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Newsletter

2019 FIM Africa Continental Championship

The dust has settled, bikes are in repair and wounds are healing. The 2019 FIM Africa Continental Championship X- Race Event has come to an end and we are proud to say that we had participants from five different countries, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, South Africa and Kenya. Thanks to our awesome sponsors, rider's bikes were transported from SA to NAM and back at no cost. In addition, we offered foreign riders a bike rental service which made it much easier for riders from further away to participate and race. This year riders from Kenya and Zambia made use of this service.

The 2019 FIM Africa Continental Championship X-Race kicked off on 31 August at 11 am with documentation and scrutineering. This year's event had 53 entries, the biggest number since the first X-Race in 2017. The Gold class had 13 entries, the silver 15 and the Bronze 10. Furthermore, we had 12 support and 3 kiddies riders to cater for the up and coming generations.

The prologue on Friday, which determines the starting position for Saturday's main race, was a big success.



Loads of spectators came to cheer on the competitors under the flood lit night sky. The South African riders once again showed why the best enduro riders on the African continent are produced there.

Lloyd Kirk (Gold) took the win and secured the first starting position for Saturday's main race. Second went to Roof of Africa Silver class winner Heinrich Zellhuber (Gold) and third to Kirsten Landman, the first woman to enter Gold at X-Race.

The Gold class riders lined up to the start at 7:30 am the following morning, with Lloyd Kirk having troubles from the get-go. His kick starter fell off and he lost approx. 15 minutes along with a couple of positions fixing it. The organiser set up a new spectator section immediately after the start which offered great viewing pleasure to spectators and supporters alike. By the second lap Lloyd had made up all the time he had lost and was leading the race. Heinrich Zellhuber stuck to Lloyd and the duo rode together for the rest of the race. The winning time of Lloyd Kirk (SA) was 05:08:34. Heinrich Zellhuber (SA) finished second in 05:35:12. Kirsten Landman (SA) finished in third with a time of 07:07:52, showing true grit against the 10 other Gold class riders. The longest time to finish the Gold class was 8:38:01, confirming the true class of the top riders.

The number one silver class rider Heiko Stranghöner (NAM) took the win in a time of 03:22:45, second went to Oliver Rohrmüller (NAM) 03:24:39 and third went to South Africa's Darren Gray 03:33:31. Darren has become a common face at this event, with different South African riders in tow each year.

The Bronze route was made tougher for 2019, or so the organiser thought, with a blistering time of Jaco Husselmann (NAM) 01:56:20 taking the win. Second went to Stuart Pearce (NAM) 02:11:51 and third to the oldest podium finisher, Kai Hohmaier (NAM) 02:18:28.





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The organiser is proud to have an impact on the development of riders in Namibia and offers a great event for foreign riders to test their mental and physical strength. X-Race Namibia will keep pushing the envelope to become a race that all aspiring enduro riders want to participate in.

Since the first Namibian hard enduro in 2013, a clear rise in riding ability has been witnessed. Last year the event had 3 Gold class entries, whereas this year it had 13. Tracks were made tougher every year and riders have adapted their training regimes to master bigger obstacles.



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