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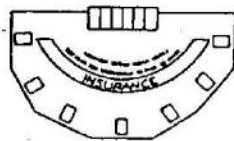
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THE COVER PHOTO OF THE
LAST ISSUE IS

THE WATER FALL IN
SAFARI PARK
PIETERMARITZBURG

DEADLINE FOR

Dec - Jan

NEWSLETTER

Please send items of interest, articles etc. to the editor before 15 NOV 1992. The onus is on the organisers to submit their programme(s) timeously to the Editor.

PLEASE NOTE PHOTOGRAPHS

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GIANTS CUP - BANNERMANS HUT HIKE

11 - 12 JULY 1992

DICK, REGINA, IRENE, ADOLF, LINDSAY,
JOHN, ANDREW AND MIKE.

Talk about being optimistic - 05h30 Lindsay on route to Dick & Regina picked up Mike and Irene - Midwinter - all dressed in T Shirts and shorts. A very different story when we drove through Mooi River - what a mad rush for something warm. Irene was set to celebrate her birthday in the Berg - so with much help from fellow hikers we set off to Giants Cup - a really beautiful area of the Berg, but Oh! so very very dry. We walked along the river for quite sometime before we started climbing - the usual story - should be over the next rise - it felt like a good 20 hills before we eventually saw the hut - one more climb before we reached our destination! We were all rather disappointed when we found no running water in the hut but after investigating the higher areas of the mountain we realised the river from which the water pipes ran had dried up -

What with all the strong and able fellows we soon had ample water in the hut for the evening ahead. We started the festivities with a birthday cake - candle and all - the evening menu had been planned in advance so we all sat down to a very different "fondue" evening we all brought various dips - Dick outshining us all with his cooking ability. Regina, doing her usual Gluhwien trick which after distributing about half, the contents ended up all over her lovely white jersey.

Sunday morning we set off along a 19km contour walk all along the escarpment, what a magnificent view we had all day. We saw some really lovely looking Eland in various areas of the Berg - our walk took us across the very badly burnt Langalibalele pass before we eventually climbed the last rise to Bannermans Hut - running water, what a treat!

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.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
Please bring exact change to all hikes
also

PLEASE TRY TO EARLY AT THE MEETING
POINTS

A REMINDER

Hikers are reminded that they should carry extra cash on them as from time to time visits are made to local shops for refreshments during hikes.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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NEW ADDRESS

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NEW TEL No: (H)
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Please forward to:
The Secretary
Durban Ramblers Hiking Club
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GIANTS CUP CONT

The evening festivities started with Champagne that Adolf very gallantly had carried for 2 days - (for those hikers who received their "Berg checklist from Marie, would have had toothpicks listed - after a good many hikes I still hadn't used these, silently questioning this additional weight I religiously packed them, hike after hike - Whala! you need them for spiking mussels for pre-dinner drinks!!!) A really tremendous looking plate of mussels, sardines various chips and mixed nuts graced our table, once again we placed candles all over the hut and settled in for a really great evening of the normal hiking chatter. Adolf and Andrew decided to spend the night outside but Adolf soon ambled back as the wind was threatening to blow him away - Andrew, however was either too tired from the days activities or wanted to test his new sleeping bag - zero temperatures, survived the night in the bitter cold.

Monday, with a thought for the working class, (Thanks! Editor) we set off back to base - I'm sure, when summer comes we'll all be back again to see the mountains in their normal beauty - the contrast between seeing the area in winter compared to summer must be worth a trip - pity birthdays come only once a year, what a great time we had!! Well deserved pit stop at "Notties," before the final leg home.

Thanks to my fellow hikers, for making it such a memorable trip. Dick and Regina for all the organising. **IRENE COWARD**

UP, UP AND AWAY

A Johannesburg woman's birthday fun spread to the Natal Drakensberg when balloons from her party found their way to the Giant's Castle game reserve. Elspeth Kempe of Craighall Park celebrated her 40th birthday and filled her house with dozens of helium filled balloons. She and her sons decided to release some after attaching a note with her telephone number. The NPB phoned her with the location of the now landed balloons.

Copied from "The Mercury"

PIETERMARITZBURG TO DURBAN HIKE

8 - 9 AUGUST 1992

We met at Musgrave Park,
the time was half past five.
The hour was dark, the weather cold,
we felt more dead than alive.

We piled into the mini bus,
our luggage went ahead.
Our thoughts were not of hiking but of,
comfort, warmth and bed.

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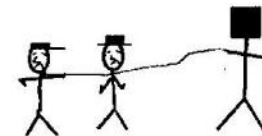
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IF YOU ARE
PREPARED TO
LEAD
ANY BERG HIKES



However once in Maritzburg
our spirits they did rise,
for there were some more people,
but as hikers... in disguise.

We stepped out very briskly
as we had far to go.
Inchanga was our camping spot
little did we know!!!!

The first ten K's were easy,
then came the aches and pains,
sore muscles and blisters,
and the skies they threatened rain.

At Cato Ridge, some stopped for lunch,
some stopped for blistered feet.
Some hikers were too tired by now,
they didn't want to eat.

The K's ahead seemed endless,
but we knew we must press on.
The strongest and the leaders,
from our sight and gone.

The weather had turned nasty,
with gale force wind and dust.
But to finish that gruelling hike,
we felt we really must.

The last ten K's we battled,
the wind it now led with force
It pushed and pulled and buffeted,
to drive us off our course.

Some hikers heard a calling
above the gale so loud
With bodies bent against the wind,
and heads so deeply bowed.
They found themselves in silence,
then heard laughter and good cheer.
"Fancy that We've found a pub,
lets sit and have a beer"

One beer it seems was not enough,
another followed that.
The fire was Oh, so comfortable
and so they sat and sat.

Meanwhile their fellow hikers,
bravely plodded on.
T'was one step forward two steps back,
'til all our strength was gone.

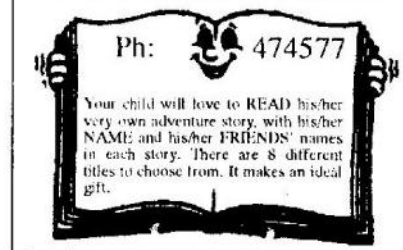
At last as we peered through the dust,
a farm is what we saw.
It was our campsite for the night
.... a barn with an open door.

There were hot showers and coffee,
you know ... "the best one of the week"
Our sleeping bags and mattresses
were in a pile to seek.
In came Bill and Melvin
dishevelled and so cold.
They said they'd tried to put up tents,
at least ... that's what we were told.

By six O'clock a fire was lit,
and out came all the packs
of steak and chops and sausages
and other tasty snacks.
The music blared, the fire it flared,
and everyone sat around.
Swapping all their stories
of walking on hard ground.

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NOTES FOR NEW HIKERS

(and a reminder to others)

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2. Bring a mug and a black bin-liner.
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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MEMBERS,
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weekends away,
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*The dronkies came in time to eat,
they too complained of blistered feet.
By half past ten we'd hit the sack,
with Sunday's walk in mind.
Hikers!!! they are people
of a different kind.*

*Sunday dawned, as all days do,
but no sleeping in for us.
It was clothes thrown on,
and day bags packed,
with minimum of fuss.*

*Once again we hit the road,
with legs and feet still sore.
Our muscles they cried out to us
No more, no more, no more.*

*Six hours we walked that 30K's,
some did it less.
For some of us Pinetown was home,
it was here that we could rest.*

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*Others they went marching on,
Durban was their aim,
I don't know how you all feel????
but I won't do the walk again.*

**JEAN JACOBS.
MANY THANKS, JEAN!! EDITOR**

60th ANNIVERSARY HIKE

8 - 9TH AUGUST '92

by: **Margret Kirsten**

After a very successful beginning of our 60th Anniversary celebrations earlier this year, we have yet enjoyed another memorable event, an Anniversary Hike. An 86km walk from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. Starting point, PMB, cycling stadium. Our Organiser, JACK AUMORD, welcomed all, including a number of members from the Pietermaritzburg Ramblers Club. After a short speech, fit and eager hikers started the first leg of 45km to Inchanga.

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The sun showed its first rays through the early morning clouds and made the 7.00am start almost perfect. A cool breeze kept our heads fresh for quite some time. It did not take long for the lively chattering crowd to disperse into smaller groups and even single walkers, everyone walking their own speed. We soon reached a long down hill and we realised it was the famous Polly Shorts of the Comrades. The day became more brilliant as time went by, really ideal walking temperatures. Traffic increased, as many locals made their way to town this Saturday morning. The gaps between hikers also widened by the time we reached Umlaas Rd. It was quite amazing how much one can observe, walking the route instead of driving. Although the countryside is very dry it still has its beauty. Numerous Coral trees, and even some Cherry blossoms and bright yellow daisies were part of our lovely veld.

For a good number of us everything went well, but we had great support from our patrols with their encouraging remarks and bright smiles keeping a wonderful eye on breakdowns, overloaded bodies and first aid. Approx. 1pm we approached Camperdown where we noticed a sudden change in the sky! Dark, heavy clouds rolled in from the south west along with galeforce winds and soon we battled our way through sand storms and most unpleasant cold winds. At Cato Ridge a roof blew off a take-away kiosk. We did not think it was a take-away meant for wind!!! It was only a short distance away from us, an amazing sight.

For the remainder of the afternoon it was an unpleasant, dusty walk and we were thankful to arrive at the Colorado Hotel for a refuel stop, battery or simply a nose warming drink before negotiating the last few kms to Inchanga overnight stop. How grateful we were that we all found a place in the huge barn, as it was simply impossible to erect tents. After a hot cup of coffee, hot shower and some warm clothes all of us were in great shape for the

evening. The most "practical" barn, allowed for a enormous fire and braai, and after a few drinks everyone had forgotten about their aching bodies, legs and feet. So much so that the sandy, dusty ground/floor provided an almost perfect dancing area. I never knew one could dance so well on such a floor!!! The untidiness of the barn added to the character of the evening, along with the howling wind outside and its ghostly feeling, and effects, from the rattling roof and doors.

All too soon it was sleeping time for the more serious walkers. With the great party music in the background we drifted off into dreamland, and before we realised, the sun was rising and time to get on our way to Durban. We set off at 7am. A much colder and still very windy start in comparison with the previous morning. Feeling quite fit again we set a good pace. The views into the valley of a Thousand Hills was exciting and changing as we walked along the morning haze making the valleys perfect for an artist. It was a great joy to experience all these lovely details which one often misses, when driving along these roads. Soon our escort/patrols encouraged us again with warm smiles, looking after us with great patience. At 10.30 am we came to more civilisation and the Wimpy in Hillcrest was so tempting that we allowed ourselves a hot cup of coffee, after all it was not a race but a social walk. Coffee never tasted so good. A few locals were enjoying breakfast and looked surprised by us, rugged, cold looking strangers. We were soon on our way again, feet feeling good but muscles starting to feel the burden of the journey.

Zigzagging along the Old Main Road we reached Fields Hill. Our first stretch along the freeway, most unpleasant but could not be avoided. Going through Pinetown, one get the feelings that you don't have far to go. But how mistaken can one be, when Cowies Hill, Westville, 45th Cutting etc. are still in front of us, a long and winding road. Also we wondered, who was actually still walking? All I could count from the people surrounding us was 10 Walkers.

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The faithful patrollers, now also acting as Ambulances, started looking more concerned, yet their great smiles encouraged us immensely. By now I started to ignore my aches and pains and just swung my legs forward, left, right, left, right; then came the downhill at Mayville, the agony overtook me and it must have shown on my face, since a passer stopped and kindly offered me a lift. I was determined to go on to the end, forced myself to smile and thanked the good lady kindly. Once downhill I was able to pluck up courage and marched it out again. Those last few kilometers really were painful, now I could only see 3 others with Adolf looking back regularly I think he realised when I had to cross the road I was not able to run in anyway. Thank you Adolf, closer to Musgrave Park, the final was mainly on the level. We were welcomed, each one of us, by great applause from those already arrived, *cont page 11*

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and supporters who patiently waited for the bodies rolling in. 22 Participants reached the final destination, of which the eldest one was 72 years of age. Congratulations to all! It was certainly no chicken feed for hikers but a most enjoyable event for all. Many thanks again to JACK and other organisers, patrollers and supporters. Well done!

60TH ANNIVERSARY WALK BY BELINDA EISENHAUER

Some 55 souls (mostly Ramblers with a few Pietermaritzburg Ramblers) set off at 7am from Pietermaritzburg on Saturday morning to attack the first leg of the WALK: to reach Inchanga (via Camperdown and Cato Ridge) by late afternoon to start the festivities. Things went according to plan. At Camperdown area a youthful group from the SPCA joined us for their walk which swelled the numbers. At the end of the first stage, some of the hardier walkers from Ramblers branched off to the Colorado Inn's pub, where the festive mood commenced over their draught beer. On arrival at base camp it was very evident to see who had just arrived from Durban by car and who had walked from Maritzburg! Yes, road walking does indeed use muscles, joints and pressure points not exercised in your rough and ready hiking - and we were feeling it! After the braai in a rather artistic barn (no haystacks or tractors, but carvings and marble statues), those of us who could, took to the barn's rather dusty floor (unable to resist Mike's music) to raise more dust than the rattling gale outside. However, we all "hit the sack" early - with relief.

On Sunday morning, we made a rather delayed start from Inchanga for Durban, (via Kloof, Botha's Hill, Hilcrest and Pinetown) The pace was definitely slower, but the route prettier and busier. However, the punishment of the tar road took its toll,

most walkers stopped off in Pinetown, to be driven to Durban. A courageous group of about 20 carried on to Durban, arriving at Musgrave Park before dark and greeted by fellow walkers. Congratulations to those who finished - and those who walked the route in A DAY in 1932. That is some feat!

Thanks goes to the organisers - especially Jack, the seconders - especially to Bruce and Barbara and good planning. No serious accidents can be reported, all those who started, finished (though not all at Durban). One amusing incident might be worth telling, one walker, on his own, late in the afternoon near Inchanga, was nearly picked up by the SAP for vagrancy. This enjoyable week-end will be repeated, hopefully, in 15 years time being the 75th anniversary of the club. So, all you hopeful souls out there, mark it in your 2007 diaries!

60th ANNIVERSARY BY JOE STRAYTON

SAT 8th AUGUST

Reveille 04h00 up - get ready for hike proceed to Keg & Pheasant Pinetown to greet other early birds, then the Durban Contingent arrived 2 x combi taxis and Jack Aumond, we embussed for Pietermaritzburg. Would this be a hairraising ride? No, so Eric the combi driver gave us a smooth ride.

At Pietermaritzburg more Ramblers joined us and after greetings we were on our way at 07h00. The occasional aromatic whiff of eggs and bacon emanating from the various houses seemed to make us step out more lively. Time passed quickly and at our first halt several of us were on our backs with feet raised high. After applying vaseline on the hotspots of the feet, we were on our way. By then another hiking group was mingling with us, this was the SPCA who were also doing the same hike - Cat Ridge - the weather changed rapidly,

wind and dust storms approached fast. A pity after such fine weather, anyway forge on, near the Nagel dam turnoff we noticed a store roof completely blown off and as we progressed many metal and other signs creaking and flapping on their moorings. Then the "bad news" at Inchanga we followed somebody who was following somebody else and we took the wrong road. Then the "good news" it led us to the Colorado Hotel, where we found a mob of Ramblers at the bar - Dick, Regina, Belinda, Neville, Adolf to name a few, all beaming and drinking jars of beer. The which way to the night spot? Neville said he knew of a short cut via the old coach road - we followed and eventually arrived after a hill climb at Prof Anne Alexanders's barn. There we found the Ramblers with a divan sized fire complete with grille which was inside the barn with disco music, courtesy Mike, all very cosy. After warm showers we repaired back to the fire to braai our food, whilst at the same time fortifying ourselves with refreshments. The evening passed quickly and pleasantly and eventually people drifted off to bed ZZZZZZZ

SUN 9th

Rather chilly, to the sound of zips we emerged from our bed rolls and after ablutions and breakfast we rolled up our gear and were off again. Still cool, we proceeded at a smart pace with accompanying gusty winds all along the old main road thru Botha's Hill, Hillcrest when we could remove some clothing.

The weather was much improved at Gillits and Kloof and in no time we were at Pinetown where I originally thought I might sneak off home but my walking partner Denise remarked - "why not go to Durban!" After all you can then brag to your grandchildren OK! more vaseline to the hot feet and in no time we were climbing Cowies Hill onto Westville (never realised it was such a large area.)

I then developed a muscle spasm in the lumber region which gave me a list to portside - this I could see by my shadow!

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Never mind forge on - at 45th Cutting - now we were really on a roll. After many kind offers of lifts we finally arrived at Musgrave Park where I received a cheer and a clap. Then a lift from Sue and Sonja plus a brandy from Marcia - it was back to Pinetown. Many thanks to Jack and Pam plus all those who contributed to making this a really great event. PS!! That deep hot-hot-bath, wasn't that really something!!?

A very special "thank you" to all who assisted during the BIG WALK. Firstly to Jack and his planning, which was no mean feat; then to Bruce, Sue and Jack again, and our Pietermaritzburg supporters, for their constant and very welcome back up all along the way. A personal thank you to those who struck with us, the last ones in, right through to Musgrave Park - the moral support and reception at the end were very much appreciated. PAM

LIST OF THOSE WHO COMPLETED THE HIKE - CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE CLUB!!

Philip Gatenby; Lynn Venter; Marie Gurr; Irene Coward; Graham Thurston; Phillip Mingard; Marcia Wild; Rob Sinclair; Anna Lampen; Adlof Diegel; Vic Conrad; Margret Kirsten; Barbara van Deventer; Laetitia Delamare; Audrey Vickers; Margret Robberts; Joe Strayton; Beryl Cramer; Denise Warburton; Clive Holland; Pam Podmore and Hans Ridderhof.

ITEM OF INTEREST SA YOUTH HOSTELS

The club has registered as a member, so as members we are able to make use of the various hostels at a rate of R15 per night which includes bed, blanket and pillow. Hostels are found in the Transvaal, Eastern Transvaal, Northern Cape, Cape Peninsula Cape Coastal and Natal. Should you wish to use this facility contact the Secretary, as you require identification on arriving at these hostels.

Pam Podmore
TEL: 21 6160 RES

TRAIL TO EASTERN TRANSVAAL

Steve Watson is back, and very badly in need of some hiking - At the end of November he is arranging a 7 days trail on one of the trails in the Eastern Transvaal - for those who have never been through that area it is a particularly beautiful area of South Africa. Please contact Steve as soon as the Magazine comes out and discuss preference of trail and final dates.

Contact: STEVE WATSON TEL: 44 3622 AFTER 6PM

HANGOVER HIKE

by Margret Kirsten

A wonderful turnout of present and past members of the club, who enjoyed the "hangover" hike at Kloof after the 60th Anniversary Dinner & Dance.

DAY HIKE PROGRAMME

The dreaded topic of starting time has raised its ugly head again. The insomniacs want it to be moved earlier, subject, of course, that we offer the courtesy of giving the leader of the day the final decision.

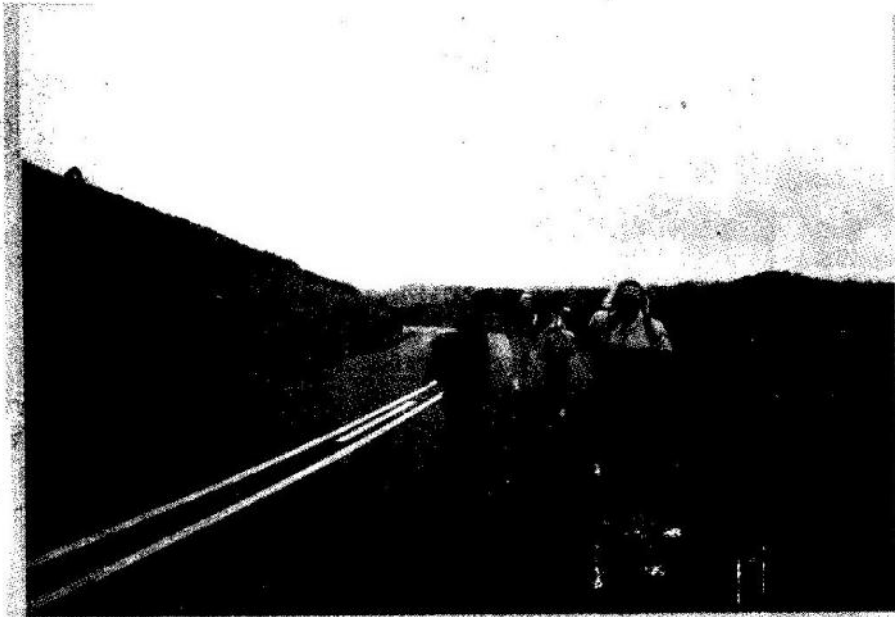
As we are approaching the summer months where it was planned to start half an hour earlier anyway, your committee reached the decision of starting at 8.00 and 8.30 am during October and 7.30 am and 8.00 am from November onwards, so UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, these are the times.

SOCIAL EVENING AT COLLEGIANS BOWLING CLUB

On Wednesday evening 19 August about 45 Ramblers enjoyed a lovely relaxing evening on the lawns of the Collegians Bowling Club, along the banks of the Umgeni River. The braai facilities and bar service were excellent, with some lively music and singing supplied by Mike and crowd. Let's hope we can visit this venue again! Thanks to Marie & Co for the organisation and catering.

ps Plentiful parking

Belinda Eisenhauer



Pam and Irene on the road during the 60th Anniversary walk 8/9 August 92



PMB to DBN walk start at PMB



Setting from PMB 8 Aug 92 for DBN 60th Anniversary walk



PMB to DBN walk a short break at New England Road

Meant for walking

When choosing boots for walking, the important thing to remember is your intended level of activity. Buy footwear specified for your needs.

The next priority is to ensure you get a good fit. The boot needs to fit snugly at the back so your heel doesn't lift up, and you need about 1 cm of space in front of your toes when the boot is laced up.

The easiest way to check this is to slide your foot forward as far as you can in the unlaced boot. You should be able to fit your forefinger down between your heel and the back of the boot. Always take your walking socks with you to ensure you get a proper fit.

Most people have one foot slightly larger than the other. When the difference is marked, you may need to wear an extrathin sock on the bigger foot.

Uppers: one-piece uppers provide the best protection against the wet, particularly the new leathers with tanned-in water repellence. But fabric boots with leather reinforcements are extremely comfortable and are ideal for hot summers.

Midsole: Gives the boot its strength, support and spring. If a poor midsole is too bendy, your feet will scream for mercy. Modern midsoles do it all in one job with injection-moulded plastic, made stiff or springy, depending on the type of performance required. Lightweight boots often use midsoles of EVA foam, the material used in training shoes. It's lighter and provides good shock absorption, although it is less robust.

Bellows tongue: The boots tongue protects your foot from pressure caused by the laces. Good ones incorporate some padding, and boots with any pretensions to being waterproof will have bellows tongues-padded ones joined to the upper on each side by a gusset.

Lacing: The most effective is a combination of d-rings, riveted to the upper, and skihooks. This allows you to undo the laces quickly and to readjust tightness.

Sole: A carbon rubber outer sole with well spaced cleats provides the grip necessary on rough terrain. Some boots have tread patterns designed to cause less erosion.

Check the heel design. Some boots designed for lowland footpath walking have cutaway or chamfered heels. They reduce erosion but offer little grip when descending steep slopes.

Ankle cuff: A padded ankle cuff gives support, reducing the risk of sprains.

Lining: This helps protect the foot against joins and stitching in the uppers, and soaks up sweat. Cheap boots may be partly lined. More expensive ones have full linings and sometimes padding. Some incorporate breathable waterproof sock-liners.

Insole: Most boots come with a pair of removable foam insoles. They make the boots comfortable to wear right away, absorb shocks & reduce the risk of blisters.

Rand: A rubber strip that gives some protection against scuffing.

Padding: Padding around the ankle reduces chafing. In the tongue it spreads pressure created by the lacing.

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 92

SHONGWENI HEIGHTS AND FALLS

A medium to long hike which explores the Shongweni region at three different heights. Leader: **BILL HYSLOP TEL 701 8996 BUS**
COST R6.00 MEMBERS R8.00 NONMEMBERS
Starting time 8am Durban 8.30 am Pinetown

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 92

BEREA ROVERS CLUB

8.00 pm **John Scorcher** to outline new NPB outline for the Berg. Evening under the auspices of the Mountain Club.

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 92 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
SOCIAL WALK HAWAAN BUSH UMHLANGA

Meet at Musgrave Park at 8.30 am or at Hawaan entrance at 9.00 am. Bring picnic lunch and cozzie if you'd like to swim. Optional visit Umhlanga Ponds. R3.00 MEMBERS R4.00 NONMEMBERS
CONTACT MARIE GURR TEL 42 2041 BUS

WEEKEND 10 - 11 OCTOBER 92

KA MAS IHLENGA PASS (LOTENI AREA)

Past Yellowwood forests and Yellow wood Cave. Base camp at 2250m - strenuous climb to the pass, but possible to explore from base camp for those not so energetic. **CONTACT : CHRIS HAYWOOD TEL 21 3326 RES**

WEEKEND 10 - 13 OCTOBER 92

NGELE TRAIL

4 - 5 days. Discuss preference. Tree lovers and mountain contour pathwalkers delight. **CONTACT: PHILIP GATENBY TEL: 21 3592 BUS**

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 92

ENON FOREST

We have explored this in the hot season when the bush was thick, so it will be interesting to look at the beautiful wooded mountain in the spring. Medium length and fairly energetic. **LEADER: DAVE**

EASTON TEL 705 3670 BUS STARTING TIME 7.30 am DURBAN PINETOWN 8.00 am COST R12.00 MEMBERS R14.00 NONMEMBERS

WEEKEND 17 - 18 OCTOBER 92

GOATS CAVE

A very rarely visited area. Should be a very rewarding trip. **CONTACT IAN STEWART TEL: 705 1866 BUS**

Not a particularly long or strenuous trip, as I recall. CONTACT: SUE FERGUSON if in the Durban area TEL: 49 1355 BUS OR 705 3403 RES OR RENE ELS TEL: 0331 47 1734 if you're in the PMB area. They will tell you all about it. FEE: R10.00 MEMBERS R12.00 NONMEMBERS STARTING TIME: 7.30AM DURBAN OR 8.00AM PINETOWN.

WEEKEND 21 -22 NOVEMBER 92

Trip to Cod's Eye Cave and returning via Hidden Valley. CONTACT BARRY BUSBY TEL: 84 9988 RES

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 92 STERKSPRUIT VALLEY

We enjoyed the pleasant riverside scenery when we explored it for the first time nearly a year ago. It can increase in excitement if the water level is high. Anyway, it will give your leade a pleasant memory to take hwith him when he flies off to the "Scept'r'd Isle whose rocky shore beats back the siege of watery neptune" Medium in length, but with a steep climb immediately before lunch, not after lunch as is usual. LEADER: BILL HYSLOP TEL: 701 8996 BUS. FEE: R6.00 MEMBERS R8.00 NONMEMBERS STARTING TIMES: DURBAN 8.00AM PINETOWN 8.30AM

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 92 / EVENING MEET UMGENI COUNTRY CLUB

7.00 pm Braai and social evening (darts and snooker) Umgeni Country Club, 35 Otto Volek Road, New Germany (behind the Escom cooling towers) Bring meat and rolls. Salads provided. FEE: R3.00 MEMBERS R4.00 NONMEMBERS CONTACT MARIE GURR TEL: 42 2041 BUS

WEEKEND 28 - 29 NOVEMBER 92

UMGENI NATURE RESERVE, HOWICK CYCAD CAMP

One night-stay over with day walks; early start on Saturday. Come and enjoy a relaxing fun weekend in nature's paradise. Phone SUE FERGUSON before 1st November 92 for more details .TEL: 49 1359 BUS OR 795 3404 RES.

WEEKEND 28 - 29 NOVEMBER 92

MCKENZIE'S CAVE

After a long absence, we re-visit this popular cave. Fondue on Saturday night. CONTACT: DICK BILLIET TEL: 813672 RES

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 92

UMGENI BRANCH

We join the party weekending at Umgeni Ranch. If we leave Durban at 7.30pm, Pinetown 8.00pm we should easily make the rendezvous before 9.45 an which is the deadline. The meeting place will be the car park for Mhlangweni Cottage. LEADER: SUE FERGUSON TEL: 49 1355 BUS OR 705 3403 RES FEE R12.00 MEMBERS R14.00 NONMEMBERS plus entrance fee to Parks Board Reservp.

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DECEMBER PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 6th DEC 92

SILVERGLEN

A new hike with Dennis Chetty in the lead for the first time. Medium length. MARIE GURR TEL: 42 2041 BUS will collect the Durban contingent from Musgrave Park at 8.00 am and SUE FERGUSON AT 8.30 will marshal the Pinetown troops TEL: 49 1355 BUS OR 705 3404 RES FEE: R6.00 MEMBERS R8.00 NONMEMBERS 92

SUNDAY 13th DEC 92

VICTORIAN PICNIC AT FERNCLIFFE

You all know the rules by now - the ladies bring food and the Gentlemen bring exciting and exotic liquids. So far the Ladies have always been more imaginative than Gentlemen: so try and reverse this, Chaps! LEADER: PHILIP GATENBY TEL: 21 3592 RES FEE: R10.00 MEMBERS R12.00 NONMEMBERS STARTING TIME DURBAN 8am PINETOWN 8.30 am.

WEDNESDAY 16th DEC 92 (holiday - Day of the Vow)

Social walk and braai at Stainbank Nature Reserve, Coedmore Road Yellowwood Park. Meet Musgrave 9.00 am or at entrance to Stainbank 9.30am. Bring food and refreshments. Members R4.00 Guests R5.00 Parks Board fee of R3.00 payable at Stainbank. (This is an additional charge for members and guests.) CONTACT MARIE GURR TEL: 42 2041 BUS

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SUNDAY 20th DEC 92

MOSS TRAIL

JOE STRAYTON will lead his favourite section of the trail, and to take account of the summer condition, a long luncheon is planned in the delightful shady area by the lake, where we will no doubt be visited by some of the half tamed animals. **STARTING TIME: 7.30 AM MUSGRAVE AND 8.00 AM PINETOWN. FEE: R5.00 MEMBERS R7.00 NONMEMBERS TEL: JOE STRAYTON 72 3480 RES.**

ADVANCE NOTICE

FRIDAY 13th NOV 92

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TRAIL 1 - 3/4 JAN 93

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WEEKEND 29 -31 JAN 93

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CONTACT STEVE WATSON TEL: 44 3622 AFTER 6 PM to discuss dates. Bookings have to be made so don't leave it too long.

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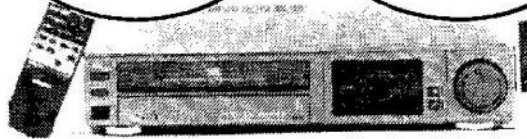
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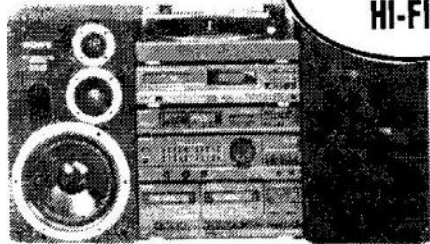


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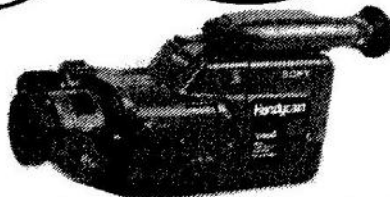


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