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1 Land and Access

Wilgepoort.

Owing to some problems encountered when some alleged members did not pay their fees the farmer has suspended our access. We are attempting to re-negotiate this; until further notice the access to Wilgepoort is suspended.

2 Club News

2.1 General

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: a reminder that the Annual General Meeting of this section will take place on Wednesday 14 March 2001 at 20h15 at the Waverley Girl Guide Hall. As there are a number of important issues to be dealt with, please make an effort to attend.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SECTION –

A cocktail party will be held on the 23 May 2001 at the Waverley Girl Guide Hall to celebrate this special event. Furthermore we are planning to visit Zwartkops on the 26 or 27 May 2001 where the first meet was held on 14 May 1931.

We wish to produce a special newsletter/booklet for this event and are appealing to all members to send in their memories/epics/stories/photos as soon as possible. Please use section P.O. Box 1641, Houghton 2041; email mcsajhb@global.co.za, or hand your contributions to a committee member.

WOLKBERG MEET 27 APRIL – 1 MAY 2001

We will commemorate the late Potty Thompson and his tremendous effort in building the hut. The corner stone near the kitchen reads 6.4.1951, the date of the commencement of the building of the hut. We will be celebrating 50 years of the hut at the same time.

Please contact Uschi Magg for details

Subscriptions for 2001. Thank you to members who have paid their subscriptions for this year. **Reminder to others – please do so as soon as possible**

Donations received: Once again thank you to members who have sent donations to our various funds.

1999 Journals: these have arrived. Please collect yours from the Clubhouse on a Wednesday evening.

1998 Journals: although these arrived in August 2000 many members have not collected theirs and many that were posted were returned "unclaimed" – PLEASE collect yours.

Webpage: thanks to Ed Liddle who with the help of Ian got it going again. Thanks to Rodney Franks who is now 'manning' this now current and regularly updated website - Ed is emigrating to New Zealand., farewell and thanks for the help. Please find the site at: <http://jhb.mcsa.org.za> and refer to this for any news and information

Passed away: we wish to advise that Jansie Louw passed away. Our sincere condolences to her family.

New members: we welcome the following new members: Gary Acres, Ken Sheppard, Mike Marshall, Kevin Mattison, Dione Kufner-McComb, Katharina Wagner and family member Gillian Bester.

Resigned: Ann Tomlin, Alex Rogers

Transferred to other Sections: Dave & Nooch Chesney, Peter Whitelock.

2.2 Specifics

Letter to the Club from Barbara Massingham: We would like to thank Barbara for her letter relating to club and ecology matters – see AGM Agenda. Copies of the letter are available from Barbara, Jenni or Uschi.

New Routes:

Seeking all new routes in the Magaliesberg

The route guides for the Magaliesberg are being reprinted. Please forward all new routes to Andrew Porter (andrew_n_porter@hotmail.com) or to any other member of the committee. New routes for other areas can also be forwarded, as they will be grouped together for any future prints of other RD's.

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The 2000 MCSA Journal Photographic Competition will be held on:

9 May 2001 at the Johannesburg Section Clubhouse, Girl Guide Hall Waverley, Johannesburg

The closing date for entries is Monday 30 April 2001.

Entry forms and the competition rules are available from all Sections of the MCSA, from Petro Grobler (012 341-1804 or Internet petrogrobler@icon.co.za).

Great Prizes: 1st prize Isodome Tent, 2nd Prize: Backpack, 3rd Prize: Hiking boots. Sponsored by Outdoor Warehouse.

It is envisaged that some of the best slides/photographs will be chosen for inclusion in the 2000 MCSA Journal and/or the 2002 MCSA Calendar and/or displayed on the MCSA Web Page.

SAA VOYAGER – MCSA AGREEMENT

Our MCSA President, Andre Schoon again appeals to members to support this scheme that was renewed by SAA under slightly different conditions (see <http://mcsa.org.za?saa-info01.html>) In short, the new agreement will work exactly the same as before: a) each time a MCSA member who is also a Voyager member (and whose name and Voyager number have been submitted to SAA by the MCSA) makes a booking to fly SAA on either a domestic or an international flight, he/she will still continue to be fully credited with all his/her Voyager benefits, but in addition a credit in Travel Rands will then also automatically accrue to the MCSA. b) each time a MCSA member who is NOT a SAA Voyager member makes a booking to fly SAA on either a domestic or an international flight, the MCSA will also derive the same benefit, but only if that member quotes the MCSA's corporate agreement number when the booking is made. **THIS NUMBER IS ZCC541**

WITS CLIMBING WALL: members wishing to use the climbing wall (Old Mutual Sports Hall) at WITS, please contact Paul Barter (WUMC Chairman) at 942 3840 or vgbarter@mweb.co.za for further details.

3Expeditions and International Meets

NAMIBIA NATIONAL MEET. SOUTHERN AFRICAN CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING MEET NAMIBIA EASTER 2001. From 12 April to 22 April 2001. For application forms and further information please contact Greg Devine or Uschi Magg.

4Donation by Greg Child: a most generous donation to the MCSA has been made by Greg Child from his 2000 SA lecture tour income "towards the funds that are used to buy and secure access to climbing areas" is gratefully acknowledged by us all.

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Welcome to 2001! This first issue will be short and concise, hopefully. Please make every effort to attend the AGM as there are some important issues to be decided. Thanks to Uschi for setting this newsletter up, as I will be away in New Zealand for the next while.

Jay, Newsletter Editor and Vice Chairman

Forthcoming events and attractions

28 March Slide Show: Aconcagua in Sun & Storm – Cathy O'Dowd

4 April: Slide show 'A Climbing Tour of California' – Russ Dodding. September 2000 – a 26 day tour of some of California's premier rock climbing areas. Lover's Leap, Owen's River Gorge, Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley. Side excursion to Death Valley, and complete with r'n'r on the Big Sur coast and in San Francisco. Rattlesnakes, Mexican food and some great pitches.

9 May: National Photographic Competition

23 May: 70th Anniversary of our section -cocktail party at Clubhouse –

26 or 27 May: visiting venue of first meet – 14.5.1931.