

# THE DURBAN RAMBLER

MARCH, 1960



Kay Kloof

DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB

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MARCH 1960 FIXTURE LIST

TUESDAY 1st: Executive Committee will meet at Gloria Hetem's home, 12A Jubilee Court, Clarence Road, Durban, at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY 6th: Hike to Umlaas Falls, lorries travelling via Pinetown. Rob leading. Members 5/-  
Visitors 5/6

WEDNESDAY 16th: Photographic section will meet at the home of Joan Paige, 45 Northway, Durban North, at 8 p.m. The competition will be open. The April Competition will be on abstract and table-top.

SUNDAY 20th: Roll up for a new hike - to Hippo Pool (Nagle Dam area). Lorries will leave Market Place on the dot 8.30, travelling via Pinetown. Billy leading. Members 5/-  
Visitors 7/6

NEW EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello Ramblers,

I think I should apologise at this stage for starting my year as "Editress" by not even making up this month's Magazine.

By the kind assistance of your ex-Editress - Marge Tomlinson - I was able to go on leave without having to worry how your favourite Mag. was going to produce itself. Many thanks, Margery.

See you next month, when I hope to do my best to keep up the good standard Marge has set and I am sure it will be a good year - what with such an "intelligent" Committee to assist me and the enthusiastic help I hope to get from the "literary types".

Gloria Heten.

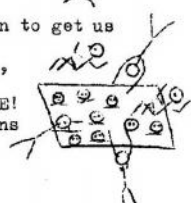
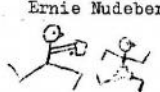
PARTY AT MOORELANDS HOTEL.

The first night-function the club held this year was a dance-party which took place at Moorelands Hotel, Kloof. About 60 people turned out and it was nice to see lazy loafers such as Ronnie, Pat, Terry and Claude after their long absence from club activities.

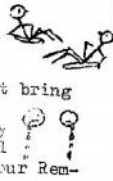
The setting for the party was perfect; there were chairs and tables placed under a thatched roof in the yard. Inside was the dance floor, surrounded by food - fresh sandwiches, hot, hot dogs and scrumptious jam and cream tarts - enough to feed an army plus the Ramblers (who do consume a lot more than a lot). The music was supplied by a radiogram and the records available were better than any band we could have hired. To top it all, there was a swimming pool waiting for us and the weather-man was on our side.

For a moment we thought that Sailor Malan had also turned up for the party but it was soon discovered that it was only the organiser, Mickey McCuddle, in his bell-bottom shorts! The dancing, eating and drinking soon began and the pranks started when Harry put a HEAPA on Gary's nose - a HEAPA-CREAM of course, from one of the tarts. Gary tried to retaliate but only succeeded in making the dance floor creamy. Those who could not get partners to dance with, suddenly got the bright idea to start an "excuse me" dance. Very clever! Ernie Nudberry was prematurely dressed in his swimming trunks and unfortunately for him I had a bucket full of ice in my hands and a chase soon started on the dance floor. Jerry Lewis, better known in the club as Snake Bite Rabie, gave us an exhibition of jiving, to roars of laughter.

At 10 o'clock some hot jazz was put on to get us ready for swimming, and as soon as the music was over about 40 of us, in bathing costumes, hot, sweaty and smelling like ricksha boys, scrambled into the pool - and what a SCRAMBLE! Then Seals, Penguins, Crabs, Frogs and Baboons started performing. How nobody got knocked



unconscious is still a mystery. Two car tubes were produced and Rennie and Basil demonstrated how to jump with the tube under one's seat and to hit the water in sitting position. I am sure it reminded them of SPRAS pool! Those who did not bring bathing costumes sat by and looked on the mouth. After the swimming frolic, the lads got under way once more and great quantities of food, washed down by beer, again disappeared into the jaws our Ramblers call themselves!



The party ended at 12.30 and our thanks, for a most enjoyable evening and a good start to the new year, go to the entertainment committee, Ernie Roseberry, the proprietors of Moorelands and those others who helped.

Incidentally, on the following morning, the proprietors were astonished to discover a marsh around the pool. They had not known of its existence before!

N.B. For those who missed this party, here is the remedy: kick yourself in the pants or kick those who prevented you from coming, and promise yourself now that you will not miss the next party at Moorelands or anywhere else!!!!



A.R.L. (Special Reporter)

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KAY KLOOF (THE PAPER CHASE) 24/1/60

Forty-nine rowdy Ramblers re-boarded two lorries and allowed Pinetown to recover its usual Sunday morning calm. Those who had bought something to eat, found that they were more generous than they thought they were, as soon, everyone was eating what the others had bought!

On to the noble circuit at Hill Crest, where Mickey and Lindy had earlier commenced the laying of the paper trail which was supposed to lead us to the lunch spot. Gary immediately led half the party into the bush to find it was a false trail, after which he refused to

follow any more paper trails as he said he knew where we were to picnic and was jolly well just going to walk there, paper trail or none. So with 4 other cheats he set off.

The rest of us played fair and followed the paper, but soon found that wherever the paper was easily visible, it was a false trail. The correct route apparently had a small piece of torn up paper every hundred yards!. Margaret Moore led a party up a hill where the paper petered out, but as we knew where we were going, we forgot about the paper. Margaret was heard to express regret that she would not be entering this year's amble as she had found a "Wizard Short Cut"!

The sun was not shining, but the weather was very hot as we followed the amble route to the Inanda road, and then followed this road until we heard a horrible voice scream "this way", and found Bob Ferns sitting on a boulder looking worse than ever. He was marking the spot where we were required to turn off the road to go down the Kloof - it was the right turn off, but no paper was visible! Halfway down the Kloof we found Lindy at picnic spot with the tea and coffee already brewed. It was not our usual spot, which may account for Harry Tripe and others taking an unnecessary journey. They dashed off ahead to get there first, and ended up at the usual stopping place at the bottom of the Kloof to find no-one there!

Lunch was idly eaten, after which Micky McConnell led a party on a post-prandial walk, while the remainder of the group SLEPT. After the walkers had returned we had another "Brew", during which races were organised with the local populace, using excess food as the winning post. After each race was over, we refereed the ensuing fights. Native piccanins are the same as all other kids - they don't fight fair.

Came quarter to four, and off we set for the lorries which were in the same place as we had left them. On the return journey the lorries took the "back road" to Kloof

Half way round the  
Amble route, there  
was a sit-down strike  
Brian and Shirley



Collapse of Joy

KAY KLOOF HERE

"Blossom"



Spring soliloquy

which gave us the opportunity of seeing what a lovely part of Natal this is. We finally came down Kloof Falls road into the main road. And so through Pinetown back to Durban and home.

E. Newbery

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With 54 members present the meeting got off to a fairly early (3p.m.) start at Lyons Canteen, Pinetown. After some difficulty in making himself heard, Dymock declared the meeting open, and the minutes of the previous A.G.M. were duly read and verified.

Dymock then made his report on Club activities for the year, remarking on the increase of numbers on hikes, and the improvement in the financial position from a loss of £40 to a profit of £22. He concluded by thanking all those who had helped in the running of the club during the year.

Harry read his report, mentioning the improvement in the magazine, and remarking that bad debts were made up mainly of people who resign and don't bother to notify the Secretary in writing. The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet were moved for adoption.

The election of office bearers was rapidly concluded as there seemed to be very few changes on the Executive Committee. The subsidiary committees took a little longer, and caused a great deal of noise, and after a break to partake of the excellent eats provided, the meeting passed on to General.

The Pietermaritzburg week-end was brought up, and various improvements suggested, the feeling being that we needed a change. However it was agreed that it was really up to the Maritzburg Ramblers to make any changes.

It was suggested that people not following the leaders should be penalised, and also that members not

having paid subs should be made to pay visitors fees after six months.

The Cripple children outing was discussed, and a suggestion put forward that ordinary members should help as well as the Committee. After some discussion it was decided that if there were sufficient members willing to help, an orphanage would be given an outing, each member to pay for one child. Anyone interested was asked to contact the Secretary.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Ernie Newbery and his helpers for their hard work, and to Lyons for the use of their canteen.

Jill Craig

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FOR SALE

1 Large pack. Please contact Dennis Cauvin - phone 41607 (res.) - for details and price.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Ernie Newbery
Vice-chairman:	Dymock Parr
Secretary:	Jill Craig
Treasurer:	Fred Clarke
Editor:	Gloria Hatem
Entertainments	
Chairman:	Mickey McConnell
Camp Captain:	Billy Langlois
Chief Leader:	Lindy
Sub Leaders:	Billy Langlois & Rob Philp
4 Ordinary Members:	Marge Tomlinson, Harry Tripe, Bob Ferns & Des Teague.

CAMP COMMITTEE

Camp Captain: Billy Langlois  
6 Committee Members: Bob Ferns, Shirley Boyce,

Camp Committee Members continued: Norman Brown, Ernie Foster, Marge Tomlinson and Ron Smith.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mickey McConnell  
6 Members: Peter Roffe, Sylvia Roffe,  
Denise Philp, Jimmy Mitchell,  
Gloria Hetem & Alex Currie.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Editor: Gloria Hetem  
4 Members: June Aspin, Ron Smith, Marge Tomlinson & Ernie Newbery.

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BOULDER POOL 7/2/60

Whether it was the knowledge of good eats in the afternoon or the mild weather we don't know but there was a very good turn-out on this hike. Transportless people climbed aboard the Indian Express and many "High Society" types went by car and after the usual stop at Pinetown we all arrived safely at the top of Kloof Gorge.

A short but steep descent soon took us down into the valley of the Reserve and there was no mistaking the way as the "Heapa Rabie" had advertised himself well all the way down. (As if it was necessary to label the Teenies and Weenies!!!)

Boulder Pool was a lovely spot but was soon looking untidy with Ramblers finding squatting rights. While waiting for the late-comers "the Rabie" entertained by demonstrating how a poor guy can be mis-led these days - what with falsies and hairless chests - by wearing Joan's bathing costume suitably filled with stuffing. Bathing costumes were the thing and many were soon cooling themselves in the cold water of the lovely clear pool. Cuddlewell, McCuddle, Philpcuddle and various other cuddles were as usual doing their level best to out-swim the fishes.

After lunch and a "much needed rest?????" we all left the pool early - about 1.30 - for the long and weary walk up to our transport and off in a hurry to Pinetown to the Lyons Tea Factory where the hike ended in a well earned ice-cold fruit drink provided by Ernie Newbery's Welfare Workers and then on to our Annual General Meeting (lovely grub!!!)

Gloria Hetem

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC

In the near future the subjects for competitions will necessitate the use of the camera and photographic materials, indeed, viz. tabletop-portraiture, therefore a few words at this stage will not be amiss.

Colour film is available for use with photo flood bulbs and also for clear flash bulbs. Two sources of light are generally required to obtain the best results, and as it is desirable to see the results before taking the shot, photo flood lamps in reflectors are recommended.

Lighting for colour is straightforward - two photo-floods in good reflectors will provide sufficient light for a fairly short exposure - usually  $\frac{1}{10}$  sec. at F3.5 - 5.6. A spotlight should be used for highlights, e.g. the hair, in portraits and the centre of interest in table top, and also to vary the tone of background. This is important as retouching or control processes can be done after the shot has been made as in black and white.

Contrast is no problem in colour, the lighting should be as even as possible, and the colour will provide the necessary contrast.

No rules should be laid down for the choice of colours, the good taste and discretion of the photographer should be the only guide, and it definitely is not in good taste to include as many colours as possible in the picture. The more simple the better, with perhaps a small area of contrasting colour to focus attention and provide a centre of interest.

The use of simple colours in portraiture is particularly important. Avoid using flesh or striped patterns, which only succeed in distracting attention from the face of your sitter. If necessary, a screen may be used to cast a shadow on the body of the model, so that all interest is concentrated on the face. A cold tone background such as blue or green should be used as this accentuates the flesh tones, and also gives depth to the picture. If warm tones were used, the background and the model would appear to merge.

Harry Tripe

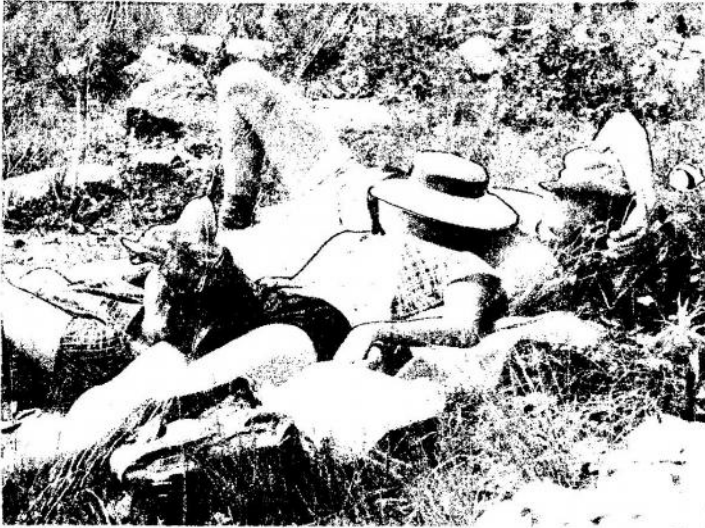
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NEW MEMBERS.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Fred Clark	Leila Rickardson
Theresa Kelly	Cynthia Saunders

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Sleeping time