



## “CAMPERS CHATTER



### November Camp ( Christmas ) –“ BLINKWATER “ Campsite – Citrusdal

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2019



#### Conveners : Committee

#### Families Attending:

Trevor & Sandy Biggs  
Johnny & Sandy van Rooyen  
Ginger & Ruth Seipp  
Martin & Annette Coleman

Gianni & Sally Carchesio  
Greg & Jenni Pratt  
Greg & Glynn Nieuwstad

Helen Constantinides  
Craig & Rina Wilson  
Schalk & Mariaan Walters

Firstly, welcome to our newest members Martin and Annette, lovely to have you with us and wishing you many happy camps with the Club.

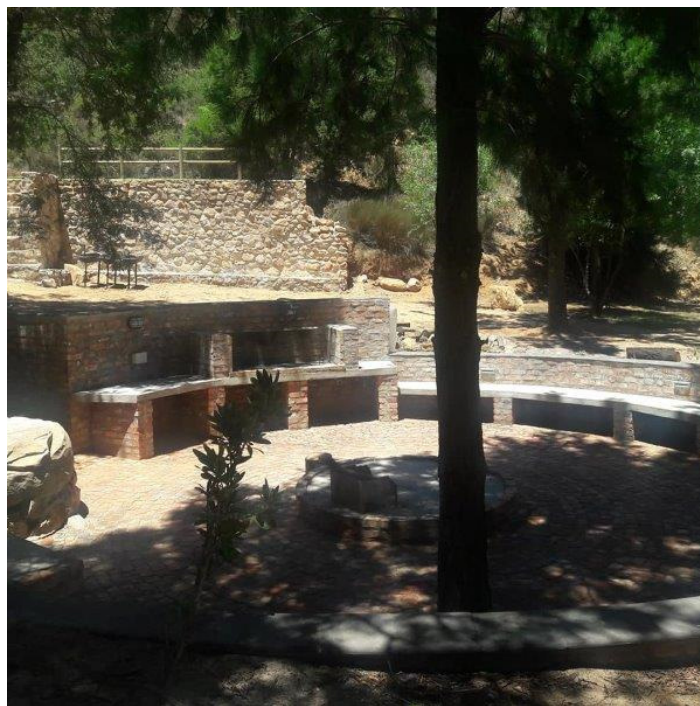
Where has the year gone, not many shopping days left before Christmas !!!! Which brings me to the subject of “Campers Chatter “ our “ Christmas Camp “ for 2019 and we decided this time to spoil ourselves by having the catering done by the Lodge in Citrusdal. Thanks once again to Greg our “Recci scout “ for suggesting “ Blinkwater “ camp site near Citrusdal for the “ Christmas camp“ which turned out to be very impressive, with the weather playing along as well.

Some of the more fortunate ‘pensioners’ arrived and set up camp on the Thursday, the rest of us ‘working class’ arrived on Friday throughout the day, setting up camp and then settling into quite a few ‘cold ones’. As all ways, there was a lot of catching up with lots of laughter. The camp site had a lovely sunken boma where we all gathered in the evening to braai, wet our whistles and laugh into the night.





*Schalk determined to get a TV signal where there has never been one before – he succeeded until a very naughty boy readjusted his DSTV dish.*



*sunken boma*

We all woke to sunshine and a couple of sore heads scattered around the campsite. It did not take long before the smell of bacon filled the air around us.



The facilities at Blinkwater were impressive, with 5 star ablutions as well as a swimming pool that was kept full from a spring up in the mountains.



Quite a few dips from the brave were the order of the day as the sun baked down and some of us just kept to the shade.





As the day wore on so the preparations for the 'Christmas' evening meal began. The festivities began with setting up the tables around the fire pit in the boma and each family decorating their table with Christmas goodies, then everyone voted for their favorite – yay 'The Biggsies' won !!!! – but as far as I was concerned, every table was a winner. Then Sandy V had a Christmas tree decorated with champagne corks and we all had to guess how many corks were on the tree and Ruth got the closest - well done Ruth!!



*Guessing the number of corks*



*Potluck Pudding table.*







Thanks to all the ladies involved in preparing the starters, 'wow' they were great! And to all the 'potluck' crew for all the wonderful puds. As I said earlier, the Lodge in town provided the main meal, which they set up and then we could help ourselves – 'delicious'.



This time we had decided that we would not have 'Father Christmas' handing out the pressies, but do the left/right story with pressies placed on chairs in a circle – thanks Ruth for being the narrator – much fun was had by all. Thanks Sandy V for all your effort, always appreciated. Then we all settled down to some serious 'thirst quenching'.



As usual, packing up day arrived, with nobody really in a hurry.

Lots of munching of leftover puddings for breakfast!! – because we can 😊



Some of the 'lucky ones' moved on to other campsites for a few days, while the rest us 'working class' packed up and headed home.

From me 'your chairman' 'he who shall be obeyed at all times' 'the boss', I wish all the members a wonderful festive season and hope the new year brings you all you wish for. Travel safe.

Happy camping

Trevor

