

TREKKERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB

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Hi Everyone

A lovely long weekend is on the horizon and time for another Outspan on the glorious KZN South Coast; the third this year which means it is time to wish our two March babies on their birthdays:

3	<i>Dennis Mouton</i>
24	<i>Lynda Estment [founder member]</i>

 *Happy,*  *happy*  *birthday to you both*

Our best wishes for a wonderful special day.

**NEXT OUTSPAN: MARLON CARAVAN PARK: 21 – 24 MARCH 2019
SITES 13 - 20**

OUTSPAN FEES:	Per Person per night	R85.00
	DISC FEE	R5.00

I mentioned in the newsletter last month that Marlon offers special rates i.e.

stay for 4 nights and only pay for 3 nights or

stay for 7 nights and only pay for 5 nights

so Fred and I have decided that we will be taking advantage of this offer and go on Wednesday, leaving on Sunday [4 nights] but the Moutons will be there even earlier [Sunday to Sunday; 7 nights] – if you would also like to take up one of these offers, please let me know.

Marlon also offer another special of complimentary 'slap' chips on an evening of our choice, when you can order

battered hake, chicken nugget; or Russian; at R35.00 per portion

to go with these chips. We will organise this for the Thursday evening, ± 7.00 p.m. so please let me know if, and what, you wish to order as I need to advise them a week in advance. Thanx.

You will also see from the above that we will be on sites 13 – 30; these are next to the ablution block and, in order to make our usual laager, please will you park facing inwards, backs close to the road so that we can all fit in.

Again, thanx.

The arrangements for the weekend are:

WEDNESDAY:	Arrival for the 'early birds'
THURSDAY:	Arrival for the 'not so early birds'
[[Human Rights Day]	
± 7.00 p.m.	'Slap' chips and meal at pub
FRIDAY ± 2.30 p.m.	Teatime – please supply a plate of either sweet or savoury items for our tea table
± 7.00 p.m.	Chicken Potjie [supplied by the Club]
SATURDAY ± 7.00 p.m.	Communal Braai – please supply a plate of salad

Don't forget you can pay your Outspan fees with an EFT to our banking account [just don't forget to send Fred a copy of your deposit]:

BANK:	FNB
NAME:	B F van PROOIJEN EASY ACCOUNT
BRANCH CODE:	260 225
ACCOUNT No.	62693349823

And now, what I have been looking forward to as Fred and I missed the Outspan at Dolphin

What can one say? The weather was perfect and the company excellent. The sites allocated were not the best but as true Trekkers, we made the best of it sand and all. In total we had 5 families being ourselves, Lovett's, Acton's, Dave and Magda and Mark and Vanessa. It was great to see the Ebelthite's after an absence of many months. Each day tea and scones were enjoyed courtesy of the Park.

Friday evening was so hot that we dispensed with the normal fire and rather sat around talking, laughing and enjoying the company. Hugh and Sandra could not wait for Saturday to arrive when their 2 gorgeous grandchildren were due to join them with the prospect of sleeping over. Saturday arrived and so did the kids leaving Lara to spend a quiet day on her own. The Acton's were pushed to the limit entertaining the young ones and enjoying every minute of it. Evening came, the braai fires were lit, stomachs filled again after a good Trekkers tea and then it was time for Ayla and Holly to tuck into bed. Ayla decided to go home with Mommie but suddenly there was a change of heart and all we saw was Holly hot footing it to the gate with her bag to catch Mommie before she left the Park. Oh well, just one of those things.

During the course of the afternoon, Antoinette and Dennis arrived to drop off the Spoon – there is a story about this which is confined to the Fine master's verbal account of it on Sunday. It was interesting to hear about their 10-day trip to the Karoo which tested Taj Mahal to the limit. A storm hit us in the evening with a bit of rain which delayed the braai and put the fire to bed. Again, we had a super evening sitting around chatting and swapping stories. All to soon it was Sunday.

Again, Sunday was a hot and humid day and the shade was a godsend. Indaba time arrived and with 10 minutes to go everyone was seated waiting for Hugh to push the button. Comments were made that this must be a first – our regular late arrivals were not with us!!! Hugh decided that with 4 or 5

minutes to go we would get the show on the road early. He had no sooner opened the proceedings when Bev's phone rang. It was her sister and brother-in-law who had popped in to say "hello". By the time they got seated etc we were running 4 or 5 minutes late. Needless to say that the coffers were swelled by a few coins.

I opened the "fining" by pulling a piece of paper out my pocket which I told them had been placed on our table early in the morning. It read: "To whom it may concern – Please fine your members for keeping me awake 2 nights in a row. Thanks Site 19". This was the site behind me occupied by a Senior Citizen on his own. Well, this was taken quite seriously by everyone and contributions to the kitty were made very quickly. When I started chuckling they realised they had been HAD.

With Indaba out the way and members relieved of some cash, it was time to think of slowly packing up and heading home. Thanks to all for a great weekend.

*Thanx, Allan – it seems that we missed a really good weekend
[well done for fooling them all and filling the coffers at the same time!]*

REMINDER:

Subscriptions for 2019 \2020 are due with effect from the 1st April 2019.

Just a reminder that our annual subscription will fall due at the end of March - the Committee have decided that these fees will not be increased and will, therefore, remain the same as they have for the last couple of years i.e. **R110.00 per annum**. If you wish to pay this at our next Outspan, you may do so or else, if you prefer, make an EFT - details as follows:

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Don't forget to let Fred have a copy of your payment by sending him an email to the address above. Thank you.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ...

As soon as you have finished reading this Newsletter, please let me know on either my mobile, 07 23 88 54 77 or email at fredjoanvanp525@mail.com:

1. if, and when, [exact dates please] you will be at Marlon Caravan Park and, if so,
2. what and how many portions, you wish to order of either:
battered hake, chicken nuggets or Russians at R35.00 per portion

Thank you

Trek safely

JOAN

My bumper sticker for March is:

*Sometimes it takes a wrong
turn to get to the right place.*

