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DECEMBER - JANUARY 1994

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HIKING 94

Hiking Federation Of South Africa have sent us some typed brochures. If you would like one, please contact Lynda our secretary 3051188 (h) 3005106 (b).

RON GEORGES' PUZZLE

Ron Georges sent me a note saying that during a rainy afternoon, he amused himself by making up the following puzzle. If you enjoy what I would call a brain teaser, let me know, as he has made up another two.

On a particularly wet and wintry day, only a handful of stalwarts turned up for the Ramblers Hiking Club's weekly outing. For most of the hike they formed three groups as follows:

- (A) A group of two, comprising the leader and one enthusiast who managed to keep up with him.
- (B) The main group of three hikers.
- (C) A solitary hiker bringing up the rear.

Interestingly, the number of persons in group A, multiplied by the number in group B, equalled the total number on the hike ($2 \times 3 = 6$)

The following Sunday dawned bright and clear, resulting in a much better turn out. This time the hike spread out into 5 groups, A.B.C.D.E. again with a single "tail end Charlie" as the last group. As before, the number of people in group A multiplied by the number in group B equalled the total number on the hike, but, remarkably, this was also true for the number in group C multiplied by the number in group D. Group B was 5 larger than group D.

How many people were in each group?

(See further on for answer).

SUGGESTIONS

1. With the rain and mud that we have hiked in of late, I think it would be a good idea to take a change of shoes, especially as we usually travel in some one else's car. So saving dirty car mats.
2. As the billy can takes so long to boil, a suggestion is that we all bring along a 250ml plastic bottle of tap water.

IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
Your Boss tells you not to bother taking off your coat
Your wife says "Good Morning Bill!" and your name is Kevin
You walk to work and find your dress is hooked in the back of your pantihose.

DO YOU REMEMBER ? ?

Remember when HIPPY meant big in the hips,
And a TRIP involved travel in cars, planes and ships?
When POT was a vessel for cooking things in,
And HOOKED was what Grandmother's rug might have been?

When FIX was a verb that meant mend or repair,
And BE-IN meant merely existing somewhere?
When RING-A-DING was the sound of a bell,
When QUEER was when you didn't feel well?

When NEAT meant organised, tidy and clean,
And GRASS was a ground cover, normally green?
When lights and not people were SWITCHED ON and OFF,
And the PILL might have been what you took for a cough?

When CAMP meant to quarter outdoors in a tent,
And POP was what the weasel went?
When GROOVY meant furrowed with channels and hollows,
And BIRDS were winged creatures like robins and swallows?

When FUZZ was a substance really fluffy, like lint,
And BREAD came from bakeries...not from the mint?
When SQUARE meant a 90 degree angular form,
And COOL was a temperature, not quite warm?

When ROLL meant a bun, and ROCK was a stone,
And HANG-UP was something you did with a phone?
When CHICKEN meant poultry and BAG meant a sack,
And JUNK, trashy cast-offs and old bric-a-brac?

When JAM was preserves that you spread on your bread,
And CRAZY meant barmy, not right in the head?
When CAT was a feline..a KITTEN grown up,
And TEA was a liquid you drank from a cup?

When SWINGER was someone who swung in a swing,
And PAD was a soft sort of cushiony thing?
When WAY-OUT meant distant, and far, far away,
And a man couldn't sue you for calling him GAY?

When TOUGH described meat too unyielding to chew,
And MAKING A SCENE was a rude thing to do?

Words once so sensible, sober and serious
Are making the freak scene, like psychodelirious.
It's groovy man, groovy, but English it's not.
Me thinks that our language is going to pot.

DECEMBER - JANUARY 1994 HIKING PROGRAMME

Check starting place and times for individual hikes. Hikers, please make every effort to get to our meeting places at least 10 minutes earlier so that fees can be collected and lifts arranged timeously.

NB: CORRECT MONEY ONLY, WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE DAY HIKE ORGANISER DOES NOT CARRY LOOSE CHANGE.

Day hikers, do not forget your two litres of water, a hat, and a cup for lunch time tea and coffee.

MEETING PLACES (Durban) Musgrave Park, Berea
(Pinetown) Union Main Centre Old Main Road.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THIS MONTHS LEADERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Billiet Dick & Regina	H 813672	
de Waal Tom	H 474766	
Ferguson sue	H 7053404	W 7054055\6\7
Foster Jean	H 721539	W 7052433
Gatenby Philip	H 213592	
Hyslop Bill	W 7018996	
Kirsten Margret	H 441467	
Strayton Joe	H 723480	
Watson Steve	H 814847	

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:

28 November - Sunday
MONTAZUMA (South Coast)
Once again we will be walking on George Archibald's property. Bring your swimming cossie- hat-suntan lotion. Guest leader George Archibald.
Contact Sue Ferguson
Ptn 7.00 Dbn 7.30 Members R12 Visitors R14.

4-5 December - weekend
UMHLALI (North Coast)
Something different, a coastal camp at Umhlali. The Salt Rock Hotel offers us breakfast and dinner and camping on their campsite, (where there are full ablution facilities) at an all included price of R55.00. Hiking opportunities include 'The Rock Tidal Marine Walk' which is suitable for the fit as well as other beach and inland walks, not too far away in the Harold Johnson Nature Reserve adjoining the historical sites of the Zulu wars at Fort Pearson. Camp accommodation is limited, so please book with Margret in advance.
Leader Margret Kirsten
Estimated petrol cost. Members R10 Visitors R12
Bookings will close on 23 November

5 December - Sunday
UMHLALI (North Coast)
We will be joining up with the weekend crowd.
Contact Sue Ferguson
Ptn 8.00 Dbn 8.30.
Members R10 Visitors R12.

10-12 December - weekend
STILLERUS AT KAMBERG
Parks Board accommodation booked for ten people only.
Leaders Dick and Regina Billiet.

12 December - Sunday
ANNUAL SOCIAL AT MICK MCCONNELL'S near Curry's Post. Short morning hike. Bring your own meat and drinks, plus salads from the ladies if you don't mind, for all to share. Don't forget your cossies Let's have a party!!
Contact Sue Ferguson
Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00
Members R14 Visitors R16.

16-19 December - 4 days
BERG TRIP Replaces the traditional New Year trip. We will visit the Vergelegen Nature Reserve and walk to the highest point in Southern Africa (Thaba Ntlenyana 11425ft) on the second day. On a scale of 5, the trip rates as 3, but on the second-day, a range of activities from 0 to 5 will be available. The return will be via the Sulphur Spring, Kaula Cave and the spectacular Burnera Ridge.
Contact Philip Gatenby.

19 December - Sunday
TANGLEWOOD FARM
We will walk part of the Ingweni Trail (m.o.s.s) to have lunch at this lovely farm.
Leader Joe Strayton
Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30
Members R6 Visitors R8

MERRY CHRISTMAS

26 DECEMBER - Sunday
MLOWENI
This hike will help you recover from your over indulgence of yesterday.
Leader Margret Kirsten
Ptn 9.00 only
Members R6 Visitors R8

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2 January - Sunday
No hike planned as yet, contact Sue Ferguson.

9 January - Sunday
CEDARA STATE FOREST (Hilton area)
Medium hike through some lovely forestry areas. Great views from the high point.
Leader Sue Ferguson
Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00
Members R12 Visitors R14.

16 January - Sunday

MPAMBAYONI (South Coast)

Medium length hike with lots of river crossings, if there's any water. A very popular hike.

Leader Tom de Waal

Ptn 7.00 Dbn 7.30

Members R12 Visitors R14

This hike rescheduled from 28 November 1993.

21-24 January 3 days

NGELE TRAIL

It's blueberry and mushroom time again in this beautiful and popular area. Booking for ten hikers. R45 deposit.

Leader Dick and Regina Billiet

23 January - Sunday

SORA'S POOLS A short hike, but some steep uphill. Bring cossie for some swimming in pools at lunch spot.

Leader Jean Foster

Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30

Members R6 Visitors R8.

30 January - Sunday.

FERNCLIFF (Pmb area) Medium hike on the tree covered hills overlooking Pietermaritzburg- some breathtaking views.

Leader Phil Gatenby

Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30

Members R10 Visitors R12

NB: Due to the earlier than usual publication of the magazine, hikes to the Berg for January have not been arranged because of the time factor. However, should anyone have any ideas or desire to do a Berg trip, Steve says he would be quite willing to organise and lead.

ADVANCE NOTICES

6 February - Sunday

MCINTOSH CASCADES Medium hike in shady conditions. Opportunity for swimming at the Cascades before the steep ascent from the valley.

Welcome back to our leader Bill

Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30

Members R6 Visitors R8.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM:

Name: _____

New Address: _____

Old Address: _____

New Tel No. (H) _____ (W) _____

Please forward to:

The Secretary
Durban Ramblers Hiking Club
31 Kingslynn
60 St Andrews Street
Durban
4001

**RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT FEES FOR BERG
HIKES PER PERSON.**

Southern Berg R35.00
Central Berg R40.00
Northern Berg R40.00

FOR SALE R10.00 EACH

Ramblers T-Shirts
and
Sun Hats

Contact: Joe Strayton 723480H

The above prices include toll fees.

**TO TRAVEL HOPEFULLY IS BETTER THAN TO
ARRIVE**

Vic says his hikes are going well. He is keeping them within a 20 kilometre radius of Durban, and has visited such places as Paradise Valley, Burman Bush, Kloof Gorge and St Helier. Anyone interested in participating on the 1st Thursday of each month in these hikes which are about three hours in length should contact Vic on 237165 home.

APOLOGIES TO VIC FOR MY ERROR IN LAST MONTHS MAGAZINE WHERE I PRINTED THE "LAST THURSDAY" OF THE MONTH WHERE AS IT SHOULD BE THE "FIRST THURSDAY".

HIRING OF EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBERS

Tents: R7.50 p/day
Deposit: R50.00
Backpacks (new): R5.00 p/day
Mats: R1.00 p/day
Stoves with fuel: R2.50 p/day

Contact: Philip Gatenby
213592.
For tents contact Gerald Hall
251089

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE:

The hike was made up as follows:

Group A Number 4
B 7
C 14
D 2
E 1

Total 28

A x B = 4 x 7 = 28
C x D = 14 x 2 = 28

B is 5 larger than D

THE RUSH HOUR

The "rush hour" calls up memories of struggling from the office to the train, head down and umbrella up, on a dirty winters evening in Manchester. To my surprise, it exists when we go hiking as well. Have you noticed how people make a final dash at the end of a days hiking? They could have spent two or three days walking at a sensible speed over the mountains of the Drakensberg, but once they are on the last hour of their homeward journey, they are like hounds which have caught the scent. Feet and knees which have successfully withstood steep terrain and rough ground without so much as an ache, are then battered in the last lemming like dash to their cars.

I have noticed it on day hikes too...just when my instincts are to look around and have a few last glimpses of the beauties of the scene, there is the pitter-patter of feet belting off to catch a TV programme or an extra beer.

Ah well, there's nowt so queer as folk...as we would say in my native Lancashire, and as I am expecting to be in these native haunts of mine when this magazine appears, may I wish you all a lovely Christmas and good hiking.

Refreshed from inhaling the freezing mists over the Pennine hills, I look forward to rejoining you in the heat of Durban Ramblers 'rush hour' in February.

Bill

HIKING FEDERATION OF SA

Our club has recently rejoined the Federation, which we were instrumental in founding some years ago. The Federation is actively involved (in respect of expertise and/or cash) in the development of nine trails in our province, and is also concerned with introducing the youth of the country to an awareness of the environment via, hiking. The raising of funds in this region for these purposes is also desirable. If there is anyone interested in assisting with these activities, would they please contact Philip Gatenby 031 213592.

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Incorporating the AGM of the Federation and a jamboree of hiking and sightseeing activities in the environs of Knysna, will be held from 6-14 May 1994. Details and a provisional programme obtainable from Lynda Holmes 3051188H. Bookings for transport to Philip Gatenby 213592. Join the largest gathering of hikers to be seen in Southern Africa in 1994.

GOOD NEWS ... WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED LORNA DOONE HOSTEL FOR EASTER!!!

We would like to extend a warm and hearty welcome to new members Edward Walters, Brigitte Lewis, Richard Shearer. May you have many happy and care free years with us.