



SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015

The years 2014 and 2015 to date were indeed a special period for South African Masters Sports Association (SAMS). We celebrated our 21st Anniversary on 6 February 2015 together with founder members, promoters and leaders of the +- 40 various sports codes and the thousands of participants who keep Master Sport alive and challenging. Our Motto – ‘THE CHALLENGE NEVER ENDS’ is most applicable.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Quarterly meetings of SAMS'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE were well supported. Many regular, after hours meetings were held by The President, Secretary and Treasurer in order to deal with news and correspondence.

‘THE MASTERS VOICE’ monthly NEWS CONTACT with sports codes and any Master. Just add your email and **‘UP-TO-DATE’** changes in your annual/biennial elections. Distributed by E-Mail to all member codes, individual masters and macro sport bodies.

MEMBERSHIP

- SAMS is a member of The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic committee (SASCOC) Meetings were attended by The President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- A member of the South African Sport and Recreation and receives an Annual Grant in Aid towards administration of THE ASSOCIATION and its active members. SAMS is an active participant in the World International Masters Games Association (IMGA). Many South African Masters have participated in this event. Next GAMES 2017 in New Zealand.

IN MEMORIAM

Jurg Bekker, the Manager of Nelson Mandela Bay Sports Office in Port Elizabeth passed away in March 2015. This is a great loss to sport. Jurg was the organizer of The SA Masters Games in 1999, 2005 and 2011. He will be remembered and honoured by international and national participants. Condolences to his wife and family were conveyed by SAMS.

S.A. MASTERS GAMES 2016

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG will be the venue for the 9TH SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS GAMES planned for 2016. Members of the Exco have started very positive talks with Mr Barry Hendricks the Minister of Sport in Gauteng. His support is a valuable link to the many top Sports facilities in the city. Urgent correspondence to S.A. Masters codes to follow. Dates as announced in 2014. 28 April – 1 May 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of myself and the SA MASTERS SPORT ASSOCIATION, I wish to thank and pay tribute to:

- **Every member of the Executive Committee for their dedicated service and loyal support during the past year**
- **All member codes for their co-operation and service to fellow masters**
- **Sport and Recreation South Africa for financial support and co-operation in the promotion of Masters Sport**
- **The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic committee (SASCOC) for its role in the promotion of SA sport to our South African athletes.**
- **To every individual Master Sportsmen and women, for pursuing SAMSA's motto – "THE CHALLENGE NEVER ENDS!"**

**Rita Oosthuizen
President
22 April 2015**