

Atlas Copco

22 & 23 November



The Donaldson
CHAMPIONSHIP
Cross Country Motor Racing

GOLD 400

NEW WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES A HIGHLIGHT FOR ATLAS COPCO'S 140 YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Atlas Copco, recognized as one of the world's most innovative and sustainable companies, celebrated 140 years of industrial excellence on the 21st February 2014 with a range of activities in more than 90 countries where it has its own operations.

"Celebrating 140 years is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen customer focus and relations further, to translate our values into daily activities, and to capture synergies," says Philip Herselman, General Manager for Atlas Copco Construction Technique South Africa. "It is a great occasion to create pride among employees and to make them enthusiastic about future opportunities. Our history guarantees long-term industrial experience as well as innovative products and solutions to current and new customers, to suppliers as well as to current and future employees."

To mark the end of the 140 year celebrations, Atlas Copco South Africa will move to new, world-class premises, to be officially opened on the 21st February 2014. The new premises are located in Jet Park, 5km North of the existing premises, and a mere 3km from OR Tambo International Airport. It will be the new home for all four of Atlas Copco's business areas, namely Industrial Technique, Compressor Technique, Construction Technique and Mining and Rock Excavation Technique. It will also house the Atlas Copco Holdings Company, and internal customer service provider, Atlas Copco Business Services.

The investment into the new premises is one of the largest global investments the Atlas Copco Group has made into a customer centre in its 140 year history. The new facilities will host approximately 400 office bound employees, an 8000 m² distribution centre, as well as world-class workshop facilities and a new and improved training centre.

"The Southern African market has vast growth potential, and this new facility will

help us to ensure we are close to our many customers in the region," says Herselman. "This investment clearly emphasizes the Atlas Copco core values of interaction, innovation and commitment, and is a definite step in the right direction towards becoming First in Mind – First in Choice for all our stakeholders." The move is expected to be complete by year end.

Programme of events

The event will be run in the Westonaria area with race headquarters, start/finish and the designated service park (DSP) based at Kloof Country Club Glenharvie **S 26 23 09.65 E 27 37 06.96**

FRIDAY 22 November

08:30 - 10:00 Administrative checks
12:00 Start of the **Atlas Copco Gold 400** Qualifying Race.
17:00 Confirmation of qualifying results and publication of Starting Order for the **Atlas Copco Gold 400**

SATURDAY 23 November

08:30 Start of the **Atlas Copco Gold 400**
11:00 Leading vehicle expected at DSP for 15-minute service break
13:30 First competitor expected at the finish.
17:00 Prize Giving for the **Atlas Copco Gold 400** commences.

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FOUR CREWS VIE FOR SPECIAL VEHICLE CHAMPIONSHIP



Hutchison/Stassen Motorite BAT Viper

It could not have been better scripted.

In a tense finale to the season four crews will fight it out for the Special Vehicle championship at the final round of the Donaldson Cross Country Championship, the Atlas Copco Gold 400, in Westonaria this weekend. And, to add a little spice to proceedings, a fifth driver is also in the mix when it comes to the overall championship.

It promises to be an intriguing weekend and, if you were a punter, you would lean towards putting your money on reigning champions Evan Hutchison and Danie Stassen to take back to back titles in the Motorite BAT Viper. Hutchison and Stassen go into the final shootout with a precious 12.5 lead over KwaZulu-Natal crew Clint Gibson and Gary Campbell in the Dirt Sport Components Porter – and that could be decisive.

Former champions Hermann and Wichard Sullwald (Elegant Fuel Stryker) are just three points behind the KZN pair with Philip de Vries/Johan Viljoen (Conqueror Porter) still in with a mathematical chance of sneaking in via the back door. De Vries/Viljoen are 22.5 points behind the leaders, but the last two events have produced topsy turvy results and in cross country racing you can always expect the unexpected.

On the driver front the Class A big guns could all be upstaged by the enigmatic Colin Matthews who again teams up with rookie Rodney Burke in the Century Racing CR3 running in Class P. Matthews has twice won overall this season, and that will generate a few nervous twitches among the Class A brigade.

Where the overall and Class A title contenders are concerned there is a level playing field. None of them has to worry about dropping one score, and for Hutchison and Stassen third or better will be enough to secure both



Gibson/Campbell Dirt Sport Component Porter



De Vries/Viljoen Conqueror Porter

championships.

It all boils down to a combination of pace and reliability. The Vryburg 400 and the more recent Ford Dealer 400 produced surprise results that have kept the two championships in a state of flux.

A non finish on the Ford event scuppered Quintin and Kallie Sullwald, in the Elegant Fuel BAT but they, along with a couple of other teams, could play influential roles in the final outcome of the title race. Daniel and Louw Zeelie (Maxxis/Liqui Moly/Rockstar Porter) and Daniel Brookes/Gavan Gray (Ducatus Property BAT) go into the race on the back of recent solid results.

Lance Trethewey and Geoff Minnitt (LT Earthmovers BAT) also join the list of potential winners and former champion John Weir-Smith (Porter) returns to racing after a lengthy break. Weir-Smith will be partnered by Richard Foyn and will have to shake off plenty of ring rust.

And then there is the Matthews factor. Apart from being a contender in the overall driver title race, the Century Racing flyer is also involved in the Class P title chase with Swaziland based John Thomson.

Matthews trails Hutchison by 22 points in the overall



Matthews/Burke Century Racing CR3



Hermann & Wichard Sullwald Elegant Fuel Stryker

stakes and is 17 points behind Thomson in the Class P championship. Matthews has so far this season made use of three co-drivers and Maurice Zermatten, who sits alongside Thomson, has already wrapped up the navigator's championship.

Thomson/Zermatten and the father/daughter combination of Coetzee and Sandra Labuscagne (Chem Systems Zarco) have both won twice this season but have not been able to match Matthews - and whoever sits alongside him - for sheer pace. For Matthews the key to both championships is to combine pace with reliability and, in the case of the overall driver stakes, hope for a string of surprise results among the leading Class A fraternity.

With championships there to be won or lost a trip to Westonaria will provide enthusiasts with a highly entertaining weekend of racing in a pressure cooker situation. Race headquarters, the start/finish and designated service park will all be located at the Kloof Country Club in Glenharvie, with free public entrance to these areas and spectator points along the route.

The qualifying race on November 22 to determine grid positions will start at noon with race starting at 8:30 on November 23. The qualifying race will be run over a 60 kilometre route, with the race over two loops of 170 kilometres with a compulsory 15 minute service halt at the end of the first lap.

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Thomson/Zermatten Zarco Magnum

WARNING MOTORSPORT IS DANGEROUS

In view of the high speeds attained by the competitors, accidents can happen. The promoters and organisers of this race meeting/competition cannot guarantee your safety. You are present at your own risk.

SAFE SPECTATING

Cross Country Racing is a spectacular and exciting sport to watch, however, there are some golden rules that must be observed.

Please obey these rules when spectating as it makes the event far more enjoyable for you and fellow spectators.

- OBEY THE RULE OF THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES
- DO NOT SPEED
- DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE
- ALWAYS OBEY INSTRUCTIONS FROM AUTHORITIES AND EVENT MARSHALS
- DO NOT ENTER DEMARCATED PROHIBITED AREAS
- DO NOT SPECTATE AT DANGEROUS POINTS
- KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER OBSERVATION AT ALL TIMES
- PARK WELL CLEAR OF THE ROAD
- DO NOT LITTER

PRIDE AT STAKE IN FINAL PRODUCTION VEHICLE RACE

Pride will be at stake among the Production Vehicle factory and privateer teams on the Atlas Copco Gold 400, the final round of the Donaldson Cross Country Championship, in Westonaria this weekend.

For the first time in a couple of seasons the overall and premier Class SP titles have failed to go all the way to the wire. Team Castrol Toyota crew Anthony Taylor and Dennis Murphy, propelled by a string of four wins in a row, clinched both championships with a fourth place on the recent Ford Dealer 400 in Thaba 'Nchu.

That shifts the main focus to the minor placings in the overall and SP Class championships, and the battle for privateer bragging rights between two Atlas Copco teams campaigning Nissan Navara and Toyota Hilux entries.

The factory Ford Racing pair of Chris Visser and Japie Badenhorst and Duncan Vos and Rob Howie, in the second works Castrol Toyota Hilux, will fight for second and third in the overall and SP Class while team-mates Gary Bertholdt/Siegfried Rousseau (Atlas Copco Nissan Navara) and Johan van Staden and Mike Lawrenson (Atlas Copco Toyota Hilux) will scrap over top place among the privateers.

Where the factory battle is concerned Visser/Badenhorst will be slight favourites by virtue of a 17.5 lead over reigning champions Vos and Howie. The Castrol Toyota crew scored their first win of the season on the recent Ford Dealer 400, but Visser/Badenhorst have been models of consistency this season with seven podium finishes.

Lance Woolridge and Ward Huxtable, in the second factory Ford Ranger, and Visser/Badenhorst won the first two races of the season, but since then Taylor/Murphy and Vos/Howie have taken five straight wins for the Castrol Toyota squad. Visser and Badenhorst will make their Dakar Rally debut early next year, and a win would preserve their podium record and provide the Ford Racing squad with a confidence boost before their South American campaign.

The situation in the privateer battle is a little closer. Here only 6.5 points separate Bertholdt and Rousseau and van Staden and Lawrenson, and that sets up an interesting little cameo between the two Atlas Copco teams. Woolridge/Huxtable were also part of the mix but will use this race as a test session for the Dakar Rally car.

A little further down another little privateer cameo has potential for drama. Only seven points separate Malcolm Kock/Johan Burger (Kock and Son Toyota Hilux), Regent Racing Nissan Navara pair Mike Whitehouse and Matthew Carlson, Free Staters Louw de Bruin/Riaan Greyling (Ruwacon Ford Ranger) and North West crew Hugo de Bruyn and Henri Hugo in the Micaren Exel Toyota Hilux.

Atlas Copco will also be hoping for another strong performance from Dakar Rally quad star Sarel van Biljon and Philip Herselman who led the privateer brigade with a fifth place on the Ford Dealer 400. A string of other teams will also be looking to end the season on a high note, and there will be a fair bit of interest in Richard Fuller's first outing in the ex Christiaan du Plooy/Henk Janse van Vuuren RFS BMW X3.



Visser/Badenhorst Ford Racing Ranger

Fuller makes his Production Vehicle debut but will have the experienced Andre Vermeulen sitting alongside him. At the other end of the experience stick comedian Barry Hilton will co-drive for Archie Rutherford in the Imperial Automotive Nissan Navara, and is likely to be something of a draw card.

With a 17 point lead over

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After securing back to back Class E titles Dirk Putter and Koos Claasens (Ford Ranger) sit out another event and Douglas Fear/Kurt de Villiers will be heavy favourites for a fourth win in the Brytons Removals Toyota Hilux. Opposition comes by way of Johan Pretorius/Gesina Dauth (Toyota Hilux) and newcomers Jannie Greef and Robbie Roos in a Nissan Hardbody.

The final round of the Northern regions championship will be run in conjunction with the national event with race headquarters, the start/finish and the designated service park all located at the Kloof Country Club in Glenharvie. Public access to these areas and spectator points along the route is free of charge.

Bertholdt/Rousseau Atlas Copco Nissan Navara

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van Staden/Lawrenson Atlas Copco Toyota Hilux



Vos/Howie Team Castrol Toyota Hilux



Venter/van Allermann Trysome Toyota Hilux



Johan & Werner Horn Malalane Toyota Land Cruiser



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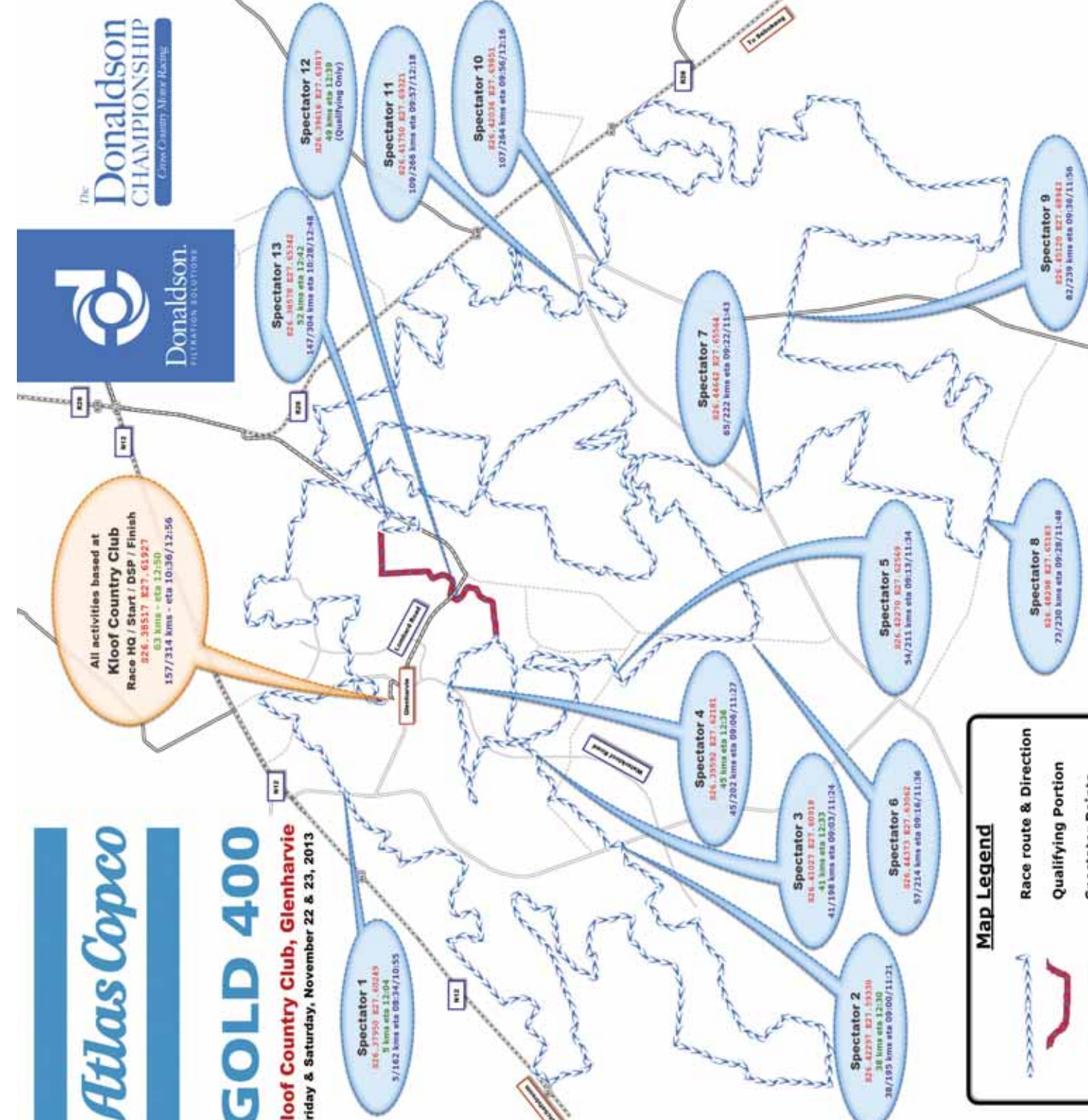
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Spectator Point Information & Travel Directions

Point	Spectator Points - How to get there
DSP / Start / Finish	Kloof Country Club, Located in Glenharvie Located just south of the N12 along the R28, approximately 35 kms South West of the N12/N1 intersection.
Spectator Point 1	From Race Headquarters turn right onto Waterkloof Street then Right onto Lynnkloof St. 2.9 kms turn RIGHT Spectator point is 400 meters further on. Crosses East to West.
Spectator Point 2	From Spectator Point 1 – Turn around and head SOUTH Spectator point is 5.6 kms further on. Route crosses road (SW to NE) and then runs along left side (NE) of road
Spectator Point 3	From Spectator Point 2 – continue 800 meters – turn LEFT onto Waterkloof road 2.9 kms to Spectator Point. Route crosses road (W to E)
Spectator Point 4	From Spectator Point 3 – continue 2.3 kms. Route crosses road (W to E)
Spectator Point 5	From Spectator Point 3 (not 4) – Turn around and go back 600 meters Turn LEFT 1.9 kms to Spectator Point
Spectator Point 6	From Spectator Point 5 – continue 750 meters – turn RIGHT into Lombard Road 1.9 kms to Spectator Point – runs along road and then crosses West to East
Spectator Point 7	From Spectator Point 6 – continue 1.7 kms and turn LEFT 2.8 kms to Spectator Point – Crossing South East to North West
Spectator Point 8	From Spectator Point 7 – Turn around and head South West 4.7 kms – Turn LEFT 3.7 kms to Spectator Point. Route runs along road (north side)
Spectator Point 9	From Spectator Point 8 – Continue 3.6 kms and turn LEFT 5.0 kms to Spectator Point. Route cross road (W to E)
Spectator Point 9 (Alternate method to get there)	From Spectator Point 7 (Alternate Route) – Continue 5.7 kms and turn RIGHT (You will pass Spectator 11 and Spectator 10 – be cautious at those crossings) 4.2 kms to Spectator Point. Route cross road (W to E)
Spectator Point 10	From Spectator Point 8 (not 9) – Continue 5.7 kms and turn RIGHT 500 meters to crossing (SE to NW)
Spectator Point 11	From Spectator Point 8 (not 9 or 10) – Continue 5.0 kms to Spectator Point Route crosses road (S to N)
Spectator Point 12 (Qualifying Only)	From Spectator Point 5 – continue 900 meters – turn RIGHT onto Lynkloof Street 1.9 kms to crossing (SW to NE)
Spectator Point 13 (QUALIFYING DAY)	From Spectator Point 12 – continue 500 meters – turn LEFT onto Lombard Street 1.9 kms to spectator point. Runs along road
Spectator Point 13 (RACE DAY)	From Spectator Point 11 (not 12) – turn around and head South West (back towards Spectator Point 8) 1.7 kms – turn RIGHT 4.6 kms – turn right RIGHT onto Lombard Street 1.2 kms to spectator point. Runs along road, then crosses and runs up the other side of the road



GOLD 400
Kloof Country Club, Glenharvie
Friday & Saturday, November 22 & 23, 2013






The Donaldson CHAMPIONSHIP
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Map Legend

- Race route & Direction
- Qualifying Portion
- Spectator Points
- Co-ordinates (18200, 45550) (Exact)
- Distance and ETA Qualifying
- Distance and ETA Loop/Loop2

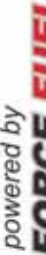
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ENTRY LIST

No.	CLASS A Entrant	Driver	Co-Driver	Vehicle Detail	No.	CLASS D (cont.) Entrant	Driver	Co-Driver	Vehicle Detail
A01	Motorite Racing	Evan Hutchison	Danie Stassen	BAT Viper	D05	Trysome Racing	Jason Venter	Vincent van Alleman	Toyota Hilux
A04	M. Fourie	Marius Fourie	Jolinda Fourie	BAT Spec 4	D12	Willem Vos	Dana Vos	Hendrik de Kock	Toyota Hilux
A06	Elegant Fuel	Hermann Süllwald	Wichard Süllwald	Stryker	D17	Frikkie Botha	Frikkie Botha	Koos Visser	Toyota
A07	Dirt Sport Components	Clint Gibson	Gary Campbell	Porter					
A08	Elegant Fuel	Quintin Süllwald	Karl-Heinz Süllwald	BAT Venom					
A14	Maxxis Liqi-Moly Rockstar	Neil Meyer	Joseph Lewis	Zarco Challenger	E11	Brytons Removals	Douglas Fear	Kurt De Villiers	Toyota Hilux
A15	Maxxis Liqi-Moly Rockstar	Leon Muller	Jaco Visser	BAT Spec 3	E13	Johan Pretorius	Johan Pretorius	Gesina Dauth	Toyota Hilux
A21	John Weir Smith	John Weir-smith	Richard Foyn	Porter	E27	Jannie Greeff	Jannie Greeff	Robbie Roos	Nissan
A22	P. de Vries	Philip de Vries	Johan Viljoen	Porter					
A27	Colbalt Racing	Jimmy Zahos	Alan Smith	Colbalt Stryker					
A30	Maxxis Liqi-Moly Rockstar	Daniel Zeelie	Louw Zeelie	Porter					
A33	Derick du Toit	Derick du Toit	Deon Coetzee	BAT Spec 5	No.	Entrant	Driver	Co-Driver	Vehicle Detail
A40	Sizanani Plastics	Brett Parker	VZ van Zyl	Jimco	Y1	Regent Racing	Brian Capper	Petrus Swart	Polaris RZR900
A43	D. Brookes	Daniel Brookes	Gavan Gray	BAT Spec 4	Y2	Regent Racing	Darryl Curtis	Riaan van Vuuren	Polaris RZR900
A44	Century Property Racing	Mark Corbett	Martin Hermida	Century CR4	Y4	Moto-Netix Racing	Werner Mostert	Henno Du Plooy	Polaris RZR900
A777	Lance Trethewey	Lance Trethewey	Geoff Minnitt	BAT Spec 2	Y97	Naldo Pieterse	Naldo Pieterse	Clarence Wissekerke	Can Am Maverick 1000RS
B14	CLASS B								
B20	Grant Watkins	Grant Watkins	Mark Irvine	Zarco					
	James Watson	James Watson	John Thompson	BAT Spec 0					
P1	CLASS P								
P3	Century Property Racing	Colin Matthews	Rodney Burke	Century CR3	B17	W-P. Pfumfei	Wolf-Peter Pfumfei		WPP
P5	Coetzee Labuscagne	Coetzee Labuscagne	Sandra Labuscagne	Zarco Lite	B18	Francois Smit	Francois Smit		Sandmaster Magnum
P06	Robert Wark	Robert Wark	Ashley Thorn	Aceco K9	B23	Mitchell Meyer	Mitchell Meyer	Mike Meyer	ORCA
P8	K.K. Makenete	Keith Makenete	Taelo Mochebelele	Zarco	B33	Kobus Fourie	Kobus Fourie		WPP
P11	Nic Goslar	Nic Goslar	Andrew Massey	Zarco Magnum	B39	John Boxhoorn	John Boxhoorn		WPP
P24	John Thomson	John Thomson	Maurice Zermatten	Zarco Magnum	B52	Marthinus Le Roux	Marthinus Le Roux	Gustav Pienaar	Sandmaster
P28	Andrew Makenete	Andrew Makenete	Reginald Mothibeli	Zarco Magnum	B67	Johan Steyn	Johan Steyn	Gerhard Roos	Zarco Sandmaster
	Regent Racing	Sean Reitz	George Smalberger	Jimco					
SP01	CLASS SP								
SP02	Team Castrol Toyota	Duncan Vos	Robert Howie	Toyota Hilux	P13	Andre Fourie	Andre Fourie	Leon Schutte	Zarco
SP03	Ford Racing	Chris Visser	Japie Badenhorst	Ford Ranger	P20	Johan Mitchell	Johan Mitchell	Jeremy Mitchell	Sandmaster
SP07	Team Castrol Toyota	Anthony Taylor	Dennis Murphy	Toyota Hilux	P25	Rikus Prinsloo	Rikus Prinsloo	Lood Combrink	BAT Spec0
SP08	Regent Racing	Terence Marsh	Gerhard Schutte	Nissan Navara	P26	Clive Sutherland	Clive Sutherland	Shawn Sutherland	Aceco
SP09	Regent Racing	Michael Whitehouse	Mathew Carlson	Nissan Navara	P33	Ferdie Pieterse	Ferdie Pieterse	Craig Galvin	Raceco
SP12	Atlas Copco	Gary Bertholdt	Siegfried Rousseau	Nissan Navara	P34	Arnold Pistorius	Arnold Pistorius	Oscar Pistorius	BAT
SP13	Regent Racing	Archie Rutherford	Barry Hilton	Nissan Navara	P47	Paul Slabbert	Giel Nel	Paul Slabbert	Zarco
SP15	Regent Racing	Jurgen Schröder	Michael Abramson	Nissan Navara	P51	Tony Gouveia	Tony Gouveia	Michael Gouveia	BAT
SP16	Kobus van Tonder	Kobus van Tonder	Lizelle Van Tonder	Ford Ranger	P55	Gregg Higgins	Gregg Higgins	Michael Muirhead	WPP
SP18	J.Visser	Jannie Visser	Joks Le Roux	Toyota Hilux					
SP19	RFS Motorsport PTY (Ltd)	Hennie de Klerk	Johann Smalberger	BMX X3					
SP20	Willem Vos	Willem Vos	Werner Weiss	BMX X3	D12	Willem Vos	Dana Vos	Hendrik de Kock	Toyota Hilux
SP21	Johan Burger	Malcolm Kock	Johan Burger	Toyota Hilux	D20	Paul Scheepers	Paul Scheepers	Jaco Jones	Nissan Safari
SP22	K. van Tonder	Jacques Van Tonder	Freddie Kriel	Toyota Hilux					
SP23	Force Fuel	Rowan Lamb	Lyle Parker	Ford Ranger					
SP25	Ruwacon Racing	Louw De Bruin	Riaan Greyling	Ford Ranger					
SP26	Atlas Copco	Johan Van Staden	Mike Lawrenson	Toyota Hilux					
SP28	Henri Hugo	Hugo de Bruyn	Henri Hugo	Toyota Hilux					
SP32	Atlas Copco	Sarel van Biljon	Phillip Herselman	Toyota Hilux	Z1	Tanya Burger	Gert Steyn	Tanya Burger	Toyota Hilux
SP35	Richard Fuller	Richard Fuller	Andre Vermeulen	BMW X3	Z8	Willie Welman	Willie Welman	Henro Fourie	Ford Bantam
SP46	Trysome Racing	Deon Venter	Ian Palmer	Toyota Hilux	Z22	Jan Roos	Jan Roos	Sonja van der Walt	Isuzu
SP77	Graham Leith	Graham Leith	Trevor Leith	Ford Ranger	Z44	Dana v.d.Walt	Dana Vd Walt	Neil Vd Walt	Toyota
	Force Fuel	Luke Botha	Jason Rathbone	Toyota Hilux	Z88	Malcolm Botha	Malcolm Botha	Gustav Botha	Nissan
D02	CLASS D								
D03	S. Oosthuizen	Jack Oosthuizen	Sarel Oosthuizen	Land Rover Defender	Y77	Arend Pretorius	Arend Pretorius	Alexander Murison	Orco Sandmaster
	Malalane Toyota	Johan Horn	Werner Horn	Toyota Land Cruiser	Y111	Johannes Bloem	Johannes Bloem	TBA	Buggy Pipe car

MAJOR CHANGES TO DONALDSON CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

The provisional calendar for next year's Donaldson Cross Country Championship shows some significant changes.

A new event will kick off the season, cross country racing will return to the Richmond area in KwaZulu-Natal and the Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race, the only marathon event on the calendar, will move from Kumakwane, near Gaborone, to a location east of the city. This is in line with the Botswana government philosophy of involving different communities in what is the country's single biggest sporting and social event.

"This year has been a good one for cross country racing, but there are already signs that next year will be even better," said South African National Off Road Association (SANORA) chief executive officer Richard Schilling. "The inaugural Nkomazi 400 in Mpumalanga and the Vryburg 400 were a great success, and a new event in the Free State will kick off proceedings next year.

"We are also excited about the new entry level Side by Side category that will run alongside the Production and Special Vehicles in the national series."

The Side by Side category will be exclusive to manufacturers of Polaris and Can Am vehicles, and is targeted at a wide spectrum of potential competitors including businessmen who have an urge to go cross country racing. The category, however, also offers older quad and cross country motorcycle competitors an alternative and cost effective racing option.

In a new development qualifying races to determine grid positions will be run over 100 kilometres. Race distances will also be increased to 450 kilometres.

Next season will open with the RFS Free State 400 on February 28 and March 1 with the exact location still to be announced. The race was previously based at Tarlton International Raceway on the West Rand.

The second round of the championship, the Toyota Dealer 400 on April 4 and 5, will see cross country racing return to the Richmond area in KwaZulu Natal, and will be followed by the second Nkomazi 400 in Mpumalanga on May 16 and 17.

The Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race on June 27, 28 and 29 will again represent the halfway point in the season. The Botswana outing will also form part of the Dakar Challenge with the winning crew snaring a free entry into the Dakar Rally in 2015.

Next on the calendar will be two trips to North West Province for the Sun City 400 on August 8 and 9, and the second Vryburg 400 on September 12 and 13. Competitors will then head for the Free State for a second time for the Ford Dealer 400 in Thaba 'Nchu on October 24 and 25, with the season again ending on the West Rand with the Atlas Copco Gold 400 on November 28 and 29.

"New events always introduce a different element to the season, and this year's newcomers were great successes," Schilling said. "The new race in the Free State has huge potential, and preliminary route surveys indicate a route that is going to include a little bit of everything.

"With new events, full fields, the Side by Side category and the healthy state of the Northern Regions and KwaZulu-Natal championships there is every reason to feel bullish about next season."

2014 PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

- 28/2 & 1/3 RFS 400 Free State
- 4/5 April Toyota Dealer 400 KZN
- 16/17 May Nkomazi 400 Mpumalanga
- 27/28/29 June Toyota Botswana 1000 Desert Race
- 8/9 August Sun City 400 Sun City
- 12/13 September Vryburg 400 Challenge North West
- 24/25 October Ford Dealer 400 Free State
- 28/29 November Atlas Copco Gold 400 Gauteng