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## LAAGER 8

Newsletter: Koningskop – 24-26 May 2019

Dear Trekkers,

Hope all are well and keeping warm in this weather! So here goes the first newsletter after our AGM. Thank you to Dave and Angela for hosting Laager 8's AGM and thank you to all who were able to attend.

Birthdays for June and July – Hope you all had/have a wonderful day with lots of spoils!

- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Adrian
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Angela
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sally
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – James
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Chad

The May Outspan was held at Koningskop, a new venue for Laager 8. Our intrepid reporter for the weekend, Colleen Bond-Smith reports ;-)

### KONINGSKOP 24-26 MAY 2019 (by Colleen Bond-Smith)

Attendance :  
Wayne + Vanessa  
Adrian, Sally + Chad  
Scotty  
Les + Marietta  
David + Angela  
Alex + Colleen  
Visitors:  
Angelique + Andre

Koningskop is more than a two hour drive for most club members, as it was a new venue for Laager 8, all attending looked forward to the camp in anticipation.

The Bond-Smiths were privileged to arrive on Wednesday. Mari at reception indicated that the huge green campsite in front of reception was allocated exclusively for our use. We chose site 48, slap bang in the middle, due to it's stunning vistas of the mountains all around.

Wayne was the first to arrive, he bounced out his vehicle looking like a cheshire cat, he explained they generally arrive late and have to be content with the last site available. This time he had carte blanche and took some time before settling on site 42, not far from the ablutions. Next to arrive, Les and Marietta, then David and Angela, followed by Adrian, Sally, Scotty and Chad. Our visitors arrived in the dark and set up their tent next to us.

After everyone had rigged up and settled down, supper preparations got going, a lovely slight berg wind cooled us off. All congregated around the Browns caravan and after supper a lovely "kuier" fire was enjoyed by all. Angela retired early having picked up a nasty cold in Gauteng.

Saturday morning dawned with no wind and the warm conditions continued, after breakfast all set off in different directions to explore the area, farm stalls, wine tasting etc. Most returned mid afternoon and lots of interaction among us ensued. David brought out his boules set and he and Wayne had some fun with us cheering on from the wings. The girls then played, Vanessa showing off her competitive nature and obsession with her balls, Marietta and I had lots of laughs. In the evening most prepared potjies with Les making sosaties. After dinner most congregated around the Gildenhuis camp to enjoy one another's company. The berg wind picked up strongly overnight with many having to get up to tighten up guy ropes.

Sunday dawned and Angela's cold had truly taken hold of her, a decision was made to move the Indaba forward to enable the Browns to set off home.

Due to the wooden spoon not being present, only fines could be awarded.

Alex nominated Wayne and Les for emptying their ash in the barrel upwind to the Browns caravan, causing ash to blow straight into their caravan.

Vansessa fined Colleen for being a hustler in the boules play off.

Alex nominated Colleen for leaving the legs of the table at home.

Holidays : Les and Marietta have an absolutely wonderful time Thailand next month.

Birthdays June : Adrian and Angela, may you both have loads of surprises.

Next camp is at the Berg River Resort, all going have a wonderful time and keep that great "gees" going xx

Colleen

Thank you to Colleen for the Koningskop Outspan news, sounds like it was a fun, fab weekend and a lovely campsite.

#### Future Outspans:

21-23 June – Bergriver

26-27 July – Van Zyls

23-25 August – Marcuskraal

27-29 September – Die Watergat

25-27 October – Mountain Breeze

22-24 November – Op Die Plaas – Christmas Outspan

#### Banking Details for EFT's:

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#### New Feature: Recipe of the Month

All those Camping Masterchefs and Masterbraaiers, here's your chance to share your favourite camping recipe. Anything from Bread to Boerewors, Sosaties to Skilpaadjies, Camping Cocktails to Curry Potjie... Email your recipe to [nikkibouwers@gmail.com](mailto:nikkibouwers@gmail.com) to submit.

## Potjie-Mielie-Beer Bread

1 x 500g packet self raising flour

2-3 x 330ml beer (depending how much you drink during the course of mixing the batter)

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon mixed herbs – thyme, rosemary, oreganum

1 tin sweetcorn in brine (not the saucy sweetcorn)

Optional – ½ cup grated cheese

Mix the dry ingredients in a big bowl. Drain the sweetcorn and add. Slowly pour in beer while stirring the mixture. Once you have a thick dough-like mixture, drink the rest of the beer. Oil a flatbottomed potjie pot and the lid, spoon in the dough. Cook on medium coals for 45-60 mins, adding a few coals to the lid to brown the top of the bread. Good luck. Results are dependant on quantity beer consumed.

Until next time, stay warm and be safe wherever you travel!