

Experience an amazing thinking, laughing, frustrating race in Joburg

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Johannesburg Women drive. Team mates backseat drive. Clue cards instruct. Street atlases direct. Play poker. Solve Sudoku. Take photos. It's the fourth year of The Amazing Thinking, Laughing, Frustrating Race for Charity, brought to you by Penguin International.

This annual "four-hour adrenalin rush" takes to the streets of Joburg's central suburbs. Four- and five-person teams, including their compulsory female driver, cruise the 'burbs, following clue cards that guide them to bars, stores, parks and other interesting locations. Once there, the teams must complete tasks racing to the finish with proof of their labours - like till slips and photographs. All cash and collectibles are donated to SOS Children's Fund.

The Amazing Thinking, Laughing, Frustrating Race for Charity starts and finishes at Q.ba, a cocktail bar in Fourways, and entries are limited to one-hundred-and-twenty-five four- or five-person teams.

"This event is non-stop fun," says race director Dean Oelschig, from PenQuin Special Projects. "It makes for a different afternoon out and because the teams use their cars to get from one location to the next, there is no fitness requirement. They just have to think and drive."

The rules specify that the driver of the team's vehicle "must, will and always has to be female. No male may ever drive. He must just sit there and watch, and gently navigate..." Oelschig explains. "Women are generally more responsible and less likely to be reckless on the roads, especially in a race situation."

Teams are encouraged to don wacky and creative outfits, with prizes awarded to the 'Best Dressed Team' and 'Best Dressed Car'.

"This race is a great relationship tester," laughs Oelschig. "With your girlfriend driving you around all day, you'll know whether you're meant to be together. Perfect for anyone considering marriage."

The Amazing Thinking, Laughing, Frustrating Race for Charity is held on the afternoon of Saturday, 4 April 2009. Please visit the event website at www.penguin.co.za/race for more information and entry details.

Quick Reference

Date: Saturday, 4 April 2009

Venue: Q.ba, William Nicol Rd, Fourways

Time: Start at 13h30

Duration: 5.5 hours

Team format: 4 or 5-person teams, including one female driver

Categories: Social & corporate teams

Entry fee: R250 per social team; R1000 per corporate team

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