

DURBAN RAMBLERS

Hiking Club



P.O. BOX 1063, DURBAN 4000

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<p>DAY HIKE DEPARTURE TIMES AND MEETING POINTS DURBAN HIKERS TO MEET AT MUSGRAVE PARK PARKING AREA AT 7:30 A.M. PINETOWN HIKERS TO MEET AT UNION MAIN PARKING AREA AT 8:00 A.M.</p> <p>UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED</p> <p>Please bring exact change to hikes</p> <p>TRY AND BE AT THE MEETING POINTS BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME!!!</p> <p>A REMINDER to carry extra cash as from time to time visits are made to local shops for refreshments during hikes.</p>	<p>CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM:</p> <p>NAME:</p> <p>NEW ADDRESS:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>OLD ADDRESS:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>NEW TEL. No (H)</p> <p>(W)</p> <p>PLEASE FORWARD TO:</p> <p>The Secretary Durban Ramblers Hiking Club P O Box 1063 DURBAN, 4000</p>
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NOTES FOR NEW HIKERS (and a reminder to others)

1. Bring 2 litres of water for drinking and for your share in the communal billy can for tea or coffee (rated the best cup of the week).
2. Bring a mug and a black bin liner (the latter to double as a rain coat or something to sit on at lunch time).
3. Wear sensible shoes NOT slaps, ballet or high heel shoes.
4. Bring a sun hat and a raincoat.
5. Berg trips require more specialised equipment. Check with the berg hike leader.
6. Please take a spade or trowel on berg hikes.
7. Don't litter or damage plants.
8. Don't go ahead of the leader - it can result in chaos.
9. Some hikes are more strenuous than others. When in doubt - check with leader concerned.
10. All persons (and that means you!) 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.

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<p>HIRING OF EQUIPMENT MEMBERS Please present membership card and receipt of current membership fees when hiring equipment</p> <p>NON-MEMBERS Hiring of equipment is open to discussion. Please contact: GERALD HALL. TEL: (RIS) 251089</p> <p>Costs involved to hire the following: TENTS: R7.50 PER DAY (R50.00 DEPOSIT) BACKPACKS: NEW R5.00 PER DAY OLD R3.00 PER DAY MATS: R3.00 AND R1.00 STOVES WITH FUEL R5.00 PER WEEK END. CONTACT: PHILIP GATENBY 213592 for hiring of backpacks.</p>	<p>MEMBERS/NON MEMBERS</p> <p>Please remember that during weekends away, you cater for yourself - meals are not provided by the Club!!</p> <p>Hikers usually cater for the days away and cannot share with those who have brought no food!!</p> <p>On all hikes, trails, camps, day hikes and outing unless otherwise stated - charges to members R2.00 and Non-members R3.00 These funds are used to cover costs of petrol for recce's (where necessary), tea & coffee on day hikes, phone calls, general administration Often deposits are paid in advance.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT FEES FOR BERG HIKES PER PERSON</p> <p>Southern Berg R30.00</p> <p>Central Berg R35.00</p> <p>Northern Berg R40.00</p>	<p>LEADERS WANTED!!!! Please contact</p> <p>CHRIS HAYWARD TEL: (RESIDENCE) 21 3326</p> <p>OR</p> <p>PAM PODMORE TEL: (RESIDENCE) 21 6160</p> <p>If you are prepared to lead any berg hikes or day hikes.</p>

STOLEN KIT: Light-fingered herders blamed

FROM: NATAL MERCURY 18/12/1992

HIKERS ARE WARNED

HIKING parties in isolated areas of the Natal Drakensberg have been urged to be on the lookout for livestock herders who have stolen kit from hikers in recent months.

KwaZulu Bureau of Natural Resources (KBNR) spokesman Wayne Elliott said patrols on the Mont-Aux Sources plateau would be stepped up, but hikers should travel in parties of at least three and consider night watches in the more isolated areas.

Kit should not be left unattended, while firearms should be carried on the person and not in a rucksack. Any incidents of theft should be reported to game guards at the mountain hut, or to the director of the KBNR by fax at (0358) 202660.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS

Persons wishing to join the Club are reminded that they should attend three (3) day hikes or one weekend hike before applying for membership. Please contact committee members if you have any queries.

NEW MEMBERS

George Casey; Ian Easton; Leah Ferrington; Ron Georges; Fatima Govender & Family; Anne Jensen; John Jensen; Anda Lampen; Don & Pascal Parker; Mary Spry; Melody Verbaan; Barbara Walton; Stella Wells and Mike White

We hope you have a long and happy association with the Club!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Members are reminded of the scale of charges:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
R12,00 PER ANNUM

COUPLES
R15,00 PER ANNUM

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP
R8,00 PER PERSON PER ANNUM
(Country members covers all those members who reside
no less than 80 km from Durban)
Initial administration fee, payable on application
to the club for membership R10,00

DEADLINE FOR APRIL - MAY NEWSLETTER

Please send items of interest, articles etc. to the editor before 10 March 1993. The onus is on the organisers to submit their programme(s) timeously to the Editor.

ADVANCED NOTICE

TRANSKIE! TRAIL - 7 DAYS OVER EASTER

Steve Watson 44 3622 after 6 pm - only 5 places still available so don't leave it too late!!!

CYCLING: Anyone interested in social cycling on quiet country roads on a Saturday afternoon phone Philip Gatenby 21 3592 between 7 & 9 a.m. on the day for a 1pm start. (Advice on purchase of bicycle and repairs at nominal rates part of the service)

HEAT STROKE

SYMPTOMS

One or more of the following symptoms may be exhibited:

- Skin usually dry and warm, although in some cases sweating may still occur. Body temperature invariably excessively high (rectal temperature 41°C or more).
- Quarrelsomeness, aggressiveness, hysterical, running about - the patient may act as if he is insane.
- Spasms of the limb muscles like shivering - this may be mistaken for a "fit".
- Vacant staring of the eyes - the pupils are dilated.
- Loss of control over bladder and bowels.
- Collapse and unconsciousness.

REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT TREAT AS FOR HEATSTROKE I.E. PROMPTLY COOL THE PATIENT WITH WATER AND FANNING.

TREATMENT

- Start treatment immediately. Remove all the patient's clothing and let him lie down in the shade.
- Keep his naked body wet by splashing water onto him by hand and gently rubbing it over his skin. Use water sparingly and do not spray water directly onto him from a hose.
- Fan the body vigorously and continuously. Temporarily stop splashing water onto him when goose pimples are noticed.
- Give small amounts of water to drink occasionally if the patient is conscious.
- Apply artificial respiration if breathing fails.
- Continue cooling until a doctor has taken over or until the rectal temperature has dropped to 38°C, even during evacuation of the patient.
- It is vital to get the patient to a doctor within 15 to 20 minutes.
- Full details about the preceding physical activity, condition of the patient and the treatment rendered should be given to the doctor.

It must be emphasised that the purpose of using water is to keep the skin wet, so that the patient is cooled by evaporation with the aid of fanning.

DON'T FORGET ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

DATE : Wednesday - 17 February 1993

PLACE : Collegians Bowling Club

TIME : Braai fires ready at 6 pm. AGM starts at 7.30 pm sharp.

Please bring meat, plates, etc. Cold drinks, beer and spirits MUST be purchased from the bar.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Financial report and balance sheet
6. Election of office bearers
7. Correspondence
8. General

THE MEETING IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MEMBERS, SO PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND

FEBRUARY 1993 PROGRAMME

7 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - CHANTECLER SKYLINE

To celebrate my return from the U.K. the hike which starts and finishes at the pub! The distance has been increased by a new and interesting section (you can't expect to have no surprises!), but there will still be time to partake of a soothing libation before returning home. Musgrave 8.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m. Contact Bill Hyslop 701 8996 (W) COST: R6.00 (Members) R8.00 (Non-members)

10 FEBRUARY 1993 - WEDNESDAY - SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

At the Key & Anchor (used to be The Inner Anchorage), cnr. Willowvale and Umbilo Roads, 7.00 p.m.

14 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - BEACH WALK

Starting from the Natal Parks Board Nature Reserve in Durban North. A walking and swimming meet. Contact Vic Conrad 21 7165 (H). Musgrave 9.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m. COST: R5.00 (Members) R6.00 (Non-members)

WEEK-END 12 - 14 FEBRUARY 1993 COTTAGE AT PORT EDWARD

Saturday hike at the beautiful Umimvumba Nature Reserve, Sunday hike on the beach. Cottage sleeps 12. Contact Regina Billiet Tel 813672 (H)

WEEK-END 13 - 14 FEBRUARY 1993

HOSPITALSPRUIT CAVE (MONK'S COWL AREA)

Moderate hike - Northern berg, Hike will leave from Monk's Cowl Camp site for additional information contact the leader: Chris Hayward (Tel) 213326 (H)

17 FEBRUARY 1993 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - COLLEGIANS BOWLING CLUB

Braai 6.00 p.m. Please bring food only licensed bar on premises. Meeting starts 7.30 p.m. Business not a social outing.

21 FEBRUARY - INANDA - TOPPS NEEDLE AREA

Yet another variant of this well-known starting point. Medium in length, but could be hot. Colin Turner 309 4720 (W) 815351 (H). Musgrave 8.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m. COST: R7.00 (Member) R8.00 (Non-member)

WEEK-END 20 - 21 FEBRUARY 1993 GYALAXWENA CAVE - (Cobham Area)

Moderate. Contact the leader Terry Lubbe (Tel) 288422

24 FEBRUARY 1993 - COLLEGIANS BOWLING CLUB

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING: MIKE LOVERIDGE AND HIS MEMORIES

(Introduction to Photography) Contact Chris Hayward (Tel) 213326 (H)

WEEK-END 27 - 28 FEBRUARY 1993 BULWER MOUNTAIN

On Saturday we explore Bulwer Mountain, Sunday at leisure. Accommodation will be at the historical Reichenau Mission Station. Contact Dick Billiet (Tel) 813672 (H)

28 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY - CLIFTON CANYON

A medium length hike in fairly shady conditions with an opportunity to indulge in water sports at Macintosh falls - refreshed from the cool water you will all the more readily tackle the steep ascent out of the valley. Bill Hyslop 701 8996 (W). Musgrave 8.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m. COST: R6.00 (Members) R7.00 (Non-members)

MARCH PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 1993 - PALMIET NATURE RESERVE

Social hike and braai - Meet at entrance 4.30 p.m. Bring your own food and drink. You will have to carry your goodies so a pack is recommended. Do NOT forget to bring your TORCH!! Contact: Sue Ferguson 491355/6/9 (W) 7053404 (H) Members R5.00 Non-Members R7.00

7 MARCH 1993 - SUNDAY FAR AWAY FARM

A well-known classic with the added objective the time to explore a little further to see if this could be made part of a week-end round trip starting from Shongweni. Leader Dave Easton Tel 705367(W) Cost R10 (members) R12 (non-members) Departure 7.30 a.m. Musgrave & 8.00 a.m. Pinetown

SATURDAY 13 MARCH 1993 RAMBLERS RALLY!!!!

Meet Musgrave park at 2.00 p.m. Bring food and drinks for braai later. Charge: R3 members, R4 non-members. Bring petty cash, pen or pencil. If you simply wish to join us for the braai, please phone 42 3245 after 4.30 p.m. to find out where we are!!

SUNDAY - 14 MARCH 1993

The famous social gathering at Mick & Gloria McConnell's beautiful farm "Cranford" at Curry's Post. Bring all that is needed to hike in the morning and have a social braai in the afternoon. Sue Ferguson will rally the troops at Pinetown at 8.30 a.m. and no doubt there will be cars leaving Durban at 8.00 a.m.. Charge R10 (members) R12 (non-members)

WEEKEND 13 - 14 MARCH 1993 - LAMMERGEIER CAVE

(Bushman's Nek area) returning via Thomathu Ridge. Contact: Chris Hayward on 213326.

SUNDAY - 21 MARCH 1993 - KIZWANE II

This is a new hike, deep in the Valley of 1000 Hills, which I had the pleasure of reconnoitring in the company of four of our lady members. There is hardly any horizontal parts to the hike at all so it is fairly energetic. Leader Bill Hyslop Tel 7018996 (W) Cost R10 (members) R12 (Non-members) Departing Durban 8.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m.

WEEKEND 20 - 21 MARCH 1993

Visit to Rob Sinclair's shelter. Watch out for dinosaurs. Devil's Dike/Insinga area. Contact: Dick Billiet Tel on 813672 (H)

28 MARCH 1993 - MPOSANE

The climb of this mountain from Nagel Dam affords a pleasantly energetic day with spectacular views. Bring a torch in case of the tunnel lights not working. Leader Mike Morillion Tel 701 1758 (W) Cost R10 (members) R12 (Non-members) Departure Durban 8.00 a.m. Pinetown 8.30 a.m.

26 MARCH TO 2 APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY) TRIP TO THE ISLAND OF REUNION

Those who want to make late bookings, contact Bill Hyslop. Those who have already booked, make sure of your visa by letting your South African passport be sent by our Travel Agent, Travel and Tourism, The Workshop, Durban to Reunion to be stamped. Reunion is part of France, so those using British Passports do not need a visa. South African passport holders will also need to give evidence of health insurance. Also ensure you get your Reunion currency in good time! Estimated total cost of the trip including French cooking and personal expenses is about R3 500.

WEEKEND 27 - 28 MARCH 1993

Hike to Pillar cave. Contact: Gerald 25 1089

EASTER WEEKEND 9 - 12 APRIL - LORNA DOONE

Housecamp at Lorna Doone. Day hikes to do some NEW routes. Application with deposits to be sent to Philip Gateby by 1 March 1993. Tel 213592 (H)

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NGELE FOREST 8 - 10 JANUARY 1993

Regina, Dick, Rob, Anda, Adolf, Jackie, Neville, Andrea, Marius & Sue.

Arrived at Blackwater on a very hot Friday evening - only to find two groups already in residence and planning to also do the trail. It was mutually decided that we would rather do the trail in reverse. Saturday we set off with heavy packs for the short hike to Kings Halt. The weather was not kind to us. Rain and mist all the way. Arrived at the house in time for lunch - all very wet, it was decided to go mushroom and blackberry picking later in the day (hoping that the rain and mist might just miraculously disappear). HA HA at approximately 4 p.m. we set off through the forest in search of mushrooms, none to be found! Dick and a dedicated few continued the search while the rest of us trekked back to where we had seen blackberries in abundance earlier in the day. (The bushes close to the house had all been cut down.) During this expedition we were caught in a thunderstorm so arrived back at the house not only scratched (those bushes did not give up their berries willingly) but also very wet - thank goodness for the lovely fires. The rain continued all through the night, it was wet outside and quite liquid inside.

Peach Schnapps appears to be a very potent drink with whisky chasers, Sunday morning dawned misty but no rain, as we walked higher and higher the mist lifted, the sun came out and the views when we emerged from the forest were spectacular. All the waterfalls along the contour paths were in full force, a truly lovely walk. We arrived at Fairview falls in time for a swim before lunch (the water was icy). While we were eating lunch we could hear the rumblings of thunder drawing towards us. Looking over to Dakota peak a white cloud was moving towards us at a rate of knots. Hurriedly packing our kits and donning our poncho's we proceeded to run, splashed our way to Kwa-Shwili as thunder, lightning, hail and rain bombarded us, contour paths were flooded and 10 very wet people made the 3km to Kwa-Shwili in record time, getting boots etc dry plus a sleeping bag at this hut was not much fun. Once again a good evening had by all, the stars were shining. Monday morning dawned with rain, by the time we started to walk the rain had stopped, a cold gusty wind was blowing, but we could see some blue sky! A good hike back to Blackwater with the weather improving all the time. We arrived at Blackwater in time for a late lunch and what luxury warm water for showers. The drive home was interrupted with a stop at the Bedford Inn - to drink a toast of thanks to our leaders Regina and Dick. A great weekend had by all in spite of the weather.

Sue Ferguson

Copy of a letter to "Spoor"'s Editor from John Castleden, for our Members' interest. Thank you for thinking of us, John!

Little Norsey
22 Princess Anne Place
WESTVILLE 3630

1 December 1992

The Editor, Spoor
P O Box 17247
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Dear Sir

In my capacity as the Founder Chairman of the Hiking Federation of South Africa, I wish to congratulate you on the production of the first issue of "Spoor". It was good to read the list of 113 Member Clubs on Page 20 when I remember the 5 original Members:- Durban Ramblers Club, Johannesburg Hiking Club, Laeveld Voetslaan Klub, Maritzburg Ramblers Club and Momentum Voetslaan Klub.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who took part in the formation of the federation, in particular George and Mary Carr, the late Margaret Moore, Michael Hooper and my late wife, Barbara. I remember with pleasure the founding meeting held at "Little Switzerland" on Oliviershoek Pass and the first Annual General Meeting held at Golden Gate Mountain Leadership Centre, near Clarens in O.F.S.

At the age of 82 I am past active hiking, but I still enjoy memories of happy times spent with the Durban Ramblers Club on day hikes locally and weekends in the Drakensberg. You and your readers may be interested to know that this year this Club celebrated the 60th Anniversary of its founding in 1932 at the weekend gathering organised by Mick and Gloria McConnell at their home in the Natal Midlands.

Finally may I wish you and "Spoor" great success in the future and to you readers in all the Member Clubs "Happy Hiking"

Yours sincerely
JOHN CASTLEDEN

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Contact: Neville 378292 (H)

MCKENZIE CAVE - 28 - 29 NOVEMBER

Friday evening we left smelly ol' Durbs for a weekend of fresh air "wow" and exercise, but of course we have to deviate and pop into good old Notties for refreshments before reaching our destination - 6 of us in Dick's Combi - Regina, Stephanie, Hans, John and yours truly. We met Sue and Abbie at Notties and celebrated the beginning of the trek. Saturday morning brings us Neville with Margaret, Rob and Anda, Rob suffering from a touch of reality after the evening of unreality! Anyway we leave with our as usual heavy packs and start to ascend (how else?) to get to the cave. Weather was hot, so were we, the climb was causing an awful lot of heavy breathing, but we got there in the end. Flowers were everywhere and new grass sprouting (very long in some places) but the walking conditions were good and whilst at times you wonder what you're battling up a hill for when you could be at a pool or somewhere where there's aircon, you reach the top, and just take in all the lovely air, what a feeling! One of the highlights was having a dip in a cool pool, only a few brave souls went in, a couple of the ladies found another pool and skinny dipped, the "gentlemen" never even peeked "thanks guys" We were all pleased when we reached McKenzies Cave which for those of you who have never seen, is a large cave with lovely high ceiling and level floor, no carpets or doors though, but the weather was great so those home comforts weren't missed. After we had chosen our bedrooms and unpacked **found** water, it was time to climb on top of the cave to a rocky outcrop where we watched a wonderful sunset and enjoyed our "sundowners" some more than others. Then back to the cave to prepare for the fondue, there were a couple of first timers at a fondue, one of which had been waiting 30 years for the great event - Sue got stuck into making the sauces and all the food was placed together in the "dining room", the feast began - we were all doing our thing, all that is, except one, all that way for the first fondue and she fell asleep, we couldn't budge her, it was the "snackbite" she had consumed earlier, up on the roof. So if anyone is having a fondue please invite Margaret (R) as she still awaits the experience. We were very spoilt because we had music, yes folks Dick brought his Hi Fi, classics (and some other stuff) excellent. Bedtime came and Sunday dawned another hot day, once packed we all started back down again, some steep descents (one person decided to fall and pull the ligaments in her knee, not very clever) lunch was at a lovely waterfall, that was fantastic, with deep good swimming, very refreshing. After that we made our way back to base, then a detour to Notties before returning to "civilization". Thank you Dick for a great trip.

Lynn

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST:

Reg Blow has been approached by a number of people wanting to know when the 3 water cooling towers in New Germany will be demolished!!!

Sunday 14 February at 10 o'clock - they will only be blowing up one at this stage.

NEW YEAR HIKE**BUSHMAN'S NECK. TARN ACROSS THE TRAVERSE TO LAMMERGEIER TO BUSHMANS CAVE TO CIVILIZATION.**

Dave Easton led a small but very cheerful party up to Tarn Cave, for most of us it was a first so we logged up the incline, the cave itself was magnificent, it was a huge cave with the most magnificent view imaginable. The tarns behind the caves had sufficient water in for us to wash and get cooking water.

Old years eve in a cave!! let me tell you we didn't even drink our Champagne which was carried all the way. By 8 p.m. we were all very well asleep after a very tough climb.

Day two proved to be another blazing hot day - with a little persuasion Dave was able to convince the ladies that crossing the traverse was "a piece of cake" not quite the truth but a lot easier once you had no choice but to go forward. The views and the sense of achievement made it all worth while. We arrived at our lunch spot and literally collapsed - I may add I'm speaking for myself, Dave and Lance would never do anything like that, the irony of the whole thing was that we were not even 30 minutes away from Goat and Lammergeier Cave. Once Dave got back from his recci and shared this information with us we were quick to get going once again. Lammergeier cave was beautiful, we selected sleeping areas, unpacked and got down to the river where we managed a good wash - swimming was not possible with the low water levels everywhere in the berg. We party'd well into the evening (probably 9 p.m.) truly celebrated the start of another year.

Started the next day with a climb out of Lammergeier up towards the contour paths that can only be achieved first thing in the morning while it is still cool. The walk across to Bushman's Cave was very pleasant and relatively easy. Another beautiful cave facing the mountains, what a sight to wake up to in each morning. We had arrived rather early so did some exploring, where we found some really magnificent tarns on the ridges in front of the cave, the river had a lot more water than anywhere else in the berg so we were able to get some "splashing" done. Later that evening we climbed to the back of the cave and discovered some really lovely rock formations, a tarn that looked as if it could have been man made - a lovely tropical garden with a rock bridge dividing a large tarn.

Last day home - the proteas were in full flower, we counted one bush which had 15 buds on a single stem - the colours ranged from a soft cream to a variety of pinks, each flower looking bigger and better than the previous. The walk down was lovely, with the most magnificent rock formations visible all along the walk. We stopped for a well deserved swim at what we later discovered was "Surprise Pool" - Surprise is what we got when a group of visitors arrived whilst we were splashing around quite happily. The hotel has arranged a walk to Surprise Pool as well, it didn't take long to become part of the real world again. I must admit we felt quite cheated but the fact that 4 out of the crowd were hikers we were able to share our enthusiasm with them.

Thanks Dave for a well planned hike.

RAMBLERS T-SHIRTS & SUN HATS

JOE STRAYTON - 72 3480

BOTH HATS & T-SHIRTS ARE SELLING

@ R10.00 EACH!!

While hiking in the Eastern Transvaal in late November last year, Steve Watson and group helped a Belgian couple who had walked off their map and got lost. They had done a two-day hike in one day, with no equipment or food, and little water as they had planned on doing a short walk. They came across Steve and Ramblers in a near-exhausted state. Happily all ended well, as their letter below shows!

Antwerp 7.12.1992

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE "RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB"

Thanks to your generous help, Jacqueline and Ludo Daems have reached "Ceylon" safe and sound.

From the deepest of our hearts we thank all "Ramblers from overnight hut Hartebeestvlakte" in general and more particularly "Steve" for the reception and hospitality you bestowed on us. We now found out what it means : "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

The magnificence and vastness of your country and your hearts have indeed impressed us very much.

With our renewed thanks, we wish all possible hiking fun.

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SIGNED: Ludo Jacqueline

