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Wow, what an event! We had the most remarkable compliments from all our competitors.

What happened in 2014?:

As usual there were 2 routes, 2 days.

The first route was to the Roodedraai museum of Gert and Erika van der Westhuizen where the activity was: "The Amazing Race", with lots of riddles and some brain challenging games. Then it was off to driving blindfolded with driver and navigator leaving the activity in either very good or very bad mood... At Honingvallei of Stoffel and Elri Bester, it was time to play "Win-It-a-Minute" – where the whole family MUST participate, from 2 years old, there was something to do for everyone – or loose points – team work people, team work (we did see some teams loosing there weakest link – considering there were only 2 members in the team!) On the road to "Roelf se gat" they had to start a fire with a flint – not so easy for everyone – and believe it or not – the winner did it on 24 seconds.

The second route took them from "D7 Paal meubels" in Volksrust, where every team received an Afrikaans word (on purpose not very well known words – for a reason) that they had to incorporate in a story – ad on to the previous team's story. From there to Wakkerstroom region, they did some history on Dirk Uys (from the Anglo Boer War) at the house of Pikkie and Hermien Uys. After that, on Lourie van der Schuyf's lovely farm, competitors had some very nail biting moments when they had to cross a real 4 x 4 mud pool with some hilarious comments made by the spectators. From there they had a festal lunch at **Bezalel** (the beautiful Wedding venue of Charles Hodsdon managed by Annelize Fourie) near Wakkerstroom. Of to shooting clay pigeons or shall I rather say trying to shoot. There was the GOOD, the BAD and then – the VERY BAD..... – usually the first time for most, and one hooray for the ladies – a woman took the price there.

They had a second chance when they visited the Concentration camp and had another go at target shooting with a "windbuis" – the children just loved this activity.

On Saturday evening the big award dinner took place where the winners of the 3 Provinces Battlefield Trophy was announced after a nice steak braai and good music. Mrs. Martins (a previous Afrikaans teacher at Volksrust High School, with a great sense of humor) read the stories that were composed at D7. Needless to say – the meaning of most words was used in such new and exciting ways – they will have to rewrite the HAT!

The **3 Provinces Battlefield Trophy** is an amazing 4x4 event that is different, challenging and fun for the whole family.

Every year new routes are planned for there are many families that participate year after year. The first Battlefield Trophy was launched in 2010 and we had a few families that attend there 5th event! It is our impression, that we are doing something right.

Teams navigate the routes at their own pace by reading no ordinary map, they are taken to numerous historical places of interest in the Volksrust/ Memel/ Wakkerstroom region, dating from the Anglo-Boer wars, fought between 1880-1881 and 1899-1902. Along these routes you need a bit of navigation skills to get to the activity points where teams have to complete fun and challenging tasks for points. Some activities over the years include: Blunderbuss shooting with an old muzzle-loader, canoeing, hooded cart rides, visit to museums, zoo and long forgotten battlefields and history rich places. We are already planning on the new trails for 2015, and are thinking of covering the Memel & Newcastle area in some mountainous areas at the foot of the Drakensberg, with the most beautiful indigenous shrubs and scenery.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, who without, this amazing event would not have been possible.

The competitors were overwhelmed with all the prizes they received. Thanks to them, we were able to make up quite a big bag full of different give away items for every vehicle, which not only included stuff for the guys, but also something special for the ladies. Every child received their own bag as well.

Sascom sponsored the vehicle stickers this year - you will notice that the stickers are still on quite a few vehicles. They had so much fun. It seems, people want to be associated with the Battlefield Trophy in every way possible!

This year every entry received a metal canon carving placed on a wooden block – sponsored by **Amajuba Engineering** and mounted by **Piet Martins**. What a nice memento to take home, placed next to the TV to remember a lot of laughs from 2014 and to look forward in much anticipation to 2015.

As winning trophy for 2014, the most beautiful wooden canon (miniature) was made by Hendrik Nolte – and what a surprise for our overall winners: Corne and Zasskia Koekemoer are now the proud owners of it.

2nd and 3rd place received the most beautiful wooden trays sponsored by **Steyl Willemse, Annatjie & Ina of “D7 Paal Meubels”**. The sponsor’s names and Logo is attached of printe on the above said items. Some of our sponsors even participated as marshals – to much delight.

We had some journalists from Rapport (Sunday 18 May 2014), from Suzuki and SA 4x4 who participated – look out for there articles – we know they’ll be back next year.

3 Provinces Battlefield Trophy (BT) is reaching for its 6th event in 2015. We have put together a Battlefield Trophy team, that ensured our standards, and we are aiming higher each year. What a great team to be a part of!

We have Our own webpage. Not only can you find almost every answer to questions you might have on the web, but we also have an electronic booking system which make it much easier for one to enter. Please visit: www.battlefieldtrophy.co.za and feel free to like our Facebook page at: [Battlefield Trophy Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BattlefieldTrophyFacebook)

Should you have any further enquiries with regards to the event, please do not hesitate to contact us on battlefieldtrophy@gmail.com

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Suzuki sponsored 2 vehicles to participate in the event



Kleiduifskiet (Clay pigeon Shooting)



Konsentrasiekamp (Concentration Camp) the competitors started a foundation for a rock pile as memorial for the camp.



Gert en Erika se Museum by Roodedraai



Ponny rides at the museum



Blinddoek ry (Blind folded driving)



Corne and Zasskia (our 2014 winners) participating in it



Zasskia & Corne having a lot of fun.



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Bonding family participation and joy.



Kiddies enjoy the shooting