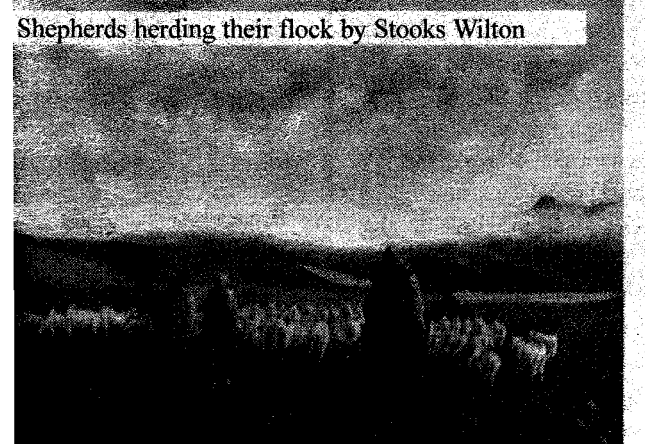


years of thrills celebrated at 2c. And Over R20m raised for community upliftment

350 mountain-bikers will be part of the festivities when the est stage race, the Nedbank sani2c, celebrates its 10th anniversary this week. Organiser Glen Haw said online entries 's event, which follows a 270km route from Underberg to had once again sold out in a matter of seconds. "Our final have now been made and we're looking forward to welcoms and new participants back for another year of thrills," said r Glen", as Haw is affectionately known, founded the three-2005 (with just 247 two-person teams) as a fundraiser for his hool.

ne number of participants has doubled every two years, with ion set to host 725 teams in each of its trio of races. ted the event, I never ever imagined that it would grow this w. "Logistically speaking, it has now reached maximum ca- 've capped the number of entries to ensure that every rider premium experience." He said special number boards would the 18 members of the exclusive Black Mamba Club who had 110 events. For the anniversary edition, Haw said the rest of d look forward to more great riding and a number of upgrades llages. The community involvement aspect was certainly the ievement over the past decade, with more than R20 million hools and organisations along the route, said Haw. "There emendous buy-in from the locals and the rural communities d greatly from their partnership with the race." In addition to nomic spin-offs, Haw said the event employed more than 2 e workers and 94 service providers. As far as the future was e said the introduction of GPS-based navigation in 2015 would ceiting addition to the event, which had become known for uch as its floating bridges. "This year, we'll use traditional g combined with GPS so that the riders get comfortable with satellite navigation had already been embraced by its two - the BSi Steel Dusi2c and Old Mutual joBerg2c - Haw said n for these had been the Nedbank sani2c. "It's really the way h all innovations in sport, like the Hawk-Eye in cricket and ugby, they are accepted slowly but are for the better. Visit co.za, find the race on Facebook or follow @sani2c_scoop.

Underberg Artist at Art In the Park 21- 25 May



Shepherds herding their flock by Stooks Wilton
 k takes place from 21 - 25 May. This partially coincides yal Agricultural Show (24th May to 2nd June), and, for 's wives who want to get away from tractors, machinery for a few hours, it makes a pleasant break!! This will be local artist Stooks Wilton will be participating. His oil

Model Jets in the Berg @ Himeville Airstrip from 9am 17 - 18 May

National Model Aircraft Championships 2014

From 24 th to 27 th April Underberg was host to the National Aerobatic Aeromodelling Championships in which some thirty pilots from all over the country took part. They came from places as diverse as Port Elizabeth and Gauteng and the weather was mostly superb with only one day of drizzle before the main events and a day of cold wind at the end. The event was held on the Polo grounds where the Underberg Farmers Association provided facilities at the UFA hall and was organized by Arthur Eggar who set up the entire operation on his own a fact that aroused considerable comment and congratulations from the participants who said the event was as well run as any of the best competitions held previously in South Africa. Few of the competitors had visited Underberg before and they were most impressed with the setting, the ambience and the facilities and said they would be back again at the first opportunity. Some also took the opportunity to drive up the Sani Pass a trip that they said was most worthwhile.

The competition is run along international lines and each pilot has to complete a set list of maneuvers within a time of eight minutes and remain within a defined area called a 'box' before the judges. The aircraft used are extremely sophisticated and can be called upon to perform most intricate maneuvers by radio control while flying at speeds up to more than 200 kilometers per hour. The aircraft of different designs are built of fibre glass with wingspans of nearly two meters and are driven by electric motors powered by a battery that weighs one kg, the heaviest part of the aircraft and which provides power for a period of at least ten minutes allowing plenty of time to complete the course. In all the value of the aircraft present was well over a million Rand.

The standard of competition was very high and those taking part included the reigning National Champion Andre Stockwell who was pipped at the post by Calvin Schroll who took the top honours and Roston Dugmore the Junior World champion who is due to go to Chicago shortly to defend his title. There were four classes, Beginner, Standard, Advanced and Championship. Arthur Eggar took third place in the Advanced category against strong competition in that class.

The whole event went off perfectly the only casualty being one unfortunate Jackal Buzzard who entered controlled air space without authority of Air Traffic control. The aircraft although lightly damaged was able to continue in the competition but despite the best efforts of those present the Jackal Buzzard succumbed to his injuries.


At the prize giving a vote of thanks was proposed to the Underberg Polo Club for the use of their grounds and the UFA for their facilities which was accepted unanimously to loud applause. M. Clark.

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