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## **THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB**

**1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER: JANUARY – MARCH 2013**

### **CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS**

The end of 2012 is upon us and that means we are putting out the hiking programme for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013 – it seems almost unbelievable. May I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their dedication in making this Club a happy place but, more importantly, on behalf of the Committee, I wish all members a happy New Year and a great time over this festive season.

Our annual Christmas party on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December was, I am sure enjoyed by all, even if the curry was a little toooo hot for some! I thank the Chameleon's for providing the music. Thanks to all members for making that day a special day.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2013 we will be holding our AGM and I sincerely hope many members will attend. It is a forum for members to bring new ideas to the club, to discuss some issues, and to change those that members deem need changing. Some of the Committee members have served three years, so they will be resigning and we would welcome new blood onto the board. Committee members can come back onto the Committee with a different portfolio. All this makes for positive change. Forms for nomination are in this magazine and I urge members to use them.

There are, however, many in the Club who give so much, especially Hike Leaders on whom we depend for an interesting hike; a special thank you to them. Please, the Club needs more Hike Leaders and I would like to see more hikers volunteering to lead. Simply contact the Hike Organisers to come on board.

To those of you travelling over the festive season, have a safe trip and we look forward to seeing you all back hiking in early January.

Remember that hiking helps you to discover new places and explore your local area. Hiking is fun, keep it that way.

Regards  
Werner

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## MEMBER NEWS

### New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to all our new members and hope you enjoy many happy hours hiking the hills and dales with us.

Tina Regnard  
Armina Peer  
Abdullah Dada

William Hallat  
Dave Ward  
Rehana Dada

### Subs for 2013

Single Member R70  
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Country Family R60

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### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in the meeting room of the Palmiet Nature Reserve, Old New Germany Road, on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. There is parking to the right near the bottom of the road.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. To confirm Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
4. To consider any matters arising from the minutes
5. To receive and approve the Chairman's Report
6. To receive and approve the Financial report
7. To pay respects to passing members
8. To elect office bearers and the Executive Committee
9. To elect the Honorary Auditor
10. To present the Floating Trophy
11. To receive any other business of which due notice has been given

## **Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012 At Palmiet Nature Reserve**

**Welcome:** Trevor welcomed all to the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM of Ramblers

**Present:** See attendance register. 48 members present

**Apologies:** Glen Pyle, Christine & Ron Horley, Adele Labuschagne, Erica Clark, Gary Sharpe, Craft, Errol Spring, Trevor Barraclough, Judy Corvin, Judy Conlan, Judy & Jade Nightscales, Steve Cooper, Callum Easton

**Minutes of 2011 A.G.M.:** Confirmed: Proposed - Jill Howarth, Seconded – Coleen Seath

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

### **Chairman's Report:**

The year 2011 – 2012 got off to a very tragic start when one of our Saturday stalwarts, Herbie Edwards, had a heart attack and died during a hike at Roosfontein Nature Reserve. Herbie was one of nature's gentlemen and is missed by all who knew him. I'd like to take this opportunity to commend Jill Dunstone and Philip Gatenby for their efforts to revive him before the arrival of the ER24 medics.

Moving on, this year the club has gone from strength to strength despite the continuing recession. Our membership increased by 35 single people and 12 couples, making an additional 59 new members on our books, most of whom arrived on our doorstep via our website. The increase in membership fees means that over R3500 of the R5000 that the new website cost has been recovered in the first year.

The most pleasing thing is that a lot of the new members are rather younger than our current committee, which as you can see is not too difficult. I can see in a few years' time some of these new Ramblers will be managing the club as committee members, even though they don't realise it yet!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people who made interesting contributions to our web page, either via digital photos or hike reports, well done!

However, the real success of the Ramblers lies in what we do best, i.e. hiking, and I must compliment once again the efforts of our hike organisers and hike leaders. Their commitment to exploring new venues for day and weekend hikes cannot be faulted. All of our day hikes on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays are extremely well attended, with increased members and visitors, and our weekend jaunts have once again proved popular, averaging over 20 people per trip. Well done, guys.

In addition to our club hikes, we were approached by Getaway magazine to lead a hike for them. This was an effort to promote hiking throughout South Africa as similar hikes were organised in the Cape, Free State and Gauteng. The event was sponsored by Hi-Tec. We led around 50 hikers, most of them first-timers, on an extended Alverstone Nature Reserve hike. The feedback from both sponsors and participants was very positive. The event was so successful that we've been asked to lead another hike on 29<sup>th</sup> April this year, at a different venue. I'm still negotiating certain aspects of the event, but I'll keep the incoming committee informed of what the Getaway magazine requests.

Further good news is that due to our increased revenue and ongoing efforts by the committee to reduce running costs, we feel that there is no need to increase subscriptions for next year. You can all help to reduce costs by getting your magazine by e-mail. The cost for producing and posting hard copy magazines for last year was a staggering R2840, by far the biggest expenditure on our books. Margot will give a full breakdown of our finances in due course.

This special 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year will be celebrated with a party at Krantzklouf Nature Reserve on 19<sup>th</sup> May, beginning at 12h00 and finishing at 18h00. In addition, certain events aimed at the more senior members of the Ramblers will take place throughout the year. The Anniversary sub-committee comprising Marge, Colin and Coleen, is organising nostalgic trips to places they visited many years ago, the first trip being in June so watch out for details in the magazine. Incidentally, this year Marge Blake celebrates 63 years as a member of Durban Ramblers. Well done, Marge, I hope you remain a member for many more years.

Finally, I'd like to thank this fantastic committee for all their hard work and support over the past three years. The time has passed so quickly and I've thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being Chairman of this great club.

It only remains for me to thank everyone for your support and wish you and the incoming committee the very best for the future.

Proposed: Jill Howarth      Seconded: Coleen Seath

### **Financial Report:**

I will start off with good news as our subscriptions collected have increased by R4000 mainly due to all the new members.

Expenses have stayed about the same if the cost of the website is deducted from last year. As Trevor said the biggest expense is the magazine costs and thanks to all the members currently receiving theirs by e-mail. If anyone has changed their e mail address please advise us

Standard Bank is now charging R15 per cheque deposit into our account. Please try to do electronic transfers as there is no cost to the club or cash deposits, which are now cheaper than cheques.

The fixed deposit has been increased to R73084. Interest rates have gone down again and we rely on this for a large part of our Income.

The 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party is coming up and funds will be required for this

All in all it has been a successful year and the subscriptions will not have to be increased.

Thank You

Proposed: Philip Gatenby      Seconded: Denise Warburton

**Amendments to the Constitution:** No amendments to the constitution were proposed

### **Election of Office Bearers:**

The following office bearers have been elected to serve on the committee.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairman	Werner Vanslemsbrouk	Coleen Seath	Trevor
Secretary	Ingrid D'Eathe	Still serving	
Treasurer/Data base	Biff Maggs	Margot	Trevor
Day Hike Organiser	Marie Gurr	Jenny Rooks	Trevor
Saturday Hike Organiser	Philip Collyer	Trevor	Ingrid
Trails/Berg Organiser	Jill Dunstone	Coleen Seath	Trevor
Socials Organiser	Ray van Vuuren	Still serving	
Magazine Editor	Linda Hiles	Ingrid	Margot
Publicity Organiser	Coleen Seath	Still serving	
Ordinary Member	Colin Turner	Still serving	

**Appointment of Honorary Auditor:**

Colin Turner was nominated auditor for 2012/2013 by the committee members. This was seconded by all club members. Thanks to Colin for being available and willing.

**In Memoriam:** Herbie Edwards was remembered in Chairman's report.  
Bill Hyslop in England, he was remembered by many hikers.

**Honorary Life Membership:** No honorary life members this year  
Marge Blake was commended on being a member for 63 years. Quite a feat!

**Club Trophy:** Awarded to Jon Stevens for his ongoing enthusiasm & his recces of new hikes  
Also a regular leader Sunday, Wednesdays and some Saturdays. A deserving recipient.

**General:**

Derrick suggested we collect email addresses at AGM – we managed to get a few.  
Biff thanked Trevor for a good job well done.  
Derrick brought up the confusion with Rambler & BackPackers hiking publicity.  
Committee realises that this issue has to be addressed.  
Pam mentioned that she and a few other hikers joined ramblers after the Getaway Hike was advertised last year.  
Ingrid asked members to please forward .doc documents as many folk do not have .docx  
Ingrid asked for a 'graphic designer' to please come forward to redesign our membership card.  
Thanks to Wendy Hall, who has offered to design one for us.  
Subs are due by 1<sup>st</sup> April. After the April-June mag goes out and subs are not paid, members will not receive another mag.  
Jeanette suggested we put ICE on cell phone = In case of Emergency.  
Sandra asked that the new committee follow up on new hikers, get them to join and pay up.  
R400 was paid to Palmiet Management Committee for use of Palmiet Facilities.

The meeting closed at 1pm followed by a very successful braai with more members arriving.

**Next committee meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012**

**Venue: Werner's home**

Portfolios vacant 2013:  
Secretary  
Publicity  
Ordinary member.

Calling all members who would like to contribute to the running of the club - we're keen for new input, always open-minded to ideas and different thinking. There are just four meetings on a Saturday morning during the year. Volunteering to be on the committee or to lead hikes is your way to give back to and contribute to making Ramblers a fun and interesting club.

After the meeting, braai fires will be provided by the club. Bring your food, drink, cutlery, crockery and chair and enjoy a social braai after the meeting.

## ARTICLES

### The Christmas Party 2012

Saturday, 1 December dawned fair after several days of very wet weather, and although it was overcast it didn't dampen the spirits of 50 odd party-goers who attended the Christmas party at the Krantzkloof Interpretive Centre. The hall had been decked out in a Christmas theme of red and green. Our friends of several years now – "The Chameleons" provided the music and they played many of hits of yester-year that are so popular with us mature Ramblers.



For a couple of years our Christmas party has been a braai, but this year we opted not

to have a braai and instead had a wonderful spread of cold meats, mixed salads, curry and rice and vegetable breyani. This was followed by fruit salad and ice cream which proved to be popular with all the Ramblers.

Thanks to all the committee members who made this event such a success.

Werner Vanslembrouck

## SOCIALS

Thursday 21 March Human rights Day: A morning walk to Nkutu Gorge and Inanda Dam view sites. Contact Colin 031 7083517

Watch the Ramblers Facebook and websites for notice of social events. Hikes and hike photos are put on the website and Facebook.

## WEEKENDS AWAY FIRST QUARTER

**Friday 18 - Saturday 19 January 2013**

**Xaxaza Leisure Resort, Mtunzini**

Cabin vans with fully equipped kitchenette, sleep 2-4 in 1x bedroom with double bed; 2x single beds in lounge. R100 per person per night. Share ablution blocks. Pool and clubhouse on site. Wonderful hiking through the Umlalazi Nature Reserve. Camp/caravan sites also available. Confirm booking with Jill before paying the full cost of accommodation to be deposited in Rambler's account no later than 6 January 2013. Reference Mtunzini.

## **Easter 2013 Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April 2013**

### **Bushwillow Campsite, Karkloof**

Electrified caravan/campsites @ R90 per person. Four-sleeper fully equipped cottage - price to be confirmed. Lovely site with dam for swimming/tubing, clubhouse and great walks. Bookings to be confirmed and monies deposited by 29 January 2013. Ref Easter

Contact Jill Dunstone on 084 7800 818 or at [jillyd@telkomsa.net](mailto:jillyd@telkomsa.net)

### **Tsitsikamma Hiking Trail**

There are a few places available on the Tsitsikamma Hiking Trail. The trail has been described as a "must do" for any serious hiker. It traverses some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in South Africa and the Cape fynbos is really something to behold when in bloom. Beginning on 25 March in Nature's Valley and ending 60-km further at either the Storms River Bridge or Village, this 5 day slack packing unidirectional trail, takes hikers through the heart of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. Accommodation consists of 5 huts, each equipped with 24 bunk beds and mattresses, braai grids, kettles, 2 cast iron pots and a large pan, two flush toilets, two showers and clean, fresh water. A novel hot water shower bucket and firewood can be found at each overnight hut. Costs are R110 per night plus an additional R110 for your luggage to be transported each day.

If you are interested, contact Jenny Rooks on 0849520622 or [jen022sa@gmail.com](mailto:jen022sa@gmail.com)

### **MAGAZINE**

Please send articles about hiking weekends away, hikes or matters of hiking interest that you would like to share, to me ([linda@hiles.co.za](mailto:linda@hiles.co.za)) for the magazine and website.

If you have been receiving the magazine by post and now want the speedier email version send me your email address. It also helps reduce our very substantial posting costs to email the magazine to you.

**Don't forget to send us any address changes to ensure your magazine reaches you.**

We'll be notifying you of social events on the website ([www.durbanramblers.co.za](http://www.durbanramblers.co.za)) and Facebook so make sure you keep a look out for notices.

### **HIKES**

#### **PERSONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER**

Please have your emergency contact number(s) under ICE (In Case of Emergency) in your cell phone and on a label/card of some sort attached to your daypack. Details should consist of your name, ID number, name of medical aid and membership number (your medical aid card should be with you too) and the name and number(s) of someone to contact. Emergency personnel will look for your ICE details. Local hospitals will not send out an ambulance or paramedics if your medical aid details are not available. Please carry these important details with you on each hike.

### **Wednesday Morning Hikes**

Please check details of the Wednesday hikes with Colin 031 708 3517 or Philip 031 201 3592. If no response is obtained from the first leader phoned, please phone the alternate leader.

## Saturday Hikes

- Please get to starting point by 13h45 in order for the hike to begin on time.
- For directions to the starting point, please **PHONE** the organiser between 12h00 and 12h45 on the day of the hike, don't SMS.
- Or Saturday hikers from Durban can phone Philip Gatenby on 031 2013592 prior to leaving and arrange a pickup or to travel in convoy with him.
- Children are welcome but check suitability of hike with leader.
- Please bring at least 1 litre of water, a snack for half time and a hat.

## Sunday Hikes (Full Day)

- Please be aware a certain level of fitness is required to do Sunday hikes. If you don't exercise regularly, or aren't an experienced walker please complete three Ramblers Saturday afternoon hikes before joining the longer Sunday hikes.
- **Always** phone the hike leader beforehand to let him/her know to expect you on the hike.
- Please try to get to the meeting places **at least 10 minutes earlier** to help with arranging lifts.
- Bring the correct amount of money as change may not be available.
- It is advisable to bring at least 2 litres of water, mid-morning snack, lunch and a hat.
- Meeting place will be noted in the hiking schedule below.
- If it is raining, please check with the hike leader in case the hike has been cancelled.
- During the summer months of this quarter we aim to start early and finish before 2pm to avoid the main heat of the day.

Hikes are graded: 1 - Very easy

2 - Easy

3 - Fitness recommended

4 - Strenuous.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY PROGRAMME 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2013			
DATE	DESCRIPTION OF HIKE	LEADER	TEL
Sat 5 Jan	<b>Umbilo D Moss Trail</b>	<b>Phillip G</b>	<b>0312013592</b>
	Shady, flat hike along the D'Moss trail. Will suit all hikers. Meet at 13.45 at Umbilo Park to start hiking at 14.00. A good hike to start the year for all those with New Year Resolutions.	Rating: Easy	
Sun 6 Jan	<b>Westville/Palmiet</b>	<b>Margie</b>	<b>0734376915</b>
	Park and meet at The Westville Hotel at 7am. A varied walk incorporating parts of Westville and much of Palmiet Nature Reserve. Optional BYO braai at Margie's house afterwards.	Length: Approx. 15km Rating: 3 Steep in parts	
Sat 12 Jan	<b>Kloof Nkonka</b>	<b>Philip C</b>	<b>0312018864</b>
	Shady walk in the Kloof Nature Reserve. Walk up to Bridle Road and cross over to Nkonka falls. Meet at the Krantzkloof Nature Reserve – Bridle Road picnic site. Suit all hikers. Entrance fee of R20 pp to the reserve.	Rating: Moderate	
Sun 13 Jan	<b>Berea Parks</b>	<b>Jenny</b>	<b>0849520622</b>
	A new route for the new year! Park and meet at the main Botanic Gardens parking area at 8am for a relaxed urban walk through Greyville, Sutton/Mitchell and Jameson Parks. Picnic lunch back at Botanic Gardens.	Length: Approx. 12km Rating: 2 Easy terrain	

<b>SATURDAY and SUNDAY PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2013</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF HIKE</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>TEL</b>
<b>Sat 19 Jan</b>	<b>Combined Hike with Sunday Hikers</b>		
	Max will be doing a 3 hour hike to accommodate Saturday and Sunday hikers on Sunday.		
<b>Sun 20 Jan</b>	<b>Drummond and Inchanga</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>0317837876 0839684434</b>
	Sunday Ramblers host Saturday hikers for this social walk and BYO braai at Max's house. Meet at Union Main, Old Main Road, Pinetown at 7.30am (be aware of one-way system for access), or Max's house in Drummond at 8am. Please don't forget to bring fruit (not citrus) and veggies for the various rescue animals Roger and Julie have adopted – your fee for safe parking. Petrol-sharing R25pp.	Length: 12km Rating: 2 Terrain: Rolling hills	
<b>Sat 26 Jan</b>	<b>Streets of Winston Park</b>	<b>Werner</b>	<b>0842067836</b>
	Meet at the Gillitts Post Office at 13.45, hike to start at 14.00. Hike along the streets of Winston Park. Shorter hike will be available – about 1,5 hours – short hike leader: Philip - 0824170204	Rating: Easy	
<b>Sun 27 Jan</b>	<b>Virginia to Umhlanga</b>	<b>Glenys</b>	<b>0315647632 0833752252</b>
	Park and meet at Virginia Airport at 7am for this popular annual beach hike, walking back on the streets. Optional drinks/lunch at airport later. (To be confirmed.)	Length: 18km Rating: 2 Terrain: Wet or dry sand!!	
<b>Sat 2 Feb</b>	<b>Crestholme</b>	<b>Colin</b>	<b>0317083517</b>
	Meet at the Waterfall Shopping Centre at 13.30. Walk in the Crestholme area to overlook Inanda Dam and Umgeni Valley from a view point. No Shorter Hike. Braai afterwards at Trevor's.	Rating: Easy/Moderate	
<b>Sun 3 Feb</b>	<b>Umngeni River Walk</b>	<b>Jon</b>	<b>0824591522</b>
	Park and meet at the Hypermarket by the Sea, near the Shell Garage at 7am to explore a partly new route along the banks of the Umngeni. Might include walk through/round mangroves. Jon aims to finish around lunchtime.	Length: min. 15 km Rating: 2 Terrain: Flat	
<b>Sat 9 Feb</b>	<b>AGM – Palmiet Nature Reserve Office Area</b>	<b>Werner</b>	<b>0842067836</b>
<b>Sun 10 Feb</b>	<b>Bluff</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>0837998382</b>
	Meet at Harlequins Rugby & Sports Centre, 48 Garcin Place, Brighton Beach (parking R5) at 8.00am. John will lead a merry walkabout, up hills and down steps, possibly along the beach. Back in time for optional (huge – a real man's meal!) lunch at Harlequins.	Length: Approx. 15km Rating: 3 Steep in parts	
<b>Sat 16 Feb</b>	<b>Palmiet Nature Reserve</b>	<b>Philip G</b>	<b>0312013592</b>
	Shady walk beside the Palmiet River. Meet at Reserve entrance below Westville Hotel in Old New Germany Road at 13.45. Afterwards get together at the Westville Hotel for a chat and drinks. Main hike 2,5–3 hour; shorter hike 1–1,5 hours on the similar route, short hike leader Philip C – 031 2018864.	Rating: Moderate	
<b>Sun 17 Feb</b>	<b>Eston</b>	<b>Margie</b>	<b>0734376915</b>
	Meet at Union Main, Old Main Road, Pinetown (be aware of one-way system for access) at 7am. Moderate hike on a beautiful farm just past Tala Game Reserve. Petrol-sharing costs R35.	Length: approx 14 km Rating: 2 Terrain: Rolling hills	

<b>SATURDAY and SUNDAY PROGRAMME</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2013</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF HIKE</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>TEL</b>
<b>Sat 23 Feb</b>	<b>Alverstone</b>	<b>Trevor</b>	<b>0795259230</b>
	Due to this hike almost being rained out the last time here it is again for those who missed it. Grasslands, up and down dale with some game viewing. Entrance is R15.00pp. Meet at the Hotel Assagay at 13.45, then drive though to Alverstone. After hike braai at the Boma. Short hike will also be done and will take approximately 1-1.5 hours, following the same but shorter route. Short hike leader – Philip 0312018864 0824170204	Rating: Moderate	
<b>Sun 24 Feb</b>	<b>Camelot</b>	<b>Jenny</b>	<b>0849520622</b>
	Meet at Union Main, Old Main Road, Pinetown (be aware of one-way system for access) at 7am and enjoy the scenery on this coffee farm at Inchanga in the upper Sterkspruit valley. Petrol-sharing costs R20.	Length: 14km Rating: 3 Terrain: Rolling hills	
<b>Sat 2 Mar</b>	<b>Krantzkloof – Porcupine Falls</b>	<b>Ismail</b>	<b>0312090902</b>
	Hike under the trees in Krantzkloof, relatively flat hike, cross the river to Porcupine Falls and back. Will suit all hikers – approximately 2 hour hike. Entrance is R20.00pp to the reserve.	Rating: Easy	
<b>Sun 3 Mar</b>	<b>Casuarina Beach, Westbrook</b>	<b>Jon</b>	<b>0824591522</b>
	Some beach, inland and street walking around the area north of the Umdhloti River. Meet by Shell garage at Hypermarket, Durban North at 6.30am or Beach Bums (Casuarina Beach) at 7am. The hike will be over in time for lunch at Beach Bums. Petrol-sharing costs R20.00pp	Length: 15km Rating: 2 Terrain: Undulating!	
<b>Sat 9 Mar</b>	<b>Giba Gorge</b>	<b>Werner</b>	<b>0842067836</b>
	Walk along bike tracks to streams and waterfalls. Entrance R10.00 pp. Meet at Giba Car Park 13.45, adjoining Giba Clubhouse. After hike relax in clubhouse for tea/cake or a beer. Short hike will be available.	Rating: Strenuous	
<b>Sun 10 Mar</b>	<b>Amanzimtoti to Warner Beach</b>	<b>Yvonne</b>	<b>0736988836</b>
	A favourite for our many beach fans. Park and meet at the Amanzimtoti Golf Club, 1 Golf Course Road, off Kingsway, at 8am. (Second Prospecton turn-off travelling from Durban – past Toyota factory.) Please remember to bring a black plastic bag so we can do another beach clean-up.	Length: Approx. 15km Rating: 2 Wet or dry sand!	
<b>Sat 16 Mar</b>	<b>Paradise Valley</b>	<b>Linda S</b>	<b>0833538319</b>
	Shady walk along river. Some historical interest. Park at reserve. Entrance fee R20.00 per person.	Rating: Easy/ Moderate	
<b>Sun 17 Mar</b>	Plantation Section of Glen Shaka Trail, Ballito – to be confirmed	Please watch website for update	
<b>Thurs 21 Mar Human Rights Day</b>	<b>Nkutu Gorge and Inanda Dam View Sites Morning Walk</b>	<b>Colin</b>	<b>0317083517</b>
	Meet at Union Main Centre, Old Main Road, Pinetown at 7.45am (be aware of one-way system for access) Petrol-sharing R20pp, or at Nkutu Picnic Site (the further of the two Krantzkloof picnic sites) at 8.15am. Entrance R20pp. Hike along the escarpment, then across to the Umngeni River Valley and Inanda Dam view sites. Social picnic back at parking area, around noon.	Length: Approx. 12km Rating: 3 Steep in parts	

<b>SATURDAY and SUNDAY PROGRAMME</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2013</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF HIKE</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>TEL</b>
<b>Sat 23 Mar</b>	<b>Shongweni Dam</b>	<b>Philip C</b>	<b>0312018864</b> <b>0824170204</b>
	Meet at the Assagay Hotel (at the garage) at 13.30 to leave at 13.45 for Shongweni Dam. Entrance is R33.00pp. Hike will suit all. Braai afterwards.	Rating: Easy	
<b>Sun 24 Mar</b>		<b>Contact:</b> <b>Marie</b>	<b>0825860266</b> <b>0317053122</b>
	Nothing planned, as yet. An open invitation to anyone who would like to lead a hike possibly at Cumberland (Pmb) or Vernon Crookes... Or somewhere else!!		
<b>Sat 30 Mar</b>	<b>Stainbank Nature Reserve</b>	<b>Philip C</b>	<b>0312018864</b> <b>0824170204</b>
	Meet at the car park inside the reserve at 13.45. Hike in natural bush and grasslands with some game viewing. The emphasis will be to stay undercover in the bush for most part of the hike. Entrance fee of R20.00. A short hike will also be done and will take about 1.5 hour, following the same but shorter route. Bring your meat and chairs along for a braai afterwards.	Rating: Moderate	
<b>Sun 31 Mar</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	Saturday Ramblers host Sunday hikers for an outing to the ever-popular Stainbank Nature Reserve.		

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If you have any tales to tell, we would love to hear them. Please email your copy to the Editor at [linda@hiles.co.za](mailto:linda@hiles.co.za)

## Why we like to hike.....

