

Update on the SA National Spearfishing Championships and the All-Africa Spearfishing Championships:

1. The SA Nationals Champs is all systems go (thanks to the hard work of Ant Bosman). Looks like we will have around 20 Teams and the Comp promises to be good one with Natal and Western Province already straining at the leashes. My mon is on Western Province this year - hee hee.

2. Unfortunately the All-African Spearfishing Championships looks like a non-start with zero interest coming from the CMAS Affiliated African Countries (8) and o local SADEC Countries citing "no money" as their main reason. But we have done c best and have at least followed protocol to invite all the countries and so o participation in the World Championships cannot be contended.

3. The World Spearfishing Championships is to be held in Chile in September 2004. The SA selectors are Johan Jacobs; Tommy Botha and Jeremy Cliff. Rob Gates h expressed interest in managing the SA Protea Team. He speared in the last Wor Champs in Chile (for Zimbabwe) when SA (Captained by John Hughes) made all t effort to get there and then was not allowed to participate due to apartheid reasor. This time we will show them what SA can do.

Looking forward to seeing all the Provinces in Stilbaai for sign-on on the 13 Mar 2004.

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