

AND IT'S OPEN!

Thanks to Mandy Pelser for this brilliant photo of the last stages of the breaching of Swartvlei Estuary.



On the evening of Monday, 20 February, the Swartvlei River mouth was artificially breached under the careful supervision of SANParks Senior Marine Ranger Jonathan Britton.

"The lagoon level was at 1,89m above mean sea level when the rain started," Britton told us, "And when we had heavier downpours than expected in the catchment area, we decided to initiate the breaching before the 2m level was reached as a precautionary measure."

Britton said it is thanks to the monitoring of real-time rain gauges permanently placed in these catchment areas that they are able to calculate the subsequent increase in water flowing into the estuary.

As the level reached 1.92m, the decision was made to 'pull the plug', and the excavator was off-loaded at Swartvlei Beach so that it could access the pre-prepared breaching trenches.

The task that usually takes 20 to 30 minutes took a lot longer this time around. "We had received reports from a bystander that people had been trying to open the mouth earlier using spades," Britton

explained, "This was very frustrating. Not only is it unlawful, but it also complicated the whole process. As these guys had dug their trench when the tide was coming in, the incoming waters brought a lot of sand into the preparation trench dug by SANParks. This had to be taken out before we could breach."

The mouth was eventually opened by 19:30 – still in time to take advantage of the receding Spring high tide.

The SANParks team stayed on-site monitoring the river mouth until 1:00, and all seemed well. However, when the 6:00 shift arrived, they

YOUNG CON ARTISTS CAUGHT IN THE ACT

A young couple has come unstuck while trying to rip off folk living in their own home town. Whilst they may well have got away with conning their hosts for two free nights' worth of accommodation, it was the fact that they brazenly helped themselves to house contents without any plans for a quick getaway that brought their short crime spree to an end.

The young guests – he in his early thirties and she in her mid-twenties – arrived at the Sedgefield B&B late afternoon Friday 20 January. They had made a last-minute reservation, seemingly carefully planned, through the site booking.com, using the fictitious name Kevin Swartz. The husband and wife who own the holiday establishment have asked for their names to be withheld. They were in Cape Town visiting family at the time of the theft.

"Our staff members were already off, but the couple was able to contact our housekeeper through the booking site, and she returned to give them the key. She was struck by the unusually large amount of baggage which, on later reflection, was most of their possessions as the man is homeless. In addition, a family member with her at the time recognised the girl as a local who had attended the same high school as them," they informed us.

Later that evening, as no rental had been received, the wife sent the couple a payment request. They were supposed to pay in advance but hadn't, and as no card details had been provided with their website booking, small alarm bells were already ringing, she explained.

They didn't hear from their young 'guests' until late afternoon the following day when a message came through from them stating that their phones had been flat due to the power outages. "But we have solar and can monitor our power remotely, so we knew it hadn't been off," the owners told us, "That rang another mental alarm bell."

After that, an exchange of WhatsApp messages went backwards and forwards between them and the young 'Mr Swartz' until the owners finally managed to speak to him.

"He insisted he was trying to make payment, but then claimed he had hassles 'getting through to the bank'," they said.

With the couple due to check out early Sunday morning, the owners got hold of their housekeeper and asked her to go to the house early and stop the guests from leaving until proof of payment had been received. She did so, taking her own family members as back-up.

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saw that the 5-6m waves resulting from the storm surge had pushed sand back into the estuary mouth, significantly reducing the outflow.

Fortunately, the excavator was still on-site, and by 7:30, the channel was wide enough and deep enough to ensure a good outflow.

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Notes from T'Ed's

This is a stick-up!"

"ERHUM...I SAID THIS IS A STICK-UP!!"

"LISTEN! I HAVE A GUN HERE, AND I AM GOING TO ROB THIS BANK"

"WILL SOMEBODY LISTE...."

("I don't think they will unless you have a number?")

"IBEG YOUR P...."

("They never do. They purposefully ignore you unless you take a number from that machine there....")

"WHO ARE YOU AND...."

("She's right, you won't get served if you don't have a number,")

"BUT I HAVE A GUN AND...."

("That doesn't help. A fellow did that last month, but they still wouldn't give him the statements he was after ... because he hadn't taken a number.")

("I remember that. And didn't that other lady bring a knife? The one that wanted to reverse a direct debit?")

("It was a sharpened screwdriver. That was my sister.")

"What seems to be the problem here?"

("This gentleman, at least I think it's a gentleman, you can't really tell with the black balaclava he's wearing, but his voice is quite deep, so let's say I assume he's a gentleman, mind you, you don't know these days do you? Anyway, let's be safe and say 'THEY' wants to rob the bank, but 'THEY' doesn't have a number yet. I don't think 'THEY' knows the system.")

"Oh. Can I help you, um ... Sir?"

"AT LAST! YES! THIS IS A STICK-UP, AND I WANT...."

"No. I don't mean help you with your, er ... actual business. I mean, may I assist you with the number machine? It is quite simple, but sometimes older customers...."



"I AM NOT AN OLDER CUST ... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

"The number machine Sir. It's right here at the door, under the sign that says, "Please take a number."

"Oh. I didn't see that sign ... BUT LOOK, FORGET THE NUMBER! I AM HERE TO ROB THE BANK AND ... WHERE ARE YOU GOING? CAN'T YOU SEE I HAVE A GUN POINTED RIGHT AT YOUR...."

"Here is your number, Sir. You will see it is 471. Thank you for being a \$%#\$%\$# Bank customer ... NEXT."

"I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS! I AM...."

"Morning, Sir. Do you have a number?"

"YES, I BLINKIN' WELL DO. AND I HAVE A GUN. NOW PUT YOUR HANDS UP AND...."

"What is the number, Sir?"

"Well, er, it's 471. BUT THAT DOESN'T...."

"Thank you, Sir, and might I enquire about the nature of your business with the bank?"

"THE NATURE OF MY....?"

"Yes, Sir, so that I may direct you to the correct teller."

"THE NATURE OF MY BUSINESS IS ROBBERY! I AM ROBBING YOUR BANK, AND IF YOU DON'T HAND OVER THE...."

"Ah.... That would be a cash transaction, I would imagine. You need to see Teller 12. She's at lunch at the moment, but if you will sit here, next to the lady in the sleeping bag and the thermos

flask, and wait to hear your number."

"NO! I WILL NOT SIT HERE AND...."

("Ooh ... we have another shouter. Such fun!")

("Yes. I guess it does help to make the time go a bit quicker, but sometimes the shouters make things uncomfortable.")

("I quite like the new ones. The ones who always WANT TO SEE THE MANAGER!")

"Ahem.... Are you ticket 471?"

"YES, I AM! NOW G...."

"Follow me, please."

"Oh ... ok...."

"That teller there, No 12, will assist."

"Thank you. ER ... RIGHT, YOU! THIS IS A STICK-UP. HAND OVER ALL...."

"WAIT."

"I beg your pardon."

"WAIT... I am not going to look you in the eye. I will stare at my screen for at least twelve minutes, type in some random numbers, write something down on a piece of paper, and then disappear to a back room somewhere for another 15 minutes so that I look important. I need you to wait while I do this."

"Oh ... sure ... may I sit?"

"No. You will be too comfortable."

"Understood."

"Right. Are you ticket no 471? Give me your ticket, please."

"Oh ... right ... ummmmm, it's in my pocket somewhere ... oh yes, here it is."

"Thank you. Now, how may I help?"

"THIS IS A STICK-UP. IF YOU DO WHAT I SAY, YOU WON'T GET HUR ... What are you? hey! PUT THAT PHONE DOWN! DO NOT CALL THE POLICE!"

"It's not the police. It's the call centre. I have to follow bank protocol. Let's see, press one for new customers, two for balance ... Um, Sir? Could you tell me how much money you are after?"

"Wha...?"

"How much, Sir? You need to tell me how much. Otherwise, I am

unable to process your request."

"Well ... I hadn't thought that through ... um, a ... Million?"

"We would need three months' notice for that amount, Sir. The maximum I can do is R500 000."

"Oh ... yes ... That's fine. Thanks. RIGHT! GIVE ME R500 000 AND MAKE IT QUICK IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO...."

"Well, Sir will have to wait three days for the transfer to take effect unless Sir is a \$%#\$%\$# Bank customer. Does Sir have an account with us?"

"NO! I DEMAND CASH! HAND OVER R500 000 CASH RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANT TO STA...."

"A cash transaction is a different teller, Sir. And we would have to levy a handling charge of R2,20 per R100. Sir would be far better doing a direct transfer into Sir's account...."

"But the other lady said... Oh, it doesn't matter ... ok ... THEN I DEMAND YOU TRANSFER R500 000 INTO MY ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANT TO STA...."

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"Sure, Sir, but I can't do it right now. Sir needs to respond to the email."

"What email?"

"The one with a link to our website where Sir will need to accept our terms and conditions, and of course, once this has been done, Sir will need to contact the call centre and answer a few security questions. I take it Sir has brought proof of residence – a municipal account or something similar?"

"No... just ... this gun...."

"Oh my word, Sir. Have you not heard of FICA? I am afraid I will have to cancel the whole transaction now. What a waste of both of our time."

"But ... what about my money...."

"Well, I suggest you try and do this transaction online, Sir. That is where most of our ... er ... younger customers do ALL their banking..."

"But ... all I want is to deal with REAL people...."

"Ahhhhh, I see, Sir. Well, if that is the case, then...."

"Yes?"

"... Don't come back tomorrow. The bank will be closed so that we can attend staff training."

"Well, if you ask me ...

*You'd be mad if
you didn't!"*

SCARAB NEWS

Extra Mural Activity

DID YOU KNOW it took Da Vinci over three years to paint 'The Last Supper' Mural?

In Sedgefield, our own resident artist, Rita Knoetze has also completed an Italian mural but in only three months! She was commissioned by a private individual to create a typical Italian street scene in the entrance way to his house. It took many hours of hard work but the results are awesome. Well done, Rita. All of her artwork can be viewed in her new gallery adjoining Scarab Paper after the 1st March.



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The man said he had deposited the money – and showed them ‘proof of payment’ on his phone. He also sent it to the owners’ phone and, as it had the right amount and bank name, they told the house keeper she could let them depart.

But the payment never came through, and when the owners scrutinised the ‘proof’ a day or two later, they realised it had been doctored. Clearly, they had been hoodwinked. Their housekeeper was equally furious and determined to track down the girl. She searched social media and succeeded in finding a photo and a name.

The story, however, doesn’t end there.

“If it had only been that – we would have put it down to experience. Yes, we had burnt our fingers, but this sort of thing sometimes happens in the hospitality industry,” the lady owner told us.

They were still in Cape Town a couple of days later when the housekeeper called to ask if their E-Bike was still locked up, as she had seen the young man cycling around in Smutsville on an identical bike. On checking, it was established that the bike had gone, and so crime escalated from fraud to theft of a very expensive bike!

The husband-owner decided to fly back home with his son-in-law, and they arrived in Sedgefield on Sunday morning. On entering their private living quarters he discovered that someone had been inside. Whilst everything was still neat and tidy, there was clear evidence of an intrusion, including a broken key in the lock of their gun safe. Fortunately, they hadn’t been able to open it.

When the two men went to the police station to report the crime, they were advised to return in half an hour as the shift was about to change. They decided to nip into the village to get a bite to eat, and as they were driving along – in the combi that had been parked in the garage whilst they were away - they saw the couple walking along the road.

Worried that the two would make off if they recognised the combi, they casually parked in the Pick n Pay car park, pretending nothing was amiss. Watching the couple from the corner of their eyes, they went into Steers at the Total Service Station. To their surprise, they met the housekeeper and her family there. They had also seen the young couple a few minutes earlier and had been following them from a distance.

As they exchanged notes, they saw the young man and woman climbing into a taxi which then proceeded to the fuel pumps. The son-in-law, who happens to have a black belt in Karate, decided it was time for more serious action. He rushed to the taxi, opened the door and ordered them out.

As the two clambered from the vehicle, he managed to hold on to the young man, but the girl dashed off. “We know who you are, and we know what you did,” the son-in-law shouted at his captive, “Now, where is the bicycle?”

“I’ll give you the bike. I’ll give you the bike!” the man shouted, clearly panicked. They loaded him into the combi, and he took them to another accommodation establishment, where he and the girl had evidently been staying.

Once it had been explained to the understandably disconcerted manager what had been going on, she allowed them to enter the young couple’s room, and there stood the E-bike.

They called SAPS and members came to take the bike thief into custody. The owner and his son-in-law followed them down to the station to give their statements. When the member on duty asked what else had been taken, they explained that they weren’t sure as they hadn’t had a chance to check thoroughly, though they knew someone had been upstairs.

As the SAPS officer read out details from his ID for the paperwork, the B&B owner recognised the young man’s name – knowing him to be a Knysna resident.

The next morning he and his son-in-law returned to the young couple’s new accommodation where the manager showed them an outboard motor she had found in their room, asking if it might also have been stolen from them. It had, and realising that there was even more to this crime than they had previously believed, they contacted the police station once again, eager to discover what else was in the large amount of luggage that had been in the young couple’s room.

A detective arrived and took the luggage to the Knysna Police station as evidence, suggesting that the victim of this ever-increasing crime meet him there at 15:30 to see if the couple had acquired any more of their possessions.

The same detective had, meanwhile, acquired the address of the young girl’s family home and picked her up en route to the Knysna station.

“When we walked into the station, she was standing in the same room as their luggage,” the B&B owner told us later, “And the crazy thing was that she rushed up and started hugging me, telling me how terrible it was that this had happened to us, and how she’d had no idea what had been going on.” He said the girl then went to hug his son-in-law too, telling him, “I’m here to help.”

The detective then proceeded to open the young couple’s bags, revealing first the B&B owner’s chainsaw, then his binoculars. Indeed, as the unpacking continued and more of his possessions were revealed, it was estimated that the young criminals had removed approximately R170 000 worth of goods from their ‘hosts’ residence.

Despite this, the girl apparently continued her claims of innocence. When a particular item of clothing was pulled out of one of the bags, she cried defensively, “That’s my jersey. I can’t believe he stole my jersey!”

She went on to say she could not believe this was happening to her, as only two weeks previously she had had to spend time in jail after they had stayed without paying in an upmarket hotel in Knysna. She also told them all that she had taken out a restraining order against her partner. “This, despite clear evidence that they had been sharing a room at our guest house,” the owner said.

The B&B owners later contacted the Knysna hotel the girl had mentioned. Whilst the manager asked for his and the business name to be withheld, he did confirm that he had laid a charge against the girl as the two had booked in using a false name and ID and tried to escape leaving an unpaid bill of R16 000. Fortunately, they were chased and apprehended by the hotel’s staff.

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The girl had been in court on 13 January for that offence, where, the manager reported, she had been in floods of tears.

“Yet, a week later, they repeated the same scam in Sedgefield, clearly feeling no remorse whatsoever,” the B&B pointed out.

Whilst he and his wife are very happy to report that they have recovered all their stolen goods, they have laid criminal charges of fraud and theft against the young man - as he is the one to whom all the evidence points. They want to expose the shenanigans of this young couple lest other victims fall prey to their antics.

STOP PRESS: Just on print deadline the Communications Centre of SAPS confirmed that the names of the accused - Michel Kretschmer and Kyle Stewart - could be officially released as they had both appeared in court. The former’s case (of theft) was postponed until 26 February 2023, whilst the latter’s case (of burglary) was postponed until 13 March 2023.

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The “Sedgefield Stink”



Residents of Sedgefield periodically raise concerns about a distinct “rotten egg” odour emanating from the Swartvlei Estuary.

The smell has been referred to as the “Sedgefield Stink” and is frequently, though incorrectly, attributed to suspected sewage seepage into the estuary.

However, this odour is actually hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) gas produced by bacteria during the decomposition of mostly plant organic matter.

The decomposition of organic matter with proteins containing sulphur in deoxygenated waters results in the formation of H₂S. The conditions for H₂S production occur most frequently when mats of floating filamentous alga start to die, sink and rot. Localised areas of deoxygenated water may temporarily be caused by the respiration of bacteria, which decompose the alga. This is usually restricted to the sides of the channel and the bottom waters of deeper portions of the estuary.

The production of H₂S by bacterial decomposition in

Swartvlei is a natural process, and records going back several decades indicate the occurrence

of occasional sulphurous odours, so it is certainly not a recent occurrence. Whether the odour occurs more frequently is difficult to determine, though it could be possible if there has been a progressive increase in the biomass of aquatic plants.

Aquatic plants are a natural part of the estuarine environment. They play a vital biological role by providing food, shelter and a

substratum for aquatic organisms and in the trapping and recycling of nutrients. The development of filamentous algae mats in Swartvlei Estuary is also a natural phenomenon and part of the biotic cycle associated with this estuary. Thus, the production of H₂S when the alga decomposes is a natural process and part of life in Sedgefield.

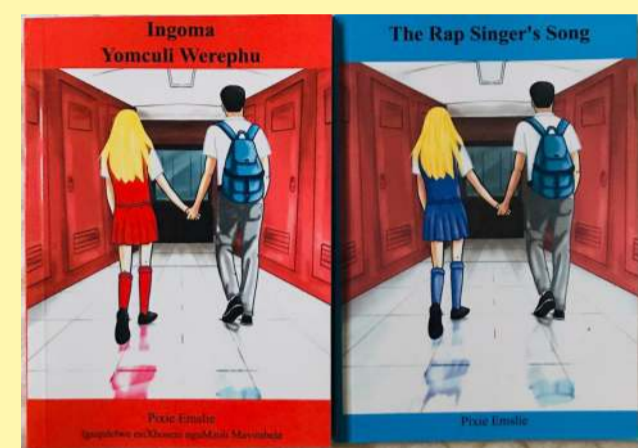
NEW BOOK APPEALS TO OLD AND YOUNG - IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Author Pixie Emslie's latest book, *The Rap Singer's Song*, has been translated into isiXhosa, making it available to a broader audience.

The book tells the story of a group of teenagers who decide to turn their school musical into a rap concert – and subsequently bring the house down to a roar of applause! Hluleka Harding and his friends were not just good at rugby and maths. They were crazy about music, driving their teachers mad by constantly beating out tunes, playing

around with their guitars and singing rap. So, at the school's music festival, they took it all one step further – when their turn came, they stepped up the tempo, changing the rhythm and pace. Then, when Jinny's voice joined that of Hardy's, the two of them turned their piece into a rap song of note, the chorus joined in, and the hall reverberated with the joyous sound of their rapping.

“This is a fun story, written with young adults in mind,” Pixie said. “And there is plenty of young romance entwined as well, with teenage parties,



dancing, sports, and general messing around at school.” The story is based on her son Bruce's school days at York High, where lots of kids were trying to fit in after-school activities, including

rugby (which took precedence!) and things like the school play.

Pixie says she was delighted when her friend Mzoli Mavimbela, a writer and poet, agreed to translate the book into isiXhosa. “This opens up a whole new opportunity for learners and others to read the story in either language and allows schools to have a fun book available in both languages.”

The books retail at R120, plus postage and packaging and can be ordered from either Pixie (pixiem@mweb.co.za) or Mzoli (mzo.mavimbela@gmail.com).

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SCORPIONS OF THE GARDEN ROUTE

by Ludwig Muller

Scorpions, widely feared as harbingers of death and ill fortune, are often avoided or even killed due to these misconceptions.

In reality, they perform valuable services insofar as in their quest for food, they help eradicate pests and are one of the few predators that can consume millipedes without being adversely affected by the cyanide. They often end up on the menu of various mammals and birds and are even eaten by some snakes (Aparallactus).

South of the Outeniquas, between the mountains and the sea, scorpions are common and easy to find. They shelter under loose bark, in piles of debris, under stones and bricks or roam around at night searching for food. However, scorpion abundance notwithstanding, only three species are known to occur in the area- *Opisthophthalmus macer*, *Opisthacanthus*

capensis and *Uroplectes lineatus*.

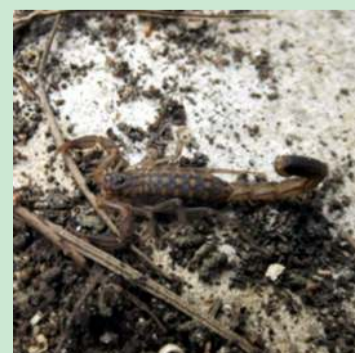
None of these is fatal under normal circumstances, but exercise caution when handling the thick-tailed *U. lineatus*, as it can inflict quite a painful sting. The general rule of thumb regarding scorpions is as follows: The thicker the tail and the smaller the claws, the more dangerous the scorpion is. Species like *Opisthacanthus* and *Opisthophthalmus* have large claws and small tails, so it follows that they subdue their prey by crushing rather than stinging.

Scorpions fluoresce under UV light (see photo above) and can be searched for at night with a decent UV torch.

For more info, please contact the author at ludwigxm@gmail.com



Above : The ubiquitous *Opisthacanthus capensis*
Below: The striking *Uroplectes lineatus*



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Tender documents can be downloaded from: www.knysna.gov.za at no cost. Website navigation is as follows: Information centre – SCM – Tenders.

Queries relating to the request for proposal documents may be addressed directly to: Mr. L Williams at Tel No. 044-302 6484 or e-mail lwilliams@knysna.gov.za

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Wednesday 29th March 2023**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **tender box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the time and date mentioned above. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened on the same day at the Supply Chain Management Section at 12h05. Late or unmarked bids will not be considered.

Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** points system. The bids are subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022.

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Further requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of bids are stated in the Tender Data.

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MARIKE AND FRIENDS - VALENTINE'S CONCERT AT LAGO VERDE, SEDGEFIELD

by Carine van der Merwe

It's February and all over, true to tradition, 'love is in the air'. As in John Paul Young's famous song, love was abundant everywhere you

looked around at Lago Verde, a new open-air concert venue on the outskirts of Sedgefield, which hosted its first concert on Sunday, 12 February.

Marike and Friends presented a most successful twilight Valentine's soiree on the sprawling lawns of the venue. Over time, the theme of love has inspired composers of various music genres to write beautiful and memorable songs. Local songbird Marike Laranjeira, tenor Pierre van der Westhuizen, saxophonist Jaco Kriek and MC/singer Bomber Webb did justice to some of these famous love songs with their heartwarming and inspiring solos and duets, be they from opera, operetta, musicals, ballads or pop. From late afternoon, more than 180 concertgoers arrived armed with picnic baskets, umbrellas and chairs. They were stunned by the unexpected natural beauty of the scenery surrounding them – the green lake, Groenvlei, towards the south, lush indigenous forest to the north, an approaching sunset in the west and mountains in the distance to the east. On arrival, concertgoers received welcome packs containing chocolates, lucky draw tickets, sparklers and a decorated matchbox to light their sparklers – or possibly strike up a new romance! As people made themselves comfortable in front of olive trees and vines, they were welcomed by a soft breeze blowing in from the sea and the sultry sounds of Jaco Kriek's sax. Today's wireless technology allowed Jaco to mingle with the audience, carrying his

accompanying musical ensemble in his back pocket! This listener especially loved the Spanish bolero *Bésame mucho*, which he played beautifully.

Drawcard tenor Pierre van der Westhuizen, who has charmed Sedgefield audiences before, formed a key part of the program. His followers from all walks of life certainly appreciated the opportunity to hear him again as he sang a variety of love songs, including *Moon River*, *Dein is mein ganzes Herz*, *Heimwee*, to name a few. To put the cherry on top, his brilliant top B-flat at the end of Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* was a highlight and must have rung out over the waters of the lake right across to the other side. Bravo Pierre!

Local songstress Marike Laranjeira and her glorious voice need no introduction as she has, over the years, become a regular feature at top venues, restaurants, hotels and functions in the area. Constantly adding to her vast repertoire, she excelled as she sang in various styles with songs such as *Non, je ne regrette rien* (Piaf), *When I fall in love* and *Unchained Melody*. So, it was a great treat to hear her team up with Pierre to sing Irving Berlin's *Cheek to cheek*. At this point, people could no longer sit still, and in a corner, close to the promotion and tasting stall of 'On the Track' wines, a bonfire crackled and audience members began shuffling, swirling and dancing to the rhythm of this delightful song. As it became dark, fairy lights lit up all over the place, adding to the atmosphere.

Ready-witted quirkster Bomber Webb is well-known as a newspaper man from The Edge, but he might have surprised many with his singing talent. As MC, he not only introduced the performers but with his lekker rasper-stem – the likes of Satchmo and Rod Stewart – he had them on edge in a heart-gripping duet with Marike of Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand's *You don't bring me flowers anymore*.

One must pay tribute to husband-and-wife team Tino and Marike Laranjeira for their insight and courage to plan an open-air concert of this nature on their lifestyle farm – surely a first for Sedgefield. Everybody commented on their and their helpers' excellent organisation of the event. They certainly pulled off a great concert at this stunning venue as mother nature kindly played along to provide perfect weather conditions allowing for undisturbed sound via top sound equipment.

Finally, at the end of the evening, it was time for Marike and Pierre to sing *Time to say goodbye*. Some people were reluctant to leave and lingered until about 21:00, expressing the view that February 2024 is too long to wait for a follow-up Valentine concert. Since *Lago Verde* has passed this first test with flying colours, everybody is eagerly awaiting the announcement of forthcoming events at this new venue.



Saxophonist Jaco Kriek, wowed the audience with his talent
Picture Lizette Ferreira



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8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
8am - 12. Midweek Village Market at Mosaic.
5:30pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays
6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12:30pm Social Bridge School at Tiffany's. All levels welcome. Lessons 12:30, Play from 13:45. Supported by Personal Trust. Enquiries: Gail 0834577647.
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Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course-

Saturdays
6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-1pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in

Sundays
7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.

Thursday 23 February
5:30pm Business Bash & Music Quiz at Tiffany's proceeds in aid of Epilepsy South Africa. R25 entry fee (includes lucky draw ticket.)

Sunday 5 March
8am-12 Gardeners & Art Market at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

Tuesday 7 March
5pm - 7pm Cola Conservancy AGM at Lions Club House. Guest Speaker : Mark Dixon.

Sunday 12 March
8am-12 Car Boot Sale at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

Should your association, charity or group have any forthcoming events, please send us details so that we may publish them in our next issue!

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Dear Reader,
KLEINKRANTZ COMMUNITY CIRCLE

We are a group of residents in Kleinkrantz Wilderness who, concerned about the well-being of the residents in Nature's Valley (our local informal settlement, as they have named their site), have decided to assist them by trying to make their lives a little bit more bearable.

We are not party political, faith-based or business-driven.

We're a few ordinary, like-minded residents who want to make a difference in the lives of others less fortunate than we are. We are not a registered entity and are not set up to collect any cash donations. We rather welcome those who wish to help to do so by donating needed goods or materials.

Two of the projects we are currently planning to undertake are:

1. As no further structures may be constructed here, we wish to build a Soup-Kitchen on wheels to replace the current situation where food is prepared and served in a family's living quarters and kitchen. The photo herewith reveals the dangerous fire hazard this bone-dry structure presents, along with the danger of serious injury (burns) to children playing in the confined space of the house.

To realise our plans, we require a flatbed on wheels, an old bus without a power train or a large trailer on which we could build a Soup Kitchen. On wheels means

that it cannot be deemed to be a structure. On wheels to us means movable, not necessarily mobile. If anyone can donate something suitable, we would be very thankful indeed. We would work with the Nature's Valley informal settlement residents to make it into a suitable & functional unit.

2. We also wish to establish a kiddies park erected & maintained by the residents. For this, we need 20 3m x 100mm poles to erect swings, see-saws, jungle gyms etc. It would be greatly appreciated if 20 readers could each sponsor one pole towards the realisation of this project. My enquiries determined that the poles would cost about R100+ each.

We are encouraging the whole NV community to start developing their site as best they can (using what is locally available and that which can be obtained through donated goods) and not to wait for the municipality to do so.

We believe this will go a long way towards allowing the settlement's residents to regain their dignity and re-establish their sense of accomplishment and self-worth.

Thank you so much in anticipation,

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Green-fingered Gogo

With her skilled and keen green fingers, it's obvious Esther Botha of Smutsville loves her plants and has a great passion for gardening,

Having spent a number of years working at local estate agents Pam Golding, the lovely 'Tannie Blommetjies' has now retired to run a small, home-based nursery in Smutsville where she sells her plants, herbs, cacti and flowers.

Still supporting some family members, she supplements her income with her 'magic brew', her own liquid garden organic nutrient, sold in recycled five-litre plastic water bottles. It dilutes 1:3 and is ideal for trees, shrubs, and flowers. It makes a great pre-planting nutrient boost.

"Our soil is very poor and needs much preparation," she says. "Composting is vital - we should all do it and never throw out composting material." Tannie Blommetjies loves nothing more than chatting with customers over a cup of tea and encourages them to call her on 073 425 6255. "People, please feel welcome to call me for a visit here in Smutsville while you choose your plants," she says.



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Tender documents can be downloaded from: www.knysna.gov.za at no cost. Website navigation is as follows: Information centre - SCM - Tenders.

Queries relating to the request for proposal documents may be addressed directly to: Mr. L Williams at Tel No. 044-302 6484 or e-mail lwilliams@knysna.gov.za

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00** on **Wednesday 29th March 2023**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **tender box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the time and date mentioned above. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened on the same day at the Supply Chain Management Section at 12h05. Late or unmarked bids will not be considered.

Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** points system. The bids are subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to bid and/or re-advertise or to reject any bid or to accept a part of it. The Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid or to award a contract to the Bidder scoring the highest number of points.

NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE AS STIPULATED IN THE MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO 40553 DATED 20 JANUARY 2017).

Further requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of bids are stated in the Tender Data.

Mr. OP SEBOLA
Municipal Manager
Clyde Street
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At 14h53, Sunday, 19 February, the NSRI Wilderness duty crew were activated following reports of the drowning and the sea rescue craft Oscars Rescuer was immediately towed to the scene.

NSRI rescue swimmers, SA Police Services, the Police Dive Unit and Frontier Medix medical services also responded. On arrival at the scene, NSRI rescue swimmers identified where the child had last been seen in the

water before disappearing. The four NSRI rescue swimmers initiated a sweeping line free dive search, during which the child was located and taken to the shore. CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) efforts commenced, but sadly without any success, and medical personnel were left with no choice but to declare the child deceased.

The body was taken into the care of Government Health Forensic Pathology Services, and the Police have opened an inquest docket.

Condolences are conveyed to the family of the child.

MUNICIPALITY OWED R326 MILLION IN UNPAID RATES AND SERVICES

Knysna Municipality is owed R326 million by ratepayers whose accounts are in arrears of 60 days or more. "The combined debt of the top 100 offenders across ratepayer categories amounts to R123,9 million, nearly 40% of the total amount owed," said newly

appointed Municipal Manager Ombali Sebola. "We are taking serious steps in recovering this debt, as these funds are critical to delivering services to all the people of greater Knysna."

"To put the magnitude of this deficit in perspective, the total

amount in arrears is nearly three times our entire capital budget, which is R124,2 million," Sebola explained. "The top debtors owe nearly this amount on their accounts alone. To put it simply, if these outstanding funds are not paid, we cannot initiate projects or deliver services that this money would have paid for." Of the R123,9 million, R82

million is owed by businesses and R24 million by private residential clients. The other top 100 offenders who are 60 days or more behind in their payments owe the following in their respective categories:

- farms: R11 million;
- organs of state: R2,5 million;
- sundry debtors: R2,5 million, and
- churches: R1,9 million.

"I have contacted and engaged a number of our top debtors and urge all account holders who are in arrears to urgently pay their debt," he said. "Alternatively, please contact the Municipality to discuss payment arrangements and avoid being charged penalties when purchasing electricity."

As of 31 January this year, and in accordance with the Knysna Municipality Customer Care, Credit Control, Debt Collection, Indigent and Tampering Policy, any debt will be recovered against the value of electricity units purchased. Consumers in arrears who do not yet have a pre-payment electricity meter may have their electricity disconnected or water restricted.

"You may think your payment won't make a difference, but I can assure you that it all adds up. If you don't pay your account, you are hampering service delivery throughout the entire municipal area and having a negative impact on our collective community," he concluded. "I can confirm that some debtors have already made payments – thank you for doing the right thing. And thank you to those account holders who regularly pay their accounts in full. Your commitment to your responsibilities allows us to fulfil ours."

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Not only will there be competitions for the kids but entertainment and events for spectators, with lucky draws and prizes for the fanciest hat, most colourfully dressed and other "funny funny" prizes.

Six creches are involved - Gummy Bears, Little Teddies, Ikaya Lemfundo, Litamba Educare, Willie Walie and Rainbow

– this will mean approx 286 kids, led by 37 teachers and caregivers.

They expect 450 to 500 spectators and plan to sell 30 VIP tickets for R100 each. These tickets will secure a chair under a shade cover, a sausage roll, cold drinks & cold water on request, lucky draws & VIP treatment.

Food and cold drinks will be for sale on the day - all prepared by parents to raise funds. There will also be a Big Bonanza R10.00 raffle/lootjie draws.

The creches have found it very difficult to source funding for this event as budgets for sponsorships have been slashed or no longer exist. So please support the day in any way you can.

Please note raffle/ lootjie tickets are available from the creches at

DONATIONS MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

A report from The Living Cornerstone Alzheimer's Homes

"On 2 February 2023, history was made for us at TLC.

For the first time since the organisation's inception in 2008, The Living Cornerstone could buy a brand-new hospital bed.

This was made possible by donations from the Melodrama group and St Francis United Church. We are very grateful for their love and support.

The day the bed arrived was filled with excitement, and the staff stood by in awe. The person who received the bed was also very overwhelmed.

A special thanks must also go to Arjo who supplied the bed. Musa and his teammate who assembled the bed for us were superstars!

Margie from the Melodrama group

and George from St Francis United Church joined us for this special occasion. There were tears of joy, and had it not been so early in the morning, we would have popped a bottle of champagne because this day represents the start of something we are working towards. Our goal is to create a world-class facility where our patients can receive the best care possible.

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Knysna Business Chamber AGM: Active Citizenry

The members of the Greater Knysna Business Chamber have called on all businesses and individuals in the district to work together to ensure Knysna's continuing success.

Speaking at the Chamber's annual general meeting last week, chairperson Pierre Gouws said that the three-and-a-half-year-old organisation has been through its infancy stage and has shown that it has a significant role to play in the life of the town.

The general theme for the evening was 'Active Citizenry' – a phrase drawn from Gift of the Givers' Dr Imtiaz Sooliman.

"In my mind, Active Citizenry probably means something like, 'it is time that we stop complaining around a braai about things that do not work, roll up our sleeves and start doing something about it,'" said Mr Gouws.

It is in the power of the collective that this can happen.

Mr Gouws stressed that everyone who lives in Knysna is affected in some way by business in the town, and this means that everyone is welcome as a member of the Greater Knysna Business Chamber.

Role of the Chamber

According to Google, "Chambers of Commerce are responsible for improving the local business environment and strengthening communities through advocacy, networking, and campaigning. In addition, they create an easy line of communication for business owners to connect with governing bodies."

However, the general consensus at the meeting was that the current business environment is not conducive to good business.

According to Business Chamber board member Mark Sofianos, "in 2022, we engaged on an ongoing basis with acting municipal managers and department heads on numerous occasions in an attempt to advise on the needs of

businesses in Knysna; arranged networking events throughout the year; assisted with promoting Knysna as a destination; and ensured that positive news was released curbing negativity about Knysna.

"But I don't think this is enough anymore.

"I don't believe we're doing enough as a community and as a business community. We desperately need more people to get involved."

Matters that concerned the meeting included the Municipality's enormous outstanding debtors list, which means that it is unable to pay salaries and must therefore take out short-term loans to fund them; the fact that our dams are overflowing but that water restrictions are necessary because pumps have been stolen or vandalised; and the troublesome security services contract.

Members speaking from the floor also called for the Municipality to be placed under administration so that proper leaders could be appointed by Province.

"We are here today because of a lack of leadership in key positions at the Municipality and because of politicians playing games with the livelihood of ordinary citizens," said board member Andries Fourie.

The excellent turnout at the meeting – a little less than 80 people attended – and the positive response of the delegates to the board's call for help to address the roles of the Chamber's different sub-committees was cause for some hope, said Mr Gouws.

"If we can continue with this energy, if we can motivate local businesspeople and ratepayers to become active citizens, we can ensure a positive future for Knysna."

To become a member of the Greater Knysna Business Chamber, visit www.gkbc.co.za. If you'd like to get involved with the Chamber's activism, mail info@gkbc.co.za

KLEINKRANTZ INFORMAL SETTLEMENT (Nature's Valley) RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT

On the eve of a court appearance in which 10 of their community members are to stand before the regional magistrate facing charges of 'Public Violence', representatives of the 'Nature's Valley', Community of Kleinkrantz have once again stepped forward to confront George Municipality.

Two of these representatives – Nataly Innes and her father-in-law Anthony – came to The EDGE, desperate that their community's voice be heard.

"In the last thirty years, it feels as if our people have been totally ignored," says Nataly, "Politicians come to visit when elections are happening, and then they forget about us."

This was the reason for their brush with the authorities back in June 2021, when they had wanted to hand a memorandum over to their Ward Councillor Marlene Barnard but were instead met by the Public Order Police from George, who accompanied the fire chief, as he accepted the memorandum on behalf of the Municipality. The situation became volatile, and many members of the community took to the streets, culminating in 10 arrests.

And now – 20 months later – the residents feel nothing has changed. "There is no plan for our area (known as Nature's Valley, Kleinkrantz). Or if there is, we haven't been shown it," says Anthony, who sits on the Ward Committee for Ward 4, George. "We are such a small community. It wouldn't take much to make a difference for all of us, but we see nothing. No action at all. The DA does such a good job everywhere else, but they forgot us."

He pointed out that their living conditions are very basic, with no sign of improvement on the horizon. "We have ten toilets serving 78 houses, and most of these toilets are broken. There have been just two electricity boxes installed in the last two years. There is nowhere safe for our children to play, and the Municipality won't even recognise the road running through our community as a road. When we asked them to fix it, they said, 'It's just a footpath'. Meanwhile, it's Arum Street on the map."

He and Nataly say they speak for all Nature's Valley Informal Settlement residents when they say they want to work with the ward councillor, not against her. They need her to visit and spend some time listening to



their suggestions and share with them what plans the Municipality has for their ward.

"There are even stories going around that we might be moved away from this area," Nataly said, "But we are a close community. We were moved to where we are now to allow for development all those years ago, but we are here to stay."

The two also made it clear they are not after hand-outs from the Municipality but hand-ups. Kleinkrantz Community Circle (KKCC) is launching several projects in which residents are encouraged to participate by providing their labour and skills to better their living conditions. However, they need assistance from the George Municipality with the basics. Suggested projects include the setting up of a library and improving the current state of the soup kitchen.

"Give us the parts, and we can fix our own toilets," they said.

This article has been sent to George Municipality who have promised a response. At time of going to press, this was not available so will be published in our next edition.

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Surprising facts about common intestinal parasites

Without treatment, tapeworms can reach a whopping 15 metres in the human intestines. This is just one common parasitic intestinal worm infection that South African families should be aware of and take routine precautions against.

"Whether or not we like to think about it, intestinal worms are more common than most people realise. These parasites are in the environment all around us looking for hosts and can easily infect entire households," says pharmacist Joy Steenkamp of Medipost Pharmacy.

"The eggs of pinworms are so tiny they can be breathed in, while hookworms in the soil can enter the body through walking barefoot, and tapeworms are often unsuspectingly eaten in undercooked meat or fish. Households with children and pets also face a greater risk of parasitic intestinal worms."

Although there are often no symptoms, especially in the early stages of infestation, regular deworming medication is recommended for all members of the household and pets.

"It is recommended that we take the precaution of deworming twice a year. Since intestinal worms spread so quickly, everyone in the home, including the pets, should take a course of deworming medication at the same time to prevent reinfection."

Types of intestinal worms

• **Hookworms** are known as soil-transmitted helminths. These parasitic worms can enter the skin of your feet, and infection can cause painful diarrhoea and, in severe cases, may lead to iron-deficiency anaemia and protein deficiency.

• **Whipworms and roundworms** can be contracted through contaminated soil in contact with your mouth, even if it's invisible to the eye. Severe and untreated whipworm infections can cause anaemia, while heavy roundworm infections could lead to fever, coughing and potentially serious vision problems.

• **Pinworms** affect only humans and are contracted by inhaling or touching contaminated food or objects, including bedding or clothing. Symptoms include itching of the

anus that can result in difficulty sleeping and restlessness.

• **Tapeworms** are members of the flatworm family and can enter the human body through the eating of infected undercooked fish, beef, or pork or through the faecal-oral route.

Prevention tips

"To prevent infection, some helpful hygiene measures include cleaning up pet faeces in bags, being careful not to touch it, covering up children's sand pits when they are not in use, and washing hands frequently, especially after going to the toilet, handling pets, and before eating and preparing food.

"It is also important to wash fruit and vegetables and cook food thoroughly. Washing household items frequently, including washing bedding in hot water, can also kill the organisms and help prevent intestinal worms from spreading in the home," Steenkamp adds.

Home treatment

"Thankfully, there are treatment options available without a prescription. However, it is important to pay attention to the package insert warnings, as this medication is not for pregnant women or children under one year old," she says.

Most intestinal worm infections can be treated with a single dose or twice daily three-day course of mebendazole, available from pharmacies. Sold under various brand names, it comes in tablet form or suspension. If needed, the tablets can be crushed and swallowed with liquid.

"Side effects are uncommon with short-term treatment for intestinal worms. Very little of the medicine is absorbed beyond the gastrointestinal tract, as this medicine works through contact with the intestines, where the parasitic worms are most likely to be before it is eliminated by the body. Occasionally, however, people may experience an upset stomach, especially with severe infections," Steenkamp notes.

People with sensitivities and allergies to common inactive ingredients should double check with their pharmacist and the medication label for ingredients, such as sucrose or sweeteners, among others, and discuss any potential cause for concern with their doctor.

"Anyone can be affected by intestinal parasites, don't wait for the signs of infection. Look after your family with regular preventative deworming as part of your annual health and hygiene routine," Steenkamp concludes.

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On Friday, 3 March, comedian Dalin Oliver will return to Sedgefield's little theatre, Studio 42, where he will once again entertain locals as he performs his latest stand-up comedy show.

A primary school teacher turned comedian and radio jock; he is back in Sedgefield to share some laughs that he's gathered along with awards and accolades from the National Arts Festival, Cape Town Comedy Festival and, intriguingly, the world of development cricket, all over the country.

SMS or WhatsApp 084 567 9809 for tickets at R120 per seat. Come along and enjoy the Slow Down Night Market, grab a meal and a beverage and wind down with an evening of great laughs. Dalin never disappoints. He knows we're all just looking for the lighter side of life.



Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



Social life at the club is hotting up, what with the influx of social members and the Jokers Wild draw on a Friday night that most hope to win. Just a reminder that the bowling club is for the bowlers; please give us a bit of space as we come off the green tired and weary, looking for a drink and a seat.

Club Competitions

Drawn Pairs Final – The finals of the Drawn Pairs were held on Tuesday; well bowled, everyone.
Ladies' Winners – Sue & Jani.

Runners-up - Pikkie & Francie.
Men's Winners – Neels & Phil.
Runners-up – Dave & Frans
Congratulations to the winners, and well played to the runners-up; better luck next time. (See photos)

Handicap Singles – List on the notice board. Closing date 4th March – entry fee in the box, please.
Novice Singles – Coming to the final stage. Report in the next Edge.

Dress Code

Once again, the committee asks bowlers to adhere to the dress code. If in doubt, ask a committee member.

Visitors

After a long absence, the Weaving Tour Group from the U.K. will visit us on Friday, 24 February. They are always great fun, new members are in for a great surprise, and we oldies will be there to welcome them back. So, even if you are not playing, come and enjoy the fun.

On the Sick List

Dan is still in hospital. For any updates on his condition, please contact Pieter.
Our prayers and thoughts are with him for a speedy recovery.

Last thought – Confucius he say if he played bowls, “Bowl on the kitty is better than 2 metres short,” no good to anyone.

Nearest the Kitty



Neels and Phil, the 2023 champions, in a real nail-biter. Well done to David and Frans, who had a chance right up to the last bowl.

Our Champions for 2023, Sue and Jani, who won in a well-contested game. Better luck next time, Francie and Pikkie.



SEdge GENTS' GOLF

9/02/23

To everyone's delight, the Captain, Brian Gerard, announced that the day's play would be individual Stableford. We are impressed that although he still cannot play owing to an injury, he has indicated that he has begun a fitness programme to lose weight. It didn't start too well, though, because when he weighed himself, the machine barked, “One at a time!” Ian Wright is currently playing exceptional golf despite his age. In fact, the last time he went to a cinema, the piano broke down. He was the overall winner on the day with 38 points, albeit after a count out with Willem de Villiers. In third spot was Trevor Pahl with 36 and then Len Moul, who is unaccustomed to this type

of company with 34. Malcolm Goldhill followed on 32 and Mike Hubberstey on 31. Recently Mike's wife told him he had a beautiful voice for Christmas carols. When he asked why she replied that you only heard it once a year.

16/02/23

The threat of rain kept a couple of pansies away, but it turned into a lovely day for the medal tournament. What these sissies also missed were the record-breaking attempts of some of the participants. It does the heart good to see a winning threeball, all A division players nogal, total twenty-nine shots on the first par three hole. Bill Craig and Warren Geyer each contributed eleven, while Ian Wright (whom we recently erroneously praised) only managed seven. Not only is this the biggest total for a threeball in the G.C.'s history, but they also managed to slow the entire field behind them by forty-five

minutes which did not go down too well with the drinkers. Bill said he felt that life was like a broken pencil – pointless. However, this achievement paled into insignificance when compared to the almost inhuman prowess exhibited by Rudy Bosch. This intrepid “golfer” has quite possibly established a new world record by shooting a net 93 with a 14 handicap. What a warrior to show such tenacity in the face of incompetence. The wine warriors, on the other hand, showed what the game is actually about as Malcolm Goldhill shot a net 55, followed by Brian Stewart on 57 and Tony Hunter on 58. Derek van Zyl was fourth on 60 after a count out with Dave Herbst. The Captain reminded everyone that the following week would be the Monthly Mug, to be followed by a braai. He also announced that a draw would take place for the parcel of fabulous wines kindly donated by Pick 'n Pay.

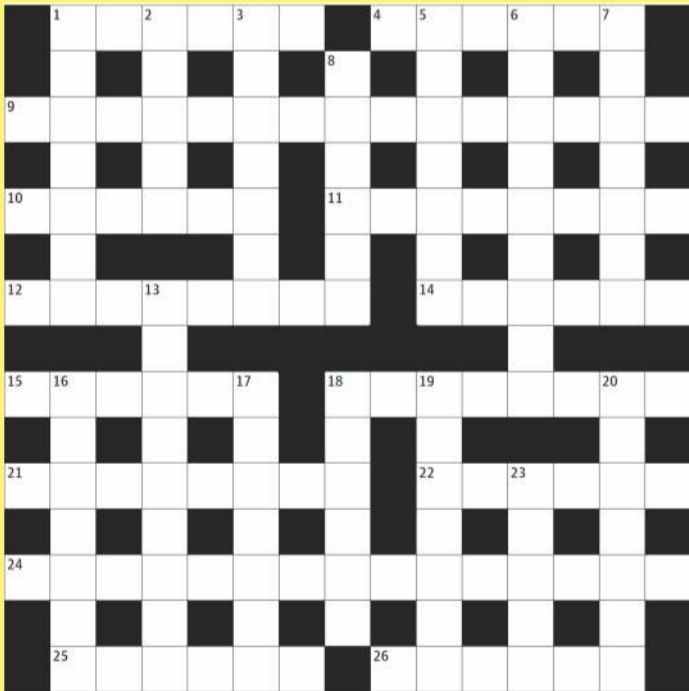
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Don't get me angry, put it on the wall again - it's for storage! (4-2)
4. Because I was one who had the presidency, I could attack with stealth! (6)
9. Watch - using a brush that's pre-owned will go quite smoothly, on the face of it. (5,6,4)
10. Find parts of The Hobbit terribly poor in taste. (6)
11. Where there's bound to be cut-backs in food. (8)
12. What we hear in the department when nothing suits them. (8)
14. Saying your first wife was steamy is about right - and I encourage you to do so! (6)
15. Because the thing's to be left alone. (2,2,2)
18. We take it that Ginger is fiery, from memory. (8)
21. In the end, decide Mr Windscreen might be full of hot air. (8)
22. Dot something with flowers? We searched the whole area. (6)
24. Did the user get critical about playing quietly during load shedding? (8,7)
25. Try not saying that student lodging is the first choice. (6)
26. Made off with lots of turn-over before Yen lost capital. (6)

Down

1. May the loop knot be as a night bird within. (7)
2. Take note of his liberal palate. (5)
3. Pleasant times encourage a bit of a rush. (7)
5. Two blokes on a night out have a particular instruction. (7)



6. Attila, mad with irritations, lets his horse go. (9)
7. Run/hike organised for the better built men. (7)
8. It's so sweet when Claire changes the point. (6)
13. Some chess played on the rugby field? (3,6)
16. Right all - turn and look at the new set - it's out of this world! (7)
17. When they literally have you in stitches! (7)

18. A thought just came to me - you were bogged down, right, in there? (6)
19. We heard they asked a nobleman to give detail of his finances. (7)
20. Mobbed by joggers who can't seem to stop. (7)
23. It's mental that losing a single point would be so heavy for musicians. (5)

Across: 1. Chargrilled 9. Numeral 10. Farawat 11. Splenetic 12. Sitar 13. Next 14. Unassisted 16. Greta Garbo 19. Berg 21. Octet 22. Gaucherie 24. Mongrel 25. Hepburn 6. Emancipated. **Down :** 2. Apron 3. Gelatin 4. In focus 5. Lordship 6. Down to the ground 7. Unison 8. Hybrid 15. Bacteria 16. Gloomy 17. Angelic 18. Brush up 20. Greens 23. Hop it

THE SPORTS EDGE

SPORTS STARS OF SMUTSVILLE PRIMARY

by Melanie Baumeister

Learners from Smutsville Primary are achieving greater and greater things in the sporting arena, whether it be on their own school field, at Plettenberg Bay last Friday, 17 February or this coming Saturday, 25 February, in Oudtshoorn, where they will compete on the De Jagers Sports field, in the Eden Athletics competition.

From left to right:

Jennifer Tembo runs the 80m like the wind.

Bionich Baadjies (back) is determined to succeed at Shotgun.

Sky-Lee Plaatjies is at full speed, whilst others are still in the starting blocks for the 60m sprint.

Iano Thomson, an all-rounder from whom we'll be sure to hear more, is spearheaded for greatness in the Javelin.

Rolize Jantjies has the stride and stamina for the long haul in the 1500m.

Euanay Molligan will also be ahead of the pack in the 80m race.

Good luck, children. With your natural talents and regular practice, we look forward to seeing you achieve even more.



SEDGE LADIES' GOLF

FRIDAY, 10 February 2023

Rise and shine, and that's what it did. Umbrellas a-plenty on the links, with 17 red/pink-clad ladies ready to enjoy the Pink Ball team game to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Congratulations to Clare Garner on achieving her 1st hole-in-one on the 6th! Absolutely fantastic! (NOTE: Always check the hole 1st and not the scrubland behind the green)

Five teams of 3 x 3 balls and 2 x 4 balls meant Christina Coetzee had great 'fun' sorting that out after the game! Thank you once again.

All teams brought the pink ball home this year, so the 3-point bonus wasn't needed this time. Everyone won a prize today as we had 'Bring Something Homemade', so we could all feel the love!

1st, Elize Mackenzie Blom Eda Greenway, Wendy Mack and Sam Bowen.
2nd Marina van der Westhuizen, Joy Herbst, Ronnie Maingard. (Brenda was the randomly selected ghost)
3rd Christina Coetzee, Clare Garner, Martha Smit (Brenda also chosen here!)
4th Brenda Howden, Linda Evans, Charlene Blacker and Janet Wood.
5th Almarie Mead, Michelle Gillchrist, Sylvia de Moor (Linda chosen here)

This week we did the longest drive and are delighted to report that we had a winner in the 17 and above handicap category - well done, Christina Coetzee.

It changed hands six times, but Sam Bowen won it for the 0 to 16 handicappers. Birdies were shot by: Elize Mackenzie-Blom 5 Eda Greenway 8 Marina van der Westhuizen 9 and 11 Joy Herbst 18 Sam Bowen 1, 9, 14 and 18 Brenda Howden 3 Sylvia de Moor 11

Well done to the 1st place winners, and a special mention again to Clare Garner on her hole-in-1.

FRIDAY, 17 February 2023

With ominous weather threatened, the committee were up early to check out the precipitation for the morning, but all looked good for a lovely cool game of golf. With 13 ladies agreeing with the forecast, we headed out for the format, Bramble, with individual Stableford points.

Each member of the three or four-ball tees off, and after that, the best tee shot is chosen. Then all team members play the rest of the hole from that tee shot! A great way to log up some fabulous scores, which creates a happy bunch of ladies.

Not only did it provide an opportunity for great scores, but birdies were plentiful, although not quite "proper" birdies" as such, more like "vlerkies" rather! All in all, an amazing 22

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OUTENIQUA DISTRICT

FOUNDER'S DAY PARADE

Saturday 25 Feb 9am for 9:30am
Start & End @ Sedgefield Lion's Hall
Scouts Own followed by parade
through Sedgefield Town
Members to wear full uniform

The Wine Ghost

Watch this space, as I have finally arrived in the Southern Cape!

I am a wine lover and enjoys a glass of the Bacchus Blessing. I am attempting to spread my love and appreciation of wine, by sporadically writing an article about a specific wine. This is not an advertisement for any specific cellar, or business, but all the wines will be available at local wine boutiques, for all you like minded people to acquire and enjoy. (Drink responsibly!)

The wines in the articles will be discussed as follows:

Bottle appearance - Label design, info, year

Wine appearance - Clarity, colour intensity, legs

Nose - Cleanliness, flaws, aromas

Taste and texture - Body, sweetness, acidity, tannins, flavours

Aftertaste - Length of tastes left in the mouth

Conclusion - Is the wine true to varietal, the balance, complexity, age (drink now or age), quality, price range and is it really value for money.

In Vino Veritas
The Wine Ghost

"vlerkies" were recorded! Daleen Schooling 5,9 Ronnie Maingard 9,1 Christine Coetzee 9 Almarie Mead 9 Eda Greenway 5 Brenda Howden 15 Joy Herbst 1,12 Clare Garner 6, 14 Michelle Gillchrist 6, 8, 12 Linda Evans 1, 6, 10 Sylvia de Moor 1,6,13,14

The results for the day were as follows:

1st place Christina Coetzee with 54 points
2nd place Clare Garner with 51 points
3rd place Michelle Gillchrist with 46 points
Nearest the Pin 0-16 handicaps Brenda Howden
Handicaps 17 and above missed the greens again this week!



TIDE TABLE

22 Feb - 08 Mar 2023

● Full Moon 05 Feb 2023

Wed Feb 22 2023
low tides 11:16 23:23
high tides 05:09 17:22
sunrise 06:10 sunset 19:14
moonrise 08:22 moonset 20:49

Thu Feb 23 2023
low tides 11:52 23:54
high tides 05:46 17:57
sunrise 06:11 sunset 19:13
moonrise 09:31 moonset 21:19

Fri Feb 24 2023
low tide 12:27
high tides 06:22 18:30
sunrise 06:12 sunset 19:12
moonrise 10:36 moonset 21:49

Sat Feb 25 2023
low tides 00:23 13:00
high tides 06:57 19:01
sunrise 06:13 sunset 19:11
moonrise 11:42 moonset 22:20

Sun Feb 26 2023
low tides 00:51 13:35
high tides 07:32 19:35
sunrise 06:13 sunset 19:09
moonrise 12:45 moonset 22:56

Tue Feb 28 2023
low tides 02:05 15:42
high tides 09:30 23:44
sunrise 06:15 sunset 19:07
moonrise 14:46 moonset -

Wed Mar 01 2023
low tides 06:26 19:10
high tide 12:11
sunrise 06:16 sunset 19:06
moonrise 15:41 moonset 00:22

Thu Mar 02 2023
low tides 07:37 19:56
high tides 01:33 13:29
sunrise 06:17 sunset 19:04
moonrise 16:29 moonset 01:13

Fri Mar 03 2023
low tides 08:12 20:26
high tides 02:09 14:11
sunrise 06:18 sunset 19:03
moonrise 17:12 moonset 02:08

Sat Mar 04 2023
low tides 08:39 20:51
high tides 02:37 14:44
sunrise 06:19 sunset 19:02
moonrise 17:49 moonset 03:06

Sun Mar 05 2023
low tides 09:05 21:16
high tides 03:03 15:13
sunrise 06:19 sunset 19:01
moonrise 18:21 moonset 04:05

Mon Mar 06 2023
low tides 09:31 21:41
high tides 03:28 15:39
sunrise 06:20 sunset 18:59
moonrise 18:49 moonset 05:03

Tue Mar 07 2023
low tides 09:57 22:05
high tides 03:53 16:06
sunrise 06:21 sunset 18:58
moonrise 19:15 moonset 06:01

Wed Mar 08 2023
low tides 10:24 22:30
high tides 04:18 16:32
sunrise 06:22 sunset 18:57
moonrise 19:40 moonset 06:59