



DURBAN DECEMBER 1962.

RAMBLERS  
CLUB





DECEMBER FEATURES. Cont.ZAMA FALLS. 2/12.

This will be a new hike for many Ramblers as it is some time since the club last went on this outing. We shall be hiking along the valley below the Kloof Tower, and shall stop for our lunch a short distance from the actual Falls. Don't forget to bring you costumes, as you will be able to walk up to the Falls and swim in the deep pool. From what I have heard of the refreshing temperature of the water it will be interesting to see who is the first one in, and whats more important, who stays in longest.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: 8/12.

This promises to be another highly entertaining evening, so do come along and bring your friends. Dress is casual, and don't forget costumes for fun in the pool. There will be a braaivleis, but please bring your own meat and eating irons, including mugs. Coffee and rolls will however be provided. The charge for this wonderful evening's fun is only 20c each, and we are relying on your support.

PICNIC: 9/12

As this picnic is an informal outing there is no charge. Willard Beach is a very pleasant spot where the club has been before. There is, I believe, a natural swimming pool, and a delightful stretch of beach.

HOTEL WEEKEND. 15-17th Dec.

Those of us who spent the September long weekend at the Mountain Park Hotel can assure Ramblers that it will be a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Denise Philp still has 2 vacancies, and the cost is R4-00. If you are interested please contact her before the 5th of December.

## EDITORIAL.

Dear Ramblers, I should just like to mention in this newsletter that the Club is making an all out effort at the beginning of next year to attract new members. Special vouchers entitling visitors out on their first hike in January to a free hike will be enclosed with your next magazine, and those visitors who join the club after this outing will have R1-00 deducted from their subscription. This will give visitors an ideal opportunity to become members, and the committee would be grateful if each member would encourage visitors to join us on hikes.

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NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome to the Club the following new members:  
Philip Mortimer.  
Ivan Dirneik.

I hope that we shall have their support for many years.

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

Members will be interested to hear that one of our Ex-Chairmen, Ernie Newbery, and his wife have returned to South Africa, and are living in Fish Hoek, thus joining the ranks of exiled Durban Ramblers living in the Cape.

Another Cape Town exile, Mickie Thomas, has been on holiday in Durban recently, and came down to the Market Place one Sunday Morning hoping to find all his old friends. Much to his disappointment only a handful of people turned up for the hike, and he had to forgo seeing many familiar faces. Anyway it was nice seeing you Mickie.

BADGES.

Trevor Culverwell has had a blazer badge made with the club motto and symbol embroidered on it, and if anyone is interested in finding out further details of this badge please contact Trevor. His phone number is 35930 (home).

I should also like to remind members that metal Club badges are available from Lindy on hikes at 55c each.

Ed.

HIKE TO NABI SUMMIT.

The weather was very unsettled this Sunday, and as only a handful of people gathered at the Market Place the official hike was cancelled. One party decided to go to Nagle Dam, and the remaining 4 of us went on to Pinetown, where we were joined by 2 others. We then arranged to hike on MacPherson's farm in the Cato Ridge area. We were very fortunate as we struck very little rain, and after following the route to MacPherson's Cascades for some way, we branched off along a small side stream and picniced at a sheltered spot beside a pretty pool.

SHELTER FALLS HIKE.

18/11/62.

It was most encouraging to see the good crowd, which turned out for this hike, and we were particularly glad to welcome so many visitors. It was a pleasant surprise when Eric Tureczek, on holiday from Kenya, and sporting a handsome beard, joined us on the hike.

When we left Durban the weather was fair, but by the time we reached Maritzburg it was pouring with rain. Luckily at Howick the rain had stopped, and we met the Maritzburg Ramblers and began slithering and sliding down the path to the gorge at the bottom of the falls, where



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Contemplating beauty.



Morning Stroll

Shelter Falls Hike. Cont.

we had a magnificent view of the Howick Falls. Then we made our way perilously from rock to rock along the river, expecting any moment to land in the river, as everything was as slippery as glass after the rain. There were many hazards along our route; precipitous slopes, tricky river crossings and numerous wide slides. Light rain fell for some of the way, and we were glad to reach the lunch spot with its thatched shelter.

After our brew most of us gathered around the fire to dry our socks and shoes. The actual Shelter Falls were about 100 yards downstream, and we boulder hopped and slithered down to have a look at them. After a short lunch-break, we were off on our way back again, and climbed up to the level of the top of the falls. By now light rain was falling as we wandered across the veld admiring the wild flowers so abundant after the good rains. We stopped to get a different view of the Howick Falls, and mushroom lovers filled hats, billies and any other available containers till they were brimming over with these delicacies. On our way through a farm Margaret Moore almost adopted a calf, which just about swallowed her hand, and then kept giving her wet drooling nudges. When it saw that she was set on deserting it, it resorted to baleful moos and the last we heard from it was a pathetic mooooooooo! We joined up with the Barkloof road just beyond this farm, and after a short way were back in Howick again. Soon the Falls Tea-room came into sight and we were very conscious of muddy streaks on legs and arms. Was I longing for a hot bath! After thanking the Maritzburg Ramblers for this happy outing we set off home in light rain and mist.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING. 21/11/62.

It was very encouraging to see all the members whom we seldom see, who turned out for this meeting at Margaret Moore's home.

The subject for the competition was general, and most fittingly Margaret was the proud owner of the 2 winning slides. Those of you who were at this meeting will be able to read with new insight the innumerable jokes which are always cropping up about how women chatter. Des Teague showed us a selection of his slides, and after a delicious tea Margaret at last showed us some of her overseas slides, which were very interesting. With a thank you to the Moore's we rounded off the last of this year's interesting meetings.

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RAMBLING THROUGH 1962.

As we shall soon be setting out on the last hike of the year I have been glancing back through the newsletters for 1962 to find a complete picture of the club's activities in 1962.

Appropriately the first hike of the year was a new one to Raven's Ridge in the Winston Park area of Gillits. We then switched direction, and our second hike was in the North Coast area to the Pumphouse. In February the Club were given a treat, and we had a really wonderful free evening's entertainment at Mike Castleden's home in Westville. Also in February was our Annual General meeting which was preceded by a picnic on a sweltering hot summer's day. Then in a fortnight's time we hiked up Table Mountain in the Nagle Dam area, and had a really full day's hike. Those of us who camped at Hammarisdale Falls in March will long remember what a damp weekend it was.

Rambling through 1962. Cont.

Crocodile Valley in the Inanda area was our next hike, and we once again waded across our old friend the Umgeni River. Then on the 31st March Housey-Housey was the order of the evening at the Ambler's home in Winston Park. In April our hike was to Scras Pool in the Kloof Gorge.

Easter camp was once again the highlight of the year, and was held at Champagne Castle in the Drakensberg, from the 20th April to the 23rd. It was very well attended, and everyone went home with happy memories. In May we went to Hippo Pool in the Nagle Dam area. This was a new hike in 1961, and it proved so popular that it was repeated this year. During this month we also hiked to Shongweni Dam, which is a well known spot to most of us, and picniced beside the river just below the dam. Topp's Needle is one of our regular outings in the winter, as there is no water at the lunch spot, and this year we went there in the first week of June. Once again the adventurous ones climbed to the top of the Needle. Hardy Ramblers were disappointed when the hike to Wayonda on the 27th was cancelled and we went to Black Rock instead. Some of us however heaved a sigh of relief.

One of the most novel entertainments we have had was the Chinese Dinner in June, and the Entertainment Committee really excelled themselves on this occasion. The combined hike with the Maritzburg Ramblers was to Aloe Ridge and the old Umlaas Dam in the Cato Ridge area. Also in July we were very lucky to have a camp arranged at National Park, and the wonderfully invigorating weather and the comparative luxury of camping conditions all helped to make it a most enjoyable weekend. The last hike that month was a very dry, dusty one to Shongweni Valley. The venue for the 1962 Annual Amble was Westmead Circuit. Cont.

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Rambling through 1962. Cont.

Once again a large number of enthusiastic walkers took part in both the women and the men's races. There must have been many sore feet and weary legs the next day. At last enthusiasts had their hike to Wayonda in August, and were able to prove how tough they were. This was followed on a stifling day by the hike to Zigzag Creek, which ends up at the far end of Shongweni Dam.

A hotel weekend at Bulwer was arranged for the long weekend in September, and it was a wonderful thrill to romp in the snow on Bulwer Mountain, following the heavy snowfall the previous week. The first hike in Sept. was to Glenview in the North Coast area, and the next hike was in the other direction to Raven's Ridge for the 2nd time this year. In Oct. we had an experimental hike entitled 'Operation X' to find a new hike for the club in the Topp's Needle area of Hillcrest. Unfortunately it was very poorly attended, but the few pioneering spirits who entrusted themselves to Dymock, had a very enjoyable day. The Treasure Hunt was a very successful entertainment, and an exceptionally large crowd of members and visitors all turned up for the fun, and were not disappointed. Then once again we went on the evergreen hike to Umleas falls in the Georgedale area, and as always found the Falls a very pleasant lunch spot. With this we are up to date, and as you can see our activities have spanned a wide area, and we have covered a large number of miles on the lorry, by cars, or, on foot. May 1963 be as interesting and satisfying a year for Ramblers as has been 1962.

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Brian Harding is trying to sell his red Volkswagen which has done 17,000 miles for R1,000. If you are interested contact Brian by ringing 29647 or 68229 during office hours.



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