



**JOHANNESBURG BAR AT THE MIDMAR
– INSPIRED BY SONA**

André Gautschi SC and Les Morison SC

DULY inspired by the President’s SONA (State of the Nation Address), the Johannesburg Bar’s Midmar teams are considering adopting SONA as their motto – Swim or Never Arrive!

When the Johannesburg Bar’s four teams of swimmers took to the water for the eleventh year of their participation in the non-company team event at the Midmar Dam on Saturday 7 February 2015, there was no fanfare or red carpet to welcome them, there were no angry words, no security was called in, there were no scuffles or fisticuffs, and no one mentioned any point of order or privilege.

In the swimmingly well run Midmar Mile the Bar’s energies were healthily engaged in blowing out hot air of the happy kind.

Desiree Lundstrom attended in a pedestrian capacity whilst all others plunged into the water, wearing orange, blue, green or yellow caps instead of red berets.

Our field was smaller (in number, if not girth) than usual, and there were no little ones. We hope that next year more youngsters will participate. Barnone put in some serious times, anchored by Emiel.

This year’s results were the following (team times are calculated by taking the best three times):

BARNONE	1:21:54
Emiel van Vuuren	00:24:17
Reenen du Plessis (Roelof’s son)	00:28:24
Victor Gautschi (André’s son)	00:29:13
Craig Cothill	00:30:59
BARWON	1:35:58
Zach de Beer (Helen’s brother)	00:25:23
Bennie Pretorius (André’s son-in law)	00:34:38
Helen de Beer (Victor’s fiancée)	00:35:57
André Gautschi SC	00:36:27
Ashley Cook	00:42:24
BARTOO	1:52:36
Dirk Vetten	00:33:24
Roelof du Plessis SC	00:36:53
Brahm du Plessis SC	00:42:19
Les Morison SC	00:45:08
Ross Shepstone	00:45:26
BARTER	Withdrawn
BARQUAT	1:44:29
Adrian d’Oliveira	00:31:38
Patrick Gartland (friend)	00:33:44
Vanessa Gartland (friend)	00:39:07



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Victor Gautschi, Reenen du Plessis, Brahm du Plessis, Les Morison, Roelof du Plessis, Dirk Vetten, Jasmine Shuttleworth (Brahm’s daughter), Bennie Pretorius, André Gautschi, Emma Pretorius (André’s granddaughter – shewhocandonowrong – and future Barnone swimmer), Zach de Beer, Amira du Plessis (Brahm’s daughter), Ross Shepstone, Craig Cothill and Ashley Cook.