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The “Women in Motorsport Shoot-Out Challenge”

The “Women in Motorsport Shoot-Out Challenge” ended on a high note with a well supported event at Zwartkops Raceway on Friday 15 February 2008. The media were out in full force with three individual television crews and various members of the printed media in attendance.

The final test day put the applicants to the limit with soaring temperatures adding to the stress and tension. The action on the track was just as hot with the ladies being pitted against each other through various timed and driving disciplines. First off in road cars, and then later on in the Venditor Konica Minolta race cars.



Our 10 beautiful Finalists – (Back) Charlene Roux, Elvene Coetzee, Lydia Supra, Annie Silva, Ann Evans, Lee-Ann Carlson. (Front) Ntombi Masilela, Nasjki Van den Berg, Belinda Havenga and Liza van Zyl.



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The competition has been a lot closer than what the organizers initially expected and this trend continued right until the end. The women have been very evenly matched throughout the various challenges which they have faced.

This however proved to be a big headache for the sponsors and organizers who had to decide on a winner. After more than half an hour of deliberation and much discussion it was agreed that Lydia Supra would be crowned the "Women in Motorsport Shoot-Out Challenge" Champion.



(Front) Hennie Prinsloo (Venditor Konica Minolta Racing Team Manager / Sponsor), Lydia Supra (Winner), Wilmarie Janse van Rensburg (W.I.M President) and Carolyn Reiners (MFC – Sponsor)

The 27 year old Administration Manager is a complete rookie with very little driving experience. This did not hold her back however, as she surprised all with her skill and speed throughout the three days of rigorous training.

Lydia goes on to win a drive in a 1.8 Volkswagen Citi Golf which she will race in the Goldwagen VW Challenge under the banner of **MFC** and **Venditor Konica Minolta Racing**. The drive will consist of a two year performance based contract with the option of a third year in a suitable class in the National Bridgestone Production Car Championship.

Charlene Roux was announced as the Runner-Up and will fill Lydia's shoes if she is not able to race for any reason.

A further surprise in the competition was the announcement of Ntombi Masilela as the Sponsor's Selection Drive. The Vendor Konica Minolta Team has a spare class C car which will be made available to Ntombi provided that the sufficient sponsorship can be brought together to run the car for a season.

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