

Tawwe personeel laat Subtrop se vlag wapper

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Baanbrekerswerk het op die eerste Saterdag van April plaasgevind toe 'n groepie SUBTROP-personeel aan die "Tuffy Fun Race" deelgeneem het. Saam met Derek Donkin het vier dames die oefenskoene aangetrek: die twee jongste dames, Elsje Kleynhans en Nomvuyo Matlala, en die twee mees senior personeellede, Annemarie en Christa de la Port. Bonnie Buthelezi het as spanleier die nodige reëlings getref en gesorg dat die spannetjie spoggerig in helder oranje SUBTROP t-hemde uitgedos was. Sy het saam met die ander vroegoggend die warm vere prysgegee om ligdag die pad van Tzaneen na Coach House EN TERUG aan te durf.

Nie almal was fisies ewe voorbereid vir die steiltes wat in misreën aangedurf moes word nie. Dinsdag was nie die lekkerste tyd van die dag nie – berg op en berg af in digte mis.

By die draaipunt is deelnemers ingelig dat die aflos van 2 km afgestel is en dat almal die volle 5 km sou moes voltooi. Derek, 'n kranige hardloper, het vinnig weggespring en voor enige van sy kollegas die eindstreep oorgesteek. Elsje het ook gedraf en was in 'n goeie tweede plek, terwyl die ander drie gestap het.

Om hierdie afstand onder sulke toestande af te lê gee veel meer betekenis aan "stap". Die eerste been van die tog was 2,5 km opdraande!

Van die drie dapper stappers was Annemarie eerste terug. Christa het haar ná die draaipunt oor 'n jong meisietjie ontferm wie se gô uit was nadat sy die eerste helfte met kaal voete gedraf het, en het saam met haar teruggestap. Nomvuyo het saam met 'n klompie mammas geloop en gehelp stootkarretjie stoot.

Almal het die tog voltooi en behalwe vir 'n stywe spier of twee was daar geen ongevallen nie en was almal Maandag flink op kantoor.

Vanjaar se SUBTROP-deelnemers daag die ander uit om die volgende pretloop op volle sterkte aan te pak. **ST**

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the range expansion and invasion potential of *B. invadens* in South Africa. We therefore suggest that these species should be considered the same – at least functionally – and global quarantine and management strategies applied equally to these *Bactrocera* species.

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