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## **JubaJabber - Monthly** **August 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.

Juba Jabber & e-mail: Adriaan Dippenaar – 082 337 2970 / [adriandip@telkomsa.net](mailto:adriandip@telkomsa.net)

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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>

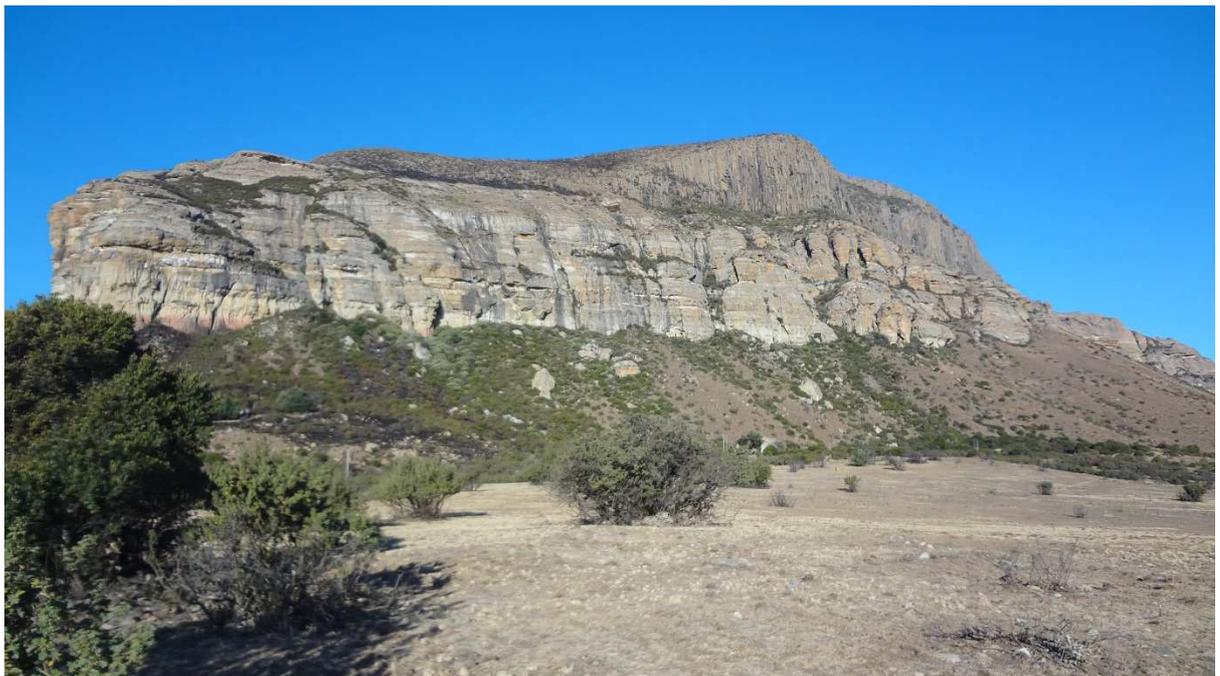
## Recent outings by Amajuba Section Members.

### Mount Everest (Harrismith)

Ek moes my kinders kry op Bethlehem die saterdag, toe besluit ek om sommer die vrydag deur te ry mount Everest toe. Dit is 'n baie lekker plek vir kampeer, stap en rotsklim. Ek het met Mullerspas op gery en in die rigting van Harrismith. Gerhard was in Monks Cowl en het ook deur gery en kom kamp. Die geriewe is baie basies, maar gerieflik. Ons as klub moet vir 'n naweek gaan kamp daar, dis nie so ver om te ry nie.



**Mt Pelaaan**





**Gerhard Kampvuur**

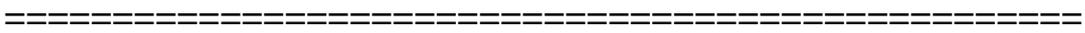


**Eagle Mountain, Everest**



**Platberg**

**Groete, Herman**



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## OF INTEREST

### **NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION AS AT 2013-07-03**

Western Cape Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Cape Town

Tel: 021 937 0300 (WSAR)

Convenor : 082 338 3176 - Andy Wood

Convenor: 082 499 9656 - David Nel

For mountain security / crime related incidents in the Cape national parks call: 086 110 6417

<http://mcsacapetown.co.za/activities/rescue>

Hottentots Holland Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Somerset West

Tel: 021 937 0300 (WSAR)

Convenor: 082 393 0407 – Gela Tölken

<https://sites.google.com/site/mcsahot/search-rescue>

South Cape Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Plettenberg Bay/Knysna/George

Tel: 10177 (Metro)

Convenor: 082 339 1240 – Drew Scott

Convenor: 082 323 4349 - Rogan Hindmarch

<http://mcsasc.wordpress.com/search-rescue-2/>

Eastern Province Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Port Elizabeth

Tel: 10177 / 041 585 1555 (Metro)

Tel: 072 324 4985 (MSAR EP Vodacom number)

Tel: 073 755 2250 (MSAR EP MTN number)

Convenor: 082 781 1770 - Tim Jones

[http://eas.mcsa.org.za/S&R/SR\\_General.htm](http://eas.mcsa.org.za/S&R/SR_General.htm)

KwaZulu-Natal Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Durban / Pietermaritzburg / Drakensberg

Tel: 0800 005 133 (Metro)

Convenor: 082 990 5876 - Gavin Raubenheimer

<http://kzn.mcsa.org.za/search-rescue>

Gauteng Rescue Emergency Contact Numbers:

Johannesburg / Pretoria

Tel: 074 125 1385 (MSAR GP 1)

Tel: 074 163 3952 (MSAR GP 2)

Convenor: 083 274 1116 – Dean v d Merwe

Note the Gauteng team also covers the Free State, North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga

<http://msargp.rescue.org.za/>

MCSA National Search and Rescue Convenor Rob Thomas - 082 652 1490

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## MCSA News Bulletin Aug/Sept 2013

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#### 1) 2013 BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is back in South Africa. The South African leg of the 2013 film festival is hosted by Cape Union Mart in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. Two highlights this year include the films, Crossing the Ice and Gimp Monkeys. Crossing the Ice is about the perilous journey across Antarctica to the South Pole and back again, completely unassisted. Gimp Monkeys reveals the accomplishments of three disabled climbing friends in their attempt to complete the first all-disabled ascent of Yosemite's iconic El Capitan. Screenings are at Ster-kinckor cinemas from 25 October to 1 November 2013 [Banff.co.za](http://Banff.co.za)

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#### 2) BMC INTERNATIONAL WINTER CLIMBING MEETS: 26 JAN – 2 FEB 2014

The BMC is pleased to announce that next year's BMC International Winter Climbing Meet will be located in the Cairngorms (Scotland) which has some of the best winter climbing in Britain. You are invited to put forward two representatives from each country to attend this event. IF THE MEET IS OVER SUBSCRIBED PLACES WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE CLIMBER PER FEDERATION. Preference will be given to people who have not attended a BMC International Meet before. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS: 27 SEPTEMBER 2013. If YOU are interested, please contact MCSA Secretary (Jenny Paterson) via email to: [secretary@mcsa.org.za](mailto:secretary@mcsa.org.za) for an application form. Mountaineering Federations will be advised by 18 October 2013 which applications have been successful. No travel arrangements should be made please until the successful applicants have been advised through their Federation.

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#### 3) CABLE CAR AGAIN PROPOSED FOR THE MNWENI AREA IN THE DRAKENSBERG

City Press August 4: Lightning strikes the Drakensberg about 100 times a year, but after a feasibility study released this week, government may finally go ahead with the project. An ambitious blueprint for the cable car was unveiled where the cable car is likely to be developed over the next four months. The new study (conducted by Graham Muller Associates) follows two earlier, less positive studies. The Federation of Drakensberg User Groups, found it extremely unlikely that any -cable car project could be sustainable in the area because of a number of factors, including the unpredictable and potentially dangerous weather, and the low number of tourists. The project requires 300 000 visitors a year – more than twice the current figure. <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Drakensberg-cable-car-debate-is-back-20130804> <http://www.scribd.com/doc/157872752/Pie-in-the-sky>

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#### 4) FACEBOOK PAGE FOR STEVEN VENABLES

A Facebook page has been created for Steven Venables' lecture tour 10 - 23 November 2013: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273440666129319/>

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#### 5) ROCKLANDS BOULDERING IN JEOPARDY

The relationship between boulderers and the landowners of Rocklands has reached boiling point. The prominent areas closed to bouldering as of 28th July 2013 are: Black Shadow, Tea Garden Roof, Tea Arch. Rocklands is owned by five different landowners: four farmers and Cape Nature. The private landowners have been allowing climbing on their land under the assumption that climbers would manage their climbing in the same way that they would for Cape Nature Land. This has not been so and the environment has sustained significant and continuous damage. The Wild Card is no longer accepted for Cape Nature Land and the permit is R60 per day per climber. The MCSA is scheduling meetings with CN to find a middle ground for this recent development. Fortunately, CN has agreed to accept the Wild Card for the 2013 bouldering season.

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## 6) WATERVAL BOVEN ROC RALLY 2013

The Boven Roc Rally takes place from the 20th to the 22nd of September. Rock climbers migrate from all over the country to the small town of Waterval Boven for a long weekend of climbing, hiking, sending, sunshine and a hell of a party. Rally climbers test their endurance against their own personal best performances. A handicap team system levels the playing fields and for the “pro” climbers, a separate difficult section allows the hard core climbers to perform individually. Registrations open on 1 September [www.climbing.co.za](http://www.climbing.co.za)

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## 7) CLOSURE OF THE CANYON IN KLOOF GORGE

Climbers are reminded of the closure of The Canyon in the Kloof Gorge annually, from 16 August to 31 December. Failure to comply with this restriction could result in the permanent closure of the crag. Your cooperation is appreciated. The Wahlberg’s have been observed for at least 40 years at the Canyon.. 2013 Update: Both Wahlberg’s eagles have returned to their nesting site – the first one (female) was spotted as early as the 6th August and her partner was seen less than a week later. [www.climbza.co/za](http://www.climbza.co/za) [www.kloofconservancy.org](http://www.kloofconservancy.org)

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## 8) MCSA – NATIONAL MATTERS

MCSA members are invited to bring any national matters of concern to the attention of Petro Grobler ([petrogrobler@telkomsa.net](mailto:petrogrobler@telkomsa.net); [president@mcsa.org.za](mailto:president@mcsa.org.za)). It would be good though first to discuss your concerns with your Section committee.

**8.1)** Any newsworthy items for inclusion in MCSA National News can be sent to the Editor, Bridget Carrick ([bridget.carrick7@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.carrick7@gmail.com))

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## 9) SECTION NEWS

### 9.1) NEWSLETTERS NEW ON THE WEB PAGE

KwaZulu-Natal Section last quarter 2013: <http://kzn.mcsa.org.za/about-us/newsletters>  
(Ed.: If Sections would please let me know when their latest newsletters are posted, this will be covered in e-News and members of all Sections can then be alerted.

### 9.2) KILIMANJARO SUMMIT - Free State

Shortly after daybreak on the 21st of August 2013, two groups of the Free State section reached Uhuru Peak on Kilimanjaro. Suki Van Niekerk with her group of four climbers reached the summit successfully while five of the six climbers in the team lead by Nico Combrinck reached the summit. Due to health problems, the sixth member waited at Stella Point. The weather was excellent and the vistas from above very rewarding.

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## 10) SNIPPETS

### 10.1) KILIAN JORNET SETS NEW SPEED RECORD ON MATTERHORN

Ultra runner Kilian Jornet continues to demonstrate that he is amongst the best endurance athletes. This time he made short work of the Matterhorn, crushing a record that has stood for 18 years. This latest test of Kilian's athletic abilities also marked the final phase of his Summits of My Life Project. The speed attempt started and ended at the Church Square in Cervinia, Italy with the turnaround point being the summit of Mount Cervino, which sits at a height of 4476 metres (14,685 ft). The round trip journey covered 17.48 km (10.86 miles) with a total ascent of 2469 metres (8100 ft). Kilian was able to cover that distance in a time of 2 hours, 52 minutes and 02 seconds. That easily beats the previous record set in 1995 by Bruno Brunod, who finished the same route in 3 hours, 14 minutes, 44 seconds.

[www.trailrunningpain.wordpress.com](http://www.trailrunningpain.wordpress.com)

**10.2) SIANAGH GALLAGHER**, born 10 weeks premature, with just one arm and countless other complications, has become the first one-armed person to join Team GB's paraclimbing team. Only 16, she is now ranked fourth of all paraclimbers in Europe and the only person climbing with just one arm, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2385330/Sianagh-Gallagher-1st-1-armed-member-Team-GBs-paraclimbing-team.html#ixzz2dSn4rBIM>

**10.3) NEPAL 8000ERS**

Nepal with currently eight internationally recognized mountains above 8,000 metres will soon have 13. The UIAA will recommend official recognition for five peaks at their management committee meeting in October this year. The country claims there are as many as 16 peaks above 8,000 metres. [www.thamserku.com](http://www.thamserku.com)

**10.4) CEDERBERG MAP LAUNCH - Cape Town**

Over a 100 people attended the launch of Peter Slingsby’s new informative map of the Cederberg, at the Clubhouse on Friday 30th August. Peter gave a short presentation showing bygone photographs of the Cederberg area. <http://www.slingsbymaps.com/cederberg.aspx>

**10.4) BOOK COLLECTION OF NATAL DRAKENSBERG**

Gavin Peckham’s book collection of about 60 climbing books on the Natal Drakensberg is for sale to the highest bidder. The collection includes several rare and almost unobtainable volumes. Only offers above R 6000 will be considered. Contact Gavin ([gavin.peckham@gmail.com](mailto:gavin.peckham@gmail.com)) for a list and more information.

**10.5) MONTAGU CLIMBING RESEARCH**

Sean Kets ([sean.kets@hotmail.com](mailto:sean.kets@hotmail.com)) will be doing an Honours in Geography at Unisa on the financial benefits of rock climbing in Badkloof, Montagu. He is looking for 180 climbers in total that have climbed in Badkloof in the last 2 years and who have stayed overnight in Montagu, to answer questionnaires. Questionnaires will be confidential .

**10.6) CAPE PENINSULA TRAD CLIMBING BOOK**

New on the shelf is Tony Lourens’s “Cape Peninsula Select: A guide to trad climbing in the Cape Peninsula”. 320p, 380+ routes.

**10.7) ITALIAN ALPINE CLUB (CAI)**

CAI is turning 150 this year and is hosting a special conference: “Alpine Clubs in the 21st Century” in Udine, Italy from 20-22 September 2013. More info from Jenny Paterson ([secretary@mcsa.org.za](mailto:secretary@mcsa.org.za)).

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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](mailto: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:

### INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up; stood beside the little boy; and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."  
"Good morning. Father," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Father, what is this?"  
The priest replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.  
Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

***"Which service, the 9:30 or the 5:00?"***

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***The very first ever Blonde GUY joke.....***

***And well worth the wait!!!!***

**An Irishman, a Mexican and a Blonde Guy** were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, **"Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."**

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, **"Burritos again! If I get Burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too."**

The blonde opened his lunch and said, **" Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."**

**The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.**

**The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a Burrito, and jumped, too.**

**The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.**

**At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"**

**The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated Burritos so much."**

***(Oh this is GOOD!!)?***

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, **"Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch"**

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## Program for 2013

Date	What/Where	Details	Contact number	Contact
14 Sept	Kranskop	Day outing <b>1</b>	0343123703	Thea Groenewegen
20 – 24 Sept	Mweni	Combined hike with Free State section <b>4</b>	0798950708	Hermann Kühne 0798950708
5-6 Oct	Xenicave, Cathedral Peak	Easy weekend hike <b>2</b>	0798950708	Hermann Kühne
8 Oct	Newcastle club	Social		Committee
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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