

Chess Heroes honoured on AFRICA DAY

1. Introduction

Every year on the 25 May, Africa Day is celebrated throughout the entire world to commemorate the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), in 1963, presently known as the African Union (AU). The celebrations reinforce African solidarity, unity in diversity, highlight creativity, challenges and successes, cultural and economic potential in the continent. It is also a platform for the continent to engage and build stronger networks/partnerships at various levels across national and international boundaries.

2. Positioning the Western Cape relationship with the Continent

- 2.1 We are celebrating the sporting achievements of athletes within the Western Cape that has made an impact on the African continent.
- 2.3 We celebrated representatives from Algeria, Malawi and S.A.
- 2.4 SA has hosted various international events and African Championships in the last few years.
- 2.5 It is important that Africa asserts itself in the chess arena.
- 2.6 The athletes were:



WIM Denise Frick with Dr. Ivan Meyer.

Denise is the current South African Women's Champion
And represented the continent in Russia at the last Women's
World Championships.



Adv Maxwell Solomons (on behalf of Kenny Solomons) and Dr. Ivan Meyer



Natasha Joubert and Dr. Ivan Meyer
African U-8 Champion



Seth-Riley Adams and Dr. Ivan Meyer
African U-10 Champion



Dr. Ivan Meyer, Adv. Maxwell Solomons, Mr. Adams, Dr. Deon MSolomons, Mrs. Marcel Agulhas, Seth-Riley Adams, Mr Eldo Smart, Adv. Lyndon Bouch, WIM Denise Frick, Natasha Joubert, Mr Joubert.

The Athletes honoured:

Chess					
Chess	Jerald Times	Coach	Silver	Mozambique 2011	
Chess	Henry Steel	Open Team	Silver	Mozambique 2011	
Chess	Denise Frick	Womens Team	Silver	Mozambique 2011 and represented Africa at the world champs in 2012 in Russia; Current South African Women's Champion	
Chess	Anzel Solomons	Womens Team	Bronze	Mozambique 2011	
Chess	Donovan Van den Heever	Open Team	Silver	Mozambique 2011; Current South African Closed Champion	
Chess	Watu Kobese	Olympiad		Was South Africa's first African champion and coaches many of SA strongest players. And assisted in organising CT first GM event	
Chess	Paul Khuphwat hea	Olympiad - malawi		Coaches at various schools in Cape Town and represented Malawi	
Chess	Khadidja Latreche	Olympiad - Algeria	Silver	Mozambique 2011; represented Algeria	
Chess	Kenny Solomon	Olympiad		first SA player to obtain all his grandmaster norms	
Chess	Natasha Joubert	Africa Under 8	Gold	African Junior Champion crowned in PE October 2013	
Chess	Seth-Riley Adams	Africa Under 8	Gold	African Junior Champion crowned in PE October 2013	

Thank You
Lyndon Bouch