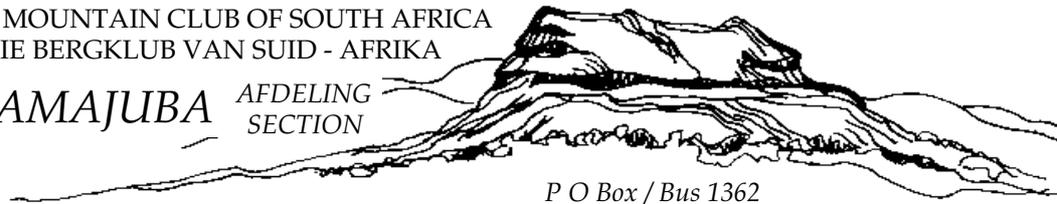


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## **JubaJabber - Monthly September 2013**

### **News items**

#### **Love and Woe.**

Have not heard of any illnesses or otherwise, so I am assuming that all is well with our members and their loved ones.

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

Your committee for the year **2013** is as follows:

Chairperson: Hermann Kuhne - 0845600613.

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

Treasurer: Len Stoop – 078 598 1643.

Secretary: Christine de Villiers – 072 712 7022.

Social Convener: Thea Groenewegen – 0343123703 / 083 378 7655.

Climbing and Rescue: Ruan Adendorff – 082 577 7555.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013**

**Family membership is R260 per year**

**Single member R170 per year**

**Family pensioner R190 per year**

**Single pensioner R140 per year**

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

<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 2013</b>

## Recent outings by Amajuba Section Members.

### Giants Castle Hike

9-11 August 2013



#### Day 1

We arrived at Giants Castle at 0815, Sabine, Penny and John arrived just before us and was having coffee in the lounge. We filled in the mountain register and started to get our gear ready. It was raining very softly and there were hardly any views.

Our group consisted of Me Thea, Anny and Charmaine. We hiked up the Giants ridge and later got to the Contour junction. Here we took a right and continued until we got a nice place to pitch tents. It was still raining off and on and late afternoon the clouds lifted a bit, but nothing to excite about.

After tents were pitched we started with supper and of course the OB's. Sabine, Penny and John were playing cards in Sabine's tent. We were in Thea's tent chatting away, until the tiredness kicked in...or was it the Snakebite.

#### Day 2

Early morning we had little snowfall on our tents, I took a walk up the hill and enjoyed the fresh cold air, man it's good to be in the mountains!





Sabine's group took the route up the pass; we took the contour path route and had planned to hike to the bottom of Langalibalele pass and camp there. Sabine's group would traverse the escarpment and come down Langalibalele pass.



**Penny, Sabine and John**

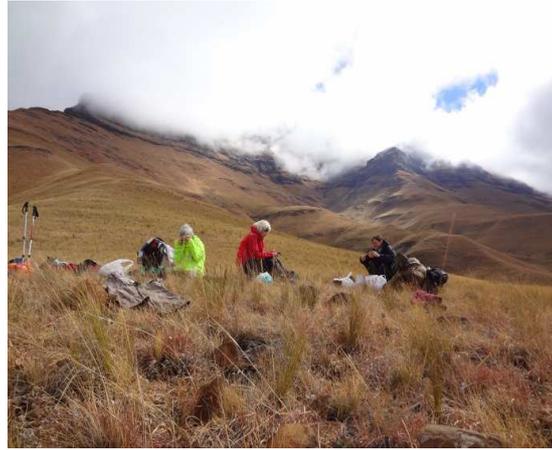


**Thea, Charmaine and Anny**

So we went on our way on the contour path, enjoying the splendour of the Little Berg. The sun was coming out and we were in high spirits. We took it easy; Charmaine had a huge blister on her heel. On a ridge we stopped and had a long lunch, I was getting so lazy... was thinking that this is a great place for a camp site.



**Hermann**



**Lunch time**

After lunch we continued with the path and arrived at the Langalibalele pass junction. There was a group of day hikers that went up Bannermans Ridge and when we met them they were on their way down on the Langalibalele Ridge. We found a great spot and pitched the tents. Chilled out, enjoyed the views.



**Supper**



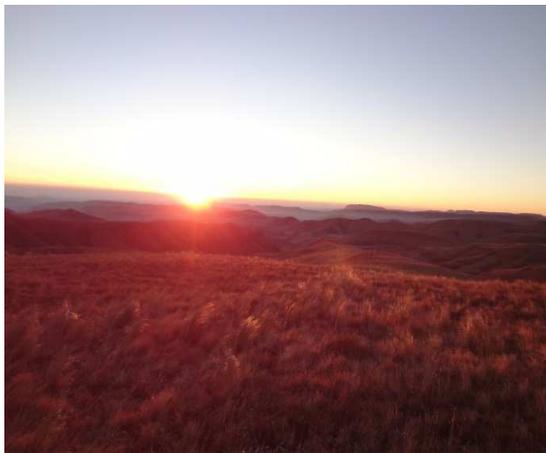
**Awesome views**

We made supper and sat outside until the cold chased us back in the tents and into the sleeping bags. Stars were out and the weather forecast for the following day was WIND!!

## Day 3

### **WIND!!**

We woke up with the sound of wind. The westerly wind blowing from Lesotho must have been 40 km/h. we had breakfast and started packing up. Breaking up the tents in this wind is no joke.



We started hiking down the Langalibalele ridge and soon we were down in the warmer valley. We crossed the second river and had a long snack stop there, from here it's a 2 km walk to Giants Castle camp. We stopped at Rock 75, here is a brief explanation:

From June to September 1874, troopers of the 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment under the command of Colonel A.W. Durnford had camped at this site. During their 4 month stay, various attempts were made to blow up the Bushmans River pass and other mountain passes in the area. To prevent the movement of the Amahlubi Tribe, and their cattle from Natal into Basutoland. The regimental cook carved the number 75 into this rock as a reminder of this regiments occupancy of the valley.



Soon we arrived at Giant's camp, and there-after went for a cold one on the stoep. Sabine penny and John arrived about a hour later and joined us. Then goodbyes and the way back to Newcastle

Thanks Thea, Anny and Charmaine you were my first group since becoming a mountain leader.

## Hermann



## Amajuba Berg dag uitstappie

*17 Augustus 2013*



### Noordelike Aansig van Majuba

Ons het 09h00 bymekaar gekom by die Kwaggasnek afdraai en toe voort na die Majuba terrein. Ons het die paadjie gevat wat aan die weste kant van Majuba loop en dan weer terug na die noordelike kant. Halfpad op het ons gestop vir 'n snack en iets om te drink. Die wind het nogal erg gewaai, darem het ons nie van die berg afgewaai nie. Dis te lekker om vir 'n verandering dag sake te dra!



**Minka**



**Gerhard**



**Amajuba Terrein**



**Gerhard, Minka, Louise, Hermann, Doug, Hermann en Adriaan (Inkwelo in die agtergrond)**

Ons het toe bo gekom met min moeite en die uitsig geniet. Ons het gesels oor die geskiedenis van Majuba.





**Ruan en Louise**



Ons het die tydjie daarbo geniet, die wind het nog gewaai en ons het by die baken gesit en gesels oor wat se kos ons saamvat op staptoere in die berge. Met daardie gesprek het ons honger geword en besluit ons moet nou maar af se kant toe...braai wag vir ons.



**Hermann en Adriaan**



**Minka, Louise en Ruan**



Ons het toe tussen die twee ablusie blokke gebraai, die wind het nog steeds baie gewai en hier kon ons lekker braai. Na ons gebraai het, het ons nog gesels en later die pad terug gevat huis toe.

Dit was 'n baie lekker dag uitstappie, baie dankie aan Doug en almal wat saam gekom het.. Ons sal weer so maak.

## Hermann

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### OF INTEREST

#### **The Knackered Swan Pub and B&B**

**The Knackered Swan Pub and B&B is nestled below the Kamberg Mountain in the Kamberg Valley, Only 36kms from Nottingham Rd and 28 kms from Rosetta.**

**(GPS 29.18.54.S...29.45.23.E)**

**The establishment consists of a Self-catering Cottage which sleeps 5, it has Double Bedroom and 3 beds open plan.**

**2x B&B with bathroom on suite, and a bedroom with 2x single beds (to share bathroom) The use of a beautiful cosy lounge with fireplace.**

**The Knackered Swan Pub has a restaurant and Joan makes Home-made Pies – Chicken and Steak—Kamberita Pizzas and Lasagne. Joan is still increasing her menu, once the Kitchen is complete (at the moment a work in progress)**

**We are presently building 3 Log Cabins with lovely mountain views. These should be ready by November, and will include Self-catering common Kitchen and ablutions with hot and cold water as well as a Boma area.**



**This is most definitely a worthwhile stop on the way to the mountains**





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***You are cordially invited to a one day***  
**Introduction to Wilderness Awareness Seminar**

Hosted by the Southern Drakensberg EKZN Wildlife Honorary Officers, and presented by the Wilderness Action Group

The purpose of the seminar is to raise awareness and improve understanding of the history, value and importance of wilderness, and the principles of wilderness management within the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

**Date: Saturday 19 October 2013**

**Venue: Mountainair's Village Clubhouse, 13 Ridge Road, Underberg,**

**KwaZulu-Natal Time: 9.00am to 3.30pm**

**Entrance fee: R100.00 per person – payable at the door – this includes a light lunch and morning and afternoon tea / coffee**

(Any profits after expenses will go to EKZN Wildlife Southern Drakensberg Honorary Officer Group funds)

Apart from providing Honorary Officers with an increased awareness and understanding of the importance of the wilderness areas of the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park, it is anticipated that the seminar will provide interested and likeminded members of Underberg and surrounding communities, teachers, tourist guides, hiking club leaders and the tourist industry, with a similar awareness and understanding of the importance of wilderness, so they will be better informed to advise and brief visitors, school groups, tourists and recreational visitors to the uKhalamba-Drakensberg Park, as well as when utilising these areas themselves.

As it is essential that the organisers have some idea of the level of interest and the numbers likely to attend - if you intend coming please RSVP **Philip Grant** pgrant@yebo.co.za **082 417 9163** before **Wednesday 31 July 2013** or preferably as soon as possible!

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**On the Lighter Side:**



**Moral of the story, do not be in a wheelchair when there are croc's around!**



Been there and what a bummmpppppyyy road



Ok, nothing new, we are all used to that by now



**Well, I suppose it speaks for itself**



**Try not to get hurt in this area**

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## Program for 2013

Date	What/Where	Details	Contact number	Contact
5-6 Oct	Xenicave,Cathedral Peak	Easy weekend hike <b>2</b>	0798950708	Hermann Kühne
<b>8 Oct</b>	<b>Newcastle club</b>	<b>Social</b>		<b>Committee</b>
12 Oct	Hap en Stap	Social	0343123703	Thea Groenewegen
8 Nov	To be confirmed	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	0343123703	Thea Groenewegen
9-10 Nov	To be confirmed	Xmas party, Berg outing <b>2</b>	0343123703	Thea Groenewegen

\* 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).

## 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 15 days of the month.*

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## Trading Post:

**Nothing**

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