TREKKERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB

LAAGER 1 NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2014

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Hi Everyone

It seems such a long time since our last newsletter - due to the fact that, unfortunately, our proposed tour of the Battlefields was cancelled [I *really had been looking forward to it!*] which meant that Laager 1 did not have an Outspan in April. I hope, however, that you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed all the public holidays which ensued.

Because there was no April newsletter, we didn't get to wish our April celebrants for their birthdays and there are quite of few of them:

1	*Margueretha Sand*
4	*Vicky Eayrs*
14	*Mandy van Prooijen*
16	*Margaret Shepherd*
17	*Margaret Holden*
24	*Joep de Moel*
26	*Ryan Acton*
28	*Tom Holden*



We all hope that you had a fantastic, special day.

And now for our May celebrants:

5	*Ron Eayrs*
14	*Nikki Acton*

And a very happy birthday to you both as well …..

And now, for the information you have all been waiting for …

Our next Annual General Meeting Outspan will be taking place at …

NEXT OUTSPAN: QUEENSBURGH CARAVAN PARK: 16 - 18 MAY 2014

OUTSPAN FEE:	**Per Person per day**	**R85.00**
	Per Child per day	**R55.00**
DISC FEE:	**Per Unit**	**R5.00**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m.

The Committee will be responsible for the refreshments which will be served after the meeting

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

And for those of us who were unable to attend the March Outspan at Bushwillow, here is Hugh's report for us to enjoy …

Sandra and I left home around 06H00, determined to spend as much quality time at Bushwillow as was possible. On route we were unsure of how the weather would turn out over the weekend, as we had come through some sunshine, some rain, and then mist. On arrival at Bushwillow at around 08H30, it was cloudy with "wet mist".

We were met by our host Irwin who informed us that they had had a terrific amount of rain the day before, but assured us that from here on in it would be only sunshine. This proved correct. As arranged, Trekkers were booked on the lower terrace immediately overlooking the lake. The grass was lush and freshly cut. After pulling off the road leading onto the terrace, the Condor lost traction. Eventually after trying everything, I was neither able to go forward or back; the moisture level was too close to the surface to get traction. A Good Samaritan with a 4 x 4 kindly assisted and we were soon in position and set up. As if an omen of a good weekend in the offing, the sun, as predicted by our host, came out in all its glory. Ken and Sharon Holden, with young son Travis arrived next, and chose a nice flat site on the terrace above. "More romantic" I believe I was told. Not long after, Tom and Margaret arrived with Cousin Josh. They had no time for any pleasantries as nature called loudly for both of them. Strangely this same scenario played itself out in a similar fashion when John and Jackie arrived. In the meantime Les and Barbara had settled in with a lot less urgency, and were at least able to say "hellooo". By this time the sun had fully shaken off the clouds, and was shining brightly, something that continued for the whole weekend.

Bushwillow was not 100% full, but just comfortably so. It was not long after that the fishing rods came out, along with the paddle-skis and tubes. Friday evening I heard Sandra laughing to herself from inside the van. On investigating, it turned out that while we had lovely crisp newly laundered pillow slips, we had no sheets at all. They were still in Queensburgh. The mattress can be hard on the body with no sheets, and Sandra, or should I say I, duly paid for that. Friday evening the fire was lit, we spent a glorious cloud free, moonlight night around it until late.

Those brave enough to get up early, went to the Morning Market on Saturday, while the rest of us, Tom and I, guarded the vans. Ever professional, Tom lost no time in eyeing out the most suitable site for our braai that evening. This turned out to be a built-in braai, close to our Laager in the corner near us, complete with lighting and grid. Saturday Irwin kindly arranged a television for us in the Hall so after a fun filled (fishless) day, we were all able to watch all the Super 15 games over a few beers after a very successful braai. Les courted danger by suggesting the ladies be banned from the rugby lest we couldn't hear the commentary, and

Ken, strangely, was able to criticize Tom's braai fire without the usual "verbal" and "hairy eyeball" that we are used to from Tom. After that it was another super evening around the fire.

Sunday morning, I managed to "fleece" a reasonable amount of "spoon money" off the happy campers without too much fuss. With three "Hundred Club" draws to look forward to in May, no one was taking any risks with their luck.

The lower terrace overlooking the dam is the place to be at Bushwillow. The grass is lush, the view outstanding, and there is plenty of space in front to spread out. We all slowly packed up on Sunday afternoon after a fun and sun-filled long weekend away at a great resort.

Thanx for the write-up, Hugh, it sounds as if we really missed a lovely weekend [*sob, sob*]

NEWS … NEWS … NEWS …

Congratulations to Sandra and Hugh on the safe arrival of their second granddaughter and more congratulations to Laura, Ryan and Holly. We know that she is going to bring you years of joy and happiness. Betty and Doug's tally of great grandchildren seems to be rising almost on a monthly basis - you two have started a dynasty - congratulations to you both too.

Jackie Morgan has had her second hip replacement and this has proved to be an unqualified success - and her recovery is improving daily. Keep up the good work, Jackie. John and Joanne have done a sterling job, keeping the home fires burning so well while Jackie has been incapacitated. We'll soon have you hopping and skipping around the campsite!!

Tom, *again,* gave us all a great fright when he was rushed to hospital recently but after a successful bye-pass in his groin, is now recovering nicely. No more frights, please Tom but we are all so pleased that you are on the road to recovery once again.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Just to remind you that, in order to vote at our Annual General Meeting at Queensburgh Caravan Park on 17 May 2014, the annual subscription of R110.00 must be up-to-date. This subscription may be paid to Fred at the Queensburgh Outspan, *before the meeting* or, if you wish, you may do an EFT - details are below. Please email a copy of your deposit to Fred at fredjoanvanp@gmail.com . Thank you.

Bank:	**FNB**
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Indberg25@gmail.com if you *will or will not* be caravaning at BUSHWILLOW and exactly when you will be arriving. As you know, Corrie and Piet, the park owners, kindly allow us to have a 'freebie' on Thursday i.e. if there are 10 or more caravans, Thursday night is 'on the house' - however, in order for this to happen, we need to advise Lynda not later than Sunday, the 4th May, if you will be caravanning so she can advise Corrie timeously. **Thank you.**

Travel safely

JOAN

My bumper sticker for May is . . .

A smile	- is a sign of joy.
A hug	- is a sign of love.
A laugh	- is a sign of happiness.

Where would we be without our moms and all the lessons we've learned from them; lessons like ….

LOGIC:	If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't come to the shop with me.
MEDICINE	If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to stay that way.
THINKING AHEAD	If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!
ESP	Put your jersey on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?
GENETICS	You are just like your father!
ROOTS	Shut the door - do you think you were born in a barn?
THE WISDOM OF AGE	When you get to be my age, you will understand.
ANTICIPATION	Just wait until your father gets home.
RECEIVING	You are going to get it when we get home.
JUSTICE	One day you will have kids and I hope they turn out just like YOU, then you'll see what it's like!

I would like to wish all the mothers out there a wonderful 'Mothers' Day'

