



LAAGER 21

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Die Watergat outspan 10 to 12 December 2021

Die Watergat campsite is situated in the heart of the Breedekloof Wine Valley, around an hour's drive from Cape Town. Laager 21 had the exclusive use of the camp for the entire weekend together with added security of perimeter beams and farm armed response.

Friday evening the usual Laager 21 early bird families welcomed the late arrivals with a fire prepared by Johnny. Wayne arrived solo because Gen was ill and she opted to remain at home to recover. The Smith's family encountered some mechanical problems with their motorhome on route but returned to spend the weekend the traditional way, in a tent.



with Johnny and Grumpy doing their best to smoke everyone out.

After supper, most families joined the geselsvuur at the communal braai area and chatted until late into the night.

Once everybody had their accommodation and xmas lights sorted, then after greetings were done - some families' prepared supper at their camp sites while others shared the communal braai area. Having the fire wood at the camp on arrival was a great benefit



Saturday morning some woke up earlier and headed into the town to do a bit of exploring or shopping. Our Christmas breakfast was scheduled for

10h30 at the Ou Meul Du Toitskloof restaurant, beautifully located in the valley with many vineyards in the surrounding area. Cherie helped to keep the festive spirit alive by decorating the tables with trimmings and handing out Christmas crackers. The breakfast was lovely and the conversation flowed, overall an awesome morning. Some ventured into the wine-tasting area of the building to see which wines were on offer, while others took the option of going into the surrounding stores to explore and shop.



Back at the camp, a few members got into the pool to cool off while others just chilled at their sites for the afternoon.



At around 16h00, snacks were prepared and laid out under the lapa area. The owners of the campsite were kind enough to supply a TV so that that the soccer matches could be watched. All the top teams won on the day: Chelsea, Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United. This added to the happy festive mood and the vibe was excellent with snacks and drinks of your choice flowing. Later that evening, our DJ, Merlin

played some Christmas songs which eventually morphed into any type of song on his playlist. Then the Shazam apps were activated and soon a sing-along developed with Cherie and Sandra leading the singing. This was great fun as we sang into the night.



Sunday morning Indaba was held at 10h00 with most families packing up soon thereafter. This was a very enjoyable camping weekend, made more so by the fact we had the entire campsite to ourselves. The members enjoyed this camp so much that they proposed the Xmas 2022 bash be considered here again.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Festive Season and looking forward to seeing you at Yzerfontein in February 2022.

MINUTES OF THE INDABA

Welcome

Wayne welcomed all and Derick opened in prayer.

Units

Caravan	Mobile Home	Roof Tent	Trailer/Tent	Tent	Other	TOTAL
8	0	0	2	3		13

Attendance

Arulandu, Cable, Carelse, Hendricks, Labuschagne, Murray, Rohlandt, Schwulst/Morris, Sinden, Smith, Vicars, Williams.

Trekkertjies

None

Apologies

All Trekkers members not here 😊

Visitors

Alain and family

Visitors [own plot]

None

New Members

None



<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Jan</u>
Jeanett	Rogers	11
Gillian	Saffier	26

Only the birthdays of members and trekkertjies to be listed as our older children don't attend outspans as often as before.

Host Family

All families hosted

Upcoming Outspans

- 4 Feb – Atkinson host; Yzerfontein whole park available R460pn to end Jan and R350pn from 1 Feb [4 persons per site. Yzerfontein outspan will thus take place 4 Feb due to cost and not 28 Jan as previously planned.
- 25 Feb – Rogers host; Onrus favourite sites confirmed R176-184 per day [4 persons per site]
- 18-21 March – All host; Strandskloof – WC Combined
- 29 April-2 May – Labuschagne host; Guano Caves
- 20-22 May – Schulwst/Morris host; Millers – new email and awaiting feedback
- 16-19 June – White host; The Baths – booking only open 1 Jan 2022 and reminder set

General

1. Wayne thanked all for a most enjoyable Xmas outspan. Cherie thanked for breakfast arrangements and everyone thanked for the lovely snacks provided. Merlin was thanked for providing the Xmas carols and sing-a-long music.
2. Outspans – Yzerfontein and Onrus confirmed. Bergriver or De Hollansche Molen tb considered for the combined due to distance i.e. rising fuel cost.
3. Guano Caves and The Baths also to be reconsidered due to distance and members asked to provide alternate ideas of camps which are closer.
4. Cable family won a lovely bottle of red wine for having the most pretty and environmentally friendly Xmas Lights display for 2021.
5. Murray family celebrated their 25th Outspan, congratulations!
6. Everyone thanked for their donations of charity items and members are requested to assist with any non-perishable/dry goods for 2022 due to a dire need at Cheshire Home.
7. Renee also thanked everyone for their cash and sweets donation to Children Aloud.

Charity: – every 3 months you are reminded to bring a pack of items to camp,

March	Soap, face cloth, tissues
June	Toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash
Sept	Deodorant, body lotion, talc/baby powder
Dec	Shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer

A financial contribution is acceptable as well, pay into clubs bank account with reference: Your name + charity

Reminder: forward names of suggested charities for the donation of funds from the Laager.

Marty Merlin awarded Marty to Daan for offering some help and motivation to them upon their arrival after their travel ordeal.

Tips for Campers

1. Check wheel bearings
2. Check caravan license disk
3. Check windows to ensure they sealed correctly

Fines Master - Russel Cable

Des and Keith – Arguing about how and where the caravan should be parked. Even swapping drivers and taking turns to reverse the caravan into position.

Wayne – Parking his caravan at an unusual position and then saying he can park any way he likes because Gen was not there to tell him where and how to park.

Joan and Brigitta – Forgetting their bathing costumes and Peaceful Sleep. Having to go into the town to purchase.

Keith and Danie – Trying to catch the geese. Dunno what they would have done if they caught one of them!

Johnny and Grumpy (Patrick) – Smoking us out on Friday night with their fire.

Sandra – For not controlling Jonny's fire and allowing the men to smoke us out.

Keith – For "flying the flag", i.e. hanging his wet swimming pants on Wayne's guy rope.

Keith – Calling Russell over to the pool, then diving in and wetting Russell so much that he had to go and change.

Merlin – Playing on the kids ponies at Ou Meul Du Toitskloof

Grumpy – Trying to update his brag board before the photos were taken.

Nicky - Making a potjie on gas instead of over a fire.

Cherie – For encouraging the Smith's grandchildren to swim when it was almost their bedtime.

Derick – For getting Wayne lost on their way back from breakfast, and almost ending up at the farmer's house.

Wayne – The brief was to decorate the caravans with Xmas lights, not create an outdoor disco. I'm surprised you never caused load shedding!

Wayne – For abandoning Derick and Keith on Friday night. They were the last men standing.

Cherie, Felicity, Sandra and Merlin – Drinking out of glass containers while in the pool.

Small Spoon

☞ Lionel – As the lifeguard on duty at the time, or as he described himself, the wife guard, instead of telling them not to drink out of glass containers, he himself drank from a glass bottle.

☞ Johnny - Pouring himself another drink when he already had one in hand.

Wooden Spoon

☞ Merlin – On Saturday night during the Shazam sing-along, a particularly romantic ballad was playing. He got up and slow danced all by himself, even hugging himself in the process, in front of his wife. Instead of asking her for a dance!

The issuing of fines is a fun event and all proceeds go to charity.