

MAY 1989 contd.

- Sun 14 CEDARA CIRCUIT: Leader Winnie Jackson. Tel: 3052515.
Depart Durban 07h30 Pinetown 08h00 Members R7 Visitors R8
- 13 / 14 GIANTS CASTLE AREA: Bannermans Hut - 8 people.
Leader Dick Billiet. Tel: 813672
- Wed 17 PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING AT 7.45 p.m. R1.00 per person includes refreshments.
B.B.C. Documentary videos will be shown on the Bataleur Eagle, his habitat, breeding etc. and the "Okavango".
Films courtesy of Bruce Medway.
- Sun 21 ISMOUTH HIGH: Leader Scotty Vallance. Tel: 296409.
Depart Durban 08h00 Pinetown 08h30. Members R6 Visitors R7
- 20 / 21 MOONLIGHT HIKE - WILDCOAST SUN SOUTHWARDS: Tents required.
Leader Eason Bussy. Tel: 473400.
- Sun 28 BEACH HIKE: Leader Betty Smetryns. Tel: 445902.
Depart Durban only 08h00. Members R6 Visitors R7
- 27 / 28 PHOLELA CAVE: Leader Steve Watson. Tel: 214512
Easy walks - not much climbing and lots of swimming.

JUNE 1989

- 3 / 4 STILLERUST HUT: Day hikes from Kamberg Nature Reserve.
10 People max. Leader Dick Billiet. Tel: 813672.

Any hiker wishing to organise an unscheduled trip please contact Dick Billiet -
Tel: 813672 - who will redirect those members who, due to late bookings, have
missed hikes.

For extended weekend hikes please contact Philip Gatenby. Tel: 213592 W/H

FOR SALE: Extra Special Price Reductions !!!

Club T/Shirts R10

Gas Cylinders R2-20

Both items available from Winnie Jackson.

Remember your club membership entitles you to discounts from:

- Outdoor Inn Durban
- Outdoor Centre Pietermaritzburg
- Bulwer Hotel

This may be of interest to you : In 1969 the Mvumbi Hike members paid 55c and
visitors 65c ! Live for today for tomorrow
inflation will get you !



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The A.G.M. was reasonably well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Once again
a special thankyou to Phil and Helene for sharing their lovely garden and home with
us.

Our thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work and sincere efforts which
made the past year so successful and enjoyable. We are sorry to see some of them
go but the good news is that they will still be 'doing their bit' as leaders of vari-
ous hikes. Thankyou to those who have taken on another year and welcome to the 'newies'

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Wendy Gibson, Judith Chadwick, Christine Laurent, Trevor James and R.C. Jacomelli.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Winnie Jackson who was voted by the committee as their member
to receive the Club Trophy.

Sharon Rodman (formerly de Smit) on her marriage. Our very best
wishes for your future.

NOTE FOR NEW HIKERS (AND A REMINDER FOR OLD HIKERS)

1. Bring 2 litres of water - for drinking and for your share in the billy can for
tea and coffee - rated the best cup of the week!
2. Wear sensible shoes - NOT slaps, ballet or high heeled shoes - don't laugh -
it happens.
3. Bring a hat and rain coat.
4. Berg trips require more specialised equipment. Check with Dick Billiet.
5. Don't litter or damage plants.
6. Don't go ahead of the leader - it can result in chaos.
7. Some hikes are more strenuous than others. When in doubt check with the leader
or with Steve Watson or Dick Billiet.
8. All persons taking part in Club activities do so entirely at their own risk and
are required to adhere to club rules and instructions from the leaders.

IN MEMORIAM: Margaret Vaughan Moore

"Champagne shall be my castle gay
Cathkin shall be my bed
The Sentinel shall be my watch
While the Monk's Cowl clothes my head
The grey Cathedral be my church
The Organ Pipes shall swell
And the soaring Saddle carry me home
While the Monk shall toll the bell."

("Requim" - Harry Barker 1958)

With Margaret's passing on Sunday 19 February 1989 - so many of us lost a warm, loving loyal friend - for wherever Margaret went she gathered friends and she nurtured these friendships.

Margaret joined the Durban Ramblers Hiking Club in 1952. She always took an active interest in club affairs - serving on the committee as secretary and later her interest in photography led her into the position of Photographic Chairlady. She was also a hike leader of great ability. For her dedication and valuable contributions to the club Margaret was made an Honorary Life Member.

Apart from hiking Margaret was no mean hockey player and represented Durban and Districts and Natal in this sport. She spent much time with the Mountain Club of South Africa in the mountains she loved so much. She was an accomplished cook and the "Moore" hospitality was well known. She left South Africa to live in Birmingham England to be near her only relatives. She had return visits in 1983 and 1986.

Go well Margaret. We will miss your laughter and smiling face but your memory will live on.

Marge Blake.

Our condolences to Avril Myers on the death of her father.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE EVENTS

JUNE: 9 - 18: One week Eastern Transvaal Adventure, incorporating Kaapsehoop Trail. Contact Regina Billiet for detailed itinerary. Tel: (H) 813672

17 - 24: The Strandloper Trail - Kei River Mouth to Bonza Bay
The Strandlopers were the early inhabitants of the Eastern Cape Coast eking out an existence by living off shellfish and whatever else the waves washed up. Many shipwreck survivors trudged along the same route, eating the same things just to stay alive. Why none of them thought of going with the Ramblers Club has never been established!

This is an invitation to you to do 5 days of beachcombing, retracing those wave-washed steps of the Strandlopers of yesteryear.

To book a place phone: Eamon Bussy (H) 47 3400 (W) 22 4030 x 2069

21 - 23: Sahlbathebe Lodge: Bussy's Birthday Trip. 20 persons maximum. "Bring expensive gifts" says Leader Eamon Bussy. Tel: (H) 47 3400

DEPARTURE POINTS FOR DAY HIKES:

DURBAN: Musgrave Park parking area - corner Berea and Musgrave Roads.
PINETOWN: Union Main Centre - Old Main Road outside Big Bite. Please do not park your car right outside Big Bite.

VENUE PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETINGS:

Randall Scout Hall, Milner Road (behind Cowey Centre, next to electricity sub station)

DIARY OF HIKES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

APRIL 1989

- Sun 2 MONT AUX SEAL: Leader Mike Morillion. Tel: 3091566
Depart Durban 08h00 Pinetown 08h30. Members R7 Visitors R8
- Sun 9 MOUNT ASHLEY-LYNNWOOD: Leader Betty Smetryns. Tel: 445902
Depart Durban 08h00 Pinetown 08h30. Members R7 Visitors R8
- 7 / 9 ROYAL NATIONAL: Leader Scotty Vallance. Tel: 296409
Day hikes from camp site.
- 5 / 9 Low traverse from Mkhomazi Forest Station to Loteni and back via a different route. Tents : 10 - 12 people max.
Leader Dick Billiet. Tel: 813672.
- Sun 16 INGOMANKHULU: Leader Eamon Bussy. Tel: 473400
Depart Durban 08h00 Pinetown 08h30. Members R6 Visitors R7
- 15 / 16 Climb Mount Proudfoot and visit Mcoiriver Falls. Tents 10 - 12 people.
Leader Dick Billiet. Tel: 813672.
- Wed. 19 PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING AT 7.45 p.m. R1.00 per person includes refreshments.
Philip Gatenby, Mike Morillion and Tom de Waal present "The Brandwater Trail - the Free State hiking trail undertaken by the club in December last year.
- Sun 23 NPAMPANYONI: Leader Tom de Waal. Tel: 474766
Depart Durban only 07h30. Members R6 Visitors R7.
- 22 / 23 BIRD'S NEST CAVE - VERGELEGEN EXPLORATION
Leader Jack Aumord. Tel: 423245.
- Sun 30 UMKOMAAS GORGE: Leader Bill Hyslop. Tel: 726763.
Depart Durban only 08h30. Members R7 Visitors R8
- 29 / 1 Cathedral Peak from Shereman's Cave including exploration of Rainbow Gorge. 12 people max. Leader Gavin Grix. Tel: 429019.

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- 6 / 7 MTAMVUMA NATURE RESERVE: Lovely easy day hikes from Port Edward camp site or the cottages. A visit to the Casino Saturday night.
Leader Steve Watson. Tel: 214512
- 4 / 7 Champagne and Cathedral Peak area round trip on contour path. Tents required. 54km - height 2278, height climbed 900m.
Leader Philip Gatenby. Tel: 213592.