



May 2008

#### 1. EDITORIAL

Technology is an amazing tool. I'm sitting here at basecamp, Mount Everest with all the amenities to survival comfortably, down jacket, headlamp, cooker, sleeping bag and laptop typing this, my first newsletter for the club. Its dark outside and an eerie glow emanates from my tent.

Ok, so maybe not ... Another power outage from Eskom afforded me a great opportunity to set up all my camping gear in the garden (not in one of our gorges thanks to the petrol price) and I seem to be the only one in the neighbourhood sipping on a warm brew, compliments of my "pocket rocket". The dogs sniffing at the entrance do sound a little like sherpas stomping in the snow checking guidelines, adding ambiance to my daydream.

One of the benefits of becoming editor for the club is that I get to sit in on the committee meetings and this has helped me realise how much really goes on behind the scenes. There are a lot of issues addressed, that by being tackled by a group of competent volunteers, are handled in such a smooth way that the majority of members never need to have them hold up their experiences in the wild.

If you haven't already, please check the new look website put together by Donovan van Graan at <http://www.mcsa.org.za/jhbjoom>. It's a fantastic effort and the new format allows members to keep track of the latest mountain news, youth projects, photo gallery, access and permits as well as a classifieds section to get those odds and ends to make this crazy snakes and ladders game we play a success. Also included is a section with all previous newsletters of the club. He plans to get route guides and maps for all our properties on the site. Any volunteers to help with this huge project should get in touch with him.

We've also talked about updating the look of the newsletter to match that of the site, including a "photo of the newsletter" section with prizes, so start looking through your folders for some of those classic moves you've pulled, or awesome places you've been.

Finally, anything you'd like included in the newsletter can be sent to my address [mike.sporen@gmail.com](mailto:mike.sporen@gmail.com) or slipped into the tent in the garden near you.

Mike Sporen

#### 2. GOLD BADGE

South African mountaineering's highest award, the MCSA Gold Badge, was bestowed on Andy de Klerk! The presentation took place at the MCSA's annual dinner, hosted this year by the Magaliesberg Section in Pretoria, on 17 May (see MCSA website <http://www.mcsa.org.za> for photograph)

Although ADK's very impressive climbing CV may appear to be the primary reason for his receiving this award, it was, in fact, his outstanding contribution to, and advancement of the cause of local mountaineering that was recognised above all.

His contributions include the vast number of routes opened; pushing climbing limits on an international level, whilst arguably being amongst the top mountain writers (his book *Sharper Edges* was a finalist in the 2007 Banff Mountain Book Festival). His passion for climbing was born at the early age when he visited the Drakensberg with a family friend - he was only 16 when he, together with Greg Lacey, opened the formidable *Oceans Of Fear*. Andy opened the first 11/28 grade pitch in South Africa, *Dream Street Rose* - 60m up a wildly overhanging flake/crack on Elsie's Peak in the Cape after 70 leader falls or 'rehearsals', way back in 1985!

Another tremendous achievement, and perhaps the pinnacle of solo climbing, was the opening of *Wall Of Silence* up the Klein Winterhoek amphitheatre in eight days, in 1986. The 13-pitch route includes one 'G3', two 'G2', three 'G1' and four mechanical pitches.

ADK took recognition of climbing as a sport in South Africa to new limits. In 1988 whilst at UCT, he was named Sports Person of the Year and received the UCT Jameson Cup - an unprecedented event considering that "traditional" sports such as rugby were the order of the day!

His relationship with numerous international climbers did as much, if not more than any other climber to elevate the profile of SA climbing, and SA as a climbing destination. Andy's name is synonymous with hard climbing, both here and abroad.

To quote some of Andy's own thoughts: *"Rock - it's more than a sport. It becomes a lifestyle. It runs in your blood and mirrors your mind; a kaleidoscope of little chalked-up holds stretching on forever. . . . Living close to the edge - the physical and mental limit. Pushing your body as far as it can go - and then further. The bouldering area - 'dynoing' for a rail, body flying through space in the upward leap. Smack! Hold on. Its three-point contact - three points off the rock. A vertical gymnastics of small holds and wild moves. Screaming and yelling after success, adrenaline running you up and down on the top. It's there, and it's your life."*

Lastly - and it's a sentiment echoed by all present at the function - there are very few other climbers that are held in such high esteem as this down-to-earth South African climber.

#### ANNUAL DINNER - AND BEYOND

This year's annual dinner was held at the Mokha Restaurant in the National Botanical Gardens in Pretoria - *what a lovely venue!*Magaliesberg Section is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and therefore they hosted this event - and what an event it was too!

These annual dinners attract a whole mix of people - some that one sees regularly; others not so regularly; some whose names are familiar and others whose names conjure up amazing feats, achievements and awe. And Saturday's gathering was no different!

Guest speaker was Andy de Klerk and he held us enthralled with his recollections of his summit of the North Buttress of Mt Hunter: Moonflower buttress in Alaska. The few slides he projected underscored his comments about this mountain being hard to ascend and hard to descend. The conical mountain stands proud, its peak pointing high up in the sky - challenging and, dare I say it, daunting?

The highlight of the evening was without question, the Gold Badge bestowed on Andy - who had absolutely no idea that this was going to happen; didn't even suspect anything when, on arrival, he saw his friend and climbing buddy, Ed February, at the venue!! How delicious that moment was and to see Andy speechless for a few seconds (guess that won't happen again in a long time!)

Back to the evening and the guests: and what a gathering; 4 gold badge holders (Andy, the newest; Ed February, Francois Junod and Paul Fatti; President's Award recipient Petro Grobler; Ulrike Kiefer, recipient of the Mountain Award! Francois and Paul are both honorary members of both Magaliesberg and Johannesburg Sections; Russ Dodding and Heather Murch, life members of Johannesburg Section; Gordon Ehrens, visiting here from Australia; Jan de Groot; seven founder members of Mag Section; representatives from Kwa-Zulu Natal Section, and Ed who read out a congratulatory message from Stephen Davies, Chairman of Cape Town Section.

Not much dancing - there were too many long-standing friends and fellow mountaineers to catch up with! but a super party that didn't end at 11h30 or the bewitching hour! Some stalwarts from both Johannesburg chuffed out to the Magaliesberg on a special meet to climb the highest point in North West Province. There was a short walk (from Bertrams, in the South) and a longer walk of about 15 kms for the more energetic, who met at Mountain Sanctuary park at 9am. The two groups met at the highest point which had been enthusiastically measured the week before by Ken Thrash and a dedicated team. This was part of nine celebratory meets arranged by the Magaliesberg Section, aiming to summit the highest points of South Africa's nine provinces - all as part of the Section's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

And what a celebration last weekend turned out to be!

### **3. YOUTH: FACILITATING A MOVEMENT**

*"I, for one, hope that youth will again revolt and again demoralize the dead weight of conformity that now lies upon us" Howard Mumford Jones*

When confronted with the challenge of facilitating a movement - in this case the youth portfolio of the Jo'burg section - the task can be likened with climbing a route at the edge of your grading ...

One stands at the foot of the route, harnessed with rack of knowledge and skills which all seem rather useless when even the first bolt or gear placement is out of reach.... Surely the first move is not the crux? On the approach this one route seemed clear on the face of the mountain and easily read, but now standing at its foot with the top-out and most parts of the route invisible - all that is left is to contemplate the first moves with what holds are obvious and know that the route as it unfolds will reveal its truths. And so one takes a shallow breath and whispers 'climbing' knowing if all else fails a belayer is there responding 'climb on' knowing s/he'll break your inevitable fall.

"Armed with the coping skills characteristic of mountaineers", as a wise Magaliesberg member said on Sunday's hike (19 May) to the summit of NW province - or at least the eagerness to learn those skills - the project is a work in progress....

The WORKING GROUP for youth, which meets once every six weeks on Wednesday club evenings, has identified different groups with particular needs - fun, friends and fanaticism - relating to the age groups 0-10, 10-15 and 15-21 years respectively. The objective of the youth portfolio is to enthuse and grow the membership of the club by allowing members to invite non-members, school groups and promote affiliations with other outdoor focused youth groups.

Dedicated YOUTH MEETS will help define the revolution led by assigned youth meet leaders will be advertised with suitable age groups. One day meets, weekend meets and getaways (longer than 2 days) at our diverse venues will encourage a variety of mountaineering activities including hiking, bouldering and climbing - both sport and trad.

Some of the existing activities and initiatives in the MCSA have been tagged for some youth focus such as:

COMPETITIONS are proving useful in enthusing the youth such as the Roc Rally (Waterval Boven in September), RLMC (Swinburne in February), National Bouldering League (finals in various venues in April), the Gauteng School Climbing League and the Rock 'n Road Trip (finals in KZN this October);

INCENTIVES such as the MCSA Supertramp Award for adventurous under 25's to travel overseas and/or attend any UIAA global activity for youth;

TRAINING is facilitated - a number of activities are already in place such as the Beginners course (by Grant Rens), more advanced training by accredited organisations and monthly Prospective members talks at the club.

Other youth initiatives to be introduced will include:

A MENTORSHIP programme to facilitate youth meets and the development of enthusiastic individuals;

SOCIALS - "what is youth without the party" for 10-18 year olds; Easter Egg hunt and Xmas party for 0-10 year olds; and

WEEKLY FITNESS SESSIONS giving attention to bouldering, plastic and sport climbing at Bronkhorstspuit (11-21 years) and St Peters climbing gym (0-21 years).

REACHING OUT to other outdoor groups to 'piggy back' on our meets such as the Scout Leadership Programme, Soul city, Wits Mountain Club and the African Leadership Academy.

Revolutions are begun out of pressure.... There has been pressure from Cencom after their 2007 meeting asking each section to nominate on their committee a youth convenor, and again our newest gold badge holder, Andy de Klerk, called on the MCSA to address youth at the annual MCSA and Magaliesberg section's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner held in Pretoria recently. Ed February at the very same dinner warned that "too much imagination" is inhibiting when facing a daunting route... so we look toward what is within reach and find that with a little "youth chalk" there are many holds to cling to.

Any person interested in helping achieve the objectives of the youth portfolio please contact Diane Arvanitakis, Youth portfolio, [avraid@telkomsa.net](mailto:avraid@telkomsa.net).

#### 4. COMANICI SEES AN ASCENT

Boulder Kloof is home to one of the few routes in the Magaliesberg that will always remain an aid route, Comanici. It goes at 15, A2 and the aid portion reads as follows in the guide: "A simple series of about 8 aid moves on fixed pitons leads around the overhang to a small stance." It also points out that some of these pins have fallen out.

In April this year, Donovan and I thought it would be a good way to wind down from some hard climbing in the morning. From ground level, it was possible to see a few of the pegs. We hoped it would be enough, and promptly started climbing.

The grade 15 slab proved trickier than expected. It did however provide some bomber gear just before the roof, so I emptied my rack as an insurance policy against the pegs ahead. On inspection, the pegs prove to be 5mm by 5mm and are most likely 10mm deep, but maybe more. I think that the rust is all that is keeping the peg in place, at an obvious expense to the strength of the peg.

The first peg is fairly new and looks solid. The second peg is clearly a remnant of the original ascent in 1976. The 3<sup>rd</sup> peg was clearly missing. To make matters worse, the pegs fit into drilled holes rather than a thin crackline, so no alternative gear options are available.

At this point, the stretch to the 4<sup>th</sup> peg became the objective. A quick search of the bags indicated no tape in our bags, so I tried tying draws together with slings. After about 30 minutes, I gave up – I could reach the peg, but the slings-draw combo bent enough to make it impossible to actually clip the peg. In that time, I had even managed (at belayer's suggestion) to hook my nut pick into the peg. Each time I loaded the nut pick, it would slip out, resulting in a drop onto the previous peg. A gloomy retreat followed.

May saw an improved attempt. This time, we brought a 1m cheat stick and some tape. Within seconds, I had the 4<sup>th</sup> peg clipped. It was only then that I realized I would never be able to recover the draw unless I climbed on. Not wanting to shock load the peg, I lowered my weight onto the peg and then used a homemade etrier to climb back up to its height. The next few moves proved easy enough, and as I went, I gained confidence. It turns out that only one peg is missing. I doubt that a peg would hold the shock impact from a fall, but by loading them gently and some progressive testing beforehand managed to convince me that my bacon would be safe.

Exiting the roof is another matter. The final 2 pegs rise through a sloping lip. It was here that poor aid technique showed clearly, and soon I was pumped out. I resolved this by adding more gear to the collection so that I could clip my harness directly to the peg. I eventually saw around the lip, only to realise that in my pumped state that I could not reach the next peg. Reluctantly, I clipped a draw into the old tat, and hoped for the best. It held long enough to get a draw into the peg itself, and the mess continued up. The etrier was by now proving more useful than the slings.

Even so, it is not easy to do a mantleshelf move when you are clipped into a peg with 4 draws, 2 slings and an etrier, all while your feet are swing freely below on an etrier that won't stay still. The mantleshelf move takes to up a blank face that contains a single bolt. I wrapped a sling around this, and completed the final pull onto solid ground.

I am glad I could not see Donovan below. He had to swing backwards and forwards to unclip the biner at the cheat stick move. This took a few minutes, and showed that on this climb, it is possibly easier to lead than second. The roof exit move proved as tricky for him as for me, but eventually we had that behind us. A grassy slope led to a good tree and abseil back down to our packs.

Andrew Porter

#### 5. SEARCH AND RESCUE

On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May this year the Search and Rescue team was called out to do a medical evacuation of two microlight pilots who flew into a mountain approximately twenty kilometres north of Witbank. A team of eleven was flown from 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron at Swartkops to the site and immediately packaged the patients and improved their immediate treatment. Both were flown to hospital and are recovering. The rescue was co-ordinated under the authority of the ARCC (Civil Aviation Authority).

Michael Grant

#### 6. JULY CAMP 2008 ENCOURAGES YOUTH PARTICIPATION

This year the July Camp (Saturday 5 July to Saturday 19 July, 2008) will be held at the Duart Castle Camp Site, an area we first used in 1989 and then again in 2000. The Base Camp lies between the Loteni and Vergelegen Nature Reserves at an altitude of 1640m.

The Base Camp is situated on land originally belonging to the McLean family, and is now part of the uKhahlamba World Heritage Site. It lies in rugged grassland and, from the car park, will be approached by a fairly short walk (about 45 to 50 minutes) along a track with wonderful views of the southern flank of Giants Castle and the main escarpment to the south of Giants Castle. The Base Camp offers a range of escarpment hikes, rock climbing opportunities and superb day walks, all with dramatic scenery and some challenging terrain. July Camp 2008 will offer:

- some well-known climbs of varying grades (including Scholes, South Ridge and Gable routes on Giants Castle)
- sandstone cliffs nearby for those who would like to do some bouldering, without carrying climbing equipment to the Escarpment
- superb sub-camps and long hikes in the Little Berg and/or on the Escarpment
- satisfying day walks with views, forests, waterfalls, streams and spectacular rock formations
- excellent opportunities for bird watching and Berg photography

Children, accompanied by their parents (or other adults) taking full responsibility for them at all times, will be admitted provided that, like all other campers, they are reasonably fit, well-equipped and can carry their own kit according to the trip. Young children will be assigned to the same party as one of their parents.

Application forms and full payment must be received on or before Saturday 7 June 2008

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Diane Arvanitakis

#### 7.. BEQUESTS

Our section received the following bequests:

R30000.00 from the late Colin Inglis in December 2006.

In August 2007, a share portfolio from the late Harry Barker. The value of this fluctuates with the market price.

Donations in lieu of flowers by Uschi which has been placed in the Youth Fund.

The committee has kept these amounts separate and will decide in due course what the bequests can best be allocated to. There is a suggestion to place some in the Youth Fund for furtherance of the youth participation in our section.

*Uschi Magg*

## **8. ADRENALIN ROCK CLIMBING CENTRE**

Adrenalin Rush started at Hillfox Shopping Centre in December 2003 and has since then moved to Little Falls Resort. The gym is still in its infant stage but with just over 240 m<sup>2</sup> of climbing area is already the biggest bouldering gym in the country.

Although they specialize in bouldering, 95% of all the walls have been top roped. Harnesses and ropes are available to those who are not into bouldering.

Children's parties are also becoming more popular at the climbing gym.

Adrenalin Rush is situated in the Little Falls Resort with braai facilities, swimming pool, good ablution block and a beautiful natural waterfall.

There is a lot of natural rock in the resort, of which The Keg, a well-known bouldering site in Gauteng, is also situated in the resort. They also offer a 42m abseil from the natural rock face.

At this stage they are only open as follows:

Tuesday & Thursday evenings 18h00 – 20h00

Saturdays 10h00 – 17h00

Sundays 11h00 – 16h00

Costs are R30.00 per person, per session or a year membership for bouldering @ R700.00 per person

How to find the gym: The Resort is at the end of Falls Road, just off Hendrik Potgieter. Travelling north along Hendrik Potgieter towards Krugersdorp, Falls Road is three traffic lights after Fredenharry (the road leading to Strubens).

They also have a 7.5m and 10m mobile climbing wall for hire.

For more information, please contact Jaco on 083 419 5840.

*Jaco-louis Arlow*

## **9. CLUB NEWS**

**2008 Committee:** welcome to the new committee. The names and contact details appear at the back of this newsletter.

**New members:** We welcome Cara Bradley, Willem van der Meulen, Victoria Green, Bernice McLean (rejoined), and family members Luka Kotze and Heather Welchman and

Francois Venter, Diedre Möller, Fathima and Bengt Klasen. Lindsay Gaydon and family members Angela and Michael Eckhardt.

**Resigned:** Dion duPlessis, Russell Shaw.

**Passed away:** Erica Biesheuvel and Issy Cohen.

Issy was born in 1919 and joined our section in 1953. 'I remember him for his hearty and spontaneous laugh and his very straightforward nature' - Bruno Penzhorn; as many of us older ones also remember him. We remember Issy with fondness.

**Events:** the last weeks we have not had many 'events' at our club evenings. However,

from now on, we have a number of interesting evenings. Watch out for Paul Fatti's slide to 'Tierra del Fuego'; Climbing Mt Elbrus' Hanna du Toit; Self Rescue Techniques', Andrew Porter; Neil Margett's slides 'Climbing in Europe 2008'; and the most popular 'COOKATHON' - start practising and join us for a fun evening - 16 July; and on 17 September, **Alex Harris** will give a slide show.

**2008 subscriptions outstanding:** if you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible.

**2006 MCSA Journal:** these were posted to many members. Unfortunately many were returned 'unclaimed'. Please contact Uschi if you have not received yours and collect at a club evening.

### **Other news:**

**Honorary Life membership** was awarded to Teresa and Arthur Morgan in grateful recognition of their 35 years involvement in Search and Rescue and mountain medicine locally, nationally and internationally.

And the **Chairman's Award** to **Greg Devine** in recognition of his services to our section - in particular as Chairman for a number of years, member of the committee for many years, his general involvement in club matters and arranging and being the leader on international expeditions.

**Jenny Paterson:** in recognition of her services locally and nationally - in particular assisting in the production of the MCSA Journals over a number of years; the production of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet 'The Diamond Years' and her general involvement in club matters.

**Neil Margetts:** in recognition of his services to our section – in particular as Organiser and Co-ordinator of the first Rock and Road Trip 2007 and his general involvement in club matters.

Thank you to Jane Luck for the drawings on the certificates.

**Long Standing Membership Awards** presented to members who have been members for 50 years:

Margaret Hammond-Tooke, Dave Smith, Peter Scott, Anne Adcock, Edwin & Elaine Wood and Godfrey Barclay.

Thank you to Susan Boggett for the drawing on these certificates.

**Australia:** Paul Stoddart and Anna Dimou invite you to call on them if you happen to be in Melbourne. Get address from Uschi.

**Take care:** when changing gas cylinders:– Not ever having had to change the small camping gas cylinder, husband or sons always did this - had the Cadac camping gas lamp near me in the kitchen when I needed to change the cylinder of the camping stove (Eskom load shedding). I did not really know how to do this, pierced the canister and the next thing the gas caught alight from the lamp and I got a blast on my hands and some into the face. The jersey from Peru was singed (will have to go back to get another one) as well as my hair. All is well but I did get a big fright. The skin on the hands and face is healing. Tineke had a similar experience some time ago and we are sharing this with you to always take care, go outside when changing gas and don't have another lit gadget/cigarette near to where you are busy changing cylinders ...

*Uschi Magg*

#### **10. NATIONAL MINI MEET:**

A successful meet was held at the section's Wolkberg hut from 26 April to 4 May. We wish to thank Erica Davies, Jenny Paterson, Uschi Magg, Greg Devine who stepped in to organize this meet. A big thanks to Dion van der Riet who stepped in at the last minute, who helped tremendously, was camp manager and saw that things ran smoothly and to Dirk Botha who organized the slashing of grass for campsites, improvements to the road to the hut and sorting out the toilets and much, much more. Your help is much appreciated.

#### **11. LAND AND ACCESS**

If you are not sure of access conditions please contact Land and Access Convenor: Roy Kendall 083 703 2424 or Uschi 011 807 1310 or email.

**Hanglip South**, a property in the Waterberg where the club has servitudes but has been unable to exercise our access there because of the establishment of a game conservancy viz. Entabeni, which is part of the Legend hotels and lodges (<http://www.legendlodges.co.za/entabeni.htm>), due to the presence of "The Big Five". However after much negotiation and effort on the part of some committee members we were able to hold a meet there. Despite the small number of members who attended, it proved very successful both from a climbing point of view and from discussions held with management. Future access to the area is assured and members should try and visit this wonderful area and experience these multi-pitch route climbs on the superb Waterberg sandstone and enjoy the views of giraffe grazing below the kranzes as you climb.

Closer to home a meet was held at **Remhoogte**, which despite the slightly harder than normal walk-in was attended by a small number. A few of the old core, and on a more positive note by some of the younger generation wanting to gain some 'trad' climbing experience. Remhoogte's access is assured and is a mere 45 minutes from Randburg, situated on the south facing crags of the Magaliesberg. A new track / fence line running up towards the crag means a slightly less difficult walk in. The crags are 50 – 90 metres high and so present some good multi pitch routes with many easy grades but enough more difficult routes to keep the hard core entertained.

Historically the club has been active at both these venues since the 1930's. Get out to some of these traditional venues and enjoy the delights that these crags have to offer. Please contact the meets convenor, Andrew Porter or the land and access convenor, Roy Kendall for details or better still, live on the edge and attend one of these "less frequented venues".

*Roy Kendall*

**Trident:** (members only) we have a servitude. It is a request of the owner that a permit (free) be obtained by members 7 days in advance. Please give name, membership number and car registration number. This request is for security reasons. Parking fees R20 to be deposited in box. Permits available from: [brooklynvet@absamail.co.za](mailto:brooklynvet@absamail.co.za)

*Uschi Magg*

#### **12. NEW BOOK RELEASES**

##### **Mountains of South Africa – Duncan Souchon**

The latest book from MCSA JHB Section member, Duncan Souchon, is a visual celebration that takes the reader on a journey to several of Africa's many significant mountains - the well-known and not-so-well-known ones; holy mountains, and others. Duncan takes us from Cape Town to Morocco, through the volcanic highlands of the Drakensberg/Maluti Mountains, the Simien Mountains of Ethiopia; the amazing Tsodilo Hills in neighbouring Botswana ... The book is part history, part exploration and examines myths and fascinating folklore from the people who live in the shadows of those very mountains - a glimpse into a different life, and another world.

##### **Summit: 150 years of the Alpine Club – George Band**

The Alpine Club was the world's first mountaineering club. The book is not only a history of the oldest mountaineering club, but also a history of mountaineering. Founded in 1857, Alpine Club members have been at the forefront of mountaineering exploration and development worldwide. It is the story of men with a passion for adventure who accomplished amazing feats against the odds, and accompanied by over 300 never-before-published photographs from the Alpine Club archives - a compelling read by George Band, author of the bestselling *Everest* and a worthy addition to any Library.

*Jenny Paterson*

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**Western Cape:** 021 101777

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