

## Article for Media SA's

SA CLOSED WAVESKI SURFING CHAMPS - CAPE TOWN 20-23 MARCH

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Action junkies can brace themselves as the country's top waveski surfers hit the Mother City for the annual SA Closed Waveski Surfing Championships over Easter weekend.Â This, theÂ most prestigious event on the national waveski calendar, takes place from 20th-23rd March with the venue being decidedÂ from the selection ofÂ Strand, Muizenberg or Blouberg beaches, whichever beach provides theÂ best quality surf on the day.

The WP Team is hoping to benefit from the home-break advantage and their powerful squad which boasts several World-, SA Title holders and protea Team members.Â WP Chairman Percy Louw, Chris Jones and Malan CalitzÂ are on top form, WP stalwarts Willy Graser, JP Visser, Pierre Slabber and Neels ThiaartÂ return to the WP squad this year and together with current SA title holders Gerard Wilke (Masters), Â and Tracy Sassen (ladies) WP are strong contenders for the crown of SA Team Champions.Â With aspirantÂ up-and-coming stars of the future in brothers Adolph and Gerardus van Zyl and Brad Cawcett (all juniors) and Stephan Buys (new age), WP is aggressively setting the stage to avenge their loss to Border at last year's Champs at Nahoon Reef, East London. Â Charl du Plessis, who represents WP for the 25th year this year, is determined settle aÂ personal scoreÂ andÂ "take out" multiple World- and SA Champion Kola le Roux of Border whoÂ narrowly beat CharlÂ at last year's event.Â This has been a 25-year rivalry and crusade and neither of these two look set to quit yet! Â WP is determined to dominate the SA Champs but that aside, theÂ 50-strong field of participants are certain to WOW! the crowd with crucial wave selection and radical and snappyÂ high-scoring manoeuvres and a passage to selection to the National Protea squad.