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FEBRUARY - MARCH 95

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**AGM 22-2-95 New Germany Sports Club**

Any special resolutions have to reach the secretary timeously in order for them to be circulated with the official notice of the meeting.

**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

The above prices include toll fees.

**FOR SALE R10.00 EACH**

Sun Hats

Contact: Joe Strayton 723480H

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

Life for many of us is a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.

Social tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.

Never let grass grow on friendships road.

You never feather your nest on a wild goose chase.

Just about the time a woman thinks her work is all done, she becomes a grandmother.

Humour is the water wings on the river of life.

**HIRING OF EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBERS**

TENTS R7.50 p/day  
 deposit R50.00  
 Contact Gerald Hall 251089

BACKPACKS  
 newish R5.00 p/day  
 oldish R3.00 p/day  
 deposit R50.00

SLEEPING MATS R1.00 p/day  
 deposit R10.00

STOVE  
 with fuel R5.00 p/w/end  
 deposit R20.00  
 Contact Philip Gatenby 213592

**FEBRUARY - MARCH 95  
 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.

**SATURDAY HIKES**

For those of us in the know... Saturday hikes have proved quite popular already. Last week 14th Jan; the attendance was fifteen of which most were visitors. I feel this is a very good way to introduce new people to the pleasures of the great outdoors and to our hiking club. It also enables folks who are not up to what some may consider strenuous hikes, to get themselves fit enough to eventually join us on a Sunday. The programme below includes future Saturday hikes. Remember this idea is on trial, so any comments you may have will be very welcome. Your contact is Philip 213592H or Gavin 284342H D - means Dbn P - means Ptn for departure times. Cost is R3.00 unless otherwise stated.

28 January - Saturday

UMHLANGA dune forest and beach. R3 P 1.30pm D 1.45pm

4 February - Saturday

UMBULO MOSS TRAIL P 1.30pm D 1.45pm.

4 - 5 February - weekend

NTENJWA RUSTIC CAMP (Spicoenkop Dam)

Cost R35 plus transport.

Leader Nevil Walmsley. Max;8 people

TRIP FULL

5 February - Sunday

LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL

This hike starts from T C Robertson Reserve Scottburgh. We will hike up the coast to Empisini Reserve approximately 10ks, where we will then have a braai. There will be some walking on the beach, in the sugar cane, along side the river and through the bush - a hike with a difference. B.Y.O food and drinks.

Leader Tom de Waal 474766H of contact Sue  
 Ptn 8.00 Dbn 8.30 Members R10 visitors R12.

11 February - Saturday

KLOOF CIRCUIT 1 D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

12 February - Sunday

ORIBI GORGE RESERVE

Moderate hike with some stunning views. Some steep ups and downs.

Leader Steve Nel 7017796H 4651503W

Ptn 7.30 Dbn 8.00

Members R14 visitors R16 Plus entrance fee at Reserve

18 February - Saturday

WINSTON PARK D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

19 February - Sunday

ENON FOREST

Medium length, fairly energetic hike with beautiful wooded mountain scenery.

Leader Dave Easton 728170H

Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00

Members R12 visitors R14

25 February - Saturday

PALMIET TRAIL D 1.30pm P 1.45pm R3 plus R3.50

25-26 February weekend

McKENJIES CAVE (Mkhomazi area)

Re visit this popular cave and indulge in your "fondue" tradition??  
Grade - moderate, not suitable for first timers.  
Contact Dave Easton 728170H

26 February - Sunday

VERNON CROOKS RESERVE

Once again we will hike at this popular venue, with some variations/  
Leader Tom de Waal 474766H  
Ptn 7.30 Dbn 8.00  
Members R11 visitors R13 Plus entrance fee at the Reserve/

4 March - Saturday

KLOOF 2 D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

5 March - Sunday

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Bill Hyslop will be leading a hike this Sunday. As Bill is still over seas at time of going to press, our destination is a mystery.  
Leader Bill 7018996H  
Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30  
Members R10 visitors R12

4-5 March weekend

LOWER INJASUTI CAVE

Saturday, visit Battle Cave, hear about it's history and take photos of the paintings, then on to Lower Injasuti Cave. On Sunday, over the top to Marble Bathers Valley, past Grindstone Cave and back to camp site.  
Grade - medium (Long walk on Sunday)  
Leader Barry Busby 849988H 722382W

11 March - Saturday

NOUTU GORGE D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

12 March - Sunday

WORLDS VIEW FOREST

This hike has not been done by the club for many years. We will be in the hills and forestry area over looking "Sleepy Hollow" Pmb  
Leaders Dora and Tony, contact Tony 251654H 291131W  
Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00  
Members R10 visitors R12

18 March - Saturday

NEW GERMANY NATURE RESERVE D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

18- 19 March weekend

CLEAR WATER CAMP

For those that missed this lovely camp, Tom will lead it once again. The camp is by the top of Umtamvuna cliffs wall. On Saturday Tom will follow the Georgouse Bulplo stream and George Trail. On Sunday the Fish Eagle Trail.  
Max; 12 people Cost per night R15.50  
Leader Tom de Waal 474766H.

19 March - Sunday

SHONGWENI CIRCUIT

We will again be hiking in this popular area with some variations.  
Leader Dave Easton 728170H  
Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30  
Members R7 visitors R9 plus entrance fee into Reserve.

25 March - Saturday

KLOOF 3 D 1.30pm P 1.45pm

26 March - Sunday

SORA'S POOLS

We will attempt this hike again, as it was cancelled due to bad weather on the 15th Jan;  
This is actually a lovely hike and so close to home. The lunch spot at the pools is a super opportunity for a cooling swim, and as it was a wash out last time, there should be plenty of water.  
Leader Jean Foster 721530H 7052433W  
Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30  
Members R7 visitors R9

ADVANCE NOTICE

2 April - Sunday

CEDARA STATE FOREST

Medium hike walking in some lovely forestry areas, good views from the highest point.  
Leader Sue Ferguson 7064055\6\7W 7013852H  
Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00  
Members R12 visitors R14

8-9 April weekend

HAVEN ROCK FARM

Come and stay in this comfortable old farmstead with magnificent views. Tom and our host George Archibald promise us new and interesting routes at this beautiful retreat from the crowds.  
Leader Tom de Waal  
Max; 12 people

9 April - Sunday

HAVEN ROCK FARM

Once again we have been invited by George Archibald to hike in this lovely area.  
Leader Tom de Waal 474766H or contact Sue.  
Ptn 7.30 Dbn 8.00  
Members R13 visitors R15

14-17 April Easter Weekend

GIANTS CASTLE AREA EXPLORATION

1 night at Bannermans Hut, 2 nights at Centenary Hut, in between some exploration of the passes and valleys.  
Leader Nevil Walmsley 7052919H  
Cost R51.

14-17 April Another treat for Easter Weekend

LORNA DOONE

Four days of walking from a lovely old farmhouse, Lorna Doone, in the magnificent forests and plantations of Ngqele. We are sharing with the Pmb Ramblers this year, so only 15 places are available initially.  
Estimated total cost accommodation and transport R95.00 no food supplied.  
Deposit R50 to Philip Gatenby 213592H 4 Rhodes Court. 270 Vause Rd Durban 4001

SAFARI'S AFRICA - Zimbabwe Sunshine Safari : 6 May to 20 May

If anyone is interested in this fantastic trip, which includes Zimbabwe Ruins, Lake Kariba, Victoria Falls, Livingston in Zambia, Wankie Game Reserve and Bulawayo, phone Trevor Sharp on (0311) 450465. The all inclusive price is R2 250,00, which is a special price for hiking club members. Camping on the route.

TRAILS

Three trails are mooted for the New Year.

The first being as early as this coming Easter Weekend; the Malolotja in the majestic Swaziland. This trail was done about 6 years ago, very successful and beautiful.

Deadline 14 February phone Steve Watson 443622H.

The second a gem on the firmament on the evergreen Wild Coast during June - July.

Then in October - November we will wind our way down to the Cape. While there we will pay a visit to our dear friends Dick and Regina. They will take us through to the Hell, a new trail blazed by them in the Swartberg mountains.

#### HIKING FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Federation is launching a subscription service for all hikers, hiking gear suppliers, hiking route owners and organisations involved in hiking. It will be a service whereby information will be channelled to all these parties, and the service will commence in January 1995

#### WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

##### On Track

A bi-monthly environmental magazine starting March 1995 in which hiking will have two pages initially. The cost of the magazine is R3.00 per issue.

##### Keeping Track

A bi-monthly environmental newspaper-type publication that will be handed out to all hyper-stores. No cost

##### Outdoor Adventurer

A monthly outdoor newspaper. Hikers will have two columns of news/information R1.00 per issue.

##### Fish Eagle

A bi-monthly travel/environmental magazine starting December 1994/January 1995 with a page of hiking news. Cost R3.00 per issue.

##### Phoenix

A new bi-monthly youth educational magazine that will be out January/February 1995. The expected distribution to schools, youth organisations, etc will be one million.

##### New Hiking Trails Information

All information about new trails will be sent out as soon as it becomes available.

##### New Hiking Products Information

As soon as information is received from suppliers, it will be distributed.

##### HFSA'S Blister

An in-house publication of the Federation for children. Cost R2.00 per issue.

##### HFSA News

News that is not covered in any of the above publications will be passed on through this channel.

In addition, you will receive any magazine/information/brochure/pamphlet which the Federation can obtain for its subscribers. Magazines may come and go but with the variety of magazines available there will always be a flow of information.

##### When you will receive the above

At the end of every month whatever is received during that month will be mailed to you.

##### What it will cost

Subscriptions will be R50.00 per year or R5.00 per month, if you join during the year. All subscriptions must be renewed annually before 31 December.

##### Why not print an in-house magazine?

An in-house magazine only reaches those on the mailing list, whereas through all the above magazines and papers the Federation can convey the message to about 200,000 adult outdoor enthusiasts and hopefully 1,000,000 children, as well as to those on the mailing list.

##### "As a trail owner, how do I get out my brochure?"

The Federation will tell you the number of copies to supply, and will

charge you a flat rate to insert your pamphlet into the month's parcel of documentation.

##### "How do I get onto the mailing list?"

By paying your subscriptions to. HFSA P.O.Box 6630 Johannesburg 2000.

#### FOR SALE

Leather Hiking Boots. Size 6 R100.00. Contact Ann Vallance 232835H

#### A BIG THANK YOU FROM US ALL

To Mick and Gloria who, once again, perhaps I should say, as usual, made us all feel so welcome on the 11 Dec 94 when we had our annual Christmas bash at their wonderful home. The food was good, the weather was kind to us, and the company was excellent. I wonder how many tons of biscuits the hikers have consumed over the years, at Mick and Gloria's expense???

HERE ARE SOME OF MY BITS AND PIECES THAT SO MANY OF YOU HAVE SAID YOU ENJOY.

He who drinks gets drunk.

He who gets drunk falls asleep.

He who falls asleep doesn't sin

He who doesn't sin goes to heaven.

So, if you want to go to heaven.

DRINK

#### WRONG DESCENT

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree  
Discussing things as they're said to be.  
Said one to the others, "Now listen you two,  
there's a certain rumour, that can't be true,  
That man descended from our noble race,  
the very idea is an utter disgrace!"

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,  
starved her babies, or ruined her life.  
And you've never heard of another monk,  
who left her babies with others to bunk"

"And another thing you'll never see,  
a monk build a fence round a coconut tree,  
If I'd built a fence around that tree,  
starvation would force you to steal from me"

"Another thing too a monk wouldn't do,  
is go out at night and go on the stew.  
Or use a gun, or club, or knife,  
to take some other monkey's life."  
"Yes, man descended....the ornery cuss..  
but brother, he didn't.... descend from us."

Taken from Algoa Ramblers.

WITH LOVE FROM A LONELY DOG

I wish someone would tell me  
What it is that I've done wrong.  
Why do I have to stay chained up,  
And be left alone so long?  
They seemed so glad to have me  
When I came here as a pup.  
There were so many things we'd do  
Whilst I was growing up.

The Master said he'd train me  
As companion and a friend.  
The Mistress said she'd never fear  
To be alone again.  
The children said they'd feed me  
And brush me every day,  
They'd play with me, and walk me  
If only I would stay.

But now the Master "Hasn't time"  
The Mistress says I shed.  
She doesn't want me in the house  
Not even to be fed.  
The children never walk me,  
They always say "Not now"  
I wish that I could please them,  
Won't someone tell me how.

All I had you see, was love,  
I wish they would explain  
Why they said they wanted mine....  
Then left it on a chain.

New subscription fees are as follows

Country	R16
Single	R20
Couples/Family	R25
Country Couples	R20

A reminder to prospective members. To become a member you must engage in three day hikes or one Berg trip. The entrance fee is R10 plus a yearly sub.