



November 2003

Our way is not soft grass, it's a mountain path with lots of rocks. But it goes upward, forward, toward the sun. Ruth Westheimer

1. FROM THE EDITOR:

Now I've always wanted to do the Festive Season editor bit and say: "This is a BUMPER issue": There, I did it. Feels good – well a little cheesy really. (One of the editorial things I do is try to remove clichés from contributions – and this is the cliché that broke the camel's back. Or something...) But it is a bumper issue!

On with the newsletter: Gareth Frost writes about a new sport crag – I've been there, and for afternoon shade next to a river it can't be beat. Oh yeah, the climbing's good too.

Also there's going to be something from each committee portfolio in every newsletter, and Rance drew the short straw for this one – it's about meet-leader issues. Oh yes, and there's something from Kerry Feldman on Santa – it being that time of the year and all.

Recently Sir Chris Bonington was in Johannesburg, and I wrote an article about it for SA Mountain Magazine – this is the article.

Then there's ton's of club news and general MSCA news.

Terry White

2. LAND, ACCESS, CONSERVATION and all things earthy

ACCESS TO MHLABATINI:

No permits holders or visitors!

As a result of an unfortunate incident involving a member of Exploratio earlier this year, Mr Frans Conradie, the farmer at Mhlabatini, informed us that for the time being he will not allow non-members, including permit holders, to cross his property. For the time being only members and one guest per member, will be allowed, and no permits will be issued.

While we do have a servitude of access to Mhlabatini, there is a lack of supervision, and break-ins into cars became a real problem. As a result Mr Conradie agreed to allow us, for a trial period, to park near his house, subject to a few basic and commonsense rules. These are to respect the privacy of Mr Conradie, to be quiet and arrive and leave at reasonable times, including siesta time, especially on Sundays since the farmer wakes up at 3:00 am every morning! Visitors must sign the visitor's book and pay a parking fee.

We hope to resolve the issue, but in the mean time, please observe the above.

This incident illustrates the need to maintain good relations with the farmers on whose land we park or whose land we traverse for access to the mountains. The MCSA has over many years built up relations with these farmers, but such incidents can cause us to lose our access or the benefit of safe parking. The basic rule is to be considerate at all times.

Help us keep our access rights:

Please familiarise yourselves with the correct access information - as stated in the meet list or phone the Land & Access convenor or the administrator.

Patrollers needed: if members are available over the holiday season to patrol at Cedarberg/Tonquani, please contact Uschi or just please do a patrol. Thanks.

Dome Property Name– the following names have been suggested: vote seems to be for Seremodithe North Sotho name for tree fern

Radioactive Crag - Pelindaba

For MCSA members wishing to climb at the new crag called the Radioactive Crag, near Pelindaba, please inform Mark Gray on:- Cell: 083 969 9083; Or email: markgray@absamail.co.za

(For route information check out www.saclimb.co.za or buy "Craggs of Gauteng".)

3. CONSERVATION:

Members walking above Boulder Kloof recently came across a wild boar caught in a snare and also found a gin trap in the vicinity. Unfortunately it was too late for the boar but the trap was deactivated and removed, as were several smaller snares.

It is a sad reality of the times that we're living in but we ask members to carry a small wire cutter in their backpacks so that snares can be removed if and when found. The snares we've cleared have been made of cable wire and are difficult to remove without cutters. Please be on

the alert for these dreadful things.

Thank you to Humphrey Farrer and Kate Brown for reporting the two dead buck in the "Junction Kloof", to Jenny and Uschi for investigating and finding another two dead ones (with the help of Dave Ingram and Ken Shepherd) and to Peter Otto, Erica Meissner and Humphrey for removing one from the stream. In total 5. We believe these probably died as a result of the cold spell we had mid October.

4. NEW SPORT CRAG FOR MCSA

Good news for those of you in the club who enjoy clipping bolts and are excited about the prospect of a new area to investigate. Some of you may have heard rumours of a new sport crag under development in the Bronkhorstspuit area, well the rumours are true and the Bronkies Sport Crag is open.

Situated on the banks of the Bronkhorstspuit river a few hundred meters down from the dam wall is this lekker little crag. It extends about 500m East to West along the river, is south facing and get as high as 30m in places. The climbing quality is very good.

Climbing started here a few years ago with some trad lines being put up but now there are 20 new bolted routes ready for clipping. The owner of the farm gave permission for climbing on his crag and the project to open it as a sport crag commenced last year. Tragedy struck late last year when the owner died of malaria but thanks to his wife, who honoured the request to climb there, the bolting project continued. The goal was to have enough climbs at the crag to entertain a days climbing and still have some left to do on a return trip. The grades are within the reach of most climbers but there are still some hard route possibilities to be opened.

As with most of our other properties in the Magaliesberg there are few rules that need to be observed with regards to access at Bronkies. The owner requests that we only climb there on weekends and public holidays. There is a parking fee payable and we need to fill in the visitors book upon entering the area. The area that we visit needs to be maintained and kept clean of litter. No overnight camping is allowed and no open fires are to be used for cooking purposes. Please note that only MCSA members, their affiliates and guests are allowed access to this crag. If it is abused we will lose access.

Please contact Gareth Frost for access information and RD's before visiting Bronkies Sport Crag. (frostg1@telkom.co.za or 0825644171)

5. SEARCH AND RESCUE

Heading for holidays:

We know that that magic time of the year has come where reindeer can be found perched at the top of impossible climbs and the sound of singing (mingled with the scrunch, scrunch of mince pies) can be occasionally heard in the kloofs.

Some hints for the climbing/hiking Santa:

- if you're heading for distant chimneys please let someone know which ones you are planning to fall into
- take a helmet (that Santa hat is rather wussy and you can even get red Edelrids nowadays)
- don't get struck by the periodical lightning and thunderings
- make sure you have your warm coat with you ("red" is in this Christmas)
- the number to dial is 011 315-0203. This number works when you are stuck on roofs, ledges or lost. Call 082-911 if there's too much brandy in the cookies.

Have a great Christmas, may the North Pole not spin too madly, and yes, the rescue team will be around so shout if you'd like to offer us some of that cake!

Kerry Feldman (MSAR Committee member)

Search and Rescue Cards: included with this subs reminder/newsletter. Please put in your backpack, or record numbers on your cell phone.

6. PORTFOLIO REPORT By Rance McIntyre

Greetings to all, here's hoping you have all had an enjoyable 2003 in the mountains and hills of South Africa and elsewhere. I am sure 2004 holds much promise for continued enjoyment of the mountains. Notwithstanding the fact that we will enjoy 2004 there are however certain challenges we will face in the future.

One of the challenges we may face is that of meet-leader liability. With regard to this, all meet-leaders will in future carry indemnity forms which must be signed by all of those participants who have not previously signed an indemnity. Another problem is the potential occurrence of accidents and what to do in the event of a mishap. Hopefully they will never happen but in the event of someone injuring themselves, we need to know what to do. In this regard the club will be sponsoring a portion (half) of a first aid course for meet-leaders and those wishing to become meet-leaders in 2004. The number of courses undertaken will be gauged by the interest shown by members. Consider that there is nothing worse than not knowing what to do in an emergency. Remember that if you get into serious trouble you can phone the emergency number (011 315 - 0203), this number will activate Search and rescue if necessary.

In October a meet-leaders forum was held. This forum discussed the various concerns of meet-leaders including the aforementioned issues of liability and first aid. Other issues discussed included those relating to beginners wanting to trad climb. Valuable insights were gained from beginners attending the forum as well as from the meet-leaders themselves. The forum was so well received that we will hold a repeat forum in the future.

That's all for the moment. Watch out for the next meet-leaders forum to be held early next year.

Regards Rance. Meets 2003/2004.

7. A DAY IN THE LIFE...By Terry White

"They won't let you on the plane looking and smelling like that", I said. "But I'm a Knight of the Realm!", said Chris, his tongue firmly in his cheek.

Sir Chris Bonington, had just spent a day climbing in the Magaliesburg, and in the afternoon, we had climbed the five-star "Last Rites", with a first pitch that had us grovelling through bird and bat dung. That particular pitch is the famously unprotected first chimney "fall-across" pitch and the niceties of cleanliness tend to be forgotten in the drama of avoiding becoming a smear of gore at the base of the climb.

Sir Chris was out in South Africa on a flying visit to the country, giving a talk at a prestigious black-tie dinner. But he had the next day free, before he had to board the plane back to England, and e-mailed Paul Fatti asking him if he couldn't drum up some climbers to take him out to the mountains for the day. Greg Devine, the Chairman of the Jhb. MCSA section and I willingly gave up a day's work (who wouldn't) and we picked Chris up at 6am. from his hotel and drove out to Tonquani, a kloof in the Magaliesburg, north of Johannesburg.

One the way out Chris kept pointing to small crags that we drove past asking what climbing was done there. We realised then, that in South Africa we are really lucky, because in the UK those crags would all have been climbed, but here we had bigger and better faces on which to exercise our craft. The same happened on the walk-in, with Chris being somewhat nonplussed at our casual dismissal of what in the UK would be good climbing faces. Then we reached the kloof, with its magnificent eyrie viewing point, looking straight down the kloof with its sheer 80m walls, its red quartzite and its profundity of bird and plant life. "Mmm", says Chris, "I see what you mean".

Our first climb was to be "The Moke", a classic crack and face climb, and as I prepared to rack up, Chris asked if he couldn't lead the first pitch. This is the pioneering spirit that I had cut my climbing teeth on in the seventies. I had devoured Bonington's books and accounts of the assaults on the Everest South West Face, and Annapurna and many others and had in my collection many of his books, like "Everest the Hard Way" and "Annapurna South Face". Here was a man who had climbed with Joe Brown and Don Whillans, and Reinold Messner and... Ah, I was in the presence of great climbing.

And now Chris was offering to lead the climb, on unfamiliar rock, with someone else's equipment, without knowing how our grading system stacked up against the UK system, and – because I had forgotten the route-book at home – on a route that he would have to suss out himself. I am blessed with a bad memory, so when Chris shouted down: "Do I go right of the overhang or straight through it?" my only response was: "Hell, I don't know. Do what you think is right!"

And so it was that Chris made his way to the top, on his first climb in South Africa, and brought Greg and myself up after him. When I neared the top, it was something of a surreal experience to have Sir Chris Bonington peering down at me saying: "What a great climb – wow!" This is my back-yard for climbing, and here we were, on a sparking highveld spring day, with one of the world's best known climbers, doing what we loved best. But I mustn't get mushy, being a tough climber and all.

Our next climb was to be "Last Rites", again a brilliant climb, but requiring a bold and unafraid approach. I led the first pitch – the unprotected one, and true to my poor memory, I ended up off-route. I had climbed too high, and I knew that I had to stand on one face and fall across to the other side of the wide chimney, and then bridge up until I could make safe. I also knew that the fall across was scary, but I didn't remember it as being this scary. With my feet on one side of the chimney, my hands on the other and my body in an almost horizontal position, I knew I had done something wrong. Much sweating and loose language eventually allowed me to get back to where I had started, and I descended three metres and made the fall across with ease. Chris, with years of experience, and perhaps a little chary of repeating my woeful efforts, managed to get into the chimney lower down and avoid the fall across completely. It was this pitch that covered us both in bird and bat poop, and we were getting higher in more than one way.

The next pitch was graded at 18, and it was Chris's lead. Now when the Barley brothers, who opened the climb, describe a pitch as "very spectacular" then you know that it's going to be memorable: There you are, 30m above the kloof floor, and you have to "walk" out below an overhang with one foot on one side of the wide chimney, and the other foot inching along a small rail. At the lip of the overhang, you reach above your head to find a "thank goodness" handhold, which allows you to swing round and climb the overhang. Funny, Chris didn't use the words "very spectacular" at all... No, indeed. His language was a touch more colourful, perhaps more fitting, and certainly not to be put in a route book. I know that every time I do this pitch it scares the bejabbers out of me. But it is well protected, so the scary bit is mostly in your head.

The final pitch involves some nice hand-railing and fine climbing, and then you're almost there.

At the top, I wanted to take Chris on a walkabout, but time was against us and we hurried back to the lunch-spot, and then started the walk back. And on the way out, Chris eyed the smaller crags that we had passed earlier, with a nonchalance that spoke of the fact that he had done better things that day.

The drive back to the airport was a little tense because we ran into rush-hour traffic, but we had just enough time to stop off at Greg's place to let Chris shower and dolly-up enough to be let on to the plane, Knight of the Realm or no. When he got back into the car, I wrinkled my nose and said: "What's that funny smell?". It was a fresh and clean Bonington, ready to wear the mantle of civilisation and travel with the real folk.

I preferred him in his mountain attire.

8. MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Neil Griffin

With great sadness we record the passing away on the 19 September of our dear member and friend Neil. Neil was known to many Mountain Club members. He produced the first MCSA calendar and did so for over 10 years. He was also involved in the production of the Journals when the Magaliesberg and Johannesburg sections produced these and his expertise was highly appreciated. Neil also organized a number of photo competitions. His sense of humour and his vibrant personality will be sorely missed.

Neil will be remembered with fondness.

To Anneliese and family our sincere condolences.

Anneliese and family thank members and friends for their kind thoughts and messages of sympathy

Tom Dykes, a former member, passed away a few weeks ago.

We welcome the following new members:

Corne Ferreira, Rene Hochreiter, Walter Reisinger (Std), Francois Lötter, Inessa Wuzyk (trf from Stellenbosch), Geof Comins, Mathew Grounds, David Swan, Bev Scott; and family members, Sophie Rudham, Jan and Alexandra Wuzyk, Kimberley and Jacqueline Hochreiter, and Talya Ginsberg,

Greetings from Frank Villa and Mike Kruger. If anyone wishes to have their addresses contact Uschi

Ian Slatem - Ian had a climbing accident in Peru in July. Although he broke both legs and his pelvis, Ian is on the road to recovery. Sterkte Ian.

Andrew Pedley had an accident at Blouberg a few months ago. Andrew, we hope things are going well.

Check your insurance/medical aid rule regarding hazardous activities.

9.NEWS

Increase in subscriptions for 2004.

The following increases were approved by the committee at their meeting held on 27

October 2003

Membership Type	New Fee	% increase
Single (ordinary)	R 280.00	7.69%
Married	R 420.00	7.69%
Single Country	R 220.00	10.00%
Married Country	R 270.00	8%
Senior	R 140.00	7.69%
Senior Married	R 210.00	5.00%
Junior	R70.00	0.00%,
Family	R15.00	0.00%
Student	R 140.00	7.69%
Entrance Fee:	R220	0.00%
Meet fees	R 20 per day pp (up from R15)	
Prospective members	R60 (no increase) Green card	

Parking fees: as from January 2004 parking fees increased to R20 per car.

House at Hamerkop: members wishing to make use of the sections week (June) at Hamerkop R 20 per night for members (up from R10)
R 30 per night for non members (up from R20)
12 places to be fully paid for (R240) to get exclusive use of the house (but not on the weekend)

Wolkberg Hut: R 15 per night members (excl wilderness fee) (up from R10)
R 30 per night non-members (excl wilderness fee) (up from R20)
Parking: increased to R20 per car (up from R10) the committee decided to offer to increase this fee to farmers and landowners

Subscription Reminders

PLEASE when paying by cheque do not send or deposit post dated cheques or cheques with any alterations. We are heavily charged by the bank for these unaccepted transactions..

PLEASE when direct deposits, electronic payments or transfer are made please forward a copy of the transaction to the administrator. This serves as a reminder to send you the current sticker and also helps to reconcile the amounts.

2002 Journals Have Arrived. Please collect yours on Wednesday from the clubroom or contact Uschi to make arrangements to collect.

First Aid Course another First Aid Course will be presented in February or March. This will be run by ANT and the cost is R490. Dates to be finalized nearer the time and also depends on the participants. Please contact Uschi mcsajhb@global.co.za, phone 011 807 1310

Emergency Contact Details: In case YOU need first aid, we request all members to let us have a contact number in case of an emergency. Please complete this info on the subs reminder.

Constitution: changes to the Constitution –with a few amendments- were approved at the Special General Meeting held on 1 October 2003. Copies of the 'new' Constitution are available from the administrator – either electronically or hard copy.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the Mountain Club of South Africa, Johannesburg Section will take place in March 2004. Date will be advised in next newsletter.

Committee Members: if any member would like to serve on the committee /join a sub-committee please let the Chairman Greg Devine, or he administrator Uschi know.

Meetleaders an appeal to members who would like to lead meets whether trad climbing, sport climbing or hiking to complete the questionnaire on the subs reminder. The next meetleaders forum will be held on Wed March 3 at the clubhouse.

Thank You – thank you to all members who sent donations for our various funds, and for books and old journals donated.

Awards The committee feels that a section award should be introduced again. If you would like to nominate a member for exceptional contribution to the section please send your nomination to the Chairman Greg Devine. These will be presented at the AGMs from now on. For the moment they will be known as the Chairman's award. Perhaps another suitable name will be found in due course.

Grants From Expedition Fund: The following members received grants during 2003. U Kiefer 's expedition to Peru R3000, Alard Hufner and team R10000. to Central Tower of Paine in Dec 2003

Forth coming events: Demonstration on using OZI Explorer
Demonstration on using a thermal cooking bag for cooking with retained heat.

Clubhouse: the last club evening will be on 10 December (Bring and Braai), and will re-open on 7 January 2004.

10. GENERAL MCSA NEWS

Calendar A MCSA calendar will again be available this year. Price R65 . Club evenings
Or contact Uschi or Jenny Paterson

MCSA Supertramp – a very generous sponsorship by an anonymous donor will be available on a trial basis for a youth expedition by South African Mountaineers in 2005, and possible thereafter. *The MCSA Supertramp Award* to the amount of R12,000.00 (no this is not a typing error) will be awarded under the auspices of the Magaliesberg section.

All participating expedition members must be younger than 21 years of age, therefore only applicants younger than 21 on 31 December 2004 will be considered. The award will be made to one person only, irrespective of whether the expedition team comprises of two or more young South Africa mountaineers.

Preference will be given to originality as well as first ascents and/or unusual or remote destinations. Visit <http://mcsa.org.za> for an application form and information sheet or contact Petro Grobler at tel/fax 012 809 1022; email supertramp@mcsa.org.za

UIAA Global Youth Summit 2004: The Global Youth Summit is an invitation for you to show your support for promoting cooperation and peace, and protection of the environment. If you are organizing a youth event such as an ascent of a hill, mountain or rock climb then you can add your voice to support international cooperation and protection of mountain environments by being a part of the Global Youth Summit. The UIAA is coordinating and promoting events on its website. The UIAA invites all youth and climbing or mountaineering organizations to submit details of suitable events in 2004 to be included in the official calendar for the Global Youth Summit. The MCSA's coordinator for the UIAA Global Youth Summit 2003 is Petro Grobler 012 809 1022, globalyouthsummit2004@mcsa.org.za

'STRETCH YOUR LIMITS, LIFT YOUR SPIRITS AND AIM FOR THE TOP'

International climbing meet will be held in September 2004 in Meteora-Kalambaka Greece. Interested? Information from Uschi.

MCSA MINI CAMP: The Magaliesberg Section is organising a mini camp at Mountain Sanctuary Park from 7 to 14 April 2004. People are welcome to join at any time. Excursions will be arranged from the mini camp for the energetic, those wanting to climb or laze around are free to enjoy the splendour of the Magalies. Contact Petrus Nel 082 578 9115

Contributions To the 2003 Journal

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for the 2003 Journal. The deadline for the submission of contributions is 15 January 2004. If your material will not be ready by 15 January 2004, please contact the Journal Editor in advance to arrange an extension of time. Contributions with local content are particularly welcome. Authors should note that the Editor reserves the right to accept or return articles, as well as the right to edit to the extent considered necessary. Original colour slides sent by registered post will be returned in the same way (after the Journal has been published). Digital images will need to be high resolution to reproduce well in the Journal and should be sent in on

CD not emailed (though images of up to 50kb can be emailed for assessment). More detailed guidelines for contributors can be viewed at http://www.mcsa.org.za/main/11_media/journal/journal.html/Jnl2003webpage.doc For further information, contact the Editor, Ezan Wilson: 082 698 7761, journal@mcsa.org.za. Please post your contributions to The Journal Editor, MCSA: Cape Town Section, 97 Hatfield St, Cape Town, 8001; or fax to 021 461 8456 (marked for attention Journal Editor); or email to journal@mcsa.org.za. Note: The 2002 Journal will be available shortly.

Waihoek/Witels: A Unique Opportunity

Have you ever been down the exciting Witels or in the beautiful and rugged Hex River Mountains in the Waihoek area?? If not, do make a plan, but in the meantime...

UCT has been offered the chance to buy a very important piece of land in this area, being land currently owned by Mr Robbie Meyer, which represents the main access to several key climbing and kloofing areas of the Hex River Mountains. In the deal between UCT and MCSA (Cape Town Section), the Section has to raise R200 000 of the purchase price for a servitude over ALL of roughly 6500 hectares of UCT land (which includes Witels!) over which no servitude in favour of the MCSA currently exists. This servitude will be registered in the names of all Sections of the MCSA. Further details (incl a map) can be found on CT Section's Web Page (<http://cap.mcsa.org.za/waihoek.html>). ALL contributions - no matter how small - will be appreciated. Cheques (with a note: Waihoek purchase) can be sent to the MCSA (CT Section), 97 Hatfield Street, CAPE TOWN 8001 OR electronic deposits can be made to: Name: The Mountain Club of SA (Cape Town Section); Bank: Standard Bank; Branch: Plein Street; Branch Code: 02050900; Account No: 071556060. A copy of the deposit slip must please be faxed to: (021) 461 8456. Contacts for more details: Greg Moseley (083 763 9943; moseley@zsd.co.za), Sonia Beard (082 789 8806; sonia@resnekov-nielsen.co.za), or John Hilliar-Zuyl (083 269 7463)

SAA Voyager scheme

If you have a Voyager number, please make an effort to supply the Honorary Secretary, Jenny Paterson (secretary@mcsa.org.za), with your name, membership number and Section as well as your Voyager number. There is no adverse consequences whatsoever for a member vis a vis your personal Voyager account, but there is a small "top up" advantage for the Club's Voyager account.

New On The Bookshelves (or soon to be)

Giant's Castle- A personal history by Bill Barnes. The name of Barnes is virtually synonymous with Giant's Castle as Bill lived there almost all his life and his father had been conservator there for 31 years. Although best known as a keen conservator of the natural world, Bill was renowned for his knowledge of the Drakensberg, and an acknowledged expert in trout and photography. The book, part history, part adventure story, has been 35 years in the making. It covers the parliamentary debate that spawned the reserve and also covers life at the frontier, where a handful of dedicated souls, made the best of difficult and sometimes dangerous times. There are biographies of the early conservators and accounts of the management of the important game animals and predators. The ethos of conservation in the early days is revealed, and tells much about attitudes to wilderness and wildlife. There is enough here to interest the serious Drakensberg historian, but its strength lies in its descriptions of animals and their ways; in the details of daily life and the running of a reserve; and above all, of the personalities, some of them larger-than-life, that bind this saga together. The book is at the printers now. It is 288 pages and includes a large number of B&W photos plus an additional 16 pages of colour photos. Size:170mm x 240mm. Printed on 135gsm Matt Art with a soft cover, UV varnished on the outside. It will retail for R130 plus VAT at bookshops and KZN Wildlife camps, but is being offered to members at a special price of R120 (plus postage unless they can make a plan to get it to the local section for distribution). Orders from Merv Gans 082-900 3773.

Serpent Spires - by Duncan Souchon. A coffee table book on the last 50 years of mountaineering in the Berg - 144 pages, 70+ colour pictures, 7 B&W pictures, illustrations, maps, routes - is being published by Blue Mountain Publishers. Pre-order before 31 December 2003 at 20% discount ie at R210 and you will be entered into a draw for a Karrimor Alpinist backpack and a First Ascent fleece jacket. Contact Duncan Souchon (serpentpires@iafrica.com) for more details about ordering.

A special issue of The Geographical Journal on 'Environment and Development in High Mountain Environments (Volume 169, part 3) has been published, containing papers on Mountain geography (a review) and on this subject in the St. Elias mountains, Andes (NW Argentina), Pamirs, and Nepal. Copies at USD44 may be ordered from: customerservices@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com

New in the Library: MOUNTAIN FLOWERS a Field Guide to the Flora of the Drakensberg and Lesotho by Elsa Pooley.

11.FOR SALE

MCSA Calendars ; R65

Route Books:

Crags of Gauteng –sport climbing crags in the Gauteng, including Wellingtons Dome and Vrede.R75 members, R80 non members.

Rock and Ice Climbs of the DrakensbergR85 members, R90 non members

Magaliesberg areas .Various prices

Table Mountain Classics R80 members/R90 non,

Western Cape Crags R90 members, R100 non,

Properties Hand Book of the Western Cape R20 (members only)

Mapbook of the Magaliesberg: a few are still available at R80.

Glow-Worm Lanternsare available from R. Fox or M Prior at R40 (incl postage).

Contact: 044 534 8531; P.O. Box 186 The Crags, 6602

Gym equipment :contact Rance McIntyre h 011 646 8907

Down Jacket size MR400,

Dachstein boots size 44 R400 contact Uschi

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Enquiries: Wendy Chandler 083-539 5192 or hotbag@mweb.co.za

Demonstration on Feb 25 at the Second Hand Gear and Book Sale.

SEASONS GREETINGS

WISHING ALL MEMBERS A HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON AND A GOOD 2004