For the past six months a team of six marine warriors have been planning the Strandloper Project coastal expedition and are finally set to start off on their ten day hike on Wednesday 15 May.

The concept grew out of a concern for the threat of ghost fishing by snagged recreational fishing tackle. Most commonly studies are done for industrial fishing which show that ghost fishing has a devastating impact on marine life. “When we started cleaning up fishing debris at Gerice’s Point we had no idea that we would find evidence of ghost fishing caused by lost recreational fishing tackle”, said Mark Dixon, Strandloper project leader, “but we did and recorded no less than five species killed by this means”.

Interested in finding out the extent of the threat posed by lost fishing gear in the Garden Route a simple proposal to hike the coastline for 10 days and survey various fishing sites was made. In the past six months the hike has evolved into an expedition in which the team will survey fishing sites and plastic pollution along the way.

The first challenge in planning the expedition was deciding on which section of coastline to survey. With such rich archaeological history of Strandlopers in the Garden Route, dating back for the past 164,000 years and, the profusion of fossil trackways, they chose to hike from Blombos Nature Reserve the site of the oldest artwork attributed to modern Homo sapiens – dated at approximately 73,000 years old to Wilderness.

While the hike of 175km will be difficult on its own, most of the route is along the boundaries of private properties and nature reserves. Team member Chris Leggatt has worked tirelessly to secure permissions to cross these properties. This in itself has transformed the nature of the hike. “What was originally going to be a camping hike has morphed into a hike with accommodation along the way as supportive land owners and interested people have offered us their homes and venues for our team to sleep over every night” said Dixon.

Practicality to the expedition is the accurate recording of data. Dr Louw Claassen from the Knysna Basin Project has designed their sampling methodology and Mark Dixon has developed an app using CyberTracker to capture, map and record GPS positions of each item accurately.

On the 14th May the team of six conservationists will meet and drive to Silhoue with a drop off at Blombos the following day to start the hike. They will finish around mid-morning on the 25th May at the Touw River mouth and invite the public to join them from Leentjies Klip for the final section into Wilderness.

Their expedition can be followed on their Facebook page (Strandloper Project), Instagram (@strandloperproject) and Twitter (@Strandloper) where they will be posting daily updates of their progress.
Notes from Ted’s Head

S sometimes we have to realize that it's time to "down-size.

No. I'm not talking about Mrs Ed and my eternal battle to get back onto this jeans; I'm not talking in the back of our closets – you know the ones – that I'll never wear them. The jeans we used to wear last...Um...November...turning wise enough to know that we will HAVE to lose...unum... (I am treading on VERY dangerous ground here) let's say of equivalent of 20 blocks of butter. Which is safe, because you could be imagining 500 gram blocks (now that's just RUDE), or 250 gram blocks (still not exactly a pleasant thing to think about your waistline), or 125 gram blocks...or even those tiny little "single serving" butter blocks you get with your roll at a restaurant... (which is far more gracious) I will leave it up to you.

But anyway, I am not referring to that sort of "down-sizing.

Nor am I talking about what is known as GASH: "down-sizing a-la-Ted’s Smaller House." Because, well, to be honest Mrs Ed and I did talk about that when the kids were young and we got excited, thinking we could chuck everything away and live off the land....But before we sell this house we’ll have to fix the roof of that bathroom with the damp times, and that AEG dishwasher kids jumped on one too many somewhere..... and the garden Reaper finger at the place I did put the old washing machine down-sizing.

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Yes," I said, admittedly with a twinge of sarcasm there....But for that sort of ‘downsizing’. Nor am I talking about what is known as'GASH' downsizing at all.

"You used a single screw," answered Mrs Ed in a monotone, "You used it to our children, that way I could sleep in the comfort of knowing it to our children, that way I could "YOU SEE!" I shouted gleefully, "I am over-sensitive... But" when my father gave it to me."

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"You need a single screw," Mrs Ed said in a monotone, "as scornful as a poisonous box jellyfish. We have kept it on a rubbish tip since then."

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The REE frowned in disbelief “But this is just a horrible heap of...”

"Rubbish!" I said. "It's all Very Useful Stuff! Look! Here I put my arm around his shoulders, "Remember The Fleet, son? It's all yours now. Don't spend hours tinkerizing about on them."

When I was nine, Dad, and we had only three then. There’s eight now. Have you EVER thrown a broken lawn mower away?"

I heard Fear Factor clear her throat with a nervous giggle, and I suddenly realised how left-out I felt when my father gave it to me."

"My girl," I said, turing to her, "Putting my hands on her shoulders and looking her in the eyes, "Honey, we're giving you the 1998 by his breath, that cylinder head missing, the crates of random tiles, the aquaculture - I'm sure you can get that one panel replaced - and... (had to hold back my emotion at this point)... "As the Almost Finished Hydropoens' Vegetable Scheme!"

There was silence. "Wasn’t it almost finished when you and Mom got married?" she eventually asked, staring (in awe, I’m sure) at the small tangled network of hosepipes, gatering and wrapper. "Yes," I said, admiringly with another nostalgic tear, "This was when my father gave it to me."

In the end, our STUFF downsizing didn’t really go as planned. A poor children obviously WANTED to take home their ‘early inheritance’ gifts, but Fear Factor said they couldn’t take anything at that moment as she was relocating sometime soon (I thought I heard her boyfriend say, under his breath, Canada may be the safest option). And The REE asked if we could look on to its year acquisition, (as well as The Fleet there were eight gum poles and a length of chain - ideal for the home-made slide and swings), three broken TVs which, one day, would be used to make up one working one; the only-need-of-a-quick-weld garden furniture, and of course, the four washing machines - because you can make a braai from the drums) until he moved out of his garden flat.

"But you thought you had a storage shed," I asked.

"I do," he said, "But that’s already full with my seven broken surfboards, the bicycle you bought me when I was fifteen, the stripped old Honda CB-400 I’m going to fix up when I learn how, the tarny drier Greg gave me that needs a new belt, and the new worm-farm scheme I’m almost finished putting together."

I nodded sagely. "Don’t worry son. Your new stuff can stay here. Just be sure to let us know just as soon as you get a place with a bigger shed... Or even a carport..."
Since the beginning of this year, two articles have appeared in this paper warning people of a local female who has allegedly been "scamming" people through her holiday home booking agency, EDGE. Just before March, SAPS confirmed that she had been arrested following a fraud case that had been opened against her in February, and was due to appear in court on 16 May. But we have since been informed by her that this particular complainant has dropped the case because a payment plan was introduced between the two parties and was agreed upon.

The EDGE has, however, received a flood of complaints regarding this self-proclaimed "agent", alleging that she has taken money off them in one way or another, and more than a few claim they have opened cases against her with SAPS.

We are unable to publish her name, or the name of her business, until she has been formally charged. The "agent" has contacted The EDGE, suggesting she would like to "tell her side of the story". But then she has brought up a flood of fake stuff, claiming she has been formally charged.

The biggest amount lost to her, and which was never returned, was R9000. She and her partner had been given this amount on a promise, even signing an affidavit to that effect. However, the promise was never fulfilled. But to date, they still have not received any payment from the "agent".

Since February 10, she has informed that there was a problem, and that the agent would pay the R15000 by the end of February. But to date, she has not received any money, and still has not received any payment for the R2000 paid to her for "breakage deposit". Her standard reaction is "The odd thing was that the agent had promised to return the R9000. We've only ever had two WhatsApp messages with her, and even fake 'Proof of Payment' messages – but the money never appeared in her bank account.

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As in the previous case, when challenged with this information the agent promised to return the money, but this didn't happen. Once again numerous excuses were made, and a "Captor's proof of payment" for two payments of R2000 each was never deposited back into the client's account.

More recently, an accommodation establishment in Waboomskraal answered a query from the same "agent" and booked a family in over the busy Easter weekend. The clients paid the "agent", but when the time came for the "agent" to pay the house, another string of promises and excuses were all that was forthcoming. Once again complaints say that they have opened cases with SAPS.

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Strangely, in almost every encounter with the agent, the client had challenged her about her breaches of promises, and broken promises to pay, she states "Ek is nie 'n skelm nie" (I am not a crook). Indeed – through their complaints about the agent on social media, some of the angry clients have made contact with one another and remarked how the "agent’s responses have been almost identical.

Several owners who have rented out holiday accommodation have also filed complaints against the same woman, some saying that she was portraying herself as an agent for their establishments, using pictures she had taken from their own websites, without even conferring with them. One owner who visited The EDGE said that he had been contacted by a client who was interested in renting February 10, as well as a R7500 security deposit.

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SMUTTVILLE LEADS THE WAY WITH NEW HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

by Karen Rademeyer

Together with Knysna based Eden Empathy Initiative, teachers of the Sedgefield Primary School in Smutsville have committed to developing empathy in their young learners. By introducing humane education as part of their foundation phase curriculum, the school aims to help nurture empathy, ethics and respect for all life.

Following a teachers workshop presented by the Initiative, the primary school has expressed their gratitude for being selected for the programme. Mrs Lauren Saayman, teacher and project liaison for the primary school, believes that learners will derive a great deal of benefit from the programme. “There is a big need for improving positive interactive relationships. It will contribute to instilling the values of Sedgefield Primary, which include love, caring and respect for one another.”

The introduction of the CAPS-aligned humane education material in the first phase of a holistic offering from The Eden Empathy Initiative, a local team of psychologists, teachers and animal lovers who have combined their passion and expertise to create a unique and inspiring programme.

The initiative’s founder, Karen Rademeyer says: “In-school humane education is just the start for Smutsville. Once we have the necessary funding and reliable transport for the kids, we can start with our next phase – an after-school programme that includes equine-assisted learning and development, therapy and wildlife appreciation. This takes place on our farm, as well as with outings to various wildlife sanctuaries that have come onboard for the programme. We will also be launching our dog training club, focused on the handler’s own development. There’s a lot to be excited about!”

Fellow team member and child psychologist, Dr Christa Boshoff, says that while empathy development lies at the heart of their efforts, coping skills, authentic leadership skills and increased emotional intelligence are all important benefits. “We’re developing empathy, but we’re also building resilience. Each one of the complementary aspects of this programme has a unique set of purposes, and together they will certainly lead to positive changes for the children and for the communities.”

Dr Boshoff goes on to explain that the after-school programme also provides an opportunity for emotional assessment. “Should we identify a child showing signs of trauma, emotional dysfunction or early signs of conduct disorder, we will work closely with that child on an individual basis. Depending on what we find, we may invite his or her family for equine-assisted family sessions. The horses are excellent at reflecting our inner emotions and their ability to read our emotions is just incredible. With therapeutic activities based on these traits, and the insights that these provide to the therapist, equine assisted psychotherapy is very powerful.”

With the blessing of the Department of Education and the research assistance of the University of Denver, the programme is being developed as a replicable model that can be rolled out to other schools and communities.

“Our model relies on a high degree of collaboration from the school as well as with the various individuals and organisations within our Empathy Network,” says Rademeyer. “We do everything in our power to help children as well as family members who want to be helped. Anything to improve the home environment for the family and for the animals in their care. But we can’t do it alone. There is already such a wonderful sense of community here in Sedgefield. We’re aiming to build on that as a prime example for other communities to follow.”

CUPCAKES GALORE

Cupcakes galore. That is the only way to describe the 412 cupcakes baked and distributed to the residents and staff of Sedgemeer Park, Berg en See, The Living Cornerstone, Serenity, Masithandane, Fresh Start, Slow Town Mobile Meals and the Sedgefield Clinic.

Cupcakes were also distributed to those who help keep our children and our furbabies safe. These were distributed to Sedgefield Fire Department, SAPS, COP, La Piazza Pub & Restaurant and Sedgefield Animal Matters. Just a small way of saying thank you for everything all of you have done and continue to do, and to thank all the mother’s out there for everything they have done.

Cap Cake organiser Anne Munro would also like to thank Suzy Bilyard, Carol Harrison, Kate Wood, Janice Geyer, Salome Snyman, Lorraine Day, Kim Wilson Goldhill, Juliana Glad, Alison Watson, Kirsty Hofhuis and Mandy Nel for all the beautiful cupcakes that were baked. Thank you to Mike and Kirsty Hofhuis, Michael Simon, Lynette Nevimam and Jim and Pat Mitchell for assisting with the distribution. Without all their help, she wouldn’t be able to put this together.

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TOWNSHIP TOILET TROUBLES

Concerns have long been raised by various residents of Smutsville and Sizamile regarding the state of the communal toilets in the informal areas.

Amongst the huge number of informal houses in areas such as Slange Park, Beverley Hills and Onderste Gaatjie there are very few toilet blocks, each with only three or five toilets per block.

This becomes more evident when looking at the ‘map’ on the right hand side of this page. This was put together by Masihbandane to ascertain the extent of the informal settlements to assist in providing support to indigent families.

The result of this high household to toilet ratio is that the community are faced with, says that he has gone around to all the communal toilet blocks to ascertain if they are in the same terrible state. He confirms that they all are.

He believes that the damage is definitely not simply a result of vandalism, as had been suggested on social media, but purely down to overuse. He wants the authorities to look into using sturdier components that will last longer.

“The community are cleaning the toilets and maintaining them as best they can,” he said. “Nothing has been stolen, but some parts are broken and half of the toilets have doors that have come off their hinges and are in a terrible state.”

When the concerns regarding the toilets were put to Knysna Municipality, Spokesperson Christopher Bezuidenhoudt replied as follows:

“Council has budgeted R6 million for construction of communal toilet blocks to assist in solving the problem. The procurement process for the toilets project is underway.

The toilets will be done as per the Human Settlements standards of one toilet per five families. The municipality does not repair the toilets on a regular basis and we ask community members to take care and guard them against vandalism.

The map below was carefully put together by the Masihbandane team in an effort to give an accurate representation of the number of informal houses and the related facilities in this ward. Members of the staff walked through the informal areas, placing a coloured dot on the diagram for each home structure. The small blue dots and triangles represent the communal toilet blocks and taps. Each block has either three or five toilets, but quite a number are no longer working.”
THRILLING KING OF THE HILL FINALE AT 10TH JAGUAR SIMOLA HILLCLIMB

KNYSNA, South Africa, 5 May 2019 – The 10th edition of the Jaguar Simola Hillclimb crowned a new King of the Hill and saw the reign of two others extended with a title in South Africa’s premier motorsport lifestyle event.

The biggest news of the day was Franco Scibante taking his first King of the Hill title in the extremely competitive Modified Saloon Car category, powering his radical 2016 Nissan GT-R to a new Class B record of 39.274 seconds. He ousted 2018 winner Willem Botha who had to settle for second place in the final Top 10 Shootout.

“It was an interesting King of the Hill as it was getting dark for the Top 10 and we had a mix that developed in the final run, but it all came together and the entire team is so happy to take this victory after working extremely hard to get the car ready for the Hillclimb,” Scibante stated.

In the Single Seaters and Sports cars category, Andre Bezuidenhout fought off a strong challenge from Robert Wolk (2009 A1 GP Ferrari) to claim his third win in a row. He powered the specialist Gould GR55 to a time of 36.764 seconds – with his outright record of 35.528 seconds remaining unbeaten due to much cooler conditions this year.

It was a similar story for Reghard Roets who made it a hat-trick of victories in the Road Car and Supercars Shootout after his win two years ago. He successfully defended his 2018 time by 0.78 seconds to take the Top 10 Shootout victory.

Over 17 000 spectators attended the 2019 edition of the Hillclimb over the three exhilarating days of Hillclimb action. The event was also livestreamed to viewers around the world via the www.exploreknysna.com and www.Motorsport.tv websites, with more than 225 000 views over the weekend.

Modified Saloon Cars
Scibante’s outlandish Nissan GT-R was purpose-built for this year’s Hillclimb, and was one of the major attractions due to its radical World Time Attack-derived aerodynamics and around 1 200 kW of power available at the rear wheels.

And his performance was as memorable as the car itself, obliterating the opposition with a best qualifying time of 39.274 seconds. Second fastest was Martin van Zummeren in his self-made 2002 Nissan Skyline GT-R on 40.732 seconds, followed by Frans Bezuidenhout with 40.828 seconds.

The challenge from reigning champion Willem Botha never really materialised as his extensively reworked GT-R suffered a series of technical issues and he was ultimately well off the pace on the final day, thus not making it through to the Class Finals. Scibante took the Class B5 victory with a time of 39.274 seconds – a new record 0.189 seconds quicker than Botha’s 2018 time.

Kyle Mitchell (2011 Nissan GT-R) was second on 40.092 seconds, with Van Zummeren taking the final spot on the podium on 42.219 second.

In the do-or-die Top 10 Shootout which was concluded as the last qualifying session of the day disappeared, Scibante was simply in a class of his own and comfortably took the extremely popular King of the Hill victory with a perfect run of 39.274 seconds – recording an average speed of 173.68 km/h from a standing start.

Board gave it all but had to settle for the runner-up spot in the final reckoning, just over a second slower after literally lighting up the 1.9 km Simola Hill with sparks flying from under his car’s ground-bugging aerodynamics. In the Nissan blast up the course.

Di Matteo continued his impressive form and was rewarded with third place after crossing the line in 40.828 seconds – just three hundredths ahead of Mitchell.

Single Seaters and SportsCars
The combination of experienced gentleman racer Andre Bezuidenhout and specialist Gould GR55 proved unbeatable yet again in Class C for Single Seaters and SportsCars.

It was clear from the outset that Robert Wolk was doing everything he could to close the significant gap to Bezuidenhout that the Fortwo-powered 2009 A1 GP car just wasn’t up to the task. After qualifying Bezuidenhout had stopped the clocks on 35.778 seconds with a margin of 0.77 seconds over Wolk.

Although he had to contend with some gear selection problems during several of his runs, Wolk had no issues in the Top 10 Shootout, and came within 0.156 seconds of the winning time – a truly impressive effort that gave second place overall. Garth de Villiers produced a sterling performance to clinch the Class B5 Shootout, taking the final step of the podium on 42.219 seconds. His time was a new Hillclimb record of 36.764 seconds.

With the track and ambient temperatures having dropped significantly for the final Top 10 Shootout, Bezuidenhout wasn’t able to close in on his 2018 record time of 35.528 seconds, ending up 1.2 seconds slower – but it was still enough to secure his third consecutive Class C victory. Scibante took the King of the Hill title, achieving an average speed of 186.052 km/h.

“Very tough as it was getting dark towards the end, and it was very tight between Robert and I in the end.” Bezuidenhout said. “I had hoped to break my record this year, but the drop in temperatures made it impossible and our focus was still on podium place. The event was fantastic as always, and already I am looking forward to the 2020 event!”

The completely standard, showroom-specification Jaguar E-TYPE V8 Coupes of the Cronje brothers kept the fans enthralled over the two days of King of the Hill, with Mark holding a 0.4-second advantage over his younger sibling following the qualifying sessions. However, Gavin piped him to the post in the Top 10 Shootout, finishing 0.3 seconds in the Class Finals to take the A1 win with a 44.315 performance in his contemporary E-Type V8 GT.

Road-going Saloon Cars and SuperCars
Reghard Roets joined the exclusive club of three-time Jaguar Simola Hillclimb winners after not only dominating the event’s time sheets in Class A throughout the 14-day Shootout, but wrapping up the King of the Hill Top 10 Shootout with a new record time of 44.094 seconds in his bright yellow Nissan GT-R.

“I thought that I overcooked it at the end as the car got very out of shape, but I held it to finish and I’m very happy,” an elated Roets said. “The Jaguar Simola Hillclimb is the best weekend motorsport spectacle without a doubt every year. It gets bigger and better. I’ll be on a high the whole year and can’t wait for the 2020 event!”

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The younger Cronje also earned the runner-up position in the Top 10 Shootout, finishing 0.9 seconds ahead of Gennaro Bonafede (2019 BMW M2 Coupe) who had jumped up 10th in the final run after posting a time of 46.940 and incurring a further 2-second penalty for clipping a track marker.

For the 2019 King of the Hill, the award went to Martin van Zummeren, who completed his fifth King of the Hill win this year. He led a trio of wild card-entering Nissan Skyline GT-R’s that were crowd favourites throughout the event, with the other two cars driven by sons Wade and Jody.

KAA Continues to Proactively Represent Members

The Knysna Accommodation and Tourism Association (KAA) will continue to actively market, advertise and promote the town of Knysna collectively. This was confirmed when the cooperative elected to remain an independent, member-owned and member-run tourism association during a Special General Meeting held on 17 April.

Spokesperson Colleen Harding said it was important that the local tourism industry knows that there is a local organisation who actively looks after the members’ interests. “We have been active for over 15 years and we remain committed to actively marketing our members.”

“We are very happy that Westo and Visit Knysna signed the service level agreement that mandates Westo and Visit Knysna to work as a destination, as well as managing Visit Knysna, the tourism information centre. The KAA enjoys a very good relationship with both Westo and Visit Knysna. While theirs is not a membership-based organisation like the KAA, we know that Westo excels at promoting meeting and incentive travel to Greater Knysna being a key component in attracting the car industry to our area for longer. Visit Knysna has been a member of the KAA for many years and it is working towards rejoining as a member. Our members want us to be able to attract more tourists to our area and keep them here longer. We will continue to promote Knysna evergreen tourism.”

Colleen continued. “The knysnaaresite is www.exploreknysna.com features a 14-day dynamic component through Nightbridge and the trade industry is continually encouraged to make use of this user-friendly feature. The association also makes use of a local social media guru and influencer, to raise awareness of Greater Knysna in general and, more specifically, the KAA’s members. We are on Facebook as ExploreKnysnaSouthAfrica, Twitter as @knysna and Instagram as ExploreKnysna. We also know that these pages are very active, with a high rate of interaction with members. It is said that ‘we have also popularised the hashtag hashparkernysna.”

Aside from these innovative marketing efforts, the KAA has its members’ practical issues at heart: committee members from the association often meet with the Knysna Municipality’s Economic Development & Tourism Departments to discuss matters relevant to its members; the KAA regularly engages with entities like Nightbridge, Expedia and Booking.com to facilitate meetings and workshops within Greater Knysna that tackle issues and networking meetings with a variety of relevant guest speakers, and circulates newsletters regarding local and national tourism developments, legislation, taxation and politics and more to its members.

Membership of the KAA is not only available to accommodation providers. “We know that the only way to keep tourists in our area for longer is to keep them well-fed and entertained,” said Colleen. “As we recognise these enterprises as vital role players within our tourism economy, we have specifically designated membership categories for restaurants, activity providers and other businesses associated with the tourism industry.”

As tourism remains the main industry to Knysna’s economy, the KAA has long been regarded as a valued member of local business. “We will look forward to continuing to support Knysna’s business community and to be a part of any future efforts in marketing and promotion. Colleen concluded. “But, for now, the main focus of the KAA will be promoting tourism.”

The Committee comprises members who serve on a voluntary basis. These are Kitty Frey Hopkins of Footprints of Knysna (membership), Kevin Jack’s of Moncrieff Manor (finance), Colleen Harding of Hide Away Guest House (marketing), Chris Botes of CKADventures, Mundhly Stuttard of Nightsbridge and Ian Butcher of The Islander Guest House. Non-permanent members include Lily van Lynden of Austes Bed & Breakfast (municipal matters), Helen Louw of Boutique Guest House (legal matters) and Kevin Cross of Rosierc Boutique Guest House (legal).

For more information on how the KAA represents its members, its various membership categories and fees, and to become a member, email info@exploreknysna.co.za or visit www.exploreknysna.com
In Sedgefield one does not have to look far to find people who serve the community, sometimes quietly, humbly, under the radar or sometimes making a big noise about it, in order to drum up support.

On 1st May, at the beautiful venue ‘Eagles Nest’, twelve of these people had the opportunity to introduce themselves and to tell us what they do, in 3 minutes flat, before the next one wrested the microphone away from them as the timer went off. It made for fun entertainment, but also increased awareness about the amazing work that is going on, on our doorstep, to improve life for all.

The twelve were; Judy Dixon (conservationist), Bomber Webb (Editor of The Edge), Candice Ludick (# total shutdown fighting abuse of women and children), Jim Mitchell (Sedge Mobile Meals), Prof. Peter Loux (libraries), Martie Rooi (Smutsville First Aid), Zwaai Kruger (Sedgefield Lions Club), Mike Wood (Lifesaving), Rev. Chrissie Lotz (Antarctica Ministry), Harriet Heynes (Principal Smutsville Primary), Nicola Goodall (Kynysna Education Trust), and Robert van Helsdingen (NSRR).

The main speaker at the event was Dr. Sindiwe Magona, an award winning author, activist, motivational speaker and all round amazing South African woman, who had everyone present laughing and crying as she shared her life story from single parent housemaid to a university honours degree and a career at United Nations in New York. Sindiwe is not a local, she lives in Hermanus, and the manner in which she related to her audience was magical. No doubt everyone was left wanting to be a better human being themselves.

After the guest speaker, local singer Shaza entertained, as only Shaza can, and there was much dancing!

In the afternoon Dr Magona addressed an audience of 60 ladies from Smutsville at Masithandane, where she encouraged women to stand up for themselves, better themselves through education, and make the most of their lives in spite of their circumstances.

The People of Valour event raised R9000 towards the cost of much-needed roof repairs of Grace Fellowship - the building that houses Masithandane.
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6:30am - 8am Sedgefield Market
7pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in Catholic Church Hall
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Thursday 23
7am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB’s depart Cycle Works.
All welcome.
3:30pm Sedgefield Gentleman’s Golf @ The Links
11:30am Community meal at St Francis United Church.
out to locally & hungry.
Friday 24
8am 6pm @ Links Course
9-10:30pm Dancing @ St. Anthony’s. 084 549 3962
8:30pm Sedgefield Market
9:30pm Scarch Crail Market
Saturday 25
7:30am Wild Oats Community Farmers’ Market @ Swartvlei
8am - 10am Sedgefield Market
8-12pm Mosaic Market
12-2pm Sedgefield Interchurch Prayer Group at Grace Fellowship
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Looking for family of Robbie

One of Sedgefield’s well-known homeless characters, Robert ‘Robbie’ Corrie, passed away on 21 April 2019, and the authorities are trying to locate any living relatives of his before his body is cremated or buried.

Robbie, a blue-eyed, bearded white man in his early sixties who was seen around Sedgefield’s CBD on a daily basis, walking with the aid of a cane, was a victim of diabetes, which is believed to have been the eventual cause of his death. He sometimes mentioned a sister who lived in another province.

His body is still with the Western Cape Forensic Pathology Services, whilst they attempt to locate any surviving members of his family.

If anyone has any information in this regard, please contact Werner Jonck of the Forensic Pathology Services on 084 96 56 548, or email The E D G E editors@edgewest.com.

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In order to increase the impact of funding society’s wide-ranging needs, the Board of the NLC resolved to identify focus areas for funding annually. Qualifying Non-Profit Organisations are invited to apply for funding in these areas for the period: 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020. Application forms are available on the website (www.nlcsa.org.za) and at all NLC provincial offices.

**2019 / 2020 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**SPORT AND RECREATION SECTOR**

Areas of Funding | Focus Areas / Programmes | Outcomes
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National Federations | Chief preparation for domestic and international competitive participation and capacity building (based on performance and transformation) | Improved performance and transformation
Provincial / Regional / District Federations | Coordination and / or local tournaments, leagues and other competitions with the emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities | Increased performance (and transformation)
Provincial Academies | Inclusive skills development programmes for high performing athletes; support training of coaches, technical officials and administrators (in conjunction with Provincial Structures) with the emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities | Skills development at local level; coaches and administrators
Clubs | Equipment and upgrade; maintenance of existing infrastructure; participation in leagues / competitions; training of officials, coaches and administrators with the emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities | Developed Clubs (Rural)
Sports NGOs | Equipment and training of officials, coaches and committee (in conjunction with Provincial Federations) with the emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities; upgrade and maintenance of existing infrastructure; linkages to National NGOs e.g. Heritage Day, Youth Day | Developed NGOs (Rural)
Community Recreation (including Indigenous Sport) | Community recreational activities; support and empowerment Development of clubs | Increased access
Mencap Babies (NG020) | Mental Health South Africa delivery | Performance based

Applications from Sports Councils will not be considered for the Sport and Recreation call.

**CHARITIES SECTOR**

Areas of Funding | Focus Areas / Programmes | Outcomes
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Early Childhood Development (ECD) | ECDs may apply for skills development for ECD practitioners / educators; ECDs skills development plan (to be provided in a conditional grant document) ECDs may apply for skills support that will enable them to meet required norms and standards | Improved infrastructure (phase teaching and learning)
Protection and support for the vulnerable (including institutions) | Multifaceted, integrated, complexity-based and / or residential services and support programmes | Improved well-being of vulnerable groups
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Gender-based violence | Programmes to support women and children to exit violence; provision and operation of safe houses and / or halfway centres for emergency support | Access to safe environments for women and children
Artistic welfare | Programme that works with organisations that work with / provide support and training for artists, writers, musicians, etc. | Improved quality of life and standard of living
Social transformation drivers in previously disadvantaged communities | Education concerning and / or prevention of abuse and cruelty towards working animals | Improved welfare of domestic and working animals
Applications from intermediary grant makers, foundations linked to profit-making companies, schools (private and public), Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Colleges and Higher Education Institutions, Religious organisations and churches and social enterprises are excluded from the Charities call.

**ARTS, CULTURE & NATIONAL HERITAGE SECTOR**

Areas of Funding | Focus Areas / Programmes | Outcomes
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Arts and Culture | Arts and Crafts projects for income generation and / or job creation with a focus on sustainability and (including market and product development) with an emphasis on women, youth and people with disabilities | Cultural preservation / promotion
Developmental competitions and recognition awards that build capacity in creative fields (specific categories/professions will be funded) | Talent recognition, and promotion of innovation and creativity in art
Development of the arts (including traditional / indigenous art) | Talent development, and training in traditional / indigenous art (i.e. Music, Dance, Theatre, Painting v. Sculpture, etc.) | Talent development in the arts
Community art projects and creativity (e.g. Anime, Graphic design, v. Photography) | Inclusive participation in showcase events with an emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities | Increased access to arts education

**MISCELLANEOUS SECTOR**

Areas of Funding | Focus Areas / Programmes | Outcomes
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**Education** | Support for projects that focus on educators, students and (postgraduate study) with an emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities. | Increased access to arts education
**Environment** | Support for projects that focus on education, research and development with an emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities. | Increased access to arts education
**Institutional infrastructure** | Support for projects that focus on education, research and development with an emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities. | Increased access to arts education
**Social transformation** | Support for projects that focus on education, research and development with an emphasis on rural areas / women / people with disabilities. | Increased access to arts education

**The Distributing Agency of the NLC reserves the right not to make grants or to decide on the amount to be allocated. This decision to fund or not will be based on alignment to the focus areas detailed above, and subject to availability of funds. The criteria for a decision to fund or not will be based on the strategic fit of the application submitted. Applications that fall outside the strategic focus areas detailed above will not be considered.**

**Applicants will be considered from appropriately registered, non-profit organisations that submit all the required documents and information, as outlined in the Guidelines for each sector. Applicants that are awaiting a response on a previous application are advised not to apply until they have received correspondence on the outcome of the previous application.**

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Household Composting Pilot Project to Roll out in Sedgefield

Knysna Municipality and the Garden Route District Municipality are excited to roll out a Household Composting Pilot Project in the Sedgefield area. Permanent residents in the Sedgefield area are invited to apply for participation in the pilot project, by Friday 17 May 2019.

Community Services chairperson, Counsellor Welcome Salater, said that the pilot project would run for the duration of one year. “At this stage, we have made provision for thirty households, who will be provided with a composting container, a worm farm, a scale and data sheets.

“I am delighted that we have received positive responses on our social media pages from residents requesting for the project to be rolled out in Greater Knysna. The data collected will be used to motivate for the extension of the project in the Knysna municipal area.”

The thirty (30) households will be randomly selected from the applicants received and must conform to the following minimum criteria in order to be selected:

1. Must reside permanently in the Sedgefield area for the duration of the pilot project (at least one year).
2. Must attend a training session regarding composting that will be held in Sedgefield.
3. Must participate in the pilot project and report organic waste quantities on a monthly basis for the duration of the pilot project (at least one year).
4. Must have a garden on the premises from which green waste is generated.
5. Must generate kitchen waste e.g. raw vegetable and fruit waste.

“We encourage Sedgefield residents to make use of this great opportunity. Application forms are available on the Knysna Municipal website www.knysna.gov.za or can be obtained from the Sedgefield Municipal Offices, Main Road, Sedgefield, remember to apply before the closing date Friday 17 May 2019.”

Thanks from SANParks and the Biodiversity Unit

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Gardening on the Edge

An Indigenous Tree that grows under most conditions

By Welland Cowley

A number of gardeners new to Sedgefield have asked me to recommend a small to medium flowering tree that is suitable for Sedgefield’s sandy soils and which is fairly fast growing.

I wonder how many of you noticed this beautiful indigenous tree in central Sedgefield covered in clusters of red flowers sometime between January and February.

The tree in question is Schotia brachypetala or weeping boerboon. The common name refers to the flat-tipped seed pods measuring 5 - 6 cm in length and bearing a few yellowish bean - like seeds. This tree also has a slightly weeping habit and it’s new leaves which are produced in spring are slightly bronze-tinted making it a striking accent plant. It bears showy crimson sweetly - scented flowers measuring two cm in length and spring and summer. These flowers not only yield pollen but are so well - supplied with nectar that it sometimes drips from them attracting a variety of birds and insects including bees.

Schotia brachypetala is found in the warmer drier parts of the Eastern Cape and it’s range extends to Mpmumangwa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. It is an ideal ornamental tree for a small garden. Under the right conditions the ground should be well - enriched with compost or bone meal before planting in a hole at least 50 cm wide by 50 cm deep. The weeping Boerboon will also tolerate soils with a higher clay content.

It is grown from seed but to soak the beans in hot but not boiling water. Leave them for 48 hours and then they will expand in size and are then ready for planting.

For further advice e-mail me on greenfingeressedge@gmail.com

Happy gardening!

Plastic Roads?

Last week, I came across a short article which was headed “Construction to start soon on SA’s first plastic road”. It was about a project being set up in Jeffreys Bay in the Garden Route District Municipality and the Knysna Municipal area. “At this stage, we have made provision for asphalt mixes and it is also a minute.

“As a starting point, we have sent a copy of the article to our mayor, with the request that its relevance to Knysna be investigated. I’d like to believe that it may help to eliminate the fifty potholes which are all too common on our roads and the empty bottles we see discarded everywhere.” I suggest that this is an initiative which needs our active support.

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Hypertension Awareness

The 17 of March is World Hypertension Awareness Day. Hypertension is also known as high blood pressure. By living a healthy lifestyle, you can help keep your blood pressure in a healthy range and lower your risk for heart disease and stroke.

A healthy lifestyle includes:

**Healthy Diet**
Choosing healthful meal and snack options can help you avoid high blood pressure and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Eating foods low in salt (sodium) and high in potassium can lower your blood pressure.

**Healthy Weight**
Being overweight or obese increases your risk for high blood pressure. To determine if your weight is in a healthy range, doctors often calculate your body mass index (BMI). Doctors sometimes also use waist and hip measurements to measure excess body fat.

**Physical Activity**
Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower your blood pressure. For adults, the Surgeon General recommends 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise, like brisk walking or bicycling, every week. Children and adolescents should get 1 hour of physical activity every day.

**No Smoking**
Cigarette smoking raises your blood pressure and puts you at higher risk for heart attack and stroke. If you do not smoke, do not start. If you do smoke, quitting will lower your risk for heart disease. Your doctor can suggest ways to help you quit.

**Limited Alcohol**
Avoid drinking too much alcohol, which can raise your blood pressure. Men should have no more than 2 drinks per day, and women only 1.

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**Healthy Ageing in 5 Easy Steps**

Practice these five tips to better savour your life experiences. Think of it as shining a bright and happy light on the positive aspects of your already full life. And, yes, definitely eliminate the negatives as well.

- **Connect** — Make connections with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. When you build strong connections, they can help enrich your life with new experiences and opportunities.
- Besides, having a support system to call upon when you need a favour is valuable as you age.

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**TED’s Cryptic Brain Cruncher**

**Across**

1. Mom’s vehicle is on a single dairy product for easy dinner. (8,6)
2. An area where a genuine Marquis begins to rule. (5)
3. Was Peg leg caught in a trap? (2,3,3)
4. Shorter time in bed makes one feel rewarded. (7)
5. The Centre chose A n n a to be praiseworthy. (7)
6. Knighthood given to 51 Romans for their ancient script symbols. (3)
7. Garden’s parasite is a good level to go by. (9)
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9. Grant everything almost over the top. (5)
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**Down**

1. Snails pace. (2)
2. Streamline. (3)
3. Eyrie. (4)
4. No one short for 24 hours. (5)
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**Cryptic Brain Cruncher**

**Across**

1. Suspends

**Down**

1. Snails pace. (2)
2. Streamline. (3)
3. Eyrie. (4)
4. No one short for 24 hours. (5)
5. Feline the singer used for a solo. (5)
6. Garden’s parasite is a good level to go by. (9)
7. Tough minded, perhaps like a Rhino? (7)
8. Grant everything almost over the top. (5)
9. Grant everything almost over the top. (5)
10. Fill the position left by Salesman for a chewing. (7)
11. Sat in my Spanish home eating special ice-cream. (7)
12. Given your just deserts via wordplay? (8)
13. Knowing you’ve lost the key means it. (5)
14. Correct posture for the far side of the course. (4,8)
15. Give great joy to a dizzy character. (8)
16. Watch the sculpture material. (9)
17. His cats and dogs turned on the fowl. (7)
18. Accountant in a mess of deeds for quite some time. (7)
19. Is it wrong for an emotion rep. (9)
20. His cats and dogs turned on the fowl. (7)
21. Is it wrong for an emotion rep. (9)
22. Let us know how to ‘unwrite’ history. (5)
23. Angry expression. (8)
24. Note that being tardy may happen. (12)
25. As a Whole
26. Moment
27. "classic" 9x9 Sudoku sub-puzzles.
28. Did one fool diminutive Hawk. (5)
29. Is it wrong for an emotion rep. (9)
30. His cats and dogs turned on the fowl. (7)
31. Ask the groom about the wedding. (7,12)
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SWIMESS STORES

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by Denise Lloyd

“May the fourth be with you,” was the parting line of the much loved Aunty Ethel and her latest aka, the super hero with a purple heart, Aunty Ethel is a Garden Route celebrity. This, sometimes sweet and dear old pensioner with her warped sense of humour and an exceptionally sharp nose for news, hauls from Mossel Bay.

Aunty Ethel was part of a special show in Sedgefield held instead of the Living Cornerstone Alzheimer Residence on Friday 5 May. She joined up with the well-known cabinet player Emile Minnie and together they put on a super show.

In the light of the smash-hit Avengers: Endgame, which is now the most-released-about movie of all time and the elections, which ask super powers from us all, Ethel thought it was time to showcase her purple heart and appear as the Aged Avenger (or maybe even the Ancient one). Ethel rocked up in her usual pink purple and paranormal superhero, but reappeared in her super hero suit. She took the audience by storm and after informing the audience that she was the wrong colour for any political party, she danced her way out of the Red Roof Scarab Market auditorium with the ever popular Miriam Makeba’s “Pata Pata” an Afropop dance song.

Minnie, with his sultry voice and phenomenal piano playing, wowed the audience with his lyrics and humour. His French songs were exceptionally beautiful.

History has it that Minnie’s performance started with the first screech when he was born. He put on such a show that the doctor exclaimed, “Wow, the lad has a super pair of lungs,” and that is where it all started. The pair of entertainers performed to raise funds for The Living Cornestone Alzheimer Residence and its satellite centre.

The event was a result of a number of performances across the country, including a gala performance at the capital of South Africa.

Municipal Manager of the Garden Route District Municipality, Mr. Monde Stratia, (centre) shared a special moment with the community, from the event personally, Mr. Emile Conrad (left), Mr. Hein Leslie (2nd left), Mr. Armin Bailey (2nd right) and Mr. Edwin Lottering (right). Mr. Bennie van Vuuren could not be present during the photograph session.

G R M F I R E F I G H T E R S W I N T H E I F F D C H A L L E N G E

Super Aged Avenger

It was once again a glorious occasion for the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) Fire Fighters, when they walked away in victory after winning the International Fire Fighters Day (IFFD) Challenge. Overstrand Municipality took 2nd place and Overberg District Municipality 3rd.

The competition took place in Stellenbosch from 3 to 5 May 2019 and was hosted by the Stellenbosch Municipality at the Drie Braak. The purpose of the event was to acknowledge the significance of firefighters in the Western Cape Province. It also placed emphasis on the remembrance of fire fighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

After the Communication Unit of GRDM spoke to the fire fighters about their preparation for the competition, it became evident that no competition-focused practice sessions took place prior to the event, as all fire fighters had to turn up at any moment of time, to effectively perform their duties on a daily basis.

A team member who participates in competitions of this standard must show outstanding skills such as endurance, determination, they must be focused and have consistent strength. Participants exhibited all these characteristics throughout the six challenges. The format of the event also included a parade through the streets, a ceremony to honour the lives of the fire fighters who lost their lives in the line of duty and squad drilling to depict the importance of the firefighters in society. Approximately 1500 people attended the event.

Senior Fire fighter, Mr. Emile Conrad, is well-known for being the South African “Toughest Firefighter Alive” and for his top performance at all related competitions. For Senior Fire fighter, Mr. Edwin Lottering, it was his 9th year of participation in competitions of this nature and therefore his skills and previous experience contributed greatly to the team’s success. For Mr Hein Leslie (team leader), it was his 3rd experience, for Mr Bennie van Vuuren his 2nd and for Mr Armin Bailey his 2nd. The skill and knowledge of these participants, as well as their level of commitment and strength complemented each other enabling them to win.

The GRDM council, management and staff extended messages of support to the participants before, throughout and after the competition, to encourage and congratulate the team members. Congratulations to the squad members that they would love to invite the community to.

On 15 May there is a Christian Men’s Breakfast at Pil-Pil. This is followed by a Ladies tea on 1 June and a Fun Rock Roll with the Cloud Nine Band, both at the Town Hall. Other fun events include a Whistle Race Walk for Alzheimer’s, Farmers Market Collection and an Open Garden Show on 27 October.

For more details contact Gilda on 044 343 1099 or email info@thelivingornerstone.co.za

The Aged Avenger, Aunty Ethel, a Garden Route Celebrity teamed up with well-known cabinet and piano funds, Emile Minnie to conjure up a performance of sultry music and flame sharp humour at the Red Roof Scarab Market. Photographed (in front) with Emile Minnie are (back from left), Dale Engelbrecht (the sound man), Vinnie Veldman (from the ACV), Gilde Scammell (founder of The Living Cornerstone Alzheimer Residence) and Ian Perrymann. (PHOTO: Denise Lloyd)

TINA’S TABLE

We heard about Tina Booysens amazing mosaic table and we just had to find out more. We pushed this modest but talented lady for more information and this is the story of her table.

“This was an old science lab table that was put on my patio. It needed an upgrade! by the SF décor team, so lots of pottery, mosaic, glass work and 3m x 1.5m. What about “My patio. It needed an outside table to do barbecues and other activities. I wanted to include the three points which have a special place in my heart. One end the Phalaborwa area with the Kruger National Park and the Baobab trees, and the other, Sedgefield with the lagoon, colours of the fynbos and the sea, and of course our turtoises. I wanted to include the three mediums I love working with, pottery, mosaic and glass. This was a labour of love! I started in August last year making the leaf tiles for the centre and the small tiles for the edge, and working with my daughters visit over Easter. Time to break out the ice buckets of course! Family emigrated to SA. The one side of the table represents this with a stained glass window, aeroplane and flags. The two ends of the table depict two places which have a special place in my heart. One end the Phalaborwa area with the Kruger Park and the Baobab trees, and the other, Sedgefield with the lagoon, colours of the fynbos and the sea, and of course our turtoises.

The other end reflects the area directly adjacent to the dam and is potentially extremely dangerous. We who are not meant to be there. While it m a y b e t e m p o r a r i l y c l o s e d t o the public for safety reasons, the site 24 hours, seven days a week. The area is always considered a high-risk activity downstream, but the competition. The water will flow out into the Kaaimans River over a period of about two weeks and the works will be closed to the public for safety reasons. The area is not fenced, and the area is not fenced, and the damage may be obvious. The dangerous equipment, including woodchippers, chain saws and cutters – not to mention falling trees, snakes and other wildlife disturbed by the temporary commotion.

In addition to heavy vehicles on newly established roads and major excavations at the dam wall, clearing of alien vegetation around the dam will mean the presence of dangerous equipment, such as woodchippers, chain saws and cutters – not to mention falling trees, snakes and other wildlife disturbed by the temporary commotion.

George Municipal Manager Trevor Botha made an urgent appeal to all bikers, cyclists, canoeists and other outdoor enthusiasts to stay clear of all plantation and forest terrain, tracks and roads south of the construction area. Weather-dependent, the water will be released sometime in the next week via two scour valves and the water will flow out into the Kaaimans River over a period of about two weeks and the works will be closed to the public for safety reasons.

A special appeal is being made to cyclists to please find routes outside this area and to not take any chances. Heavy vehicles will be using almost all the plantation and forest roads that cyclists frequent. Cyclists speeding down mountain tracks risk the risk of encountering large vehicles on these roads and they may not be able to stop or get out of the way in time if they come upon a truck. The area is always considered a high-risk area and after the competition, to encourage and congratulate the team members. Congratulations to the squad members that they would love to invite the community to.

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The day dawned a chilly day but this did not deter 21 ladies from participating in a format in which the player whose closest point to the hole in two on the first hole would have the option to knock the second shot until it did, after which the points would be scored for teams. The first hole was won by Elizabeth with a tee shot on the left side of the green. The second hole was scored by Vanessa and the third by Vivienne. The fourth hole was scored by Joanne. The week’s prize money was divided between first and second places. The Captain’s Prize was won by Henry Crowther followed by 37 after a count-down. He was followed by Theo Pelter with 37 after a count-down with Malcolm Goldhill. Henry Crowther followed with 36.

First on the green would score a point, closest to the pin when everyone was on the green would score a point and the first to hole out would score a point. In addition we included stableford points to the green. At the end of the round and a change of perspective the game was had by those who enjoyed the format. It was a success for the Captains and chalked up a stableford section on 40 points.

A huge congrats to Helen Pahl who shot an eagle on the 9th. A whisking 18 birds were shot by 11 ladies with Joy and Marina van de Westhuizen shooting 3 each. Well played ladies. Nearest the pin prize went to Marina and Crystal ball went to Jean Elaine Melvii. Everyone was very grateful to receive avocados kindly donated by St George’s Bakery. Thank you Charlene, sorry you missed the fun.

We then held a special lucky draw for a wonderful mother’s day gift very kindly donated by Bedong Bongo. This special gift went to Christina Catterall. A big thank you to Joanne for organising this thoughtful gift and a huge thank you to Bedong Bongo.

We ended our morning off with awarding the Innovative Trophies & Silverware sponsored Ecclesiical Trophy for the competition run over three months to JoAnn winner. A net of Joy and Christina. Congratulations ladies.

**Winners 3rd May 2019**

**9/5/19**

**The Captain, who has obviously been hallucinating of late, announced that the day’s competition was an alliance medal but playing off your partner’s drive. Normally one is tense when driving off the tee, but in this format you are relaxed on your own drive but become a shuddering watch your partner tee off. It is designed to test the closest of friendships which was confirmed at the prize giving as there were many pairs not speaking. Those who were hugging and smothering each other with kisses were Henry Crowther and Mike Goodwin with a combined net total of 113. They were followed by Bob and Dave Herbert with 122 and then by Brian Stewart and Trevor Pahl on format. Congratulations to Joy Lotter and Rudy Bosch. Winning the Bingo Bongo club is soon to celebrate its 20th year since its inception and some of the early beginnings are to be made at a later date.

**Sedgefield Gentlemen’s Golf**

**2/6/19**

It is actually quite uncanny how last week’s mornings invariably produce the most beautiful weather of the week for the Gentlemen golfers. This particular week is a case in point. When Sedgefield for the past few days had been smothered in fog, at 830 on The 2nd the sun broke through and provided the players with an absolutely gorgeous day for golf.

As we approached election day, we thought it wise to remember that the word politics is derived from the Greek, meaning many, and ics, small blood sucking insects. The day’s competition was individual stableford and Willem de Villiers ran away from the rest with 41. He was followed by Theo Pelter with 37 after a count-down with Malcolm Goldhill. Henry Crowther followed with 36.
A 1928 Bentley, a 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL, and a 1958 Pontiac Bonneville were the stars of this year’s show on April 28, 2019.

Close to 400 classic cars and motorcycles wowed the crowds in perfect weather for what has become known as one of the finest classic car shows in the country.

Sanlam Private Wealth CEO Carl Rooymans was suitably impressed when he visited the Knysna Motor Show.

An extremely rare 1958 Pontiac Bonneville coupe was adjudged Best Overall Car on Display at the 2019 Knysna Motor Show, held at the Knysna High School Sports Fields on April 28. It was a huge surprise for owner Kobus Mostert, as this year’s show had attracted an extraordinary number of invited cars, among them no less than 34 sale cars.

Best in Class was the 1926 Austin Chummy, one of over 20 “flying lorries”. The 91-year-old British sports racers resembling “vintage” are now seeing an upsurge of interest.

The trophy for ‘Best In Class’ went, fittingly, to a 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL, owned by Rick Garrett and shown by Andre du Toit, one of five SLs that gathered in Knysna, which were also backed up by 10 Mercedes-Benz 190 SLs from the same era.

Other impressive gatherings at the show included an excellent display of Morgan celebrating the marque’s 100th birthday, and a selection of ‘Gold’ derivatives. In anticipation of Mini’s 60th birthday, which takes place later this year, a contingent of three Cooper S models from the 1960s were driven from Johannesburg to Knysna to join a similar Mini grouping from Cape Town and the other marvellous Mins on display.

The level of originality of these cars was particularly impressive, with the show’s philosophy of keeping display cars on an “invitation-only” basis.

The Motorcyle Room Trophy produced a somewhat surprising winner this year in the form of the unusual customised modern BMW 1200 RS adventure bike, built to a level of showroom excellence by Wilderness Custom bike builder Parnell Bruce. This award was judged by visitors to this year’s Motor Show.

The Piet Mass Trophy ‘exhibitors’ award is particularly noteworthy, a winner this year in the form of the best motorcycle as adjudged by fellow competitors. The winner here was again an unusual machine, the little-known Sherco 300 trials bike customised with a World War Two theme by Knysna’s Gavin Venter.

There was once a feeling amongst us, as the Knysna Show is a gathering of a unique group that a customised motorcycle would never win an award at the show, due to all the magnificent original machines on display, said Venter. “Well, this year we had two customised bikes taking the major trophies, which was a real turn-up for the books.”

Diversity and excellent presentation

The key elements of this year’s show were the diversity of cars and motorcycles on display, and the level of presentation.

The Garden Route Motor Club, which once again ran an excellently organised event, was particularly keen to showcase modern iconic machinery as well as cars and motorcycles that dated back more than 100 years. “We had some extremely rare supercars this year which appeared to the younger enthusiasts,” said chief show organiser Peter Pretorius. “We had the only Pagani Zonda in the country, one of three Lewis FPAs a Lamborghini Aventador, no less than 10 Ferraris, a McLaren P1, a Maserati and Porsches ranging from the 1950s to the latest 911 Carrera GTS model, and not forgetting a well-selected group of famous production models such as Austin Healey Triumph, MG, Sunbeam, Lotus, Jaguar and many more.”

Bentley South Africa also supported the centenary of the marque at this year’s show. “I have been supporting this show for a number of years and I think it is unique to see a Bentley display the level of originality, amongst us, as the Knysna Show. It is good to see that the enthusiasm for Bentley South Africa is increasing and we will be back again next year,” said Smyth.

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