



CAMPERS CHATTER

Die Watergat, Rawsonville 13th to 15th November 2020

C H R I S T M A S I N N O V E M B E R

Camp report by Sandy B. Thank you to the campers for the photo contributions.



CAMPERS:

Greg & Jenni Pratt
Craig & Rina Wilson
Trevor & Sandy Biggs
Ira & Mandy Emery
Joe & Cheryl Faktor

Greg & Glynn Nieuwstad
Helen Constantinides
Martin & Annette Colman
Wendy Stanfield
Michelle, Chloe & Michael Graf (and Chloe's friend Kyra)

Ginger & Ruth Seipp
Johnny & Sandy van Rooyen
Gary & Barbs Amery
Frank & Nadia Ihle

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

"Zorba" Constantinides & Anel

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to camp we go. With Santa's sleigh (AKA the blue Isuzu) laden with gifts and goodies – apart from the usual stuff – we set off to Rawsonville. Luckily the traffic was good and we arrived before 12. Some unfortunate campers who left home in the afternoon got diverted at the tunnel and had to crawl over the pass behind huge trucks. We were pipped at the post with Greg & Glynn arriving just before us – they were still deciding where to set up and took their time since they could really pick and choose their spot. It is lovely to be one of the first to arrive and setup, then you can relax (with a cold one of course!) while watching the others trickling in and setting up in the heat. Who said camping isn't a spectator sport? 😊

Chilling in the pool after the hard and hot work of setting up:



Die Watergat Campsite was, as usual, great – cool shade and green grass. I don't think we have seen the dam this full in years, if ever. The ablutions have increased by one shower/toilet combo and a single shower. Security beams have been installed at the entrance to the camping area and at the road next to the ablutions, these are connected to an alarm and to the farmhouse. Yes, they do work as we found out on Saturday evening when the police decided to patrol and entered the campsite.

Late Friday afternoon the fires were lit and our weekend celebrations started with Jello-shots and the Happy Birthday song (it was on repeat for the WHOLE weekend) in honour of Mandy's birthday on Friday.



Due to Martin's tendency to be a bit accident prone around the braai fire he was presented with a special helmet which hopefully prevent future trips to Worcester hospital on a Saturday morning.

Saturday started off in a relaxed way with brunches, boule, fishing and relaxing.



After lunch the activity began in earnest with setting up of the gazebos and tables. Decorations and lights were hung up and thus the party began. First off, the fun game of Parcel-Parcel. Sandy V spent many hours wrapping the mother of all parcels with hidden gifts inside. A roll of the dice and we're off. Competition was fierce and lots of laughs and encouragement from all. And lots of running up and down from Sandy V with the parcel, gloves and hat.



With the last prize unwrapped the game was sadly over. The grand prize of a rechargeable mozzie zapper and light was won by Barbs. Well played everyone.

The prize winners all dressed up in their loot:



Helen and her helpers set up the snack table and while sipping and snacking everyone pitched in to lay the tables for our Christmas feast.



Helen's friend Veronica provided the catering and what a delicious meal was served – beef with cherry sauce, chicken and mushroom pies, roast potatoes and salads. The desserts of trifle and peppermint crisp tart were to die for.



After our main meal, Ginger – our new fearless leader – presented Trevor with a gift and thanked him for his contribution to the Club as Chairman for the last 11 years. Ginger then handed each couple their presents from “Santa” (who was helped by the two Sandy Elves in choosing and wrapping the preferred beverages 😊)



Thank you to Sandy V for organizing and coordinating our Christmas event, and everyone who contributed towards making this an epic celebration.

After a leisurely Sunday brunch we started packing up slowly. Luckily Die Watergat is close by for most people so no big rush to beat the traffic on the way home – except if you want to get on the couch before 2.30 to watch the Motorsport hey Craig?

Good luck to all our learners writing their exams. Congratulations to Joe and Cheryl's son David on his engagement. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe on the roads and enjoy the festive season.

