

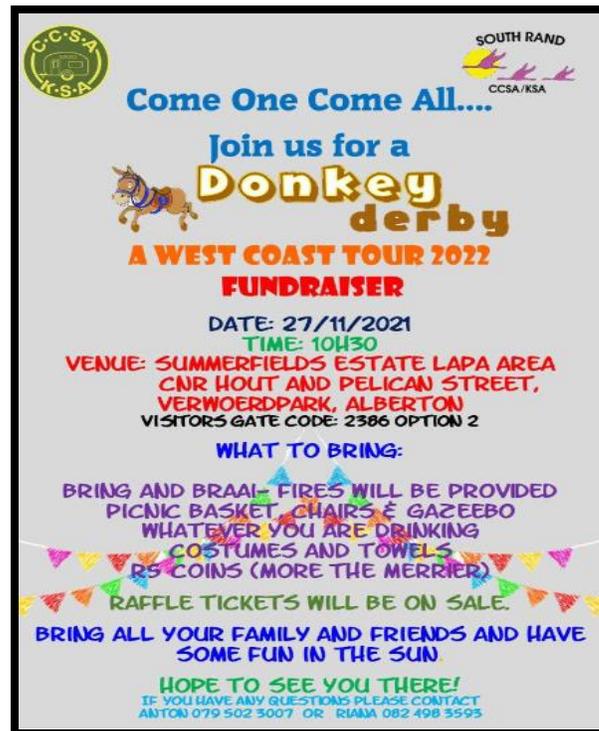
## **SOUTH RAND REGION'S DONKEY DERBY TOWARDS THE WESKUS TOUR FOR 2022**

We have been thinking for quite some time on how we can boost the tour funds for next year's Weskus Tour.

The members were getting frustrated with the normal raffles on a rally and with the tour members harassing them to dig deeper into their pockets.

Then on a very wet and muddy rally in Oranjeville, we were asked why we don't arrange a Donkey Derby. The seed was planted and whilst on a recce to the Weskus the idea started to grow on the tour leaders.

This is what transpired from that suggestion.



A venue was secured, and an advert was designed and posted on all the social platforms we could post on. Invites were sent to family and friends and to the regions in the CCSA.

In these difficult times we were fortunate to receive generous donations from companies and our members to ensure that the day would be a huge success.

### Build up to the derby by the MC

*Hey, hey, hey, a Special day, it is South Rand's Donkey Derby fundraiser for the West Coast Tour.*

*Durban has the Durban July, where Ladies get dressed up, wearing the latest fashions.*

*South Rand has a Donkey Derby in LA, that is Lower Alberton for the uneducated.*

*Ladies time for you to be creative and strut your stuff wearing your latest fashion creation.*

*Big request though Lassies and Lady's, nothing too saucy as we need to consider some of the nearly senior members of our club.*

*Joe has a pacemaker, so he is OK, I am so old I have seen it all, Carlos is from Europe where nothing is too much.*

*It is guys like Glen, Pieter, Anton, Jaq, Etienne, Colon, Sean and the others that we need to worry about.*

*Besides the fashion, the weather, the limited amount of booze that can be consumed on a single day, the Donkey Derby is the place to be.*

*All you big time gamblers as well as those that like to have a flutter on the side, bring your hordes of R5 coins, one never knows, tomorrow could be your lucky day.*

*Be there or be square, we are relying on your support.*

As we were getting closer to the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 the nerves started to get the better of us. Why? Well, two days before the derby we had some heavy rainfall - 150mm in two days.

This was taken on the 26<sup>th</sup> the day before the derby.



NO this is not Father Christmas. Its preparation for the derby



The entrance to the venue.

I must have looked at the weather app on my phone at least 30 times that day to see if it was going to rain. My app stated no rain but cloudy. I was so grateful for the assurance from my app that we don't have to cancel or postpone the derby.

Early on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> we started setting up the venue.



Our MC for the day explained the rules to everybody whilst the donkeys were warming up for the 1<sup>st</sup> race.





The raffles, coin toss to the bottle and the wheelbarrow filled with refreshments was fully supported by all.

The winner of the wheelbarrow with all its contents donated some of the refreshments back to the derby and a auction started.

Again, the hands went deeper into the pockets to grab the bargain of the day.



What should have been only a cloudy day ended up as a very wet and cold day. The kids enjoyed the rain and the mud.

The men braaied under the gazebos whilst the rain was pouring down.





The day ended earlier than planned but over and above the rain and the cold it was a huge success. The tour leaders expressed their appreciation to all that joined and contributed to the success. If we could do this with approx. 40 people imagine what could be done with 120 people.

We raised a fantastic amount of **R17 640.00** THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY. !!!!!!!!!!!

A special note of appreciation to all the sponsors and apologies to the Mom and Dads for the wet and muddy kids they had to take home.

Watch this space, more events of this nature will be part of South Rands fund raising going forward.

**THE TOURLEADERS.**