



CAMPERS CHATTER

Thank you Sally Carchesio for the camp report.

Campers:

Craig & Rina

Johnny & Sandy

Gianni & Sally (& Coco)

Helen

Trevor & Sandy

Guests:

Lucille & Chase



Gianni and I had missed 2 camps due to very busy schedules so we were looking very forward to our camping weekend.

I always check the weather and it did say rain was on the forecast but that did not DAMPEN our spirits. And anyway we all know that even if rain is predicted, we never seem to get any. Okay so this time we did get rain – as we exited the Huguenot tunnel it poured down but was almost all gone by the time we arrived at Rivierzicht. We put on our rain jackets and managed to set up our caravan without getting too wet.



pug and Boston joined them as well.

The wind was quite hectic so we all helped to put up wind breakers so that we could all cosy up around our evening camp fire. It was quite cold and the weather was not what you would expect in the middle of January. Unfortunately Ginger was not there to provide us with much needed konkas. We had a newbie, Lucille and her son Chase join us for the weekend and I am sure you know what song Johnny was singing that evening. We all chatted and caught up with each other whilst we ate our evening dinner. Rina and Craig camped next to their daughter Carrie and her friend with altogether 5 kids. Molly and Pebbles, their

After our dinner Sandy Van Rooyen surprised us with home-made cup-cakes in celebration of the January birthdays – from oldest to youngest Rina, Gianni and me. Thank you so much Sandy they were amazing.



As I exited my caravan on Saturday morning I saw the farm dog had spent the evening cosying up so cutely on Gianni's comfy camp chair – proof that Gianni has the most comfortable chair on camp.



The clouds disappeared and the weather was awesome so most of us put on our cosies and played in the river. We went on tubes and also tried out Carrie's SUP. Gianni and Johnny tumbled off although Johnny reckons it was Helen who made him fall. Sandy Van Rooyen also gave it a go and paddled like a pro. The kids were also swimming and paddling and it was lovely to watch all of them really enjoying the outdoors.

Craig as usual managed to catch quite a few fish. Johnny reeled one of them in but would not take the glory as he had just had a shower and did not want to get all fishy and dirty – really Johnny... You missed your only chance ever of a photo with your catch.



Coco however got so excited every time anyone caught a fish, so he was running between our camp and random campers on our left as they were also catching quite a few fish. Sadly, his excitement turned to pain as he was hooked by a line. Helen managed to google (thank goodness for google – again) an afterhours number for a vet and we rushed him to Robertson town. The Vet was a life saver – she sedated him and managed to pull the hook out of his mouth. Thanks Helen - as I was in a bit of state and was not able to focus. Thanks Sandy and Johnny - who finished off our meat whilst we rushed off to the vet and provided me with salad as I did not get to make mine. Thanks to everyone else for your concern.

We managed to get back in time to enjoy our dinner with everyone and after that Sandy Biggs provided us with one of Oumie's delicious cakes. Sandy VR and myself was complaining about how we eat too much but that did not stop us from having a 2nd slice of cake.

Sunday turned out to be the best day as usual. We made our breakfast and started packing up and when we got too hot we cooled off in the river.

It was an awesome camp and we thoroughly enjoyed our weekend away with our fellow campers. Till next camp!

Fines:

1. Craig – for doing a Michael Jackson moon walk after stepping on Johnny's hot braai grid
2. Helen – for attacking Johnny while he was doing superbly well on the SUP and making him fall off
3. Gianni – advising everyone to watch a certain program on DSTV but the one he was advertising and the actual program were 2 different programs
4. Rina – for not sending 2 invites to Trevor & Sandy for her birthday party
5. Lucille – for bringing the smallest tent we have EVER seen in the club
6. Trevor & Sandy – for NOT gatecrashing Rina's party.
7. Everyone fines Johnny for catching a fish a) on Craig's rod and b) not wanting to touch the fish because he just had a shower.