



Hi Chainganger's!

Sometimes you have to listen to your inner wuss to avoid a predictable outcome. At 6am on Saturday morning my idea to ride to Penryn for the DAS Auto seemed like a perfectly logical way to warm up for the race itself. One and a half laps in and all the energy I'd wasted on the trip there was sorely absent and my legs said cheers china and departed. Other than that it was a great race - the track is no longer the 'bumpiest single track in the world' and is getting smooth and fast, I'M still not a fan on races that climb back up to the finish, mainly cos it's much harder to go out for another lap when yer legs are on fire but maybe that's just me. Anyhoo, as prev mentioned my legs blew out at halfway round the second loop and I was passed by a newly shorn Henry Sherink to only manage a second in cat, ho hum.

I did notice that despite an early season move for all the local middle aged heroes to the 50km race they have now all migrated back to the 25km - BFLP syndrome I fear - see below for meaning \*\*\*

Good to see so many local riders out though and as usual the Chaingangers were out in force, cheers guys and big up to Uncle George and his team.

### Chainsuck.

On a serious and very sucky note, I don't know if anyone else has watched the in-car footage of the horrendous accident in Pinetown last week when a truck jumped a robot and took out 22 people. I saw it once and it's a complete shocker, what's frightening though is that this doesn't happen more often here in Nelspruit. On Saturday whilst driving home from White River we saw 3 guys (and women) completely ignoring red robots. It's now almost accepted that if the light goes red you can still squeeze two or three more cars thru the junction, at night it's almost suicide to cross a green light without first checking to see which brain donor is going to skip across in front of you. Never mind unmanned speed cameras, I'd fully support bringing back the Robot cameras, although having said that who is going to enforce them, our lovely rotund chicken off the bonnet eating traffic department - not likely I think. And if you're on a bike.....you don't stand a chance, be careful out there guys.

### UPCOMING -

SPUR SCHOOLS LAST RACE OF 2013!!! Trophy time!!!- the final of the 2013 series is at Mankele this weekend - its the last one so we will be handing out the trophies as well as the MPU team badges! I'm sure we can get Geoff to light a couple of fires so we can have a bring and braai afterwards - so git yer rats out onto their bikes and join in the fun!

**Sabie Shenanigan** is on again!

This is the most unique Mountain Bike race in SA! Dennis is planning a fantastic secret route that you have to navigate yourself around - probably about 50kms in the daylight and then

40kms or so in the dark! Its an absolute blast and a great way to welcome in the spring MTB season, it's a team event so you get to really have fun and ride with your buddies! Entry form attached so get some buds together and enter the most unique race in SA - getting lost in the forest never felt so good!

**3 Towers entries are closed! Too late she cried! Wipe those tears and buy yourself a 'dunce' hat!**

### VALENCIA NEWS!!!

The most anticipated bike in years is finally in stock - go check out the MOMSEN VIPA now! Designed by Patrick Morewood and Victor Momsen especially for SA marathon type racing it's a stunning bike that simply looks fast! Super light and fully up to date its the SA answer to all those imported boutique bikes, in stock and ready to rock!

### CHAINANG KIT!!



**Our missing sizes have arrived!** - If you are waiting for the Med/Large sizes then they arrived Friday so git yerself down to Valencia and pick yours up!

On another note!

We as MaMBA have been approached by a number of guys who wanted to know why we dropped the MPU Marathon series fro our Provincial Colours Criteria. Well we've decided to re-introduce it this year and we will be asking for all the riders who want to be considered to submit their results for qualification. I'll be sending out the request as soon as I get back from Europe so if you want to be included get your results ready and wait for the call! We

will still be using the Big Induna as a once off race qualification as well as the XCO series as per usual.

## WEBSITE NEWS!!!!!!

BTW, for all the latest MTB news and general skinny follow me on Twitter - @brettmtnb, Im also using it to announce rides now as well as sms.

See ya on the dirt!

Cheers Brett.

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