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TREKKERS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024 MILLERS POINT OUTSPAN

(Sorry about no Trekkers logo, I'm doing this newsletter from Sedgefield)

We were the first to arrive at Millers Point and set up on site 6 which wasn't marked. We set up to one side and were partly set up when Dave and Angela arrived and set up with their backs to the wind. Which was great because they sheltered us. Later Scottie came and after some thought set up with back to the wind – which sheltered Dave. So we were all on one site.

These sites have very little wind compared to the front sites, but the drawback is the hundred-yard walk to the ablutions. Good exercise no doubt, but not so lekker when you wake in the early hours of the morning and have to walk (or run) through the cold night.

That night we had soup and Dave set up his braai for his wors and Scotties espetata kebab. Dave's braai attracted the attention of park security, but too late and Dave completed his cooking.

On Saturday Marieta and I had our usual coffee-in-bed while looking at the view and sunrise, then went outside to look at fishing boats going out. One guy was out at sea by himself, standing on a hydrofoil surfboard, going from Millers Point towards Fish Hoek. Later there were the more normal kayaks in groups going the same way.

In the morning, I took a walk to the beach. The steps back up seem to have grown longer, steeper, and more numerous since my last visit.

Later we all met at Bertha's for their pensioner lunch, which kept us busy chatting for a couple of hours before returning to camp. During the weekend we were puzzled by men camping with lots of little boys. We later found they were the Bishops School pre-school classes and their dads camping for the weekend. In the evening they set up a sheet against a motorhome and projected the SA vs England rugby match onto it.

Meanwhile although Dave had started his braai I wasn't sure how long he'd take so I started my own. Dave remembered to put his braai near one of the approved braai sites to avoid the ranger's attention, and soon afterwards we were all eating together while keeping track of rugby scores on cellphones.

The next day (Sunday) the wind died down and it became one of those really pleasant days that Millers doesn't have often enough, and we settled down to being thoroughly lazy until ...

INDABA

Where Dave welcomed us to Millers

Apologies from Alex & Colleen, Carol & Wayne, Dawn & Brian Allen & Meryl and Sue and Doug.

NEXT OUTSPAN – our Christmas Outspan, at Imhoff, 6th to 8th December.

PLANNING – Dave to bring Robbies Roost and rotisserie, Wayne potatoes.

Sue will order 5kg of kassler roll.

Meryl offered to bring a beetroot mould, Angela pasta salad, Vanessa a sweetcorn bake, Sue a salad, Marieta a 3-bean salad, Scottie Dutch onions, Rose Christmas pudding, Carol fruit mince pies, Wayne ice cream, Angela a honeycomb tart, Scottie a yoghurt tart, and Angela will bring gravy and custard.

There will be prizes for best decorated caravan, and best table.

Bring a Secret Santa present, value about R100.00. Men bring a present for men, wrapped in blue. Ladies bring for ladies, wrapped in pink.

VISITORS are welcome at a nominal cost of R30 per person.

There will be a carol service on the Sunday. The collection will be donated to City Missions.

FUTURE OUTSPANS: Berg River, January 24th to 26th, no bookings accepted, pay at the gate.

Yzerfontein, 21st to 23rd February, please do your own booking. So far Conradies site 117, Browns 116, and Pieters 115.

March? Combined Outspan? Thursday 20th to 23rd March. Berg River section E. (To be confirmed).

April Friday 25th to Monday 28th, Stille Waters, site 2, R1200 for 8 people, R150 pp per night thereafter, deposit paid by Browns, Pieters and Conradies.

May 21st to 24th, Ouskip, AGM Outspan.

SPOONS (no fines).

Scottie, for spring-cleaning her caravan.

Angela, for getting Dave to leave early, and braai at home.

Leslie, for ignoring Dave's offer, and making a braai of his own.

Good Spoon, Angela for picking a good location for the caravan.

Big Spoon, Dave retains it, and pays.

And Indaba ended at 1130, but the last caravan only left Millers after 4 o'clock. See you all at Imhoff!

Regards, Les and Marieta