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AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 1993

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If you know of any one who has paid 1993 subs, but is not receiving a magazine, please ask them to contact Margaret Kirsten 441467H

ANNUAL BIG WALK

7 - 8 August - Weekend
Leader: Dick Billiet 813672H

We will all meet at the Umgeni Valley Ranch Howick, not later than 7.00am on the 7th August. You will require the following items.

- a) A sleeping bag or blankets, warm clothes, torch, gas burner, mattresses will be provided.
- b) We will be braaiing on Saturday night so bring meat, beer etc; also bring food for Sunday breakfast and lunch.
- c) A day pack containing the following: Two litres of water, lunch pack, jersey/anorak, energy bars, and some money for "other bars"

SATURDAY Items a & b will remain in the cars at Umgeni Valley. You will then be ferried to the starting point at Pietermaritzburg Girls Collegiate. Support vehicles will monitor progress and give assistance to stragglers etc; The distance is approximately 26 km.

SUNDAY We will attempt to leave by 8.00am on Sunday morning on the next 26 km stretch to Old Cranford at Curry's Post, where one can obtain excellent tea and scones or beer. You will then be taken back to your cars at Umgeni Valley.

The costs will be made up as follows:

All hikers who stay at the Umgeni Valley will pay entrance fee	R 4.00
Inkonka Camp fee	R11.00
Donation to The Wildlife Society	R 5.00
Petrol	R15.00
TOTAL	R35.00

Hikers who require lifts from Durban to Howick and back, please contact Dick Billiet 813672H

All ramblers and visitors please book as soon as possible with Dick to enable us to arrange the complicated transport timeously.

NB: There will not be any hot water for showers. This hike is ROAD WALKING.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM:

Name: _____

New Address: _____

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Please forward to:

*The Secretary
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Molly Perrett, Michael Roberts, Georgette de Vos, John van Zyl, Jean McKie, Barbara Patterson, June Young, And D Rozier.
We hope you will enjoy many hiking hours with us and that your membership will be long and happy.

SYMPATHIES

A rather sad note here for those who knew Mrs Ivy Viles, a founder member. Ivy died at the age of 82 years on the 27th June 1993. Our sympathy goes to those she left behind.

LEADERS, PLEASE NOTE.

Monies collected at meets should be given to the appropriate organiser in time for the monthly committee meeting, with full documentation provided. Eg. Date of hike, leader, attendance number. Or any other event that money was collected for.

FOR SALE

Ramblers T-Shirts
and
Sun Hats

Contact: Joe Strayton
723480H

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S LAMENT

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend,
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun.
But though various notions are brought up as
motions,
There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve, but never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us!
What a shattering pity to end our committee,
Where else could we make such a fuss?

From the Johannesburg Hiking Club news letter

HIRING OF EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBERS

Tents: R7.50 per day
Deposit: R50.00

Backpacks (new): R5.00 per day
Mats: R3.00 per day
Stoves with fuel: R2.50 per day

Contact: Philip Gatenby 213592.
For tents contact Gerald Hall 251089

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT FEES FOR BERG HIKES PER PERSON.

Southern Berg R 30.00
Central Berg R 35.00
Northern Berg R 40.00

STOP PRESS

When you read the following, don't discuss it as a subject for the far distant future, as we need a great deal of time to book and organise trails.

GIANTS CUP TRAIL - OCTOBER

For beginners and old hands alike, ideal for beginners. Many inexperienced people walk this trail with Rotary. Don't be alarmed if you are not equipped, we can see to that.

For the more experienced, a wonderful trail, (a must). You can vary the degree of difficulty to your liking, a truly beautiful trail and a favourite. Audrey Vickers 283187H will lead the trail, please contact her as soon as possible, not later than the 15th September.

TRAILS IN AND AROUND CAPE TOWN

I intend arranging trails for April next year, on early notice so that you can arrange leave of + - two weeks. A rare opportunity, don't miss out.

Steve Watson

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 1993 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 timously.

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.

1 August - Sunday

Leader: Sue Ferguson 7053404H
7064055/6W
Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00
members R10 non members R12 Plus
R3.30 entrance fee

Ungeni Valley Ranch (Howick)

Join me to celebrate the anniversary of my first hike as a leader. There are ups, downs, rolling grasslands, waterfalls, breathtaking views and hopefully some wildlife.

**** 7-8 August - weekend**

Big Walk
See page 2 for details

8 August - Sunday

Leader: Bill Hyslop 7018996W
Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30
members R8 non members R10

Umzimduzi Valley (Camperdown)

This new hike is on privately owned land all the way, walking through a peaceful pastoral valley.

15 August - Sunday

Leader: Mike Morillion 7011758W
Ptn 7.30 Dbn 8.00
members R10 non members R12

Laager Farm (Fawnleas) We are doing this old favourite once again. This will be the original hike - going down "The Crack" Medium hike.

**** 21-22 August - weekend**

Leader: Jack Aumord 3015131W
423425H

Tarn Cave (Bushmans Nek) This renews the chance to visit this pleasant spot which had to be cancelled last month through transport problems. This cave is easily accessible in a 2 day weekend and Jack promises NOT to take you there if the water supply at the cave is dry!

**** 21 - 24 August - 4 day hike**

Leader: Philip Gatenby 213592H

Champagne/Cathedral Area. Contour path and cave trip. Wonderful variety of topography, vegetation and views with only moderate outlay of energy. Suitable for regular Sunday hikers. Nights to be spent in Stable, Poachers and Zulu Caves. Please phone Philip before 9th August.

22 August - Sunday Leader: Dave Easton 7053670W Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30 members R6 non members R8 plus R3 entrance fee	Shongweni Circuit. This moderate hike has it all. River valley, bush walking, waterfall, boulder hopping and views.
** 28 -29 August - weekend Leader: Mike Morillion 7011758W	Bulwer social hiking weekend. Just as a special treat we will be staying in a hotel! The Bulwer Hotel is charging us R40 for bed and breakfast, payable to the leader beforehand, (in good time please) First come, first served. Petrol cost estimated at R18 per person. These trips to Bulwer are famous! Come and find out why!
29 August - Sunday Cont: Sue Ferguson 7053404H 7064055/6W Dbn 7.00 Ptn 7.30 members R12 non members R14	Mount Bulwer. We will be joining the weekend group to climb this mountain. Beautiful views from the top.
** 4 - 5 September - weekend Leader: Barry Busby 722382W 849988H	Fun Cave. A beautiful walk following a lovely mountain torrent, ideal for a winter trip
5 September - Sunday Leader: Adrian Rowe 7644721H Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30 members R6 non members R8	Something different. New hike, new leader. We will be walking from the Clive Cheesman hut v Fields Hill into Kranskloof. One steep uphill after lunch.
** 11 -12 September - weekend Leaders: Bill Hyslop 7018996W Bruce Medway 235895H members R8 non members R10 Depart on Saturday, Dbn 9.00am Ptn 9.30am behind our usual car park in Union Main Sq. Union Lane.	Far Away Farm. A fairly local trip with the id of a magical evening in camp to make it a soci effort as well as a hike. We will park our cars safe area in private ground on Saturday, walk Far Away Farm, and our tents and packs will taken to the farm by car. Others wishing to join us for the Saturday night can also go by car. Sunday we return on foot by way of the Umbogentweni and Umlazi Valleys, to rejoin cars parked near Shongweni.
12 September - Sunday Leader: Tom de Waal 474766H Ptn 7.30 Dbn 8.00 members R10 non members R12 plus R3.30 entrance fee	Vernon Crookes Reserve. We are visiting this lovely area once again Tom has promised a "different twist" to the hike. BEWARE ticks, don't forget your tabard.

19 September - Sunday Leader: Dave Easton 7053670W Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30 members R8 non members R10	Ngomankulu (Eston Area) Walking the valleys and ridges near the source of the Umlazi River. Always a popular hike.
** 25 -27 September - 3 days Leaders: Dick and Regina Billiet 813672H	Schlabathebe Lodge (Lesotho) Advance booking essential for this marvellous place.
26 September - Sunday Leader: Bill Hyslop 7018996W Dbn 8.00 Ptn 8.30 members R10 non members R12	Ismont Low (Eston Area) Beautiful Mgwahumbe River valley with magnificent gorge scenery.
ADVANCED NOTICES	
1 October - Sunday Leader: Sue Ferguson 7053404H 7064055/6W Dbn 7.30 Ptn 8.00 members R10 non members R12	Otto's Bluff (Pmb Area) Lovely views over looking Albert Falls Dam, on a clear day we will see for miles. This hike will be extended as last time we finished too early.
** 1 -3 October - 3 days Leader: Melvyn Oliver 3002052W 291917H	Leave Friday mid-day for Kokstad (or join us later if this time cannot be managed) for camp at private farm. Object; to climb Mount Fifty and Bushy Peak. Braai on Friday night, restaurant meal on Saturday night.
** 16-17 October - weekend Leader: Bill Hyslop 7018996W	Further exploration of the Loteni area to follow our recent triumphs in this glorious part of the Drakensberg.
** 30-31 October - weekend Leaders: Dick and Regina Billiet 813672H	Hlabeni. These social weekends at Hlabeni have almost become a legend???