



CAMPERS CHATTER

"CHAMPAGNE" (near Greyton)

22 – 24 February 2019



Thank you Rina for the camp report.

CAMPERS:

Trevor & Sandy Biggs	Gary & Barbs Amory	Helen Constantinides
Frank & Nadia Ihle	Greg & Jenni Pratt	Verlen & Ruth Seipp
Craig & Rina Wilson	Johnny & Sandy van Rooyen	
Michelle, Chloe & Michael Graf & Donnica	Carrie Ralph	

GUESTS:

Martin & Annette Colman

Friday afternoon busy packing while waiting for honey to come home, I checked the letterbox as was waiting for our five foot trailer licence renewal. The licence renewal was there confirming payment but NO licence disc attached instead was a list of 5 vehicles in my name with the Nissan and Rig expired. The official licence disc for the trailer would only be issued once the other 2 licences were purchased. Penalties on both. OUCH!! Craig came home and only once we were on our way to camp did I let him know that the Nissan and Rig licences expired last year. He said he probably would have cancelled camp had he known.... phew!!

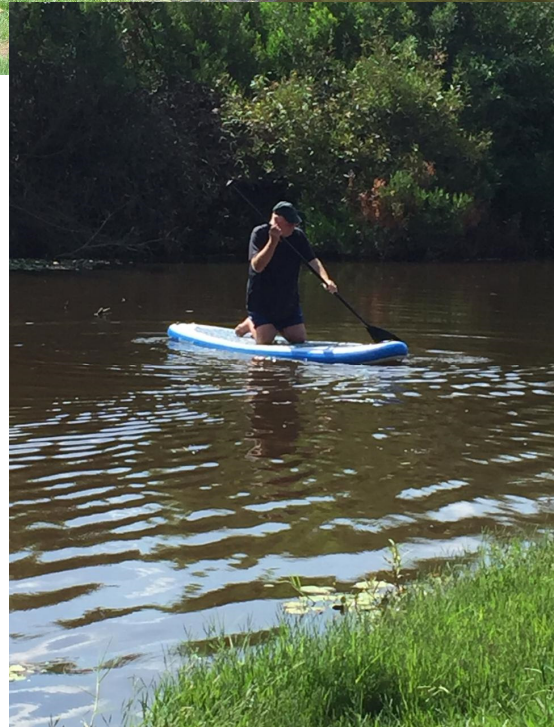


Carrie left an hour before us but we met her a few kilometers from camp. She had been driving up and down for an hour.... bit lost. As usual we were last to arrive finding everyone setup and some a bit tanked. A very pleasant evening around the fire with usual crazy chit chatting. I saw a stranger around the communal fire and asked who he was – he replied, “who do you think I am”. My reply was “Pietsnot”. He said, “yes that’s me” LOL!! Found out later that his name was Martin and his wife Annette and they were visitors for the weekend.

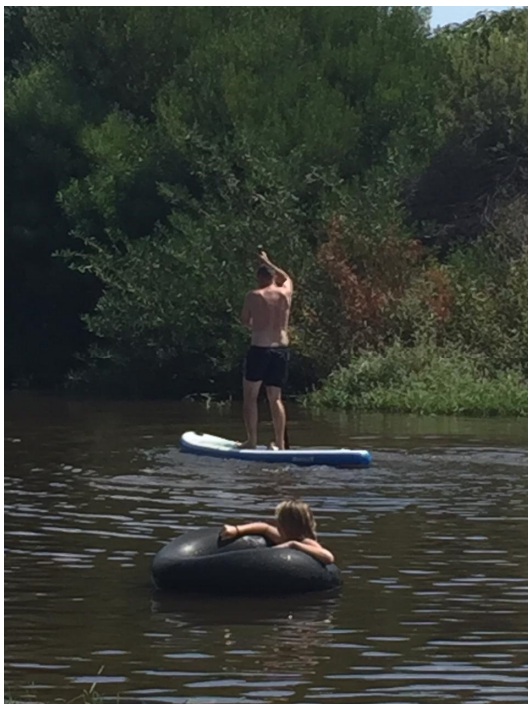
Thanks to everyone for setting up in the back row, hogging the shade and leaving us the entire river bank to set up. Of course fisherman Craig is happier closer to the river and of course caught a big fat carp on Saturday. (Don’t tell Theo.)

Shortly before everyone retired on Friday night, Craig and Martin braved the dark waters and had a quick swim staying very close to the riverbank just in case (in sexy designer scants).

Early Saturday morning Nadia left for work and returned mid-afternoon for the night and Sunday morning back to work again.



Now you see Frank.....



Now you don't.....



Saturday was beautiful weather - the river and shade were enjoyed by all. A few people attempted to enjoy the SUP (stand up paddle brought by Carrie) – some were successful paddling around like pro's and others entertained us by losing their balance and causing big splashes. Lost count of the amount of times Frank lost his balance. Frank started out looking like a pro with his sunglasses on his head and kindly donated them to the river by falling off the SUP. Ginger disappointed us by paddling on his knees being very cautious not to fall and every now and again when hitting a speed wobble, would stop paddling lean forward on all fours to stabilise again – well done Ginger.



Some of the members played Boullé and invited Martin to join in – apparently Martin won which Johnny could not stop talking about (think he was bit peed off LOL!!)

Frank was very proud of his VAN that he has converted into a camper trok. Frank waited months for Germany to send specially designed curtains on rails to fit his VAN. He was so excited to hang his curtains at camp and then ended up very disappointed as he brought the wrong drill bit – maybe next camp you will have your curtains up Frank. *(Ed. Should have asked Trevor – he has a fully kitted toolbox. Silly Boy!!)*



Carrie, after being a member since about 15 years old, is now officially a member as an adult with her own family. Welcome Carrie and girls. Carrie spent hours and hours relaxing whilst crocheting a blanket for her bedroom which the ladies were very impressed with.

Was lovely having Greg and Jenni camp again – really enjoy their company and wish they would camp more with the Club.

Thanks Sandy1 for divine Malva pud and icecream. Am sure everyone enjoyed the spoil.

Beautiful weather on Sunday again. We packed up and left camp around 10h20 to join our biking club for brunch at the Elgin Railway Market which was a new enjoyable experience – only ended up getting home around 5pm which was not part of the plan but was all in all another great weekend in paradise.

FINES:

- Michelle for bringing the cleanest newest braai triangle to camp. It is more shiney than “Uranus” ... the planet. AND no spatula and no oil!
- Gary for bombing Sandy No. 2 without her permission and then discovering his wallet still in his pocket.
- Craig for only catching a fish late Saturday afternoon. I was singing your praises to Martin about your fishing skills. W.T.F.
- Ruth for not joining the group and “sulking” at her caravan.
- Martin for bringing his wife camping with no voice. Stop smiling Martin and tell us the secret.
- Greg and Jenni for dishing out shooters far too early and trying to get us “poeg-eye”.

We would like to wish Donnica a very Happy 16th Birthday for Friday.

