



Alfred County Herald

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Chairmans Chatter

Good day. February was a well needed rest at Natalia. It is suggested that this resort is to be part of our itineraries in future.

Thank you to all who attended.

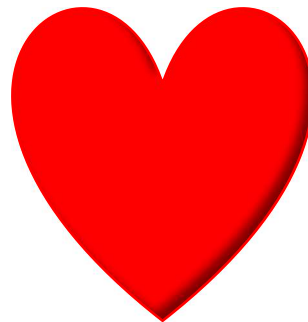
Leisure View, a resort that we also enjoyed have decided to close business. After an urgent call by them, Glenda managed to secure a space at Marlon.

I hope you have not had any rain damage and is looking forward seeing you at Marlon from 21 to 23 March 25. Kindly consider their special offer on page 4. Also place your food order (menu p3) with your payment.

Johan von Backström

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ATV NATALIA

What a pleasant surprise, a very first rally for me and Breggie at this resort since we joined Alfred County. A weeklong stay at a very well and neatly planned campsite was extremely relaxing.

In getting there the Bookers, Foxcrofts and Von Backströms planned to travel together. The Bookers and Foxcrofts had prepared for the DCA Tour after the rally and had their radios fitted. The trip to Natalia was very relaxing and we did not encounter heavy traffic.

When looking at the campsite, each stand was nicely paved and had space for your caravan and awning, allowing the camper to quickly clean his site. Every four sites shared a concealed bin and water tap.

The February rally took place from 14 February 16 February 2025. There were eight vans attending and Arie and Rosemary Haage the rally marshals. Glen Purdon seems to be a person who loves special occasions and had a valentines day rose ready for every lady attending – thanks Glen, this was very special and appreciated.

With willing hands, we all setup camp very quickly. Friday evening, Arie and Rosemary had cooked Russian sausages for us to enjoy. Saturday, we had to prepare ourselves for the Vegetable Darby, famous to the one and only Arie and Rosemary. Before the Darby, each participant had to display their horse. One really had to look at the finer qualities of each horse.

You will notice that some had in-depth discussions regarding just that.



Foxy was the duly appointed betting manager and official, also called the paymaster. Arie was the fitness and course manager setting of the horses and so often checking their fitness when having to go back two spaces. Rosemary had a very well trained and extremely fit horse, so much so that no one had a real chance to win.

After the horse racing event, it was time for a braai. Luckily Arie had an extended awning setup, and we were able to braai despite some rain coming down. We had an exceptionally time of fellowship, laughter and so very often the “when we’s” came up with lots of jokes on previous and some very naughty members. Good memories, however, are seldom recorded in some or other format to be enjoyed by others. Maybe, the “when we’s” need to have a special place to post their memories for us – we can call it the “when we corner (would like to hear what you think about it).

The rain that started on Saturday afternoon, was just the start of much more rain to come for the remainder of the week.

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Sunday morning, time to start packing up for some and for us remaining, time to think about some well needed relaxing time. But, before relaxation is to kick in, time for the friendlies need to be set aside. As usual, Ann Foxcroft shared Gods Word with us.

The usual recognition to members, hilarious jokes to be shared and planning for the next rallies to be discussed. During the rally, we had to deal with some sadness as well. Arie gave us feedback about his dearest that is struggling health wise. Arie, we do understand that you and Rosemary will not be able to attend rallies as was done in the past. We remain however astounded in the way you deal with your situation, the positiveness as well as your unwavering support both to CCSA, Alfred County and mots importantly, your commitment towards Rosemary – indeed an example difficult to match. Having said that, we would still like to have you as members of our region.

The second most important aspect that needed clarity revolved around the app some of Natal Province regions are using. At the previous provincial meeting Alfred County was question on reasons for not using the app. Although answer given seemingly not so well accepted, I said that it will be discussed with the members before a final decision will be made. The meeting, after some in-depth discussion decided that Alfred County, with its current systems, feels that the usage of the app will not be considered at this stage.

Arie and Rosemary were recognised for their work as marshals for the weekend and the meeting then concluded.

For us that remained, we had to deal with the heavy rains that tormented the area. It needs to be mentioned that the drainage at the resort is of an extraordinary standard. Never were any of the stands soaked with pools of water. Although the awnings were wet, the paved surfaces never were such that we stood in standing water. Seepage is excellent.

During the week, Leisure View notified us that they will not be able to host us for the next rally. Glenda contacted Marlon, who, as is in the past, was willing to accommodate us. Glen Purdon and Marius Will be the marshals.

Breggie and I learned to play Yatzee, and we also tried out a board game called Triominoes, bought in Swakopmund. Time flew and Friday arrived. The DCA tour group setoff for Gauteng and Breggie and I left for home. An amazing week came to an end. Be sure, this will not be the last that we will visit ATKV Natalia.

The Shack Menu for Marlon

Chips Regular	R25
6 Chicken Nuggets and Chips	R 60
Battered Hake and Chips	R60
Sausage and Chips	R60
Calamari and Chips	R100
Chicken Nuggets and Sausage	R70
Chicken Nuggets and Fish	R90
Sausage and Fish	R90
Chicken Nuggets and Calamari	R90
Sausage and Calamari	R100
Fish and Calamari	R110

Shack Basket – 4 Chicken nuggets, 1 Frankfurter in pieces, 100g Calamari, 2 portions Chips R170

Banking Details

Caravan Club of SA – Alfred County

FNB Marine Drive Shelly Beach

Branch Code: 250062

Account No. 63003321287

Use your surname as reference

NB. If paying EFT R20 rally fees + park fees.

BIRTHDAYS

6 March Kyle Cronje

26 March Rosemary Haage

ANNIVERSARIES

No One

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Rosemay Haage

Louis Manté

FROM THE PEN OF THE CHIEF RALLY MARSHAL



The rally rates for Marlon are as follows,
R130 pppn

R20 rally fee

R10 Imali.

The park is offering pay for 3 stay 4 nights or pay for 5 stay for 7 nights.

The weekend will be marshalled by Glen and Marius.

Members attending are encouraged to support the Shack on Friday evening. The menu is on page 3.

There will be a communal braai on Saturday evening. The.

Marshals request each couple bring a salad to share, something different i.e. not potato salad.

Games will be organised Saturday afternoon.

Please let Glenda have your intention and payment latest by 17th March 2025



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Microsoft sent out a communication that they will stop with the development and maintenance of Publisher. I have migrated to MS Word

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