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October Birthday Outspan - Imhoff

What a pleasure it was to have so many of us attending our 48th Birthday Outspan, Honorary Member and Potjie Pot competition celebration.

Many decided to start early and commence the weekend on Thursday. Thus, it was that Allen and Meryl, Alex and Colleen, David and Angela, Scotty and Marieta arrived during the day and set up on their chosen sites. Meryl showed off her new mobility chair, and we heard about their recent visit to Zanzibar. Marieta has largely recovered from her knee surgery, but mobility is still awkward at times. Later we enjoyed a mini reunion braai and conga fire with loads of hilarity and comrade.
Wayne and Vanessa arrived on Friday and Randal Daniels joined us on Saturday afternoon.

The thing about arriving on Thursday is that Friday feels like Saturday. Angela and I decided lunch out would be a good idea, so we took ourselves off to the Seafood Lapa where Angela had Sushi and of course, I had a burger. Others took themselves out visiting or doing last minute shopping in preparation for the potjie pot competition.

There is always a lot of debate in the Brown household as to what potjie pot we should do. I am not a fan of quick delicate pots but rather the kind that require hours of moderately robust cooking. (Almost like making soup). We also tend to make a large quantity which lasts for days after. Indeed, when so much time is spent cooking something it needs to last longer than one meal.

Saturday arrived with the traditional bacon and egg breakfast in mind. Having had this on Friday morning it seemed wise to scale it back a bit so scrambled egg with tomato it was. Alex and Colleen had set themselves up at the bottom of the road overlooking the play park and hall. This afforded them a fine view of the arriving day visitors on their way to the lower-level picnic area alongside the river. In addition, we all had a good view of the steady stream of other campers on their way to the swimming pool and tuck shop.

Most of the camp commenced with pot preparations after lunch. There was a certain amount of secrecy surrounding the contents of some of the pots with whispers of venison being bandied about. Very dry meat me thinks compared to our lamb knuckle. There was actually no venison as it turned out. The plan was to commence with tasting between 7 and 7.30pm. We started with Alex and Collen via Randal and ended up with Allen and Meryl. All of the pots were very tasty but were judged nonetheless on ingredients and flavor.

Sunday was again a lovely day, and we relaxed until Indaba at 11.

Discussion took place concerning our Christmas Outspan and the agreed requirements.
These are communicated below.

Randal (Provincial Chairman) was very understanding of the club's decision to have it's final outspan in November. The club's flags and Trekkers related paraphernalia were handed to Randal as required. Randal offered his assistance should any member wish to transfer to another Trekker club in the future. We thanked him for this consideration. In this regard Wayne Henstock had previously indicated to me that he wanted to transfer to Laager 3 and in accordance with the constitution, a formal written request was sent to the Chairman of Laager 3. The Chairman of Laager 3 has subsequently communicated Laager 3's acceptance of this request. We wish him well in his new Laager, with membership commencing effective 01 December 2026.

Finally, the Potjie Pot judging results:

Third place – Marieta lamb knuckle
Second place - Angela and David Cape Curry
First place – Wayne and Vanessa with their Springbok themed beef Pie with mash potato and Rugby snacks.

Congratulations to all.

At this stage of the club's existence, it seemed to me like a good idea to think about honorary members. This topic came up previously at a prior NAGM. Each club was asked to provide a list of Honorary members. Until recently L8 had none.

There are various suggested criteria for consideration:

- Services to the committee.
- Services to the community.
- Dedication to the clubs' activities.
- Number of membership years.

Most of the club's remaining members joined prior to the year 2000. This seemed like the ideal criteria to use in addition to all of the above.

So, we proudly recognize our honorary members:

Scotty Gildenhuys joined in 1979 and attended the clubs first AGM (434 outspans)
Carol Henstock joined in 1983 (303 outspans)
Angela Henstock joined in 1983
Wayne Henstock joined in 1983 (321 outspans)
Marieta Pieters joined in 1992 (327 outspans)
Susan and Douglas Cooper joined in 1992 (216 outspans)
Allen and Meryl Lawrence joined in 1984 (266 outspans)
David Brown (now married to Angela) joined in 1998 (325 outspans)

Now onto the birthday celebrations. A 48th birthday cake was provided along with tasty chicken pies. We all tucked in. There is cake left over which has been frozen and we can enjoy it again at the Christmas outspan.

Future outspans:

Imhoff – 27 to 29 November 2026: Christmas Outspan (our last – let's go all out!)

In keeping with long-held tradition:

- Prizes for the Best Dressed Caravan/Tent
- Prizes for the Best Dressed Dinner Table
- Secret Santa Gifts – budget up to R100. Buy a gift for someone of your own gender, wrap gift in suitable colours, or mark gift "Man" or "Woman"

The menu for our final Christmas Dinner will be:

- Spit-roast rolled Kassler (Angela will organize) – we will need 2 rotisseries
- Roast potatoes (Angela will organize, Wayne will cook)

- Salads provided as follows:

  Dutch Onions - Scotty
  Coleslaw - Scotty
  Cucumber Mold – Meryl
  Pasta Salad – Angela
  Greek Salad – Angela
  Sweetcorn Bake - Vanessa

- Puddings provided as follows:

  "Pudding"- Colleen (shhh…. It's a surprise!)
  Ginger & Orange Pudding – Marieta
  Christmas Mince Pies – Carol
  Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce – Wayne

If anyone else would like to add either a salad or pudding, you are more than welcome to do so. We will feast like royalty!

For anyone wanting to bring visitors to join in with the meal, the cost will be R25 per head.

Best regards and safe towing

David and Angela Brown