TREKKERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB

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Hi Everyone

What wonderful weather we are enjoying in KZN - beautiful blue skies above during the day and lovely cool evenings to enjoy snuggling under the duvets - my kind of heaven and I hope yours too!

We have five birthdays being celebrated this month - we wish you all a wonderful special day filled with lots of love and laughter.

5	*Betty Paul [honorary member]*
6	*Neill Sand*
9	*Donné Ebelthite*
12	*Fred van Prooijen*
30	*Annie de Moel*



Happy birthday to you all!!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!!

NEXT OUTSPAN: KARRIDENE CARAVAN PARK: 25 - 27 JULY 2014

OUTSPAN FEE:	**Per Person per day**	**R66.00**
	Per Pensioner couple per day	**R75.00**
DISC FEE:	**Per Unit**	**R5.00**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 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

Trekkers Long Weekend at Eagle View 13 - 16 June 2014

Friday dawned bright and sunny and with me having another Friday off work, Jill and I were able to pack and leave for Eagle View in the morning, to go camping with our Trekker family. We took a rather slow drive up there, arriving just after lunch time, to find Hugh, Sandra, Allan, Margaret, Les, Barbara, Joep and Annie (oops, nearly forgot Higgins) all set up or in the process of setting up. We parked our trailer, did a quick set up and settled down to relax.

The tap water was rather brown as there had been a broken pipe somewhere on the farm, and Allan S, decided that it would be like that for the weekend, set off to buy water (R13.00 a bottle) for himself and Margaret. When he got back, we informed him that the water was now running nice and clean.

Of course, Jill and I had our bikes and set of for a short ride before we all had supper and got the bonfire going for the evening. As it was so cold and windy we all decided to have an early night.

Saturday dawned nice and clear. After a rather late start, as our beds definitely were warmer than the outside air, we all went about doing our own thing. Fred and Joan arrived during the morning from Karridene as Fred thought it would be warmer to stay there rather than freeze at Eagle View, we believe it was just as cold in Karridene. Jill and I took a walk down to the top of the falls and spent some quality time there with our (new) camera, making sure we were back in time for afternoon tea. What a lovely spread we had. Thank you ladies.

Les very kindly supplied the TV and Dish for the Springbok game.

The meal supplied by the club on Saturday was really very good. “Compliments to the chefs.” I am sure everybody enjoyed it and there were even some leftovers for lunch on Sunday. We once again had a bonfire going but with it being cold and windy, soon everyone retired to bed.

After a rather cold night, Sunday dawned and once again a late start was had by most. Jill and myself decided to go for a long cycle, so we set off for Harburg and districts, ending up do a round trip of about 50ks. I am not sure what went on in camp whilst we were gone, but everyone looked nice and relaxed when we returned later that afternoon. With Tom, the braai master, not being there, Hugh took charge and with help from all the men, Allan S calling out instructions from his van, the braai was lit and salads brought out to share. (note for Mark – Jill took sweetcorn especially for you and there was also a potato salad). Bed called when the temperature started to drop.

All too soon Monday arrived. After Indaba – during which most of us were fined, including Higgins for lifting his leg on various objects - we all had morning tea at Joep and Annie’s caravan, where they shared a Black Forest cake with us all.

Lunch time arrived to see tents and vans being packed away and farewells said. Another good Trekkers weekend was had by all.

ALAN E

Thanx for the write-up Alan - how many more kms have the bikes done since Eagle View?? Alan and Jill have kindly sent a couple of photographs taken at Eagle View - thanx a lot.



We-re …. smoking!!!



Enjoying a beautiful winter's day!

NEWS … NEWS … NEWS …

The only news that I know about is Fred and my sad saga - although we left Eagle View before 3.00 p.m. after our lovely Outspan and had hoped to be home before dark, the evening arrived much too early and, unfortunately, as we passed our neighbour's cottage, their 'tree jumped out into the road' and a branch collided with our van. Unfortunately the Jurgen agents don't have any materials or spare parts to repair an OAP van like ours and so we are having to put her out to pasture like a faithful old horse. We are both feeling very sad about this as we have been together for almost thirty years and have spent hundreds of happy hours and travelled thousands of miles together. Boo hoo!! RIP in Caravan Heaven.

…… **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 Indberg25@gmail.com if you *will or will not* be caravaning at KARRIDENE and exactly when you will be arriving. Thank you.**

Travel safely

JOAN

My bumper sticker for July is …

A SMILE - IS A SIGN OF JOY.

A HUG - IS A SIGN OF LOVE.

Last Christmas, rather than give each other a present, we each made a donation to the Club who then made it up to the amount of R2000.00. We had all agreed that we would like 'Headway", an organisation who treat folk who have suffered some form of head trauma [which could be from a

stroke, accident etc.] to be the beneficiary of our donation and had hoped that a representative from them would be able to attend our AGM to receive this donation. However, as this was not convenient, Hugh and John later went to their offices where our cheque was presented to ‘HEADWAY’. The following photographs were taken…. Thank you to all our members for your generosity.

The most destructive habit ..... Worry
The greatest Joy ..... Giving
The greatest loss ..... Self-Respect

The most satisfying work ..... Helping Others
The ugliest personality trait ..... Selfishness
The most endangered species ..... Dedicated Leaders

Our greatest natural resource ..... Our Youth
The greatest "shot in the arm" ..... Encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome ..... Fear

The most effective sleeping pill ..... Peace of Mind
The most crippling failure disease ..... Excuses
The most powerful force in life ..... Love

. The most dangerous pariah ..... A Gossiper
The world's most incredible computer ..... The Brain
The worst thing to be without ..... Hope

The deadliest weapon ..... The Tongue
The two most power-filled words ..... "I Can"
The greatest asset ..... Faith

The most worthless emotion ..... Self-pity
The most beautiful attire ..... Smile
The most prized possession ..... Integrity

The most powerful channel of communication ..... Prayer
The most contagious spirit ..... Enthusiasm