TREKKERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB

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Hi Everyone

We have just got back from a lovely weekend at Karridene [as always] and here we are looking forward to our next Outspan in less than two weeks time - aren't we the lucky ones???

And before I give you more details about Ifafa [our next venue] it's time to wish three of our members much happiness on the anniversary of their births - and for some of us that was quite a little while ago!

Happy birthday to …



9	*Doug Paul* [Honorary Member]
12	*Joan van Prooijen*
25	*Leslie Prinsloo*

and may you have a wonderful day filled with lots of love and laughter!!

NEXT OUTSPAN: IFAFA BEACH CARAVAN PARK: 15 - 17 AUGUST 2014

OUTSPAN FEE:	**Per Person per day**	**R85.00**
	Day Visitors per person per day	**R20.00**
	Small dogs per day	**R10.00**
	Only 1 car per site - extra cars each	**R30.00**
DISC FEE:	**Per Unit**	**R5.00**

Please note that there is no pensioner rate at this park.

SUNDAY AFTER INDABA: **Tea-time - please [as always] bring a plate of either sweet or savoury goodies for our tea-time table**

SATURDAY EVENING: **We will have our usual communal braai - may we again ask you to supply a delicious [as always] salad for the communal table - don't forget your braais.**

Ifafa have sent us quite a long letter re their rules and regulations and I have picked out a few which are relevant to us:

1. Day visitors to report to the office where they must pay R20.00 per person. Visiting times are between 8.30 am to 6.00 p.m. [No entry after 6.00 p.m.]
2. If you wish to stay any extra nights either before or after the weekend, please let Lynda know so she can notify the park in order to qualify for the 'discount rate' they are charging us.
3. Please bring your own braai [or share with someone] as the park does not supply these.

Please also note:

HOT WATER SYSTEM TO ABLUTION BLOCK:
GREEN light above scullery door indicates Hot Water to ALL bathrooms. (Peak hours: Morning & Evening.)
RED/YELLOW light indicates limited Hot Water to left hand side bathrooms only. (Geyser: Off peak hours)

And now for Hugh's take on our weekend at Karridene …

Ten families were expected to Outspan at Karridene, and five were already on site when Sandra and I arrived. The weather was great, and I was in total relaxation mode when we pulled into Karridene that Friday morning. For me it was going to be a case of "chilling out" the whole weekend; or so I thought! My optimistic mood became a little apprehensive that afternoon when Alan E. arrived and quietly asked me if I had received his e-mail earlier in the morning. You guessed right; I was asked/informed I was to be the "Spoon Man". Even Jill, rather sheepishly, asked me if I had received Alan's mail as her computer had crashed, and they had lost all members contact details. Naturally I jumped at the opportunity to get even.

This may explain my somewhat out of character "harshness" in administering fines. I mean who except me, would blame the Prinsloo's for fiercely guarding their dinner on Friday when Mark was audibly hungry and needed feeding. Fred and Joan however, set the mood for the weekend on Friday, when they went back to the Umdoni AGM. On their arrival back at the Outspan it was noted that there was wine a plenty, both within, and in hand. This soon attracted a number of members, least of which was Vicky. It was noted that she twice deferred going to bed to assist Joan in depleting a bottle or two. By Joan's own admission, she had a "warm and fuzzy" feeling inside.

This same "warm and fuzzy" feeling also led other members to divulge some fairly personal information about themselves. Jill for example, admitted she only watches the last 10 minutes of movies on TV; Barbara in a Rubicon moment, claimed that Les is "confused", and Margaret Shepherd confessed she can't really reverse her car, although she is guiding Megan in her quest for her license. The Park was quite full and noisy, but the Trekkers outlasted all the opposition Friday night and eventually retired around midnight.

Saturday was another bright and sunny day, although somewhat breezy. Members did their own things including watching the Sharks getting thrashed by the New Zealand opposition. Why do some wives [Sandra included] make their husbands feel even more down by laughing at the results? The male mood was visibly down until tea at 14h30, where the fine array of eats perked us all up. Tom, who was absent from the last few Outspans, was keen to show that none of his fire-making skills had left him, and proved that if you've got it, you've got it. The fire on Saturday night was a "cracker", as were all the salads.

Saturday evening around the fire was absolutely perfect. Some members showed off their skills or lack of, in individually trying to toss three blocks of wood into the fire from where they were seated. Their failures in turn allowed me to be able to fine most of those Hot Shots who missed. The "around the fire", conversations covered a whole array of subjects including an "in-depth" discussion on an unfortunate lass from Aberdeen who lost her Toy. Like on Friday evening, the last Trekkers strolled/staggered to bed well after midnight.

My "lucky??"Number 19 still eluded me in the 100 Club draw, but I made every one pay for it at Fine Master time. It was a wonderful all round weekend, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hugh.

NEWS … NEWS … NEWS …

We [Fred and I] are the proud owners of a new-to-us caravan … Joep and Annie decided to buy another van, one with a built-in shower compartment, and we have taken over their Penta, so we are no longer 'homeless'.* We christened the van with champagne at Karridene on Saturday evening. Thank you all for your good wishes of many more happy caravanning weekends and holidays.

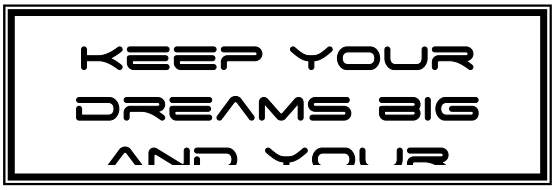
* **[Most Dutch cars travelling on German autobahns during the holiday periods are towing caravans so when the Germans see one travelling solo, they say: - Look, homeless Hollanders.]**

…… **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE: As soon as you have finished reading this Newsletter and you have not already done so, let Lynda know on either her mobile, 084 359 2554, or email at lndberg25@gmail.com if you *will or will not* be caravaning at IFAFA and exactly when you will be arriving. Thank you.**

Travel safely

JOAN

My bumper sticker for August is …



I would like to wish all our female members a wonderful 'Women's Day' on Saturday, 9 August, and here are two prayers for you all:

A REAL WOMAN'S PRAYER:

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray the Lord my shape to keep.
Please: no wrinkles
Please: no bags
And lift my butt before it sags.
Please: no age spots
Please: no grey
And, as for my belly
Please take it away.
Please keep me healthy
Please keep me young.
And, thank you, dear Lord,

For all that you've done.

May God give you…

For every storm, a rainbow
For every tear, a smile
For every care, a promise
And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends
A faithful friend to share.
For every sigh, a sweet song
And an answer for each prayer

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY