



CAMPERS CHATTER

**Riverzicht, Robertson
12 to 14 February 2021**

Thank you Rina for the camp report.



CAMPERS:

Helen Constantinides
Zorba Constantinides & Anel
Wayne, Dawn, Aiden & Erin Smith plus visitor (Kari)
Craig & Rina Wilson

Ginger and Ruth Seipp
Michele, Chloe and Michael Graf
Carrie, Zarin & Damia Ralph
with visitors Joselyn, Olivier & Leevi

Craig decided to take Friday as leave so that we could get to the campsite 1st and have more fishing time. We left home around 9h45 and about 2k before the Paarl off ramp our Nissan engine cut out. After Craig fiddling under the bonnet the engine started but then about 1k further the engine died again. We discovered that by waiting a few minutes the engine would start so with a few stops we made our way to Paarl Auto Clinic. After investigation a 2nd hand cam sensor was put in and some 2 hours later we were on our way. So much for getting there 1st.

On arrival Wayne was pleased to announce that they arrived 1st for the 1st time ever. (Pity there was no fines master) Ed: Wayne you forgot about December camp when you beat the Biggies to the camp

Ginger and Ruth planned to stop at the Big red chair wine farm for breakfast or was it for lunch only to discover they were closed.

We found our site where Helen, Zorba and Anel were busy setting up.

Later that afternoon Michele, Carrie and her friend Jocelyn arrived with their children.

Friday evening was quiet with everyone doing their own thing.

Saturday woke up to another beautiful day some 30 odd degrees. Camping next to the river bank was a blessing as easy to cool off.

Wayne and family went wine tasting and were away for most of the day.



For months Zorba has been looking for a 2m x 1m (more or less) tent to set up kitchen where at night he can zip it closed - outa sight outa mind. He was very proud of his new bicycle tent which I believe came from UK.





The kids had plenty of floaties to keep them occupied.



Saturday afternoon few Greeks playing Portuguese rummy and for the first time ever I won both rounds, Zorba was not too pleased and I was on a high.



Our communal braai was very quiet.
 Ginger welcomed Zorba and Anel as new members and welcomed Carrie and girls
 for rejoining the club.
 Ginger also welcomed our visitors.



Saturday evening Craig had 2 rods in the water and caught a fish which as he reeled in swam sideways into the reeds. While he was trying to sort that problem out the other rod alarmed him that there was another catch. The lines somehow crossed and after some serious fishing skills trying to catch 2 fish in the middle of a mangle the rod broke in half and the fish got away stealing half a rod.

Sunday Valentines day
 Another beautiful morning.
 9am social distance gathering to
 celebrate Valentines day.
 Sweaty Pies and orange juice
 sponsored by the club.
 Thanks to Ginger for the 2 bottles
 of champagne.
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A SOUTH AFRICAN VALENTINES POEM.

Ek smaak you stukkend, please say you'll be mine?

You're my moon, my stars, my Camps Bay sunshine
 You're my beaded love-letter, my breeze in the night;
 You're my rooibos, my koeksister, my blitz firelight.

You make me feel better, you have the know-how
 I smaak you even more than Durb's bunny-chow;
 You're my lamb-chop, my ribbetjies, my dröe wors en al
 You're my Mrs Balls chutney, my samoosa Halaal!

One smile from you and I float to the sky
 I feel like the Springboks have just scored a try!

You're my chilli, my roti, my eskimo pies
 I'd rather have you than the Lotto first prize
 And this letter my skattie, is only the start
 'Cos you've taken the cable-car straight to my heart

You're my best friend, my lover, my very own wife
 You're truly the tomato sauce on the
 slap chips of my life.



By midday most members had left.
 Ruth expressed how much she enjoyed the camp - they had a big site with easy access to the river with
 the ablutions directly behind them.
 Ginger and Ruth left around 2pm and headed off to Warmwaterberg for a few days.

A lovely stress free hot weekend was enjoyed by all - I think!!