



Celebrating local talent at the first annual Siyathemba Community Sports Day

Prieska (19 December 2019) – The first Siyathemba Community Annual Sports Day, held in Prieska in early December, was a huge success and set the scene for planned community sports days in Marydale and Niekerkshoop early next year.

The event was the first event held by a joint CSI forum, which was initiated by Orion Minerals and includes three other companies operating in Siyathemba. The platform for CSI collaboration includes the Copperton Wind Farm, the Garob Wind Farm and the Mulilo Prieska Solar Community Trust.

“The idea behind hosting a joint CSI forum Siyathemba Community Sports Day was to get the communities near our Prieska Copper-Zinc Project in the Northern Cape together for a day of fun and sport,” says Orion Minerals Commercial and Business Support Manager, Marcus Birch.

“Sports and recreation are given high priority within the community and we want to get more young people involved in sport as a means of getting them off the streets.”

Attracting nearly 600 residents from the Siyathemba community, the Sports Day was held at the Prieska High School Grounds, with netball played at the Prieska Primary Netball Courts. Sixteen teams participated in soccer and netball matches on the day.

Gate entry fees raised R2 500 of proceeds which will be used to fund sports days to be held in Marydale and Niekerkshoop early in the new year. Local businesses in the hospitality industry participated by setting up food stands and kiosks at the event. A community teacher, photographer and physiotherapist volunteered their services on the day, another reflection of the charitableness within the Siyathemba community.

Siyathemba Community Sports Day Soccer winners were:

1st Place – Arsenal, Prieska (received R6000 and a floating trophy)

2nd Place – Leeds United, Marydale (received R3 000)

3rd Place – Sundowns, Prieska (won R500)

3rd Place – WBHO Team (won R500)



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Siyathemba Community Sports Day Netball winners were:

Women's team:

1st Place – Highty Tightly (received R2 000 and floating trophy)

2nd Place - Turboz (won R1 000)

Men's team:

1st Place – Turboz – Prieska

The Siyathemba Community Annual Sports Day in Numbers:

- Hydration: **1 200 bottles** of sports drinks and **1 200 bottles** of water were distributed to participants in the games at half time and end of game
- **75 bags** of ice were used to keep the drinks cold
- **Three taxis** each from Marydale and Niekerkshoop transported participating players from both towns to Prieska and back
- Lunch for participants and volunteers was provided
- Fifty x **R1 000 food hampers** were purchased to be distributed to **50 families** in need throughout Siyathemba, 10 per ward. These are families identified by the Department of Social Development and the Hospice
- **A total of 12 soccer balls** and **6 netballs** were distributed amongst all the participating teams
- Volunteers gave **14 hours** of their time
- **16 teams** participated in soccer and netball



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Soccer winners



1st Place – Arsenal, Prieska



2nd Place – Leeds United, Marydale



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Netball winners



Women's 1st Place – Highty Tightly



Women's 2nd Place - Turboz

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