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OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2001

TITLE	COMMITTEE MEMBER	HOME TEL	BUS, CEL & FAX Nos
Chairman	Phillip Gatenby	2013592	
Secretary	Dieter Becker	4627445	
Treasurer	Biff Maggs	3121503	0829006985
Day Hike Organiser	Bill Hyslop	2626792	0835412228
Berg/Trails Organiser	Bill Hyslop	2626792	0835412228
Socials Organiser	Ray van Reenen	7058938	
Magazine Editor	Vacant		
Publicity Organiser	Steve Watson	3127108	
Sat. Hike Organiser	Celia Vergari	7644608	0839255938
Ordinary Member	Clive Stegman	7655051	after hours

One of our Ramblers returned from the pub to find his car headlights broken. There's no sign of the offending vehicle but he's relieved to find a note under his windscreen wiper.

"Sorry, I just backed into your car," it says. "The witnesses who saw the accident are nodding and smiling at me because they think I am leaving my name, address and other particulars. But I'm not."

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

The long weekend at Buccleugh reminded me that the DRHC is alive and well – a weekend of hiking in beautiful surroundings of indigenous forest and plantations punctuated often by gales of happy laughter. The only cross word came from Celia when she slipped on a slimy rock in a stream and dumped her brand new rucksack in the water in order to save her ass.

The Womens Day hike was also a happy event attended by more than sixty people. The excellent food and drink provided was demolished in record time – almost too soon for those of us looking after the tail. Some may have noticed, with relief, the arrival of the 21<sup>st</sup> century on the hike with cell phone communication between front, centre and rear of the throng.

Some members still seem to be unaware of the difference between the money collected on Sunday and that collected on Saturday. It is very simple. Some years ago the Executive Committee (Exco) decided that each person on a Sunday hike would pay R2 to the club to cover hike expenses – i.e. tea/coffee and recess. When we started the Saturday Hikes, discussion arose in Exco as to whether Saturday hikers should also make a contribution to the club, but, since the Saturday hikes incurred no costs, the Committee decided that no levy needed to be paid.

Some years later, the Saturday hike organisers started making a collection on hikes for specific projects. Firstly it was Krantzklouf Nature Reserve, because their budget had been reduced to such an extent that they could not function properly. When Krantzklouf imposed their own levy, we continued the collections on hikes other than Krantzklouf, in order to make donations to reserves which still allowed us free admission. (e.g. New Germany Nature Reserve received R600 of birdseed for their aviary). Early in 2001 the collections were discontinued because the Treasurer and the Auditor were unhappy that the paper work accompanying these funds was not of the kind prescribed for Sunday hikes, and the Saturday hike organisers felt that they could not afford to waste the amount of time necessary to comply. Since then collections have sometimes taken place to make good the recee fees not paid to Bill by the previous committee. The collection of money on Saturdays is still under discussion.

Congratulations to the members who have recently acquired full member status.

Philip

*Quarterly quote :- "I never married, because there was no need. I have three pets at home which answer the same purpose as a husband. I have a dog that growls and farts every morning, a parrot that swears all afternoon, and a cat that comes home late every night."*

**Marie Corelli**

## MEMBERS NEWS AND SOCIAL DIARY

### New members

A big welcome to the following aspirant members who have become full members :- Paul Abelman, Doreen Aves, Diana Blair, Jill Brooke, Ria Brown, Leah Chananie, Pat Clur, Dahlia Conway, Marilyn Cox, Krystyna Davenport, Johan Ferreira, Jan De Groot, Derick Helberg, Faith De Jager, Brenda Dicks, Jill Dunstone, Jean Elliot, Brenda Franklyn, Sheila Gill, Jill Groom, Jenny Hay, Lynda Hay, Annette Ivey, Merle Lubbe, Ilona Matthews, Lynne Murray, John Mitchell, Dee Ording, Stephen Parker, Denis Paxton, Christopher Rawlins, Sandy Sadler, Del Scott, Peter Shanahan, Crispin Taylor, Lorraine Tregear, Kathleen Tudge, Lynette van Blerk, Kathleen van Gesselteen, Raymond van Reenen, Werner Vanslembrouck, Valerie Walker and Shelagh Webber.

### Executive Committee Changes

**Secretary** :- Dieter Becker has taken up the position vacated by Mary Perry.  
**Treasurer** - Biff Maggs has taken over from Chris Dobson who very kindly carried on after his 3 years as Treasurer was up, until a new Treasurer could be found.

**Socials Organiser** :- Raymond van Reenen takes up the vacant position.

**Magazine Editor** - Grahame Davies has resigned, but will continue to produce the magazine until a new editor is appointed.

**Publicity Organiser** - Steve Watson has taken over this position after the resignation of Margret Kirsten.

### Christmas Party

To take place at a private residence on the Berea on 8th December 2001 at a cost of R35. Limited numbers. For full details and booking, contact Diana Blair on 5724947. Payment to be made by the end of October.

If this event is over-subscribed to a sufficient extent we may organise another event at another venue (the insatiable may be able to attend both).

*An army major visits his sick soldiers. "What's your problem and what treatment are you taking, soldier?"*

*"Chronic syphilis, and I'm treating it for five minutes with the wire brush every day, Sir."*

*"What's your ambition?"*

*"To get back on duty, Sir."*

*He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem and what's your treatment?"*

*"Chronic piles, and I'm treating it with a wire brush for 5 minutes daily, Sir."*

*"What's your ambition?"*

*"To get back on duty, Sir."*

*He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem and what's your treatment?"*

*"Chronic gum disease, and I treat it with a wire brush for 5 minutes daily, Sir."*

*"What's your ambition, soldier?"*

*"To get the wire brush before the other two, Sir."*

**HIKING PROGRAMME : JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2001**

Please try to get to our meeting places **at least 10 minutes earlier** so that fees can be collected and lifts arranged timeously. Day hikers, bring 2 litres of water, a hat and a cup for lunchtime tea/coffee. Saturday afternoon hikers, bring 1 litre of water and a snack for half time.

Meeting places: Durban – Musgrave Park, cnr Berea & Musgrave Roads  
Pinetown – Union Main Centre, Old Main Road

**NB – PLEASE BRING CORRECT MONEY AS NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN**

**DAY HIKE PROGRAMME**

All meeting times, unless otherwise stated are:- Durban 08h00, P'town 08h30.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF HIKE	HIKE LEADER HIKE COST	TEL NOS
✓ Oct 7	<b>Triple Ridges.</b> Before the weather gets too hot, let's do Steve's famous "gut-buster."	<b>Steve Nel</b> Members R15 Visitors R20	083 4540569
✓ Oct 14	<b>Izingolweni.</b> This hike, much enjoyed 3 years ago, explores valley & mountain-top scenery in a distant part of the 1000 Hills – med. length	<b>Bill Hyslop</b> Members R19 Visitors R24	2626792 083 5412228
Oct 21	<b>Mgoshongweni to Delville Wood.</b> Medium hike in pleasant valley scenery.	<b>Dieter Becker</b> Members R8 Visitors R13	4627445
✓ Oct 28	<b>Lower Umgeni Valley from Wybank.</b> A lot of ups and downs with a beautiful riverside picnic.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b> Members R7 Visitors R12	2626792 083 5412228
✓ Nov 4	<b>Hammersdale Falls to Triple Ridges.</b> This hike joins up with Steve's famous gut-buster. Bot this hike is less strenuous.	<b>Steve Nel</b> Members R15 Visitors R20	083 4540569
✓ Nov 11	<b>Bhonga-Bhonga.</b> Easy hike in the Umgwahumbe Valley area (near our famous Giggleswick hikes).	<b>Mike Serrurier</b> Members R24 Visitors R29	5635871(w) 082 8223106
✓ Nov 18	<b>Montezuma.</b> Join the group spending the week-end at George Archibald's famous farm-house amidst glorious scenery. Early start required – <b>7h30</b> – or how about coming the evening before? Phone <b>Bill Hyslop</b> re - travel arrangements	<b>George Archibald</b> Members R30 Visitors R35	082 7724261

Nov 25	<b>Shongweni Heights &amp; Falls</b> The original route of this medium hike has not been done for a few years. Definitely worth re-discovering.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b> Members R10 Visitors R15	2626792 083 5412228
Dec 2	<b>Hornets Kranz.</b> This famous hike explores all the heights of the Monteseel area. Fairly strenuous and hot.	<b>Steve Nel</b> Members R10 Visitors R15	083 4540568
Dec 9	<b>The Umgeni River between Nagle Dam &amp; Aasvoel Kranz.</b> New hike continuing where the old Aasvoel Kranz hike finishes. Medium length.	<b>Dieter Becker</b> Members R20 Visitors R25	4627445
Dec 16	<b>Umgeni Valley from Molweni.</b> Famous for it's steep ascent at the end of the day, but offering a stretch of the valley not hiked for several years.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b> Members R10 Visitors R15	2626792 083 5412228
Dec 23	<b>A Friendly Bonding Hike?</b> Contact Bill if you fancy a pleasant day out. It will take place only if sufficient people are interested.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b>	2626792 083 5412228
Dec 25	<b>Xmas Party in the Wilds</b> —contact Bill Hyslop for details.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b>	2626792 083 5412228
Dec 26	<b>Walk</b> — contact Bill Hyslop for details.	<b>Bill Hyslop</b>	2626792 083 5412228
Dec 30	<b>The Eyrie.</b> This is the name given to the highest point overlooking the Umbogintwini Valley. The last visit was made 5 years ago. We shall be driving round to the south side, hence the higher cost.	To be announced  Members R24 Visitors R29	

One morning a mother was trying to wake up her son. "Wake up now! It's time to go to school."

"I don't want to go to school." Her son replied.

Give me two reasons why you don't want to go to school", his mother said.

"One, all the children hate me. Two all the teachers hate me."

"Not good enough," his mother replied.

"Fine," the son said. "Give me two good reasons why I should go to school today."

"One, you're 50 years old. Two you're the principal of the school."

**Groucho Marx** :- "Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men. The other 999 follow women"

**Dolly Parton** :- "I have little feet because nothing grows in the shade."

**Henry Youngman**:- "I miss my wife's cooking — as often as I can."

**Tom Clancy**:- "Bill Clinton thinks that international affairs means dating girls from out of town."

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON HIKES PROGRAMME**

These hikes depart from Musgrave Park Medical Centre at 13h30. The cost is R8.00 for transport which is payable to the relevant driver. Hikes marked # involve a payment of R5.00 each for entry into the nature reserve. Please bring the correct amount of money as change is not always available – thank you. Would those for whom the starting point is not convenient, please proceed to the destination, or phone one of the organisers between 12h00 and 12h45 on the day, to arrange a suitable meeting point.

**CONTACT:- Celia (7644608 / 0839255938) or Phillip (2013592)**

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF HIKE	HIKE LEADER	TEL NOS
Oct 6	# Celia's Kloof. From Kloof Falls picnic site along top of escarpment with magnificent gorge views.	Celia Vergari	083 9255938 or 7644608
Oct 13	New Germany Nature Reserve. Second right off Otto Volek Rd, after Old Main Rd. Grass / forest reserve with buck, zebra, ponds & walk-in aviary.	Dave Hancocks	2668602
Oct 20	Upper Mackintosh Falls. Meet on grass verge near Assagay Hotel. Steep ground through some interesting woodland.	Bill Hyslop or Dieter Becker	2626792 4627445
Oct 27	Palmiet 1. Entrance at Faurea Place, 100 metres from University of Westville gates on Pitlochny Road.	Bill Hyslop	2626792
Nov 3	Shongweni. Meet on grass verge near the Assagay Hotel. Good hike with open spaces and cane fields.	Sally & Clive	7655051
Nov 10	Roosfontein. Westville Prison, Spine Rd. Open walk in grass / river bed. Suitable for beginners.	Dave Hancocks	2668602
Nov 17	# Kloof 3. From Kloof Falls picnic site. Forested walk alongside a pretty stream, returning on top of the escarpment.	Philip Gatenby	2013592
Nov 24	Winston Park 2. Start at lake on property of Seasons Restaurant. Walk around indigenous bush and escarpment.	Celia Vergari	083 9255938 or 7644608
Dec 1	# Paradise Valley. Between dual carriageway and flats. Small nature reserve with variety of vegetation. Good one for beginners.	Dave Hancocks	2668602
Dec 8	# Alverston. Hike in reserve. Meet on grass verge near Assagay Hotel.	Sally & Clive	7655051

Dec 15	<b>Springside.</b> First night off Old Main Road, Hillcrest after leaving highway. Cross-country hike suitable for beginners.	<b>Dave Hancocks</b>	2668602
Dec 22	<b># Stainbank.</b> Meet at Stainbank Nature Reserve. Lovely shady walk. Bring drinks & snacks for after the hike.	<b>Sally &amp; Clive</b>	7655051
Dec 29	<b># Kloof 1.</b> Kloof Falls picnic site. We hike through forest to waterfall, then top of waterfall and grasslands.	<b>Celia Vergari</b>	083 9255938 or 7644608

Our resident nut-case, Mike White, sent me this info he got during his stay in a well known institution:

*Welcome to the psychiatric hotline:*

*If you are an obsessive-compulsive please press 1 repeatedly.*

*If you're co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2.*

*If you have multiple personalities, please press 3,4,5 and 6*

*If you are paranoid and delusional, we know who you are and what you want. Just*

*stay on the line so we can trace your call.*

*If you're schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to*

*press.*

**WEEKEND AND TRAILS PROGRAMME**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LEADER	TEL NOS
Oct 12 or 13/14	<b>"Our" hut - Buccleugh in the Karkloof</b> - is available for up to 8 persons at a time. There are no hut charges, but we are expected to explore this wooded hill country in order to open up more hikes. Mattresses, electric hot-plates & refrigerator are among the benefits, together with a hot-water system with a mind of its own. <i>N.B. if you want to arrange a group visit at any other time contact Philip Gatenby on 2013592.</i>	<b>Philip Gatenby</b>	2013592
Oct 20/21	<b>Drakensberg</b> cave week-end	<b>Steve Watson</b>	3127108
Nov 17/18	<b>Montezuma.</b> No year is complete without a week-end at Montezuma, where hiking is delightful and the accommodation luxurious in this historic bunkhouse. Cost for accommodation is R30 per night. Max no of people is 18, but others may bring their own mattresses	<b>George Archibald</b>  <i>N.B. Book with Bill Hyslop on 2626792</i>	0827724261

Dec 29 to Jan 1 or whenever	<b>Ngele Forest.</b> Philip's New Year week-end party at a luxurious high hut – if numbers permit. Prompt booking required. Otherwise see below.	Philip Gatenby	2013592
Dec 28 to Jan 2 Or part	<b>Cathedral Peak.</b> Luxury accomm. in the Education Centre with wonderful hikes in the mountains. Limited numbers as guests of Ramblers Club. Pietermaritzburg.	Philip Gatenby	2013592

A blonde typist pitched late for work and the boss demanded to know why.  
*"I was held up by an accident," she said breathlessly.*  
*"It was terrible. There was this man who had been hit by a car, lying in the road groaning, his skull fractured and a leg broken. Fortunately, I did first aid training some years ago and it all came back to me."*  
*"What did you do?" said the boss.*  
*"I sat down and put my head between my knees to stop me fainting."*

**Articles for Sale**

One large two-roomed frame tent in good condition – R700 – tel 564 2868 a/h.

Label on Korean kitchen knives: – *Warning: keep out of children.*  
 On Marks & Spencers bread pudding: – *Product will be hot when heated.*  
 On Swedish chainsaw: – *Do not attempt to stop chain with hands or genitals.*  
 On an American hairdryer: – *Do not use while sleeping.*

**The outdoors start with us!**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO A "WILD" PLACE TO ENJOY EVERYTHING NATURE HAS TO OFFER. WE CAN HELP YOU ENJOY IT ALL. STOP AND CHECK US OUT!

Map showing the location of the outdoor center near Springhill Park, Durban.

Call 031 5791950 Fax: 031 5791959



