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Justin Trent

I have been called many things in my life...a cyclist is definitely not one of them. Being back in South Africa for a year now, after 12 years in London, certainly gives one an appreciation for just how lucky we are to be able to take part in such great events such as the Argus. The Argus has always been on my list of challenges to accomplish and after being invited to do it for such a great cause I knew it was the right time to get onto a bike. Giving a donation to The Flowers Valley project would be much appreciated and make the ride all the more special, so please do what you can to help a very worthwhile cause. Thanks in advance Justin.

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Natale Labia

Natale Labia is from Cape Town and a keen runner and tennis player - this Argus is his first foray into cycling. As an office bound investment banker, based in the land-locked expanse of Johannesburg, he is looking forward to taking on the Cape on two wheels.

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Olly Potgieter

A rapidly approaching 40 father of 2, I've been breathing in the smog and smoke of London for the past 10+ years. Doing the Argus with the dream team is all about hope - hope that I can finish without doing lasting physical damage to myself, and hope that we can do some good for the Stanford community and give some children a better and more fulfilling educational experience.

Olly

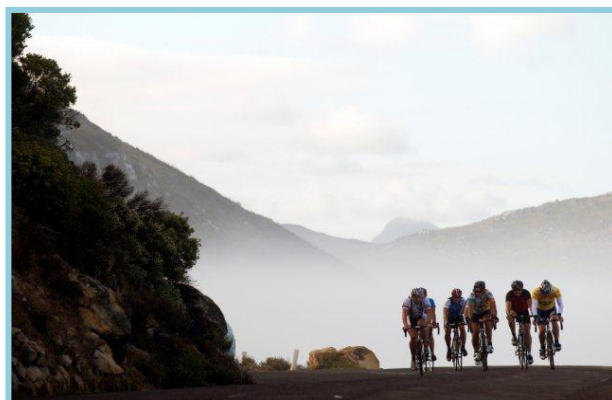
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Gareth Hardres-Williams

As the unofficial leader of the Casa Labia Dream Team, this will be Gareth's second stab at the Argus and the first time on a proper bicycle - last time round he completed the race on a bicycle made entirely out of paperclips! The concept of twinning art and education is one that is very close to Gareth's heart, and he looks forward to the funds raised making a meaningful contribution to the lives of the young kids in Stanford. Gareth also hopes that this fundraising drive will mark the beginning of Casa Labia's more sustainable and long-term support of "education through art" in an attempt to address the pressing need for improved education in our province.

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Joni Watson

Joni is the only female on the Dream Team, she is proud to whip/chase the boys up the hills...

She is a Capetonian by birth but has spent the past ten-ish years living and working all over. She was in London for many years working in philanthropy and social development consulting. She came back to South Africa 'just for 6-months' on contract but the pull of Africa and home was too strong so two years later she's happily settled back in Cape Town. She currently works for ORBIS - a global not for profit dedicated to eliminating avoidable blindness in children -working on their fundraising, PR and communications.

Joni is really passionate about early education so riding for the Flower Valley Early Learning Centre gives her the extra motivation she need to have one less glass of wine on a Friday evening and to get on her bike early Saturday morning to tackle a few hills and battle the wind! Joni really believes that a solid education gives one the keys to unlock a future of one's own creation and it's every South African's right.'

Joni has ridden the Argus on 2 previous occasions while in her early twenties, on neither occasion did she do any training and after 6 hours in the saddle in 40+ degree heat she vowed NEVER AGAIN! "This time will be different... my aim is to complete it the race in 4 ½ ish hours and enjoy the incredible Cape Town spectacle: from its people, music, baboons, diverse breathtaking scenery and the energy of the team spirit."

On a personal note, the last time Joni watched an Argus her dad suffered a heart attack, so over the last few years she has avoided the event. But this is a happy story and Joni's dad is fit and healthy and full of life – so she would also like to use this as an opportunity to put the past behind her, celebrate life and go on to enjoy the event again!

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Clyford Zifungo

Clyford is the Casa Labia estate manager and general handyman and has played an integral role in the rejuvenation of the property – both inside the house and in the garden. Clyford is a mechanic by training, but has a vast knowledge of almost everything required to keep Casa Labia running smoothly. When not tending to his vegetables, Clyford enjoys cycling and is a key member of our charity cycling team. Clyford is determined to ride a good time, often rising at 4am to train!

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Harvey Trent

Why am I doing this ...The Argus initiative to raise funds for development programs for children is up there with the best!
I can't wait to see the pain on "Da Boets & Ollie's " face when we reach the 96 km markworth every cent!
Knowing that our pain and efforts will culminate in the little guys at Stanford benefitting ... worth every cent!
Cycling along the picturesque peninsula (as a 40 yr old retired cyclist from George) ...worth every cent!
The VIBE and celebrations after making it to the end with the entire team ..reaching our goal for Casa Labiaworth every cent!

CAN'T WAIT! LET'S DO IT!PAY FOR PAIN!

ps: What would YOU like me to do or say as a result of your donation

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Daniel Appel

Daniel is the latest addition to the Dream Team.

He is a sporting enthusiast. Being naturally competitive, he has competed at senior level rugby, tennis and cricket and more recently he has taken up trail running and triathlons.

As a boy, Daniel grew up on Groote Constantia farm so our team's mission to support children from the wine making community really resonates with him. He then spent his teens in George before moving up to Johannesburg where he stayed until he came to his senses and moved back to the coast in 2009. He is a pilot who now makes his living working in the digital printing industry.

This will be Daniel's first Argus and he is really excited to get going: 'It's always been a dream of mine to do it. It's something my old man has done so I just wanna beat his time'! Daniel is aiming for a sub 3hours 30 minutes time. With his new GT road bike, shiny silver shoes and iron he's sure to reach his goal. Team captain Gareth better watch out because Daniel will be racing him to the finish line for first place on the Dream Team!

Olivier de Quelen

Olivier grew up in Cape Town as a fun loving sports practitioner. He even did the Argus 18 years ago in a time most professionals would be jealous of.

Since then he has been travelling the world over enduring such places as Paris and Luanda and has not touched a bicycle in that time. The only exercise he gets now is chasing his 3 daughters around the house which he considers hard work! I think that he will be in for a treat on the Argus! Having children is a blessing and any help we can afford the Education through art program will make some little people really happy!

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