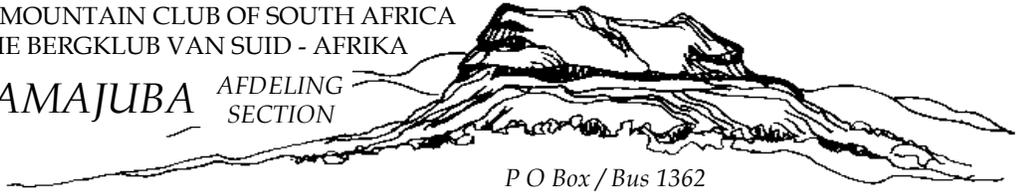


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## **JubaJabber - Monthly**

**March 2010**

**News items**

### **Lief en Leed**

It seems as if it is going well with everybody as I have not received any news of illness or otherwise. And to everybody out there that might be sick that we do not know of, hope you get better soon.

### **Committee and Membership matters.**

Your committee for the year 2009 is as follows:

Chairperson: Thea Groenewegen – 0343123703 / 083 378 7655.

Vice-Chairman: Johan de Villiers – 072 712 7022.

Treasurer: Ruan Adendorff – 082 577 7555.

Secretary: Ria Kotze – 082 682 8646.

Social Convener and Publicity: Debbie Behrens - 083 357 2636.

Climbing and Rescue: Paul Behrens – 0343151168 / 083 677 1080.

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Additional member: Len Stoop – 078 598 1643.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2010**

**Family membership is R250 per year**

**Single member R160 per year**

**Family pensioner R180 per year**

**Single pensioner R130 per year**

Members can pay their fees via cheque, cash or electronic transfer. Our banking details are as follows:

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>Bank:</b>           | <b>Nedbank</b>                                 |
| <b>Account Holder:</b> | <b>MCSA Amajuba Section</b>                    |
| <b>Account Number:</b> | <b>1337163309</b>                              |
| <b>Branch Code:</b>    | <b>133724</b>                                  |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | <b>Your initials and surname and Subs 2010</b> |

Accounts for 2010 membership will be sent out ASAP.

## Recent outings by Amajuba Section Members.

### HAWARDEN - GOWERMENTSOP 20.02.2010

8 Fossiele, 1 kind en 1 Franse Poodle. Dis die groep wat op 'n lifelike dag gaan stap. Johan, Christo, Peter, Govert, Tjaart en Marianne, Martie, Ria en Hugo (Ria se kleinseun van 6 jaar oud) en Hutch. 'n Heerlike bewolkte dag, maar as die son deur kom was dit baie warm.

Daar is fossiele as bewys dat daar vroeër see was by Hawarden. By Moorfield onder die een waterval is daar ook fossiele van seediere en duidelike watermerke in die rotse.

Johan het na 'n groot grot gaan soek, maar kry toe net 'n kleintjie - hy was laas daar toe hy 'n klein seuntjie was.

Berg af moes ons tussen deur bobbejane beweeg. Hulle het gesien ons het Hutch, Tjaart se hond saam met ons gehad. Bobbejane het ons goed dopgehou.

Middagete was ons bo-op Gowermentskop by die baken. Wat 'n mooi uitsig - berge rondom ons. Noordoos van ons sien ons Newcastle en Balele berge, dan anti-Kloksgewys was dit Inkwelo en Majuba - Bothaspas en Spioenkop - Donovanskop - mooie Ukhahlamba berge - Donkeys pass - Mont Pelaaan - Leeukop en Chelmsforddam - Mpati en Kndumeni berge by Dundee - almal +- 2000 m bo seevlak. Wat 'n voorreg om dit alles te beleef, met dankbaarheid aan ons Skepper en Onderhouer.

Voëls war ons gesien het was onder andere Wilde kalkoentjie, kaalwang valk, white rumped swift, bokmakierie, grasvoël en ander.

Ons soek umfomfo - Christine wil as hulle wit en ryp is kom pluk en konfyt maak. Ons proe aan bloubos bessies, die rooies en sien wilde druiwe wat giftig is.

Marianne se skoensool kom los en word vasgemaak met 'n tou en later met 'n veter wat te lank is. Johan wil weet wie dra nog 'n nr 6 boots – sodat die wat dieselfde nr dra kan beurte maak om die stukkende skoen te dra.

By die enigste waterstroompie en poeletjies trek ons skoene uit en baai die seer, warm voete in die poele. Hugo sê “Ek wil my pyp rolle posit” hy val in die poel toe is die pyp rolle nat en die tollie ook.

Daarna wil ons 'n draai maak by die waterval - maar o wee - Johan en Tjaart kry nie die roete nie - almal is moeg en warm - ons is rivier af, terug, deur die denne plantasies na ons voertuie by die hek waar Computer en sy familie bly.

Met twee ribbokke soos Johan en Tjaart, word 'n maklike 5 km dagstap somer 'n moeilike 10 km bergklim en bundu bach dagstap.

Wat 'n lekker dag - met sulke humor - en oulike mense - baie dankie Bergklub

**Groete van berg tot berg      Ria**

## Wall Climbing Challenge

Our section recently held a wall climbing challenge at the New Active Health & Fitness Gym to promote climbing. This took place Feb 27 starting at 07h30. It was great to see people from all walks of life besides our mountain club members taking part. Besides the Groenewegens, the Behrens's, Ria, Anny and Adrian Kuhne, Christo and Suset, Peter, Len, Frikkie, Arno, Dewalt and Martie were all there to climb or spectate (very important). It was great to meet Martie's family - Marike, Johnny and Chrizaan as well.

Newcomers to the sport included Anne Botha, Nthutuko a pupil from StDoms, who is a keen rugby player, and the Ramjan family with Halima, only 5 years old. Nthutuko shimmied up the wall like a gecko although this was his first time climbing, little Halima can be congratulated for getting to the top of the wall by herself !!

A great time was had by all in a laid back manner. Thanks to Northern 4X4, FotoFun and Distell for prizes.



**The winners were:**

## Children:

Girls - Halima

Boys - Arno

## Teenagers:

Girls - Cammie

Boys - Thukuko

## Adults:

Women - Fathima

Men - Richard

Thanks to Thea, Richard, Paul and Frikkie as well as Elma Botha at **New Active Health and Fitness** for their enthusiasm and help. Hopefully this will become a regular item on the calendar.

**Debbie Behrens**

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### *On the Lighter Side:*

**NATAL CURRY CONTEST**

If you can read this whole story without laughing then there's no hope for you.....

Note: Please take time to read this slowly.

For those of you who have lived in Natal (South Africa), you know how typical this is. They actually have a Curry Cook-off about June/July. It takes up a major portion of a parking lot at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg.

Judge #3 was an inexperienced food critic named Frank, who was visiting from America.

Frank: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a curry Cook-off. The original person called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking for directions to the Beer Garden when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (Natal Indians) that the curry wouldn't be all that spicy and, besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted".

**Here are the scorecard notes from the event:****CURRY # 1 - SEELAN'S MANIAC MONSTER TOMATO CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- A little too heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick.

Judge # 2 -- Nice smooth tomato flavor. Very mild.

Judge # 3 (Frank) -- Holy shit, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway. Took me two beers to put the flames out I hope that's the worst one. These people are crazy.

**CURRY #2 - PHOENIX BBQ CHICKEN CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- Smoky, with a hint of chicken, slight chili tang.

Judge # 2 -- Exciting BBQ flavor, needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

Judge # 3 -- Keep this out of the reach of children. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver! They had to rush in more beer when they saw the look on my face.

**CURRY # 3 - SHAMILA'S FAMOUS "BURN DOWN THE GARAGE" CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- Excellent firehouse curry, great kick.

Judge # 2 -- A bit salty, good use of chili peppers.

Judge # 3 -- Call 911. I've located a uranium pill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drain Cleaner. Everyone knows the routine by now. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting pissed from all the beer.

**CURRY # 4 - BABOO'S BLACK MAGIC BEAN CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- Black bean curry with almost no spice, disappointing.

Judge # 2 -- Hint of lime in the black beans, good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a curry.

Judge # 3 -- I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Shareen, the beer maid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. That 200kg woman is starting to look HOT...just like this nuclear waste I'm eating! Is chili an aphrodisiac?

**CURRY # 5 LALL'S LEGAL LIP REMOVER...**

Judge # 1 -- Meaty, strong curry, cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick.  
Very impressive.

Judge # 2 -- Average beef curry, could use more tomato. Must admit the chili peppers make a strong statement.

Judge # 3 -- My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chilli had given me brain damage. Shareen saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw them.

**CURRY # 6 - VERISHNEE'S VEGETARIAN VARIETY...**

Judge # 1 -- Thin yet bold vegetarian variety curry. Good balance of spices and peppers.

Judge # 2 -- The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic, superb.

Judge # 3 -- My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. I am definitely going to shit myself if I fart and I'm worried it will eat through the chair. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that Shareen. Can't feel my lips anymore, I need to wipe my ass with a snow cone ice-cream.

**CURRY # 7 - SELINA'S "MOTHER-IN-LAW'S-TONGUE" CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- A mediocre curry with too much reliance on canned peppers.

Judge # 2 -- Ho hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. (I should take note at this stage that I am worried about Judge # 3. He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably).

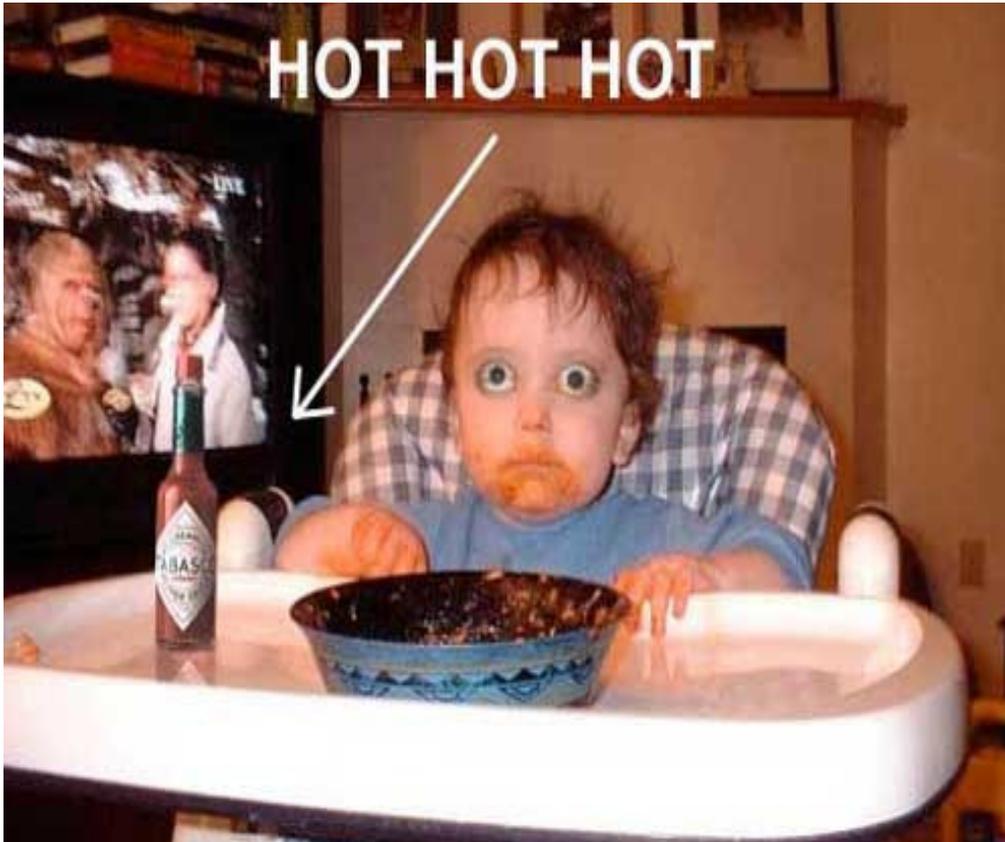
Judge # 3 -- You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with curry which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava to match my shirt. At least, during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing- it's too painful. Screw it; I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

**CURRY # 8 - NAIDOO'S TOENAIL CURLING CURRY...**

Judge # 1 -- The perfect ending, this is a nice blend curry. Not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

Judge # 2 -- This final entry is a good, balanced curry. Neither mild nor hot, sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge #3 farted, passed out, fell over and pulled the curry pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor man, wonder how he'd have reacted to really hot curry?

Judge # 3 - No Report.



| <b>Programme 2010 Program</b> |                               |                                  |                                   |
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| Date / Datum                  | Description / Beskrywing      | Activity / Aktiwiteit            | Contact / Kontak                  |
|                               |                               |                                  |                                   |
|                               |                               |                                  |                                   |
| 09 March                      | Social – Waterbok 16          | Slides of past hikes             | Debbie<br>083 357 2636            |
| 13-14 March                   | Moedersrust                   | Two Day Hike (3)<br>Herman Khune | Johan de Villiers<br>072 712 7022 |
| 10 April                      | Inkwelo Mountain              | Day Hike (2)                     | Debbie Behrens<br>083 357 2636    |
| 13 April                      | Social, Venue to be announced | Slides of past hikes             | Debbie Behrens<br>083 357 2636    |
| 24-27 April                   | Drakensberg Traverse          | 4 day Hike, Cathedral Peak (4)   | Ruan Adendorff<br>082 577 7555    |
| 24-27 April                   | Small Berg Traverse           | 4 day Hike (3)                   | Johan de Villiers<br>072 712 7022 |
| 11 May                        | Social, Venue to be announced | Slides of past hikes             | Debbie Behrens<br>083 357 2636    |
| 15-16 May                     | Greytown Tugela Ferry         | 2 day, Hiking (2) o l v Hottie   | Thea Groenewegen<br>083 378 7655  |

*\* Dates to be finalized. The programme is subject to change.*

*\* Datums moet nog bepaal word. Die program kan verander.*

### **Rating System**

1. *Family weekend.* Children, prospective & older members. Easy, short hikes often-good facilities.
2. *Easy hike.* Footpaths present or otherwise flat open terrain.
3. *Average difficulty.* Path over varying terrain, often steep. Sometimes paths, route finding necessary.
4. *Difficult hike without footpath.* Might incl. bundu bashing, serious scrambling, kloofing or exposure.
5. *Technical climb.* Requires climbing gear (sometimes ice climbing gear).

**Enigiemand wat voorstelle vir 'n uitstappie het en/of vir ons die uitstappie kan lei, kan gerus vir Ria Kotze kontak by 082 682 8646.**

## **General Interest**

***If anyone has anything of interest they would like to share in the news letter or wants me to put an article about anything in, then please contact me. It has to be relevant to hiking, mountaineering, camping or the outdoors. Ideally the article or request should reach me within the first 12 days of the month.***

**Trading Post:**

**For Sale:** XXX

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**Wanted:** XXX

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