a race. Positivity is what we need to show up with at every session so that we can improve on our performances. Doing the same thing all the time will not get you better results.

I have a Comrades training camp scheduled for the weekend of 16th to the 20th of May. It will be available for 20 members of the club only. No outsiders will be allowed and it will be held in Thabazimbi over this period. I will schedule an hour-long session to discuss it so please watch the newsletter for more details.

The club has a WhatsApp group which I manage should you want to be part of it. Here we discuss about upcoming events, races and race numbers etc. Let me know if you keen by sending me your name and surname and I will add you.

Should you have any questions about training please drop me a mail at training@irenerunner.co.za, call or Whatsapp me on 082 345 5343 and I will assist where possible.

Proud IRENE Greetings

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25TH ANNIVERSARY

Irene Athletics Club (former Irene Road Running Club) celebrated its 25th anniversary over the weekend. From a humble start in 1994, the club has grown to one of the most prominent clubs not only in our Province, but also in the country.

One wonders if the founders of the club realised then just what an impact the club would have on the lives of thousands of people in the future. Apart from the impact it has had on the sporting side, it has also made a huge impact on the social development and personal circumstances of many. A number of people have found their sweethearts in the club and are happily married today.

We salute everybody who has made a contribution towards the success of the club over the past 25 years. The history of the establishment of the club is as follows:

The Irene Road Running Club was established in 1994 due to the initiative of employees from the Agricultural Research Counsil (ARC), Irene Campus. Frieda Basson and Sylvia Sutherland did the groundwork in recruiting potential members, enabling the new Irene Road Running Club (IRRC) to qualify for affiliation with the then Northern Transvaal Marathon Association (NTMA) which later became Athletics Gauteng North.

IRENE MARATHON KLUB (VOORGESTELDE)

Hiermee gee ek te kenne dat ek belangstel om lid te word van voorgestelde IRENE MARATHON KLUB en dat ek my sal neerlê aan die konstitusie van sodanige klub.

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Padhardlopers kry nuwe klub

'n NUWE padhardloopklub is onlangs in Irene gestig en by die Noord-Transvaal Marathonvereniging geaffilieer. Die klub se werksaamhede word hoofsaaklik by die Irene Diereproduksie Instituut bedryf.

Die klub se weeklikse tydtoetse word op die plaas Lombar, die Instituut se ontspanningsterrein, gehou. Die verkeerlose, veilige atmosfeer van die rustige plaas maak dit ideaal vir drawwers wat moeg is vir raserige stadsverkeer.

Pragtige roetes van 8km, 6km, 4km en 2km is uitgemerk en volg bestaande teerpaaie verby meeste van die Instituut se navorsingseenhede. Die weeklikse tydtoetse vind op Woensdae om 17:00 plaas. Alle drawwers van Verwoerdburg en omgewing is welkom om by die klub aan te sluit.

Die Instituut se sosiale klub, Vedana, is die beskermheer van die klub en alle aspirant-klublede (ook van buite die Instituut) kan die nodige aansoekvorms by die tydtoetse verkry.

Die klub het reeds sy eerste sukses behaal deurdat een van die atlete, Ishmael Mashiangako, vir die Noord-Transvaalspan gekies is

Skakel Pieter Sutherland (667-2502) of Frieda Basson (672-9111) vir details.



Pieter Sutherland, not an employee of the ARC but an experienced runner was approached to take up the responsibility of getting the wheels in motion to officially affiliate the new club with NTMA. Affiliation was granted on 1 February 1994. The first founder committee members were selected at the club's first Annual General Meeting and a constitution was also drawn up at this meeting.

Club activities started with a few but very enthusiastic members. The committee and members then designed the club clothing an also on the tree as logo.



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AANSOEK OM AFFILIASIE BY NOORD TRANSVAAL MARATHONVERENIGING(NTMV) U aansoek van 1994-01-05 verwys

Die dagbestuur het u aansoek oorweeg en voorlopige affiliasie word aan u toegestaan ingevolge klousule 7.4 van die konstitusie van NTMV.

U voorgestelde konstitusie is nagegaan en ek stel voor dat julle 'n verdere klousule byvoeg wat uitspel wat gebeur as die klub ontbind. Verder is die konstitusie in orde. 'n Afskrif van die finaal goedgekeurde konstitusie moet asseblief aan die kantoor gestuur word.

'n Afskrif van die konstitusie van NTMV, met die voorgestelde wysigings is reeds aan u gestuur. Klousule 8 gee al die verpligtinge van 'n proefklub. Doen u beplanning vir die komende jaar sodanig dat u by die Algemene Jaarvergadering van 1995 kan kwalifiseer vir volle affiliasie.

'n Affiliasiefooi van R 220-00 moet by die kantoor inbetaal word. Aangeheg is 'n blanko registrasievorm wat deur al u lede ingevul moet word, maak asseblief self die nodige aantal afskrifte. Volledig voltooide vorms met die lisensiegeld van R30-00 per lid moet by die kantoor ingehandig word in ruil vir die lisensienommers. Slegs kontant of klubtjeks sal aanvaar word.

Ons wens u alle sterkte toe met u klub.

P.C. de Jager Registrateur

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The founder committee members were:

Pieter Sutherland Chairman Frieda Basson Secretary

Ian Sutherland Newsletter Editor

Carl Zwiegelaar Treasurer Hannes Viljoen Club Captain

Sylvia Sutherland Social
Gys Vermeulen Statistician

Ishmael Mashiangalo Additional Member

In the first year of its existence a number of 60 members joined the club.

Time trials were held once a week from under a tree in front of a tractor shed at the farm buildings. The route was to the weather station on top of the hill and back to the shed. There was only a water and coke table at the finish, no club house and NO PUB. The children were entertained by climbing up the stacked bailed cattle feed grass. Occasionally one of the children would wander to the tractor and set off the alarms.

Irene members started to participate in official races. As the social member on the committee, Sylvia Sutherland ensured that there was enough to eat and drink at the races. This contributed to members from other clubs joining Irene. There was only an Irene sun umbrella at the races where members got together.

Ishmael Mashiangalo was the first IRRC athlete to make his mark and was selected for the Northern Transvaal Marathon Team to participate in the SA Marathon Championships held in East London on 5 March 1994.



The first race Irene members participated in was the Onderstepoort Striders Race



As Chairman Pieter Sutherland decided to present the first Irene race in November 1994. The Centurion Golf Estate was in its early development stages and they came aboard as sponsor for the amount of R5000. They saw it as a way to advertise the estate and one condition was that the route should go through the Estate. Members of the club also put in a huge effort to collect money individually.

With very little or no experience the first race, 21.1 km only was held on 10 November 1994. Personnel of the ARC were used to man one of the water points. The winner of the race was Nixon Nkodima in a time of 1:08:11. The first lady was Madeleine Otto in a time of 1:24:42. With total of 811 finishers the race was a huge success and IRRC was on the map.

We are privileged to have 5 members who have been members of the club for 25 consecutive years. To honour them, they each received a high-quality jacket at the celebrations at the Intercare race on Saturday. Members with 25 years membership will receive similar jackets in future.



Miles Saxby, Derick van der Merwe, Louwrens Smit, John Ellmore and Derek Oldnall showing off their 25 year jackets. We salute them!

We will have various celebrations during the year with the highlight being the Namibia tour in the beginning of October.

An organising committee will be established during the next two weeks to organise this major event. Anybody interested to serve on this committee are invited to reply to this email. We need your expertise please.

SOCIAL EVENING

Due to the fact that we had such a lovely function on Saturday, we will not have the normal social evening on Tuesday evening. However, we have something special in stall for you. I am sure that we can expect a huge turnout from our members.

Don't miss out.



21 KM CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Schalk Liebenberg and Louisa Spangenberg who are the 2019 Club Champions. Well done also to all the category winners. The preliminary results in the different categories are as follows:

	Men	Women
Overall	Schalk Liebenberg	Louisa Spangenberg
	Nelius van Rooyen	Amanda Cloete
	Noel Banda	Ansie Breytenbach
Senior	Schalk Liebenberg	Louisa Spangenberg
Veteran	Michael Mokwala	Rosemary Brink
Master	Noel Banda	Ansie Breytenbach
GM	Johann Stadler	Joey Cloete
GGM	John Cannon	Elsa Meyer



Schalk Liebenberg



Louisa Spangenberg

BABY STEPS – BUKS VAN DEVENTER

I tore the meniscus in my left knee sometime August / September 2018. Many tears, fears and medical bills later I took up race walking.

PwC George Classen 10km was my first event race walking. I learnt the following from that event:

- A rule in race walking is that, at any given time, at least 1 foot has to be on the ground
 Race Walking teaches me to stay grounded.
- 2. Race Walking includes you swinging your arms. The motion reminds me of a "Fist Bump" Race Walking teaches us to celebrate the small victories.
- 3. Race Walking makes me think of the Johnny Walker brand Race Walking teaches us to just keep walking…even when we can't run.

After my first ever race walk, I tipped my hat to the people walking the 21.1km saying I would never do that. When confronted with an injury, we do what we have to do.

This brings me to this report...our birthday bash.

21.1km with about 180m elevation. I am not ready to risk injury with running, but I could walk it? My first 10km race walking on a difficult route I finished in 69min. Surely I can finish an

effortless 21.1km in 2hours20min? Ansie said it best: "Ek verstaan nou hoekom daar so min stappers is...dis erg moeilik!"

At 3km, Johan Engelbrecht asked Elsa Meyer to beat me if nothing else, in jest. Little did he know that my intent was to walk a 2hour20min with Elsa just being happy with a 2hour25min. I replied:"As stap maklik was, sou almal dit kon doen!". At the 7km mark I told Elsa and Danie to go, I was not going to make it at that pace (6:53/km). Good call in the end.

At the 12km mark my mind was shouting at me to please stop this walking and please run...just a little!...Please!...Forest Gump the rest of this half marathon! At 16km I started questioning my sanity. Having done 2 Comrades, back to back, I had no answer to this madness!

I had a small voice in the back of my mind, Oom Gerhard and his tales of walking Comrades: "Another one bites the dust!" I could never start running after that. Still, I past many runners. I didn't podium, I didn't win a price, but I learnt something very valuable – Race Walking won't get you to the podium, but it might help finish...even get close to podium!

Weak knees? Race walk yourself to back to strength. Flu? Race walk, your heart rate stays low and you maintain fitness. Camille Herron had a stress fracture in her femur in March 2017. She walked 2hours a day. Maybe not race walking, but she kept going...she went on to win Comrades 2017. Race walking is not easy...if it was, everyone would be doing it.

I am limited. I have an injury. I won't lie down. I will Johnny Walker this to the end...even if I had to walk from Durban to Pietermaritzburg...I won't lie down!

PERSONALIA

Congratulations to everybody celebrating their birthdays during the week:

Theuns	Willemse	05 Feb
Emily	Mamoepa	07 Feb
Shaun	Smee	07 Feb
Helandie	Calaca	08 Feb
Veli	Mokoena	08 Feb
Glen	Simmonds	08 Feb
Blanche	Van Vuuren	08 Feb
Thabiso	Mashaba	09 Feb



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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:



Carike Homan



Heléne Meyer



Ilse Merrick



Jean Overbeck



Kayla Odendaal



Leonard van Antwerpen



Louise Dercksen



Loyise Ndhlovu



Nhlanhla Makanya



Palese Ryan



Roy Hill



Tendani Mantshimile







NOTICE BOARD

Saturday 9 February

Bronkhorstspruit Race 32/10/4 km

Race Organisers: Bronkhorstspruit Athletics Club

Venue: Hoërskool Erasmus, Kerk Street, Bronkhorstspruit (take Delmas off ramp)

	32 km	10 km	4 km
Entry fee	R 150	R 80	R 20
Entry fee 60+	Fr	ee	
Start Time	06:00	06:15	06:30
Cut-off		??	

1st 200 32km entries at Run-Away Sport receive a t-shirt

No Pets

Pre-entries at: Run-away Sport <u>www.enteronline.co.za</u>

Saturday 16 February

Bestmed Tuks Race 42.2/21.1/10/5/1 km

Race Organisers: Tuks Sport

Venue: Hillcrest Sports Campus, Burnett Street, Hatfield

GPS: S 25 44'58" E 28 14'47"

	42.1 km	21.1 km	10 km	5km	1 km
Entry fee	R 200	R 150	R 100	R 50	R 30
Entry fee 60 - 79	R 100	R 75	R 50		
Entry fee 80+ / blind athletes	Free				
			06:30		
Start Time	05:30	06:00	Wheelchair	06:40	08:00
			06:20		
Cut-off time	05:30		03:00		

42.2km race is a pre-entry race only and limited to 4000 No Pets Only the 10km race is wheelchair friendly

Pre-entries at: Run-away Sport; Sweatshop Southdowns, Dunkeld West, Fourways Crossing; Tshwane Running Shop; UP Hatfield Campus www.entrytime.com

Sunday 24 February (Pretoria Marathon)

The Deloitte Challenge 42.2/21.1/10 km

Race Organisers: Phobians Athletics Club

Venue: Pretoria High School Old Boys Club, Hofmeyr Park, Queens Crescent, Lynnwood

	42.2 km	21.1 km	10 km
Entry fee	R 200	R 140	R 90
Entry fee 70+ (attach copy of ID to entry form)		Free	
Start Time	06:00 06:		06:15
Cut-off		05:30	

42.2/21.1km entries open until 23 February – no race day entries 1st 4 500 pre-entries receive a free t-shirt

No Pets

Wheelchair athletes only recommended on 10km but are allowed on longer distances but will need assistance over animal grids

Pre-entries at: Run-away Sport; Sweatshop Southdowns, Dunkeld, Bedfordview

www.entrytime.com

Saturday 2 March Medihelp Sunrise Monster 32/21.1/10/5 km

Race Organisers: Harlequin Harriers

Venue: Harlequin Club, Totius Street, Groenkloof

GPS: S 25'46.122 E 28'13.031

	32km	21.1km	10 km	5 km
Pre-entry fee	R 160	R 150	R 100	R 50
Entry fees 60+	R 80	R 70	R 50	R 40
Start Time	06:03	3	06:30	06:45
Time Limit	04h30	03h30	02h300	

Route not suitable for wheelchair athletes

Pre-entries: Run-A-Way Sports, Sweatshop Dunkeld, Bedfordview & Southdowns;

Natural Runner

2019 AGN LEAGUE FIXTURE LIST				
EVENT	DISTANCE	DATE	LEAGUE	
			RR	RW
Bronkhorstpruit*	32/10 km	09/02/19	Х	Х
Medihelp Sunrise Monster	32/21.1/10 km	02/03/19	Х	Х
Run Against Drugs	21.1/10 km	13/04/19	Х	Х
Skosana Development Run	21.1/10 km	25/05/19	Х	Х
Race of Friendship	21.1/10 km	29/06/19	Х	Х
Zwartkop Road Race	21.1/10 km	27/07/19	Х	Х
Spirit of Flight	10 km	31/08/19	Х	Х
Brooklyn Road Race	21.1/10 km	07/09/19	Х	Х
Capital Classic	21.1/10 km	05/10/19	Х	Х
Freedom of Expression	21.1/10 km	02/11/19	Х	Х

^{*}League status of the Bronkhorstspruit race will be confirmed during the week.

Masters Athletics Fixture list

South Africa

? March 2019	KZN	Kings Park Stadium
29/30 March 2019	PE	Westbourne Oval
29/30 March or 19/20 April 2019	GNMA	Pilditch
5/6 April 2019	WP	Cape Town
13 April 2019	CGMA	Herman Immelman
10 August 2019	Mpumalanga	Secunda
? October 2019	Rassies	Bronkhorstspruit
25/26 October 2019	SWD	Oudtshoorn
8/9 November 2019	Free State	Bloemfontein

South African Championships

3/4 May 2019	SWD	Oudtshoorn
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April/May 2020	Central Gauteng	Herman Immelman

Africa Championships

2021 Nairobi, Kenya

2023 South Africa

International Championships

24-30 March 2019 WMA Indoor Torun, Poland

28/9-6/10 2019 30th Summer universiade Naples, Italy

20/7/2020 – 1/8/2020 World Masters athletics Champs Toronto, Canada

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Taste your words before you spit them out.

PHOTO CORNER (Intercare)



At the start of the 21 km



Schalk Liebenberg and Nelius van Rooyen



Janene van Niekerk and Marius Smit



Samantha Dry



Marlé van der Walt



Telanie Venter



Noel Banda



Michael Mokwala



Ilse Claasen



Kobus van As



Estien van Wyngaard



Miles Saxby with his original Irene vest



Tebogo Tselangoe



There was a huge turnout of Irene members



Plenty to eat and drink