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## NEWS FROM COASTAL PIRATES – MARCH 2015



A new year has started and another AGM has been held. We have some new members on the committee and some members stayed on. New committee members are: Berenike Behrens, Paul Liechti and Betty Nittscher. Members who stayed on are: Matthias Röttcher, Rudi van der Plas, Cindy Roberts, Vikki de Jager, Dave Hammond, Vincent van Biljon and Chantel Kutz. We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Lizette, Wina and Marco for their hard work on the committee. Lizzy will continue to help with development tournaments and skills competitions.

The national league tournaments will start soon... so everyone get fit and ready to battle the first tournament at Cazadores!

The SISC will host the NAMAS award ceremony on the weekend of the 1st May. This means that both hockey courts will have to be disassembled. We will not have any practice during this period. We will inform all players of a holiday schedule for the school holidays in due course.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10 April Beginner/Development Tournament
- 10-12 April National Team Training Camp (Windhoek)
- 15-17 May National Team Training Camp (Windhoek)
- 22-24 May Scorpions Business League (Otjiwarongo)
- 29-31 May Cazadores Tournament (Windhoek)

Easter weekend is coming up and we wish everyone  
Happy Easter!

Regards, Matthias Röttcher (Chairman)

### COURTS CLOSED

The main rink as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> court will be closed from the 20<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> May due to the setting up of the Namibian Music Awards ceremony taking place in the Dome.





### SISC Membership

Thank you to everyone for complying with the Swakopmund Indoor Sport Centre membership requirements. As with any new initiative there will be teething problems and the committee is working hard to ensure that we all benefit from this amazing venue!

**Good Players  
Inspire Themselves  
Great Players  
Inspire Others**

## Iron Man Tournament

The Kamikaze Club held Namibia's first ever Iron Man Tournament on the weekend of the 6-7<sup>th</sup> March in Windhoek. For every age division, the matches were 9 minutes long, with no stoppages and no change-ups. It took a while for the spectators to get used to the high-paced match format, as play continued from goals scored/saved, instead of the players returning to face-off positions. The Coastal Pirates had 15 players in the tournament in various sponsored teams, combined with players from other clubs. Our players all performed extremely well, featuring in five of the six winning teams, or as the runners-up. Sobel's Minions must be congratulated on winning all nine of their u8/10 matches and the final, displaying exceptional skill (thanks Brian!).



### Player Profile: Kady Bernstein

I started playing nine years ago when I was 9. My brother was a goalie and I supported him one tournament in Otji. He enjoyed it so much and convinced me to give it a shot (I'm so glad he did!). My first goal was at a Scorpions tournament - Dave was coaching and we were leading by far, and the entire team kept passing me the puck so I could score my first goal, and after many attempts, I finally got to celebrate it! I now play for the u18 and the Ladies divisions. My favorite aspect of the sport is passing and I like the discipline that Sobel teaches so well. I also enjoy the social part of the sport and how it's encouraged that having fun is most important.

My hockey highlight was definitely playing in California for the national team in 2013. My greatest hockey memories were made there, singing the national anthem with fellow players gave me goosebumps, and getting to see the NARCh skill level in Canada was definitely an inspiration. My best moment was playing in the opening game against Brazil. I took the face-off and within seconds, and a few passes later, I scored the opening goal of the world championships!





### Litter

Please take responsibility for keeping the area around the court tidy - plenty of bins have been provided for papers, empty water bottles and used tape !!

### Beginners/Development Tournament

Parents of all Beginners or u8's who have never played in national tournaments or who are B/white-team players and who want to play on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, please contact Lizette on 0811287555.

## Learn to Skate Group

We have around 30 kids who come regularly to the Learn to Skate Group and a few additional kids who arrive each week to try it out. If you know anyone who'd like to learn to skate, please ask them to come to the court on a Wednesday before 1.45pm. They can borrow skates and protective gear from the club if they do not have their own. Their first 4 sessions are free, then they buy vouchers (4 sessions for N\$ 100).



## Beginners Group

The Beginners Group has also grown this year by an additional seven members, and a further seven, who have mastered skating skills, will join them from the Learn to Skate Group from this week. This group builds on skating skills, is taught stick handling, puck control and how to play matches.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Gear

Thank you to all those who donated some of their 2<sup>nd</sup> hand gear to the club or to new members, and to everyone who sold items to the many beginners to help them get started. If you'd like to sell old hockey equipment, please make a small poster to place onto the board, incl. photo's, details and prices. Any donations of items (still in good condition) to the club storeroom are always welcome.





### Coastal Pirates cover pants

For those who have ordered these, they have arrived and will be distributed for wearing to the Cazadores tournament



A good hockey player plays where the puck is  
A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.

*Wayne Gretzky*

## Business League

Coastal Pirates opened the 2015 hockey season with our Business League on the 6-8 February. 104 matches were played and skills competitions were held across all age divisions. We attracted 38 sponsored teams - the most team entries ever received. Although the level of hockey was as skilled and competitive as usual, with amazingly fast passes, skilled skating, good defences, and awesome goals and saves, this tournament has a light-hearted feel with teams encouraged to dress up. Most teams combined players from the various Namibian clubs to compete for the various sponsored prizes. There was a great atmosphere at the court from early morning until very late each night.



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