



MOUNTAIN BACKPACKERS CLUB

Fixture List: October - December 2009

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members

We're ending yet another year and I have recently had a little time to reflect on where we've come over the past year. I think you will agree with me when I say that this years' committee has done the club proud!! A new Logo, a new Website, exciting socials, three community building projects, a club campout and on top of all that still had the time to get 50 new members to join our ranks and start enjoying the country that we love. WELL DONE TO THIS YEARS COMMITTEE!!!!

Another big thank you must go to all the leaders for their hard work ensuring that each and every hike runs successfully, and giving up their time for your club!

With the coming of a new year, a new committee needs to be elected at the next AGM, which will happen on the 22 October. If you feel that you would like to join the committee, please let us know as we are always looking for new committee members to bring their fresh ideas forward. We are currently taking nominations, and there will again be an opportunity to take nominations at the AGM.

The final Special Project to be run this year was one supporting the Mweni Cultural Center. John Pickup, a very well know leader in the club decided to take it upon himself to collect spare hiking equipment for the guides at the center. All the additional equipment was well received by the guides! Thanks must go to John for running with this project and following up on all equipment leads.

If you have an idea for a special project, please don't hesitate to come forward and let us know what you think your club should get involved in.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION!!! We have an exciting end of year function at "Buds on the Bay", so if you'd like to attend, please contact our social organizer for more details.

All the best
Happy Hiking
Grant Wilkinson
MBC Chairman

MOUNTAIN BACKPACKERS CLUB COMMITTEE

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THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE CLUB

Carel Buitendag & Family	Sonya Jansen van Vuuren
Eamon Bussy & Family	Gerald King & Family
Kurt Laureau	Simon Griffith
Bruce Cummins	Romy Andrews & Family
David Erwin	Vino Parumaul & Family
Heather Bell	Peter Kraus
Greg Crowder	John Fourie
Garth Theunnissen	Kevin Evans & Family
Nicholas Dancer	Brian Miller

Grading of hikes

1. Very easy trip
2. Easy trip
3. Moderate trip - physical fitness advisable
4. Strenuous trip - **physical fitness essential**
5. **Very strenuous** trip requiring a high degree of fitness

Please take particular note of **distance and height** as well as the **grading of the backpacking trip** you intend doing and ensure that your level of fitness is adequate.

FAMILY MEMBERS

You now able to have your own profile in the club membership database. Previously you were grouped together e.g. Mr & Mrs J Bond & Family with membership number 007. Now the family member who actually pays the subs is the Principal Member 007.1, and the rest of the family are Family Members 007.2 etc. Not all of you are on the new database - I simply did not have the names available when the import to the new system was done.

By being listed individually you are be able to:

- have your own membership number and membership card
- have a record of your hikes on the electronic hiking log on the website.
- have your own access to the website, submit stories, photos and participate in discussion forums.

Please let me know your details so that I can create a separate profile for each Family Member.

**Many thanks
Jovita da Silva
Membership Porfolio**

End Year Function 2009

What: Dinner and Dance at Buds on the Bay

When: Saturday, 31 October

Where: Buds on the Bay

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Cost: R145

THE FIRST 40 MEMBERS TO BOOK ONLY PAY R80

Bookings are essentials for catering purposes.

What it includes: Welcome cocktails and 6 course meal (vegetarian option available, please specify)
Cash bar will be available.

Tickets can be bought from Jeanne at the Thursday night socials, or email proof of payment to jeannerapson@gmail.com or fax to 086 5043382

Account details:

FNB Westville

Branch Code: 223526

Account Name: Mountain Backpackers Club

Account Number: 50780007264

Please use your full name followed by the word party as your reference otherwise we won't know who you are.

e.g. Jeanne Rapson Party

If you have any questions feel free to contact Jeanne (074 148 6474). More information on Buds on the Bay can be found at www.budsonthebay.co.za

See map to Buds on the Bay at the end of the Magazine.

October 2009

Date	Description	Distance Height	Leader	Contact	Grade
03	Palmiet Nature Reserve, Westville. Walk through beautiful scenery to Cascades waterfall. Meet at Village Market carpark, opposite Westville Hotel, for a 2pm start.	7 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
3-4	Bushman's Nek to Mzimude Pass via Tomathu Pass and Walker's Peak. Return via Mzimude Pass and Whyte's Cave. Grand Traverse 2010 qualifier. Bushman's Nek area.	38 km 1700 m	Grant Wilkinson	073 6168789	4-5
3-4	Lower Injasuti Cave. Injasuti area.	22 km 250 m	Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	3
10	Kloof Beacon. Downriver & up Kloof Gorge to the survey beacon on top of the escarpment. Meet at Krantzklouf Picnic Site, Kloof Falls Road for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	8 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2
17	Mpiti & Porcupine Falls. Hike upriver from Kloof Picnic Site to see both waterfalls. Meet for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee	5 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
18	Beach hike from Ballito to Salt Rock and back. Enjoy sandy beaches, rocky outcrops and tidal pools.	10 km 10 m	Duncan Hiles	031-2028677 083-2297748	2
17-18	Whyte's Cave via the Giant's Cup Trail, returning via Rob's Cave and Hidden Valley. Garden Castle area.	31 km 670 m	Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	3-4
24	Springside Nature Reserve, Hillcrest. Enjoyable walk through grassland, indigenous forest & pools. All the family welcome on this easy walk. Meet at Springside Reserve for 2pm. BYO braai.	4 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
25	Joint Ramblers / Mountain Backpackers hike: Explore the western section of Vernon Crookes Nature Reserve, including a visit to the Umzinto Waterfall and an old gold mine. Enjoy the rolling green hills and spectacular spring flowers. The hike starts off at 08h15 from George's farm. Petrol sharing costs R30 plus R15 entrance fee. Please call Jenny to let her know you are coming.	14 km	George Archibald	George: 083-4191191 Jenny: 084-9520622	1-2
24-25	Hidden Valley. Beginners (and others), hike less than 10 km with your tent and camp next to the idyllic Mzimude River. Then chill for the rest of the day. Garden Castle area.	20 km 100 m	Bobby Stanton	031 4655535 084 4655535	3
24-25	Fun Cave to Mashai Pass via Mzimkhulu Pass (North), climbing Rhino Peak en route. A high degree of physical fitness is essential. Gardern Castle area.	34 km 1250 m	Carlos Gonzalez	076-4599127 homearanya@gmail.com	4-5
31	Kloof Gorge. Come down Kloof Gorge and along Molweni River to base of Kloof Falls. Meet at Krantzklouf Picnic Site for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	7 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2

November 2009

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7	Longshadows Trail, Kloof. Hike upriver in the Krantzkloof reserve to the escarpment and down again. Meet at Krantzkloof Picnic Site for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	8 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2
7-8	Bannerman Pass to Langalibalele Pass via Spare Rib Cave. Physical fitness essential. Giant' Castle area.	28 km 1600m	Carlos Gonzalez	076 4599127 homearanya@gmail.com	4-5
7-8	Hike to Marble Baths and sleep in one of two caves or tent next to the river on Saturday night. Enjoy the pools and explore the river. Return via reverse route on Sunday. Injasuti area.	28 km 200 m	Jan Lens	082-8009135	3
7-8	Vaalribbokkop Cave via Three Pools Cave and Stable Cave, returning via the old lookout, Hlatikhulu Nek and the Sphinx. Monks Cowl area.	38 km 610 m	Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	4
14	Palmiet Nature Reserve, Westville. Walk through beautiful scenery to Cascades waterfall. Meet at Village Market car park opposite Westville Hotel, for a 2pm start.	7 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
15	Mountain Biking exploration at Cumberland Nature Reserve. Ride the route of the Cumberland Classic at a relaxed pace. Bring Picnic Lunch. Contact leader for more details.		Mike Meyer	074 1814615 lynx@eastcoast.co.za	2
14-22	Grand Traverse: Sentinel to Bushman's Nek in 9 days, unsupported. Experienced backpackers only. Co-leader: John Pickup.	230 km 10 000m	Christine Bro	Christine: 082 7826025 John: 072 1512031	5
14-15	Tenting trip to explore Simon's Cave, which was used by game guards during the early 1900s. Bookings close on 11 Nov.	22 km 500 m	Dave Sclanders	082 4434287	3
14-15	Climb Thabana Ntlenyana (southern Africa's highest peak) from Vergelegen. Grand Traverse 2010 qualifying hike.	44 km 1800 m	Grant Wilkinson	073 6168789	4-5
14-15	Tarn Cave via Cedric's Pool, returning via Gargoyle Cave and Vast Cave. Bushman's Nek area.	24 km 700 m	Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	3-4
21	Kloof Beacon. Downriver & up Kloof Gorge to the survey beacon on top of the escarpment. Meet at Krantzkloof Picnic Site, Kloof Falls Road for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	8 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2
21-22	Back by popular demand - Join us for a relaxing social weekend at Lilani Hot Springs in the Ahrens area of KZN, near Greytown. Cost R150 pppn. A Deposit of R100 pppn is required to secure your booking. No refunds – it s run by a community trust, so all deposits for cancellations will be donated to the trust. No organized hikes, but feel free to hike up to any of the hills around you. We will have a bring and share braai on the Saturday night. Early booking essential. To book, contact Anitha Jaipal on 0824568739 or 031 266 5207 a/h, email: anitha_jaipal@yahoo.com		Anitha Jaipal	0824568739 or 031 266 5207 a/h, anitha_jaipal@yahoo.com	
21-22	Backpacking trip to Aasvoelkrans Cave. General exploration to Mt Lebanon. Great for first time backpackers and new members!	12 km 100 m	Grant Wilkinson	073 6168789	3

	Highmoor area.				
28	Mpiti & Porcupine Falls. Hike upriver from Kloof Picnic Site to see both waterfalls. Meet for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee	5 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
29	Training session and braai for all Club leaders. Changes to procedures and the use of the new website will be covered. At Hillcrest High School.		Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	

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5	Springside Nature Reserve, Hillcrest. Enjoyable walk through grassland, indigenous forest & pools. All the family welcome on this easy walk. Meet at Springside Reserve for 2pm. BYO braai.	4 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	1
5-6	Ndedema Gorge exploration from Mike's Pass. Cathedral Peak area.	41 km 375 m	Dave Gay	031 7654246 (18h00 to 20h00 Mon-Thu only) cougar1@telkomsa.net	4
5-6	Wonder Valley Cave via Van Heyningen's Pass. Injasuti area.	16 km 500 m	Elaine Bushell	031 7675414 (18h00-20h00) elaine.bushell@maccaferri.co.za	3
7-18	Advanced Mountain Walking Training Course: 5 days theory and 5 days practical hike. As this course starts from the basics and works up to an advanced level during the week, it is suitable for anyone wanting to improve their knowledge and skills. Bookings close 26 Oct.		Andrew Friedemann	031 7672160 info@wildwaysadventures.co.za	
12	Kloof Gorge. Come down Kloof Gorge and along Molweni River to base of Kloof Falls. Meet at Krantzkloof Picnic Site for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	7 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2
12-13	Climb the Devil's Knuckles from Tarn Cave. Bushman's Nek area.	21 km 1250 m	Carlos Gonzalez	076-4599127 homearanya@gmail.com	4
19	Longshadows Trail, Kloof. Hike upriver in the Krantzkloof reserve to the escarpment and down again. Meet at Krantzkloof Picnic Site for a 2pm start. R15 per person Reserve fee.	8 km	Linda Marsden-King	083 6211687 a/h 031 7029138	2
26	Palmiet Nature Reserve, Westville. Walk through beautiful scenery to Cascades waterfall. Meet at Village Market carpark, opposite Westville Hotel, for a 2pm start.	7 km	Linda Marsden-King	0836211687 a/h 031 7029138	1

Advance Notices

Date	Description Distance Height	Leader	Phone
4-11 Jan 2010	Relaxed beach hike from Port Edward to Port St Johns. 90 km, grade 3-4.	Christine Bro	082 7826025 info@karkloofcanopytour.co.za
19 April – 1 May 2010	Grand Traverse 2010 230 km - Sentinel to Bushman's Nek Start your fitness programme NOW by hiking every weekend.	Grant Wilkinson	073 6168789

<p>26 April – 1 May 2010</p>	<p>Orange River Paddling /Rafting Adventure 4-day, 5-night river trip. Price R3035 per adult (includes boats, equipment, qualified guides, all meals, camping, transport back to base camp) You do not need to be a great swimmer but a reasonable level of fitness is recommended. A 25% non-refundable deposit is required by end October to secure your booking, so if you don't want to miss out on this adventure – book early. Itinerary. <u>Trip Itinerary</u> Day 1 – Arrive at Fiddlers Creek Base Camp. Trip Briefing. Dinner Day 2 - Breakfast, Safety Briefing, Gentle paddle downstream. Lunch on route. Camping and dinner on the river banks. Day 3 – breakfast, then on the river. Lunch on route, camp on the riverbanks, dinner. Day 4 – breakfast, then on the river. Lunch on route, camp on the riverbanks, dinner. Day 5 – breakfast, then on the river. Lunch on route, camp at Fiddlers Creek Base Camp, dinner. Day 6 – Breakfast, then pack for home ... or the next destination!</p>	<p>Anitha Jaipal</p>	<p>082 4568739 031 266 5207 a/h anitha_jaipal@yahoo.com</p>
<p>28 Apr – 1 May 2010</p>	<p>Olifants River Back-Pack Trail: This trail offers an intimate glimpse of the Kruger Park which few have the privilege to see. It stretches over 4 days and 3 nights and covers approximately 42 km. It will be led by two armed game rangers. A degree of fitness is required as you will need to carry a tent plus all your own food. The cost is R1753 pp plus R35 p/day conservation fee. Numbers are limited to 8, so hurry and reserve your place now! A deposit is required to secure your booking.</p>	<p>Marie Von Bargen</p>	<p>082 5027072 marie.vonbargen@spar.co.za</p>

Note

It is the prerogative of a hike leader to accept or reject members or other applicants in participating in his or her hike, after questioning the applicant on their fitness and experience. It is a privilege not a right to participate in a hike.

The following articles and/or stories are also available on the club website at www.mountainbackpackers.co.za

Mweni Guides

Some of you may have heard of the efforts being made by club members to collect hiking equipment in support of the Mweni Guides. The Guides are a group from the Mweni Cultural Centre who offer guiding services in to this area of the Berg. Here is a short note from John Pickup who is leading the effort:

Thank you very much for the kind donation of clothing, and backpacking gear which was handed over to Agrippa and the Guides at the Mweni Cultural Centre.

There were huge smiles all around and it was a good feeling to see how much they appreciated the goods and before we had left they were trying on the boots and putting up the tent to see how many could sleep in it.

If you have not yet hiked in the Mweni Area I urge you to consider doing so, as not only are the Mountains spectacular but the villagers very welcoming. Plenty of shops close to the Cultural Centre selling cokes and essentials. As one of the group members commented as the hike was coming to an end "it is like trekking through Africa."

Please continue to let me know if you have any gear or clothing that you no longer need, for the people, and I shall make arrangements for collection.

Regards

John Pickup



The Cannibal Trail

What a feast for the eyes! This fine trail is situated on a farm in the Rooi and Witteberg Mountains just 5 km outside Clarens and a pleasant 4 hour drive (including a 30 minute break) from Durban via Oliviershoek Pass and Golden Gate.



Previously known as the St. Fort Trail, the route has been changed and so many new foot bridges and stiles have been built that we lost count. There were even a few ladders to climb, which made for some exciting moments. The trail winds its way through open farmland and plateaus, up and down sandstone cliff bands peppered with overhangs and Bushman paintings, and through pristine gorges and river valleys bustling with ouhous, cypress and willow trees. There are blesbuck, very inquisitive baboons and lots of bird species to see, and everywhere there are porcupine quills. What a find this land must have been to the original farmer, and how grateful we should be that the present owner is so willing to share this spectacle with us.

We arrived at the trail head around mid-afternoon to discover the refurbished "cowbarn" is actually a very well-equipped hut with running water, electricity and bunk beds with mattresses, and quaintly-designed ablutions combining a mix of corrugated iron, brick and partially-hewn timber. Not unexpectedly for a trail that is not quite complete yet, there were a few minor problems though. The wood for our planned braai and the donkey geyser (hot water - if you wanted it - was not supplied from an electric or gas geyser) was of an industrial size, with no axe to be seen. While I scrambled around for some newspaper and dried cypress leaves to use as kindling, Anitha Jaipal went exploring and returned with some very dried-out bushes she found in the nearby barn. The latter proved to be the perfect kindling and within the hour, supper was braai'ed and the shower water was piping hot. We just hope that those bushes were not something important - like the cuttings to kick off next year's crop.



John Constable and Grant van Heerden arrived around 11 p.m. after watching the rugby at a pub in Clarens, followed by a few hours of victory celebrations. We set off around 8.30 on Sunday morning and arrived at the overnight cave around 2.30 after a relatively easy and very well-marked first day of 9 km. The cave is huge, has a fine outlook over the sandstone valley below and the mountains beyond, and is equipped with canteen tables, log benches and a braai pit. We were alarmed that the promised mattresses appeared to be missing, but on exploring the ablution block below the cave, we found them neatly stacked in the kitchen area. No hot water here - but where else do you find a cave equipped with two toilets, two showers, two basins and a kitchen sink - all supplied with fresh, cold, running water.

The second day's 7 km route was equally spectacular and thoroughly enjoyed. It included an optional climb up to Mushroom Rock, but even so we were back at the trail head by 11 and on our way home before 12, arriving back in Hillcrest around 4 p.m. Despite it being mid-winter, there was plenty of water around and nowhere near as cold as we had expected. I would love to do this trail again near the end of summer, just to see the streams and Little

Caledon River running full and the trees - especially the willows - wearing their green livery, but I expect that in high summer this trail should be tackled during the early mornings to avoid the fierce heat and afternoon thunderstorms characteristic of this part of the country.



For more information about this trail, or others in the Jacana Country Homes and Trails collection, visit <http://www.jacanacollection.co.za/> or email them at info@jacanacollection.co.za

Dave Gay.

HambaNathi

“Walk with us” Guided Wild Coast Hikes

HambaNathi offers guided hikes along the Wild coast, South Africa’s most beautiful, wildest and most exciting stretch of coast. Camp on unspoilt beaches, swim in magical rock pools, see an abundance of marine and coastal life. All hikes are fully catered. Transport and last night’s accommodation in Mbotyi are arranged. Visit our Website at <http://www.wildcoasthikes.co.za> or phone 031 202 9994.

Southern Secrets Hiking and Backpacking

Discover some of the exquisite secrets of the Drakensberg Mountains with a fully qualified Mountain Walking Guide. Single or multi-day trips. Contact Philip Grant (033) 997 1817 or Cell (082) 417 9163. or email pgrant@yebo.co.za.

Berg Free Adventures

David Sclanders runs single and multi day guided trips into the Berg, visiting rock-art sites, sleeping in tents, caves and mountain huts. He is a member of the South African Mountain Guide Association registered as a guide with the Department of Tourism, Registration Number KZN0050. He can be contacted on telephone or fax **033 239 5013, Cell 082 443 4287** or visit www.bergfree.co.za.

Training Course

WILDWAYS Adventures will be running an Advanced Mountain Walking Leader course from the 7th – 18th December 2009. Although an advanced course, the training starts with the basics and builds on the knowledge through the week. The course is split into 5 days of theory training run at our training centre at Monteseel and then a 5 day practical hike where you can practice the skills you have learnt on the theory section under the watchful eye of your trainer. One however does not need to attend both sections. Bookings close 26th October. For more information please contact Michelle on info@wildwaysadventures.co.za or **031 767 2160**.

FREE Training information

If you have missed out on any of our training sessions, the information sheets are available free of charge from our website as PDF documents. Please go to www.wildwaysadventures.co.za or www.aqn.org.za to download this information.

WILDWAYS Adventures

Have you ever wanted to do one of the best walking trails in the world? A trail through Alpine meadows and over 2 international passes. Join **WILDWAYS Adventures** on our 2010 trip to hike the **Tour du Mont Blanc**. For more information please contact Michelle on info@wildwaysadventures.co.za or **031 767 2160**.

Discounts For Members

CAPE UNION MART offers members 5% discount - **membership cards must be produced.**

CAMPING & OUTDOORS offers members 5% discount off most items on presentation of **valid membership cards.** The Crescent, Umhlanga Ridge.- tel 031 566 3177.

New store at Bailey's Centre, Builders Way, Hillcrest – Behind Oscar's – 031 7657595

OUTDOOR WAREHOUSE offers 5% discount when presented with a **valid membership card.**

BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT

In the past some members have not hiked because they did not have the necessary equipment, particularly winter gear. Our club has a full range of backpacking items, making it unique in KwaZulu-Natal. In addition to the backpacks and tents, there are sleeping bags, rain gear and gas stoves. Comfortable, warm jackets are for hire on club trips by MEMBERS only.

Hiring Fees

Item	Deposit	Daily Fee
Tent	R100	R20
Backpack	R100	R20
Sleeping Bag + Liner	R50	R10
Gas Stove	R50	R10
Jacket	R50	R10
Mattress	R25	R5
Groundsheet	R25	R5
Poncho	R25	R5

Map to Buds on the Bay >>>>>>>



EXCITING SOCIAL CALENDAR – PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE

Directions to Sherwood Bowling Club - 860 Jan Smuts Highway

From Durban - Take N3 out towards PMB, after Tollgate take the Sherwood off-ramp and turn right under the freeway in to Jan Smuts Highway, up the hill, past Jungle Nursery on the right, turn right under the pedestrian bridge into Tropical Nursery parking, follow the road past trees to the back of the nursery.

From Westville - take the M13 towards Durban, past Westwood Shopping centre, through 45th Cutting traffic lights, down Jan Smuts Highway, turn left under the pedestrian bridge (in front of Naked Ladies) in to Tropical Nursery parking, follow the road past trees to the back of nursery.

From PMB, from Hillcrest take the N3 past the Pavilion and four-level interchange, take the Sherwood glide-off, keep left in to Jan Smuts Highway, past Jungle Nursery on right, turn right under pedestrian bridge in to the parking of Tropical Nursery, follow road to the back of Tropical Nursery.

SOCIAL CALENDAR	
MBC Socials take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Sherwood Bowling Club, 7:30 for 8:00pm Wors rolls or Hamburgers sold at the venue for R15 each.	
DATE	DESCRIPTION
8 October	<u>Alien Invasive plants of Natal and the Drakensberg</u> – presented by Lynne Thompson The number of alien invasive plants that we see in our parks, beaches and mountains is increasing. What does it mean? What can we do to help? Lynne Thompson from “Stop the Spread” (WESSA) explains all we need to know.
22 October	<u>AGM - All members are encouraged to attend</u> FREE! Wors Rolls will be given to all member’s who attend. Those who would like to step forward as a committee nominee please contact a Grant Wilkinson 073 616 8789
12 November	<u>Emergency procedures and security issues of the Drakensberg</u> – presented by Brett Deavin Brett is an experienced mountain rescuer from Berg Protection Services that operate from the Southern Berg. Come learn what every hiker in the Drakensberg should know about safety and security.
26 November	<u>Star gazing in South Africa</u> – presented by Simon Milliken Ever looked out of your cave/tent on a winter’s night in the Drakensberg or walked along a starlit beach and wondered just what stars you were looking at? Simon has the answers and will be giving practical tips on how to find your favourite stars.
10 December	<u>Pub Social – Waxy’s Westville 7:30pm</u> Come and enjoy a chance to have a beer and a chat with your fellow MBC member.
24 December	NO SOCIAL (Christmas Eve)