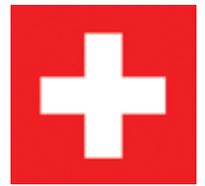




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Saturday 30th July Swiss National Day Celebration Jonkershoek

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PRESI REPORT

Dear Members, Grüezi,

I trust this newsletter finds you and everyone around you safe and well.

Masks off, smiles on! Finally, no more hiding behind those annoying fabric or nylon cloths.

What a relief.

It is winter at our club and in Jonkershoek which means it is also a bit quieter for now.

But our chalet is finding its old sparkle again and we cannot wait to show you another round of updates in July for a winter fondue fun and then obviously our National Day Celebrations which we have scheduled for Saturday 30 July in Jonkershoek! Please already reserve the date now.

Yes, Jonkershoek. “But it will be winter!”, you might say. Correct, but we will prepare for all eventualities in terms of weather, and I am pretty sure that our Swiss comfort food and obviously the Flamingo Ramblers will bring

the required heat to our party.

We look forward to hosting this important event for our club in Jonkershoek for once!

And if there are any people, who are seriously worried about the cold, there is a solution; we are always looking for some hands to help us on the day at the braai or the raclette etc – you will definitely get warm working :) On this note, if you would like to get involved on 30 July or any other time during events – please get in touch with Tracey-Lee via events@swissclub.co.za

Many thanks as well to the many members who attended the AGM at the end of March. After a long break, it was good to bring everyone up to date. We were able to share much overdue feedback and information to our members, but also officially welcome

Tracey-Lee, Ruth and later on, also introduce Irina to our committee. Thank you all for the commitment to our club!

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Due to a technical glitch on the laptop of our Secretary, we are unable to retrieve the minutes but this should be re-instated soon and then we can also distribute them to you.

I look forward to see all of you on 30 July in Jonkershoek!

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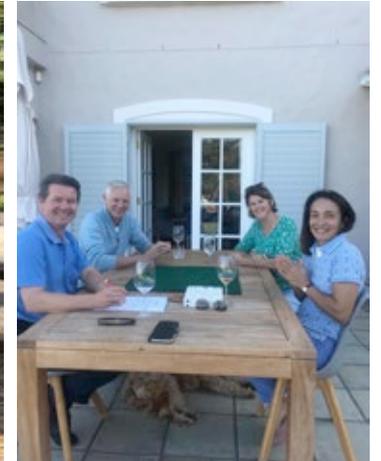
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Umlani raffle prize feedback from Robert & Dini Keller

We had our 1st prize lottery win, a flight with Edelweiss for 2 people, exchanged for the 2nd prize, a 3-day stay at the Umlani Bush Camp, which we topped up with 2 more nights. We got there via Kuruman and 2 days in Pilanesberg Park and Krüger Park.

Timbavati, is the name of the nature reserve where Umlani Bush Camp is located.

The approximately 53,000 hectare Timbavati Game Reserve is part of the Greater Kruger Area of South Africa and stretches from the Kruger National Park in the east to the Thornybush Game Reserve in the west. As the entire area is not fenced in, the native wildlife, including the "Big Five" (lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant) can roam freely between the reserve and Kruger National Park. It is about a third of the size of the canton Zurich.

In Xitsonga, the name "Timbavati" means "the place where something sacred descended from heaven to earth" and refers to the rare white lions of Timbavati.

When we arrived we realised that the name "Bush" was very accurate. I know what Bush is, and that was Bush at its finest, but well mixed with comfort.

For the time being no telephone reception, no WiFi, no load shedding (electricity interruptions) because there is no ESKOM here. Since it had been raining for 4 days, the batteries from the solar installation were so low that the inverter to generate 220 volts (AC) had to be switched off so that the emergency light was still on. Although it was quite cold, the evening was very comfortable, the builder's son, Marco, had people over who he had met here 30 years ago as a boy and he still had photos. So there was a lot to report and many anecdotes were exchanged.

The next its was sunny and everything worked again, that means everything except for the lighting which was still with candles and petrol lamps. In the bungalows there was relatively milder 12 volt (DC) light, as well as a 220 volt (AC) socket, where the cameras, power banks, etc. could be charged. This relatively weak light requires habit changes for us city dwellers, especially in old age, when the eyes are known to deteriorate, but also very romantic, just as it should be in the bush. WIFI was also available again, but no telephone reception, which doesn't exist out here. The camp is not fenced in, allowing Nyala antelope to roam freely, having probably found humans to be less dangerous to them than lions. Speaking of cats, here we saw the missed leopard, cheetah

etc. which we missed in Kruger. And the lions were there too, we saw a lot of them, which is why a ranger always had to accompany the people to the bungalows at night.

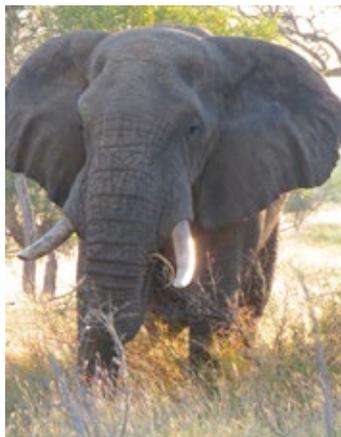
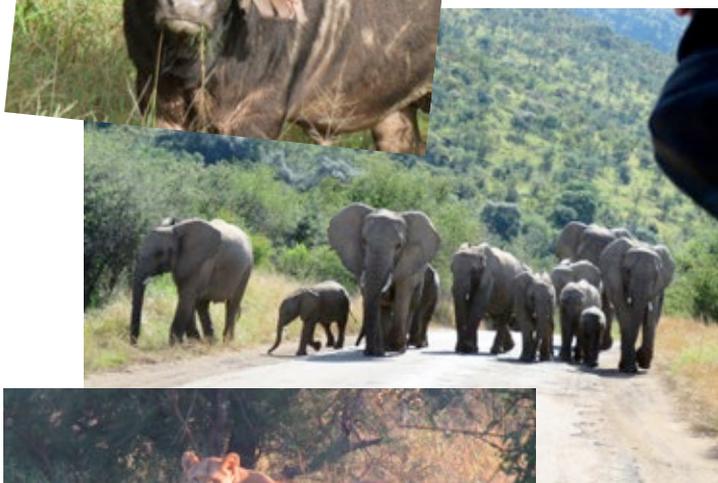
The guests here are mostly Americans, where such classic "fly in" vacations take place, meaning flying from one place to another in small planes, we have met some great people, they are humble and happy about all animals they can see, and that's what you want, the rest of South Africa doesn't really bother them.

The food was excellent, and lovingly prepared, especially when noticing the simple means and possibilities by which they prepared something so appetisingly beautiful. There was always a fire outside by the lapa, from which they fetched coals or hot water to fry, cook etc, the staff were very welcoming and always willing to help, a real pleasure :) :)

The next 4 days we enjoyed relaxing and being spoiled. We spent time enjoying game drives which were included in the package. Dini took part in almost all of them, as well as relaxing, sorting out the not so good photos and writing this report. It was very relaxing and we saw a lot of different game. Especially the evening drives were tough, where at the sundowner part people, including rangers, tried to outdo each other with the biggest robber stories. For the very brave and adventurous, there is a "Tree House" (tree hut) to stay overnight, well secured, at a waterhole, a few km from the camp. So this hanging around had to come to an end, and we were now halfway through the holiday time and distance, so our return journey began with a 700 KM bridging drive to the Hluhluwe Park and the Hilltop Lodge.

It was wonderful days and we will definitely visit Umlani Bush Camp again. The only downer is that it is very far from Cape Town.





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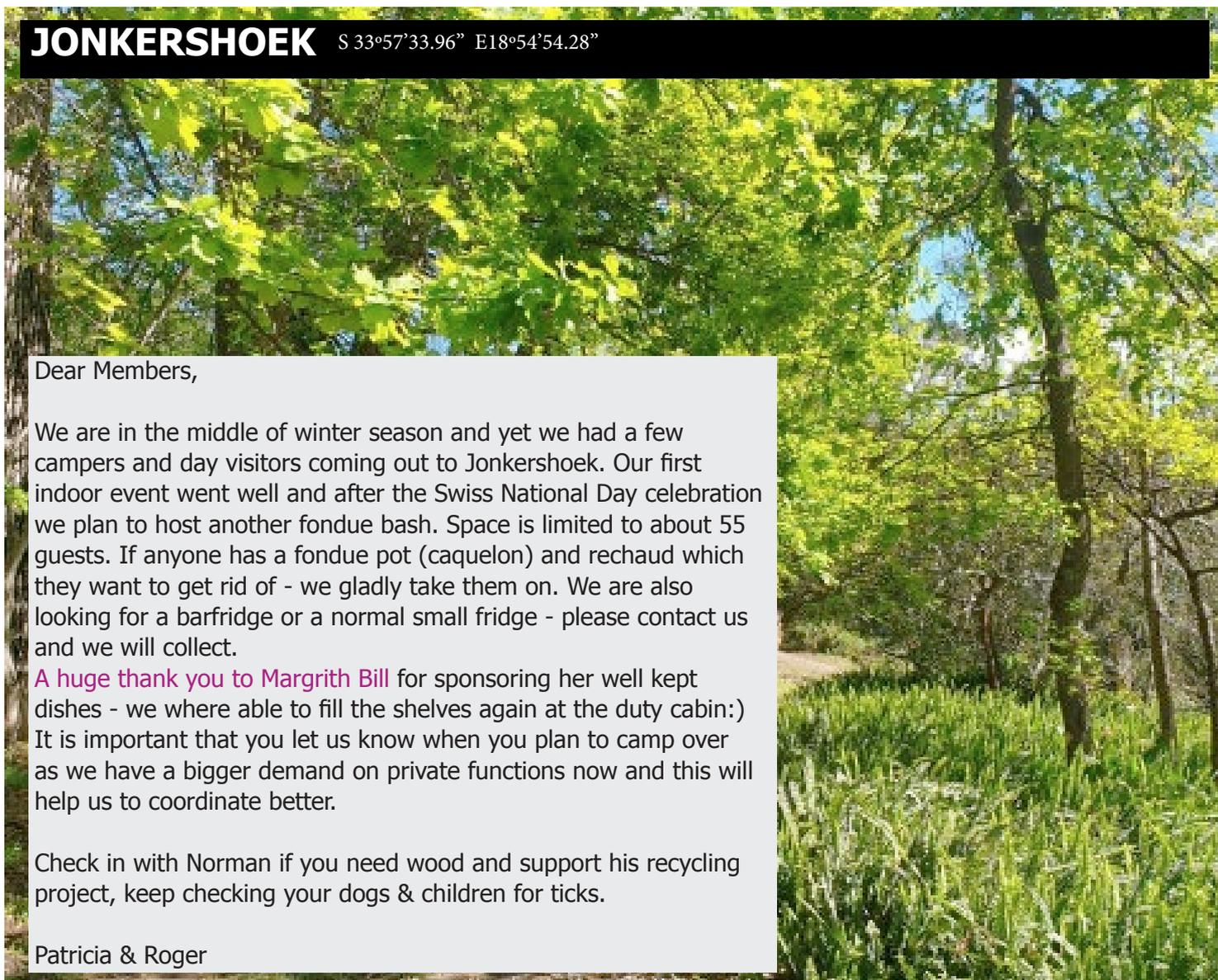
Dear Members,

We are in the middle of winter season and yet we had a few campers and day visitors coming out to Jonkershoek. Our first indoor event went well and after the Swiss National Day celebration we plan to host another fondue bash. Space is limited to about 55 guests. If anyone has a fondue pot (caquelon) and rechaud which they want to get rid of - we gladly take them on. We are also looking for a barfridge or a normal small fridge - please contact us and we will collect.

A huge thank you to Margrith Bill for sponsoring her well kept dishes - we were able to fill the shelves again at the duty cabin :) It is important that you let us know when you plan to camp over as we have a bigger demand on private functions now and this will help us to coordinate better.

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Patricia & Roger





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