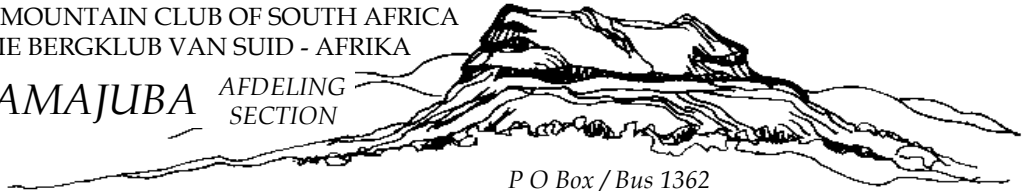


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JubaJabber - Monthly

September/October 2011

News items

Lief en Leed

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 **2011** is as follows:

Chairperson: Thea Groenewegen – 0343123703 / 083 378 7655.

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

Treasurer: Len Stoop – 078 598 1643.

Secretary: Inalize Oosthuizen – 073 240 9647

Social Convener: Jandri Barnard – 084 580 3501

Climbing and Rescue: Ruan Adendorff – 082 577 7555.

Juba Jabber & e-mail: Adriaan Dippenaar – 082 337 2970 / adriandip@telkomsa.net

Publicity: Estie Gunter – 072 325 5078

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2011

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:

Bank:	Nedbank
Account Holder:	MCSA Amajuba Section
Account Number:	1337163309
Branch Code:	133724
Reference:	Your initials and surname and Subs 2011

Recent outings by Amajuba Section Members.

Craig – dagstap vanaf Thornhill – Deur die drade.

‘n Lekker groepie van 10 stappers het Saterdagoggend, 19 Februarie bymekaar gekom by Johan en Christine de Villiers se huis in Thorn Hill Estate. Ruan en Esté, Len, Martie, Inalize en 3 van haar vriende was deel van die groep.

Die weer was effens renerig en bewolk maar nie te min het ons afgestap na die hoofhek. Christine het ons laat proe aan die vruggies van die bloubos wat in die Estate groei.



By die hek uit het ons dadelik regs gedraai en deur die veld al langs die elektriese heining opgekoop verby die ou skietbaan tot by ons eerste heining. Ons het ‘n entjie verder boontoe eers die uitsig gestaan en bewonder en ook ons asemhaling weer onder beheer gebring. Die klim was nie baie lank nie maar steil genoeg om die asem te laat jaag.



Ons het aan die bokant deur ‘n hek gegaan en toe aan die agterkant afgestap tot by ‘n stroompie waar ons weer ons waterbottels volgemaak het.

Van daar het ons al langs die stroom afgeloop deur die klofie en deur nog 'n klomp heinings geklim. Christine het ons ook die wilde aarbei laat proe langs die pad en ons het nog vruggies van die bloubos geëet.



Eindelik het ons by 'n plek in die rivier gekom waar ons lekker kon rus, eet en lyf natmaak. Die water was maar effens koelerig, maar heerlik na die oggend se stap.



Die pad terug was aan die bo-kant van die klofie, weg van die stroom tot ons hom weer moes kruis naby die dam. Vandaar was dit weer terug oor die bult en af langs die elektriese heining tot by Thornhill se ingang.

Terwyl Inalize en haar vriende nog 'n slag gaan swem het in die reservoir het Johan en Ruan en Len solank die vuur aangesteek. Daar was heerlike slaai en pap en sous op die spyskaart. Ons het lekker saam gekuier en saam geëet voordat almal laat middag huis toe is om te gaan rugby kyk.

Dankie aan Johan wat die stap gelei het en almal wat iets bygedra het vir die ete. Dit was voorwaar 'n heerlike dag!

~ *Inalize Oosthuizen* ~

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IMPORTANT

Please remember the the Annual General Meeting which will take place on the 8th of November at the Newcastle Club, time is 18h00. It will also be a bring-and-braai. Newcastle club will provide side-dishes at a cost of R60pp; your contact person is Estè on: 072 325 5078

OF INTEREST

Sent: 19 October 2011 07:28 PM

Subject: [Kznmail] Ezemvelo requests

Dear MCSA member

Iona Stewart (Conservation and Hiking committee member) and myself had a very interesting and productive meeting with Ezemvelo recently.

We would like to bring the following to your attention:

- No cycling is allowed in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg park. The only exceptions are: designated Mountain Bike Tracks and roads in the reserve. Please respect the rules of the park. If you do see people cycling, you can report them to the office, or just make them aware of the rules, since they probably just don't know any better.
- Ezemvelo would also like us to report back on any aircraft we see in the Drakensberg. If you could note the time and aircraft and report it back on the rescue register, then they can follow up on it.
- When you do go hiking in the Berg, please remind your friends that when they are answering the call of nature, to please dig a DEEP hole (at least 15 cm) include the paper, do not burn it and put a rock on top as well – to keep the baboons away. We do not want **to** have the same pollution problem as some other wilderness areas are experiencing. (And Ladies, please take a Zip-Lock bag to carry out your sanitary products.)
- And since it is Bramble time again – please remember to only eat the brambles on your way out...

Happy hiking and climbing!

Kind regards,

Hannelie C Morris

President of the MCSA KZN Section

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It came to our attention recently that some hikers, camping at the summit of Organ Pipes Pass, had some of their gear stolen during the night, presumably by smugglers. Not much detail is known about this incident, and it was not reported to the authorities.

We inform you of this issue in the interests of creating an awareness to prevent further problems. It is recommended that you do not overnight anywhere directly on the Organ Pipes Pass trail, nor near the summit of the pass. We also strongly urge anyone who has problems on their hike to report this to KZN Wildlife, and, when applicable (as in the case of theft) to open a case with the police.

One of the problems about security issues in the Drakensberg is that many incidents are never reported. If anyone has more information about the recent case, please let us know!

Please see our [Berg Alert 2011](#) thread for more.

Yours in the interest of a safer Drakensberg,

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On the Lighter Side:

Why our matric's/Grade 12's fail!!

(d) Explain why phosphorus trichloride (PCl_3) is polar.

God made it that way.

□ □ □

(b) Sea salt is commercially obtained from sea water by the process of evaporation and crystallization. The main component of sea salt is sodium chloride.

What type of attractive force or bond holds the sodium ions and chloride ions together in a crystal of sodium chloride?

James bond.

□ □ □

CHECKING IN (Answer on your own and hand in to your instructor)

The water of the earth's oceans stores lots of heat. An engineer designed an ocean liner that would extract heat from the ocean's waters at $T_h = 10^\circ\text{C}$ (283 K) and reject heat to the atmosphere at $T_l = 20^\circ\text{C}$ (293 K). He thought he had a good idea, but his boss fired him. Explain.

Because he slept with his boss' wife. - Jathan...
Oh dear!

PETER

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4) Expand

$$(a+b)^n$$

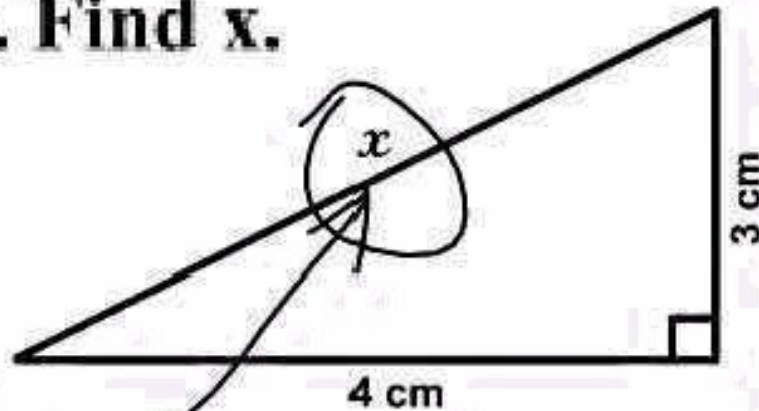
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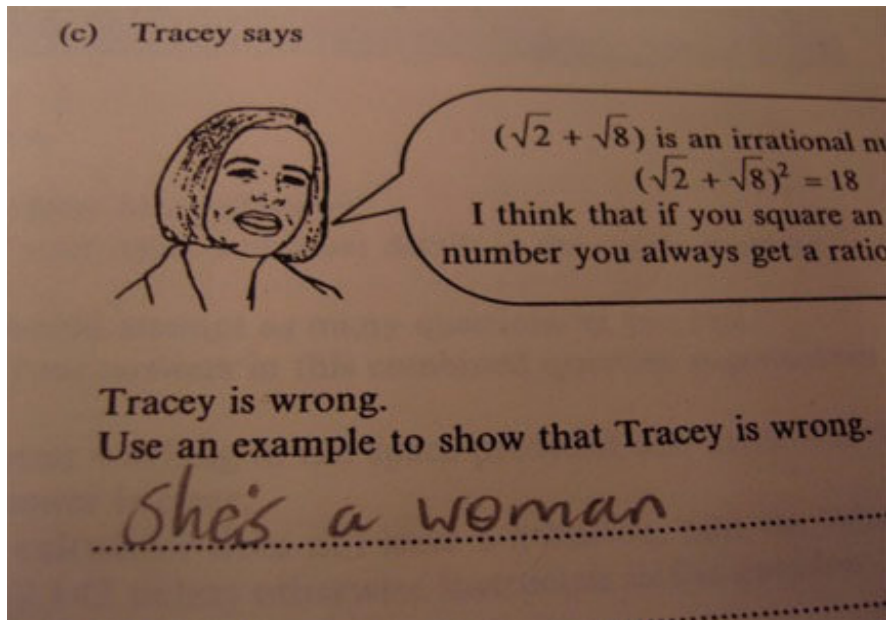
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Very funny, Peter.

3. Find x.



Here it is



Program for 2011

Date	What/Where	Contact person	Contact number	Details
29/30 October	Roodepoort hike (2)	Johan de Villiers	0727127022	1 night's sleepover in tents.
08 November	AGM @ Newcastle club	Jandri Barnard	0845803501	Braai: bring your own meat. R60 pp
12 November	Langkrans hike (1)	Johan de Villiers	0727127022	Day hike, pack your own lunch.
26/27 November	Year end function @ Stijllkranz (1)	Thea Groenewegen	0833787655	Planning to leave on Friday afternoon, though others can join on Saturday morning.

* 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.

Trading Post:

For Sale: Nothing

Remember, you can sell anything here, not only hiking or camping related.

Wanted: Nothing

If there is anyone not receiving the Juba-Jabber via e-mail and wants to receive it that way then please send me a mail at; adriandip@telkomsa.net so I can add you to the mailing list.