

BIA Net ball Tournament

The BIA Net ball Tournament was sponsored and hosted by the Botswana Institute of Accountants. The theme for the tournament was 'promotion of the BIA website www.bia.org.bw through Netball". It was the first netball tournament ever in the history of the BIA sporting events. This was one of the most exciting and fun days where members of the Institute and employees of Auditing firms got together in a relaxed mood to network and to know each other better.

The tournament kicked off on the Saturday morning of 2nd February 2008 at Botswana Netball Association Courts just behind the National Stadium. The organizing Committee had only seven days to put the teams and other logistics together for the tournament. Thanks to the BIA Chief organizers Pinkie and Boemo, the tournament was a huge success.

The games began with 8 teams divided into two groups; Group A and Group B. Teams in each group had to face each other in a point system and winners from Group A had to face runners up from group B. Winner Group B had to face Runners Up Group A. Group A was won by BIA, then Auditor General, LTS and BDO respectively. Group B was won by KPMG followed by PWC, Guru Group and Granthornton Acumen respectively.

Therefore BIA lead by Nkeletsang Nyatseng (member of the BIA) had to face Price Water house Coopers lead by Letlhogonolo. This was not such an easy battle for the host who emerged victorious and paved their way to the finals. In the other group Auditor general lead by its Skipper Goal Attacker Stanley hammered KPMG to reach the finals. The finals were tougher as could be witnessed by the tensions from supporters of both teams. Auditor General Team named "Seawater" hammered BIA left right and center. Most of the players from Seawater were fun to watch as they showed skill and determination to win the Cup. The game ended with 15 goals for Auditor General against 10 of BIA team.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the BIA President, Mrs Priya Iyer, a member of the BIA Council, Mr D Mabophiwa, members of the BIA Public Relations Committee and BIA members from auditing firms such as Gurugroup, PWC, KPMG & BDO just to mention but a few.

The President of BIA, Mrs. Priya Iyer also did the prize giving. The First prize went to Auditor general, scooping a Floating Trophy and Individual Medals, Second prize was scooped by the BIA Team and the Third prize went to PriceWaterHouse Coopers.

The best player of the tournament was given to Stanley from Auditor general. Stanley was a man of the tournament; he displayed perfect ball passing skills.

A lot of appreciation also goes to Notwane Netball Team 'Toronto Girls' for providing us with match officials and special thanks to Botswana Institute of Accountants

Management for giving us the opportunity to showcase our skills and the Botswana Netball Association for allowing us to use their facilities.

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