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Editor's Rev

Hartlike hallo aan almal

Die jaar begin nou na die einde se kant toe staan en ons het nog net 3 runs oor en dan is dit vakansie en kersfees en lekker rus vir die van ons wat kan af vat.

Nou dat ons al meer as 2 derdes van die jaar beleef het kan daar nou lekker gekyk word na "trends and statistics". Stats are one of my interests and thought I'll share some with you. The recession had it's effect on things we did not think it would have. I get a very detailed report of our club's website every month and contain things like hit ratios, where in the world you were browsing from, time on the site and so on. It was amazing to see how the number of visitors from around the world decreased. Also the time spent per page reading came down. We've also noticed the number of members attending runs decreased and participation declined. After spending hours and hours on forums and talking to other clubs from all over the world including South Africa, Australia and Namibia and North America, the trend is the same thru-out.

So, please don't feel bad if you did not participate as you would have liked, we understand, but hopefully next year will be better for all of us. There are only 2 runs left for all members and then 1 run for the men. I believe this run is going to be tough! According to the more senior members in the club, the toughest manne-runs were the most enjoyable and everyone still refers back to them. Thus, Geoff has arranged a run of all runs. He mentioned something about building roads in a game reserve and that his "unbeatable" Ford apparently will have to show us how to drive where others get out and walk... Looking forward to this. What is on the table as a bet guys?

All the club activities till year end are now listed in the calendar. Please have a look at it and try to make an effort to attend as much as possible. We are putting in loads of effort to make these events as enjoyable as we can.

ORRA het begin om weer reminders uit te stuur vir die hernuwing van radio lisensies en ek stel voor jy kontak hulle so gou moontlik as jy nog nie van hulle gehoor het nie. Hulle het so biedjie van struktuur verander en ander mense hanteer nou die admin en hernuwings. Hulle email adres is orra@aawdc.org.za

Ons het verlede maand gevra dat almal hulle detail moet bevestig en sleg 'n handjie vol het reply. Ons gaan weer die nuusbrief print en uit stuur na die lede, maar dit sal beteken dat slegs 'n paar van u dit gaan ontvang. As u nog nie u detail aan my terug gestuur het nie, doen dit asb so spoedig moontlik.

Baie dankie vir die terugvoer, ons sien altyd uit na elke maand se nuus van ons lede!

Kom ons kyk of ons die laaste paar outings "full-house" runs kan maak.

Groetnis
Carlo

Chirps from the Chair

Waar begin mens dankie sê vir al die donasies, hulp, samewerking en skenkings wat ons ontvang het om die Oosterland Kinderhuis-naweek die reuse sukses te maak wat dit was?

Theo Ferreira van Heroncliff, Lenie, Flip en Juan Nel van die Kampkombuis, NG Kerk Lorraine (spesifiek Oom Jannie Westraadt), Steve van Fernglen Food Market, Johan en Marelise Westraadt, Henk en Rhode Terblanche, WP Naude van die Melkstasie, Braam en Carol Reyneke, Adrienne Postma, Bill Thomas, Aubrey Hicks, Robbie Deysel, Johan en Linda Classen, Hans Bester, Christiaan en Ingrid Stavast van CKS, Gys Kleyn, Pierre Rocher, Michael Bezuidenhout, Duncan en Anne, Andre de Vos, Pieter Reyneke (nogal 'n week voor sy troue!) Frans Botha en laaste, maar definitief nie die minste nie, Wilmarie Strydom vir al haar reëlings en harde werk om die hele ding bymekaar te bring. (As ek enigiemand vergeet het, onthou ek is Blond!)

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

You only had to see the excitement on the children's faces to know what an adventure this was for them. The fact that all 4 kids, who travelled back to PE with me, was exhausted and fell asleep immediately, was testament to the fact that they played themselves to a standstill!

The end of the year is on us and we only have a couple of events left. The Jamboree on 31 October, a Manne Run in November and the ever popular Christmas Run in December. Details of these events can be found in the Newsletter and on the Website.

On a more official note: I have received complaints that members are not informed timeously (thank goodness for spell-check!) of the various runs and events taking place in the Club.

Ek voel dat hierdie klagtes onregverdig is teenoor ons Editor, Run-Coordinator en ander lede van die Komitee. Elke nuusbrieff wat hierdie jaar uitgegaan het, het 'n volledige lys van beplande 'events' bevat. (sommige tot 3 maande vooruit) Ons vra met elke Nuusbrieff dat ons lede kennis neem van opkomende 'runs' en 'socials' en dit dagboek. Daarby vra ons ook gereeld dat lede hulle besonderhede nagaan en ons laat weet as daar enige veranderings is. Ek voel ook dat dit elke lid se verantwoordelikheid is om ons in kennis te stel as hulle nie die Nuusbrieff, Emails of SMS'e ontvang nie. Die enigste manier wat ons effektief die inligting beskikbaar kan maak is as ons almal se korrekte kontakbesonderhede het.

Carlo will once again list all the members' contact details at the bottom of this Newsletter. I would like to ask that every member check that their details are correct and to let us know if there have been any changes.

Enough from me..... See you at the Jamboree on the 31st!

Groete

Deon Strydom
Chairman

Events Calendar

What	Where	When
Run	Brakkeeduine, Oyster Bay	30 January – 1 February 2009
AGM	Heatherbank Sport Grounds Villiers Rd, Walmer	6 February 2009
Cholesterol Run	Offcamber – Elandsriver	21 March 2009
Social	Annual Fun Golf Day – Chelsea Mashee	28 March 2009
Run	Kouga Wilderness – Sukkelpoort, Joubertina	24 – 26 April 2009
Run	Leopardskloof	29 – 31 May 2009
<i>Mountain Bike Club</i>	<i>Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve Mountain Bike Challenge – Marshall support on a voluntary basis</i>	<i>6 & 7 June 2009</i>
Run	Dooringkloof, Baviaans	12-14 June 2009
<i>Toyota 1000 Desert Race</i>	<i>Kalahari, Botswana – voluntary support and assistance required (for more information – contact noel.pipkin@iburst.co.za)</i>	<i>19-21 June 2009</i>
Mountain Bike Club	“Kabouga” / Kirkwood Wildsfees - Marshall support on a voluntary basis	28 June 2009
Winter Social	Fun filled Trivia evening!! Heatherbank Sports Grounds	14 August 2009
Run	Timbila Lodge, Steytlerville	29 August 2009
Run	Southern Cape Get-together, Bo-Kloof - Baviaans	24 – 27 September
Run	Oosterland Boys’ weekend & Driver Training – Heron Cliff	10 & 11 October 2009
Run	Jamboree & Driver training – Vic Lemmer’s Farm	31 October 2009
Run	“Manne” Run – Timbila Game Reserve, Steytlerville	13 - 15 November 2009
Run	Christmas Run, Loerie Rest Camp – PPC Grounds	4 - 6 December 2009

