



WINNERS - Mary De Klerk and Barry De Groot



The Capital Sounds Team



Race Of Champions **TZANEEN**

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**Tzaneen hosted the first 'Race of Champions' air race and in doing so has set a whole new standard for air racing.
A total of 53 aircraft participated in the two-day event, which ended in an exciting finish on Saturday.**

The race was hosted by the legendary Letaba Flying Club based at Tzaneen Airfield, in conjunction with Naturelink Aviation, Novas Marine, Alexander Forbes, Air BP and MARSH. Adding to the success of this first Race of Champions was the outstanding organisation by Eddie Voster and his team from Letaba Flying Club as well as the brilliant team of Chris Briers of Naturelink Aviation. Day one of the race took the participants from Tzaneen to Messina – Alldays - Potgietersrus and then back to Tzaneen, covering 314 nautical miles.

Day two saw the participants race from Tzaneen to Dendron – Potgietersrus – Lydenburg – Selati and back again to Tzaneen, covering 299 nautical miles. The result was a 'battle royal' to the end.

Congratulations must go to all competitors who took part in this most successful event. However, like all races, there can only be one winner and this went to the team of Mary De Klerk and Barry De Groot flying in ZU-AFP, a Cessna 172D. Well done to them.



THE TOP FIVE PLACES WERE

1. Mary De Klerk and Barry De Groot flying in ZU-AFP, Cessna 172D
2. Dries Briers and Marius Schutte flying in ZS-PJK, Beech F33A
3. Kiewiet Vlok and Gail Vlok flying in ZS-LWP, Mooney M20J 205SE
4. Gerhard van der Gruys and Koos Malan flying in ZS-LEB, Cessna T303
5. John Sayers and Jack Totzer flying ZS-WSE, T6 - Harvard

Adding to the success of the race were the contributions of ATNS headed by Ricardo Alfonso and his team, and Brian Emmenis and his Capital Sounds team. This was one of the best organised events that I have ever attended, and just goes to show that with the winning combination of the Letaba Flying Club and Naturelink Aviation plus Capital Sounds and good weather, the result can only be successful. My compliments to all involved for the attention that was paid to the finer details. 🍷

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