



"CAMPERS CHATTER

**August Camp – Night
Sky Caravan Farm – Bonnievale**

9th - 12th August 2018

Families Attending:

Trevor & Sandy Biggs

Johnny & Sandy van Rooyen

Gianni & Sally Carchesio

Helen Constantinides



"NIGHT SKY" a campsite the club last camped at in 2009, the distance requires a long weekend to make it worthwhile and it really was worthwhile !!

The Van Rooyen's & the Biggs's decided to make a long weekend of it and arrived at camp around midday on Thursday, the Vans pipping the Biggs's by about 15 mins or so. Nice putting the rigs up at the same time - no interference!!!! A beautiful day – no rain. Once the 'Rigs' were set up the cold 'ones' made their appearance and we then started catching up on all the 'skinner'.



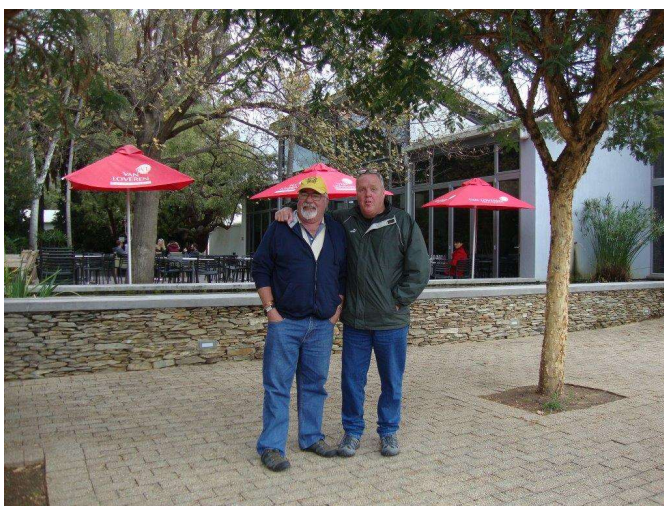
The campsite had not changed from the last visit, still neat and tidy and the ablutions clean and adequate. Although the ladies ablutions had very little water pressure, so they used the men's!!



The dam water level was quite low (drought) but still usable – no fish though Craig, I tried, but kept on getting hooked up on the grass below the water.

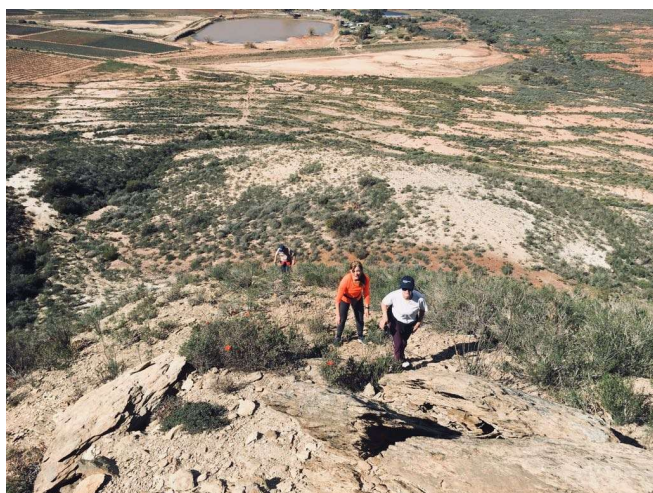
The evening arrived, with that the cold descended and the fire was lit. NIGHT SKY lived up to its name that evening with the sky packed with stars. We braaied and then had an early night.

We woke up on Friday morning to bright sunshine with not a breath of wind - the dam looked like a piece of glass. We then decided this was the day for a bit of 'wine tasting'!!!! 'Van Louveren' here we come. I was pleasantly surprised at the renovations done to the facilities since we were last there. Nicely done! We had our wine tasting which was quite a lot, the chairman being 'forced' to have more than he should have!!! We then had lunch there and then headed back to camp and just carried on.



The rest of the crew started arriving, Helen first and then Gianni & Sally, who missed the turn – off again!!!! It was great catching up with all their news as well. The Van's started their 'potjie' and we just carried on like there was no tomorrow or should I say I did!! A great evening but rather cold, measuring 4 degrees at 7 the next morning.

Saturday morning was the same as Friday, sunshine & no wind – mid morning a sneaky breeze picked up which lasted the whole day and only abated in the evening. Johnny , Sandy V, Gianni & Sally decided to go for a hike up the mountain, while Helen went into town and Sandy & I stayed at camp like sensible people.



Sandy V cooked us a delish Braai-pie for lunch – lots of contributions of food, skills and advice from the ladies. Too many cooks did NOT spoil this pie.



Gianni & Johnny decided they wanted a huge 'FIRE' to sit around in the evening and went on a mission gathering huge logs from all corners of the farm. They felt we needed the fire because of the nippy wind that had picked up during the day, luckily the wind dropped in the evening, the fire was still great guys!



Since we were only seven campers we decided that each one needs a "Dwarf name" hence.....



On Sunday as usual on pack-up day, we woke up to another great day. We really picked a great weekend weather wise or should I say Sandy B did!! After a really lovely weekend we all packed up and headed home, until the next time!

See you at the next camp "Altydwater" which is the AGM Camp – please make every effort to attend.

Happy camping
Trevor