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De Hollandsche Molen Rally - 15th to 17th November 2024

De Hollandsche Molen is one of our favourite campsites because it is relatively close by, it's safe, especially for the children, and the quaint town of Franschhoek, with its interesting shops and restaurants, is only 10 minutes away.

We, who were also the hosts for the weekend, were the last to arrive late on Friday afternoon. We pulled up behind the Hendricks, who were parked at the back of the ablution block. Once we were set up, we greeted everyone and played catch up since we last saw each other.
That evening, it was decided that the geselsvuur would be held at the De Kocks site. With the conversation in full swing around the fire, we supplied the hot chocolate and some biscuits.



One thing that was a bit of nuisance were the flying insects. Not too sure what they were (midges, gnats, flies, mosquitoes or a combination of all) but they were annoying. We have never experienced that before at DHM.

Saturday morning saw everybody do their own thing. Some went into Franschhoek or Paarl. The younger lot went to the Berg River Dam for a swim and a picnic.





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In the afternoon, Wayne called a committee meeting where we discussed issues around upcoming and future camps and the sustainability of the Club.



The host activity involved making a meal of your choice, but you had to use a skottel braai or skillet or paella pan. And it had to be on gas!

With the big rugby game between South Africa and England in mind, we started on our dinners so that we could be done in time to watch the game. To shield us from the unpredictable gusts of wind, we created some space between the Hendricks and Cables sites, using our tow vehicles as extra wind shields. There, we gathered with our cooking equipment, utensils and various items of food. Great fun was had in making the dinners.







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Being a big rugby match, the resort had set up a big screen under cover, just outside the pub. After dinner, the guys went to watch the game. But before they left, they made sure the fire was burning strongly so that the ladies could continue to sit around the fire until we returned. SA convincingly beat England 29 – 20, we therefore returned to our campsites in very high spirits! However, only Genevieve was sitting around the fire. The other ladies appeared to have deserted her. Bonny was fully clothed but fast asleep in her caravan and Nicky eventually emerged from her caravan. We sat chatting around the fire for a bit before departing for bed.

Sunday started earlier for some than others. Some of the younger campers started packing up as they had to leave early due to a prior arrangement. The Indaba was held at 10h00. Sadly, the end of the Indaba signalled the end of yet another wonderful outspan.

We'll see you again at the December outspan at the Fynbos Guest Farm in Wolseley!

Bonny and Russell

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