TREKKERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB

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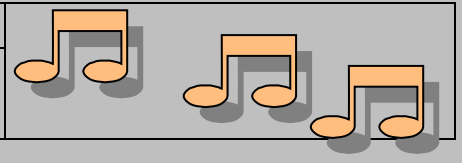
Hi Everyone

Our Annual General Meeting which took place at Queensburgh Caravan Park on Saturday, 26 May 2017, was, once again, a great success. Many thanks were given to the Committee for the sterling work they had achieved over the last year. Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, Lynda has resigned as Secretary and we also gave her thanks for all she did for the Club [over and above her duties] during the many years of her tenure and I ask for your patience as I prepare to try and follow in her footsteps - big footsteps indeed to follow!!.

Fred, our Treasurer, has asked me to convey his apologies to both Hugh Acton and Jackie Morgan for not thanking them, publicly, at the Annual General Meeting, for stepping in as Treasurer when he was not able to be at a couple of Outspans this year. He would also like to thank Jackie for her assistance for keeping him on the straight and narrow with the excel spreadsheet computer program for Trekkers Laager 1.

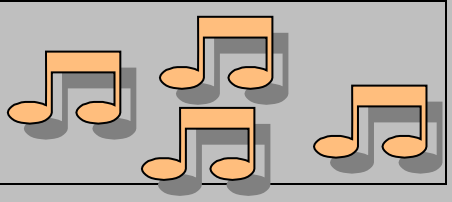
And now its time for congratulations to our birthday celebrants and especially to Lynda who, together with Mark, will be celebrating their birthdays this month … it is a really special big '0' birthday for Lynda – have a super duper wonderful day both of you.

3	Lynda Berg
23	Mark Ebelthite



And another four will be celebrating their birthdays in July [long before our next newsletter will go out[and so its Happy Birthday to:

5	Betty Paul [Honorary Member]
9	Donné Miller [nee Ebelthite]
11	Ian Lovett
12	Fred van Prooijen



Happy Happy birthday

May you ALL, have a really fantastic special day.

Can you believe it - another L O O O N G weekend awaits us at:

NEXT OUTSPAN: LALANATHI CARAVAN PARK: FROM 15 – 18 JUNE 2017

OUTSPAN FEE:		
	Per Adult per night	**R90.00**
	Per Child per night	**45.00**
	Per Unit	**R5.00**

The plans for this weekend are as follows:

THURSDAY: If coming earlier, settle in

FRIDAY p.m.: Liver, bacon and onions with French loaf. [cost - to be shared amongst those partaking – to be advised later]
For catering purposes - please let Joan know if you wish to avail yourself and how many portions you require.

SATURDAY ± 2,30 pm: Please supply a plate of sweet or savoury items for the tea table - thank you.

SATURDAY ± 7.00 pm Communal Braai – please supply one of your delicious salads for the communal table.

Once again there is to be a Music and Folk Festival at Melville on Youth Day, Friday 16 June for anyone who may be interested in going while we are in the vicinity, - a report from the local paper follows:

Geology boff Glenda Fletcher. and musician David Marks invite people of all ages to spend the day with them at the acoustic and folk festival at the Sanctuary of Love in Melville on Friday, June 16, the Youth Day public holiday.

JUDI DAVIS REPORTS.

THE annual acoustic music and folk festival, hosted by the Sanctuary of Love in Melville, has become firmly established as a highlight on the South Coast's cultural and social calendar.

This year will see locals from of walks of life coming together at the sanctuary on Friday, June 16, the Youth Day public holiday, for the seventh consecutive year. Guests will enjoy a wonderfully relaxing day of music, arts and crafts and community spirit in the beautiful garden.

As well as a diverse group of crafters and foodies taking part in the festival, local experts and organizations will sharing their knowledge, experience and fascinating stories about the South Coast, South Africa and the natural environment. Information will be available about the historic Hidden Years Music Archive, coordinated by well-known musician and music events host David Marks and there will be a geological display presented by Glenda Fletcher.

Guest can also find out about local surf schools, community organizations and tourism initiatives, so there will be plenty of interest to inspire festival-goers. In keeping with the work done at the sanctuary, the festival also caters for more spiritual interests, with information, healing modalities like massage and clairvoyant readings available on the day.

Many stalls at the popular festival have already been booked, but a few are available. To book a stall for a cultural or environmental display or arts or crafts stall contact Elaine Whitham on 072 9907120. To book a reading with a clairvoyant contact Mary Pentz on 082 3495417.

And now Allan will regale us with his thoughts on ….

Queensburgh Caravan Park has become renowned for Laager 1 for two reasons firstly, the securing of ones "spot" and secondly, the toilet roll brigade. Hugh and Sandra took their van down to the Park on Wednesday afternoon under the pretext that Hugh had to go to work early on Thursday morning and would not be able to get the van down there until later in the day. A reliable source tells me that this so-called early start was a myth as the alarm clock was only set for 7.45 am Thursday morning. The truth is that Hugh wanted to make sure he secured his normal spot.

The Mouton's arrived in the dark at around 5.30 am to attend a "R---y" as the check-in sheet at the gate showed. They should by now know that the "R" word in the Trekkers community is a big NO NO. After setting up they both went off to work for the day.

I was fortunate to arrive at around 9.00am on Thursday morning, fortunately 15 minutes ahead of the Prinsloo's and was able to secure MY preferred spot. Thanks, Les and Barbara for your consideration. Shortly after my arrival, Sandra came in to take over her "Toilet Roll" duties from Barbara who had temporarily accepted the responsibility. Fred and Joan arrived later in the day. With everybody set up, news exchanged and supper over, it was time to get around the fire.

Friday morning arrived too soon. The Mouton's had to go off to work and left before sun-up. Hugh also had to go off to drop off Tender Documents. Later in the day we saw the arrival of the Morgan's and Mark. It almost seems a ritual that Mark forgets something behind. However, on this occasion nothing that we know of was left behind, other than Vanessa whom he had to go and collect much later. Well, after Mark had set up and plugged in the electrics, he apparently forgot to switch on the power. On the Ebelthites return that evening they found an egg in their van. The little Hen had been hovering around there for quite a while but this story is better left for another day.

The evening was a case of do your own thing. Some had pre-prepared meals and others, Jaffles. Hugh was dying for a Jaffle but in no uncertain terms, Sandra told him he was having soup – end of story. We did manage to sneak him a Jaffle though to make his evening. Hugh obliged us with another good fire and after a lot of banter, which included Fred complaining that his wine glass was too big and that he was only able to get two glasses out of a bottle, it was off to bed but not before Fred was advised to get bigger wine bottles.

AGM day arrived on a chilly morning. During the course of the early morning a pair of Egyptian Geese were making quite a noise going past our caravans. We awoke to find them, plus their 9 little hatchlings, in the swimming pool. Problem was the little ones could not get out. Sandra tried with a plank to no avail. Pieter came to the rescue and plucked them all out using the pool net. He deposited them in a container and took them back to the river with their parents.

The Berg's were delayed from arriving the previous day and finally joined us with caravan in tow on Saturday morning. After setting up, it was time to get preparations in hand for the AGM scheduled for 2.00 pm. This went off without a hitch but sadly Lynda had decided not to stand for Secretary for another year. Fortunately, Joan stepped into the breech. The previous year's incumbents were all re-elected. Thanks to Lynda for a job well done and welcome to Joan.

Lynda had arranged savoury items for tea and these all went down extremely well, so much so, that the Pie and Chip supper was put back to 7.30 pm so that we could all recover our appetites. The pies went down well with chips cooked by Hugh and a good

gravy from Jackie. Unbeknown to me was that Sandra had got herself a Feta/cheese pie whereas all the others were either steak or pepper steak. When Sandra came to collect her pie with only a few left on the warming tray, the special pie had done a disappearing act. Did I get the gears – holy smoke!!!! Fortunately, the errant pie was located in Dennis's fridge. Not knowing that this pie was not a steak pie he had put it aside to be consumed later. Thank heavens for that. Dennis, thank you. You saved my life.

Our time around the fire was interrupted for about 45 minutes when the rain came down. Suddenly we had a few claps of thunder and a bit of lightening after which the rain disappeared and the stars came out. The fire was rekindled and a lovely evening was had.

All too soon Sunday arrived and it was time for Indaba, and then to pack up and go home. During the course of the weekend I saw Sandra at Fred's van almost constantly. Initially I thought there was something funny going on but later realised she was making very good use of the "Fine Masters Friend". Thanks Sandra. I certainly needed all the extra input to swell the Club's coffers. By the way, Number 19 stayed elusive. Better luck next time out Hugh.

Hopefully will see you all at Lalanathi in a few weeks' time for another great weekend.

Allan

As you said Allan, another super weekend – and it was great to meet John and Dora Tomlinson who were first-time visitors at Eagle View and who arrived for the AGM and brought with them some very delicious brownies for tea. Hope to see you both at Lalanathi.

NEWS … NEWS … NEWS …

I think that most of you are aware that Sandra's mother, Betty Paul, has been in hospital for a little while. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you, Betty, - get better soon.

The Prinsloos will soon be off on a holiday – on a bus this time and not with the van – have a great time and looking forward to seeing you both at Ifafa.

…… **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE:**

As soon as you have finished reading this Newsletter and you have not already done so, let me [Joan] know on either my mobile, 072 388 5477, or email at joanfredvanp525@gmail.com
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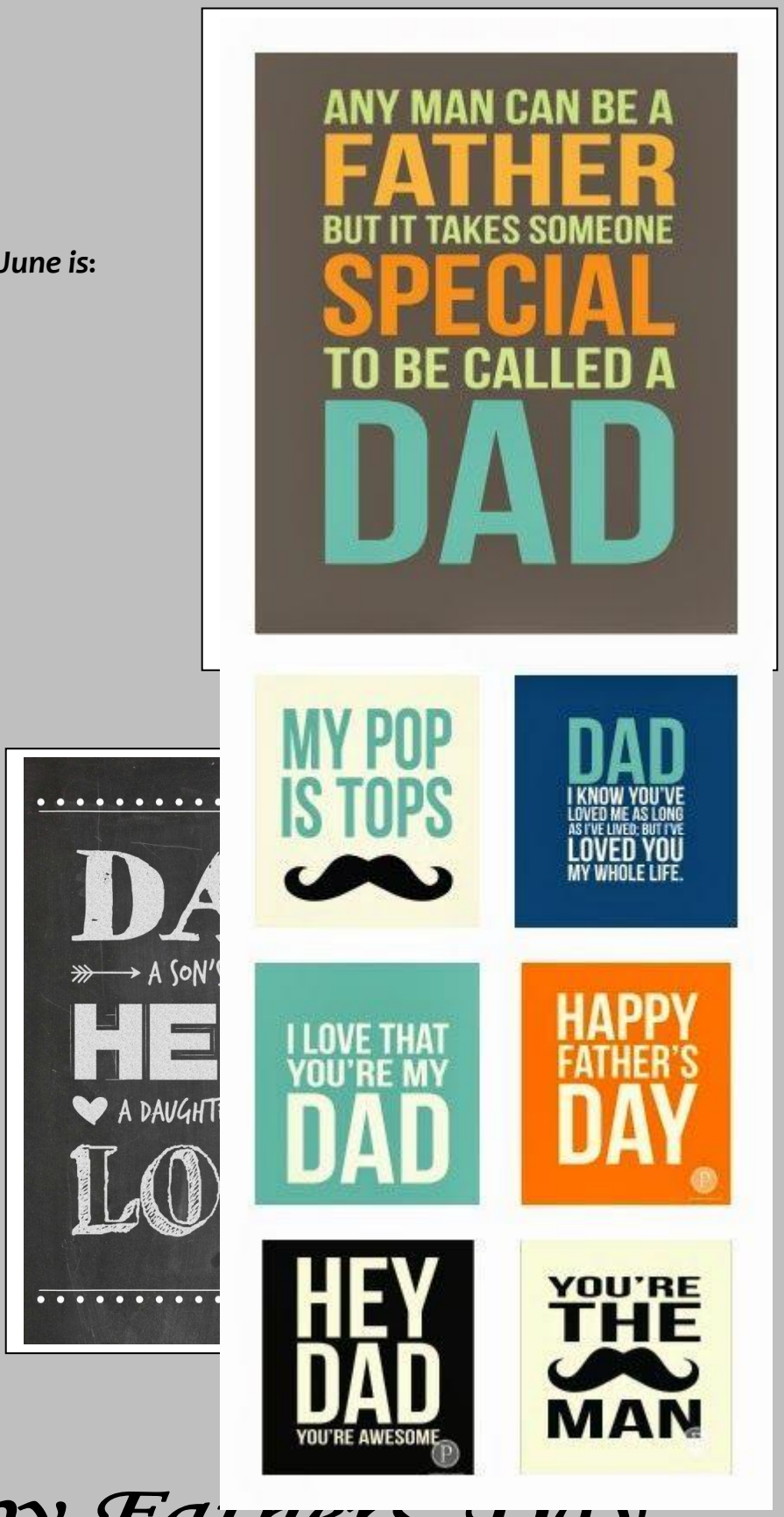
A] you *will or will not* be caravanning at LALANATHI and exactly when you will be arriving and departing and

B] if you wish to have Friday evening's supper of liver and onions.

Thank you,

Travel safely *JOAN*

My bumper sticker for June is:



Happy Fathers Day