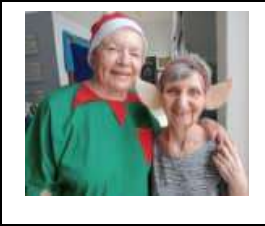




Christmas is coming...



Father Christmas and his elves ready for the Collect-athon on 20th November. They are Maggie Eley, Dave Geils, Averil Bennewith, Maureen Brown, George Brown, Betty Gordon, Jessie Young and Moira Humphreys. Inset: Anne Wilsenach and Marie Laurens.

A good quantity of non perishables was collected and, organiser, Olive Goll, had her team packing the hampers in the hall immediately after the Collectathon. Thanks are extended to residents for their generosity. The hampers will be drawn at the 100 Club and at the Christmas Craft Market.

Word puzzle winners ... They're in the money ...

There was a record number of entries in the word puzzle which offered R1,000 first prize and R500 for second. The answer **Much fun to be had by joining many village activities**, proved a bit tricky, but it was worth the effort for Lorna Brough and Betty Bodill. Many thanks to Dennis Beamish who drew up the puzzle. The winning ladies were delighted with their winnings just prior to Christmas.



Lorna Brough was first prize winner of R1.000.



Betty Bodill wins second prize of R500.

THE OMELETTE NEWS TEAM: Editor, Heather Butler 9660; Nature News, Claude Leroy 9759; Roving reporter, Don Tandy.9677.

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PLEASE NOTE: THE MARKETPLACE IS ON PAGE 12 *The Omelette team wish all readers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas and festive season.*

Nature Notes *by Claude Leroy*

South Africa's "favourite" bird - Hadedda Ibis. The Hadedda is known for its loud, distinctive call, which sounds like "haa-haa-haa-de-dah," giving the bird its name. The Hadedda Ibis holds a special place in South African culture, often considered a symbol of resilience and adaptability. Hadedda Ibises are found throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. They are commonly found in urban areas, gardens, and parks, as well as in wetlands and grasslands. They don't migrate but may make local movements in response to rainfall during periods of drought. They are social birds, often seen in pairs or small groups, and are known for their strong, direct flight. Within their native range, these birds inhabit open grasslands, savanna, wooded streams, and wetlands, as well as urban parks, school fields, green corridors, cultivated areas, and large gardens. Hadeddas primarily feed on insects, earthworms, and other invertebrates, which they find by probing the ground with their long beaks. Hadedda Ibises have sensory pits around the tips of their bills. In their foraging for unseen prey, such as shallow subterranean larvae, these pits help them to locate feeding insects and earthworms.



Ant infestations in South Africa have surged recently, with pest control companies reporting unprecedented calls for assistance as rising temperatures and unusual rainfall patterns create ideal breeding conditions for ants. Homeowners face challenges as these pests invade living spaces, nesting in various areas of homes and contaminating food. Research highlights that these weather changes displace native ant species, exacerbating the problem. With warmer weather expected, the likelihood of recurring infestations remains high. Experts suggest using measures like sealing entry points rather than relying on pesticides. Sprinkling agricultural lime around their nests will deter them in the garden and for indoors, add some spirit vinegar to whatever you use when mopping the kitchen floor and wiping surfaces



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Introducing The Omelette’s new editor – Bill Ferrar



Bill Ferrar

Heather Butler is handing over the editorship of The Omelette to Bill Ferrar from January 2025.

It was in March 2022, then editor, the late Pam Ritchie, asked Heather to take on the task which she had inherited from Linda Harris some years before. “After 34 editions, it is time to pass the baton,” said Heather, who said she is delighted that Bill is taking over.

In the past two-and-a-half years, The Omelette has grown from an eight-page printed newsletter to up to 18 pages of full colour editions, distributed electronically.

New ed, Bill, hails from Kimberley, and spent eight years in accountancy, then in an engineering merchant and agency company. He became intimately involved in the technical side, developing a close relationship with his company’s principals in Europe. When he and Val married it was a match of a Diamond Digging boy to a Diamond Crystal Sugar girl – that being the brand name of the refined sugar produced by Umfolozi Co-Op Sugar Co. The couple has three children, scattered in England, Johannesburg and Australia, and six grandchildren. From their old Durban North home, Bill and Val built a new house on the fledgling Umhlali Golf Estate, which led to his involvement with developers, and the homeowners association. He was a Rotarian for 12 years and also served on his church parish council. Bill loves sport - water sports, hockey, tennis and bowls. He says he is an “indifferent” golfer. They moved to Howick to escape the heat, where they spent six year. An unexpected weekend stay at Selborne resulted in a visit to Umdoni. And that was that.

The Omelette was started 17-and-a-half years ago by Linda Harris and the late Seton Thompson. Linda took initial editorship and roped Pam in after Seton moved to Clansthal. The village then consisted of about 240 units – prior to the development of Phase 5, which came in 2012. The village now boasts 371 units and, on average about 550 residents. In the distant past, there was a newsletter written by Phyllis Wilson, Budgie Perchman’s mother, who lived in Robin Road. “She wrote of the everyday events of the then developing village,” said Heather. One of her hilarious stories was about the necessity to wear a colander on one’s head to protect hairstyles from a rogue owl which seemed to enjoy dive-bombing grey headed people. Sadly that initial newsletter died, and it was Linda who pushed to reinstate the village news. The name The Omelette was chosen by Seton – because the property had previously been a chicken farm!

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*ResCom Rapport**By Chairman, John Cooke*

Step Down (Assisted Living) facility: The work is well advanced and completion is expected before the year-end holidays.

The facility will cater for four residents who will each have their own bedroom with en suite bathroom and private outdoor area. They will be able to enjoy the company of others in communal spaces: a lounge, verandah; and garden. The facility, being close to the Care Centre and dining room, is conveniently situated and is ideal for someone who lives alone and who is finding things difficult to manage yet who does not need care.

Roads: The much needed and long awaited roads project has started. Please bear with management and the contractors for the inconvenience you may have to experience for a week or two. It may be necessary to move your car to communal parking if you intend going out while work is underway in your area. Please remember that **20 is Plenty** in the village, especially now at this time of road repairs and having to take alternative routes. Pedestrians, mobility scooters and golf carts also use our roads, and the speed restriction is for everyone's safety.

Electricity costs: As mentioned previously, we will be moving to a fixed charge and tariff system for electricity payment but this will not come in until next year. Please heed the previous calls to use electricity wisely especially when we hear of steep rises in electricity cost that Eskom is wanting.

Cost Reduction/Optimisation: Your committee has been engaging with the consultants who are examining the overall financial and management functioning of the Society and we can look forward to their report in the near future.

Wildlife: Monkey issues and wildlife feeding are constantly on ResCom's agenda. KZN Wildlife is the legal agency involved in this and are causing some delay in any positive action. Another appeal is made to all residents NOT to feed any wildlife, this includes leaving braai left-overs out for genets etc. at night.

Communications: ResCom has been involved with the preparation of a 'best practice' HRV communications paper for Board. It is important that residents feel they are kept informed, and we, as a committee, will endeavor to do this through our newsletters, What'sApp Groups, Info meetings, RAC meetings, noticeboards and posters.

Season's Greetings:

The ResCom has its last meeting of the year on the 25th November and therefore, I take this opportunity to wish all our residents and staff, a very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with gifts of love, joy, peace and comfort.

We look forward to serving you to the best of our abilities in 2025.

John Cooke

on behalf of ResCom: John Cooke, John East, Olive Goll, Iain Jenkins, Eddie Matthews, Heather Butler, James Goble and our secretary Joy Crawford.



ROADWORKS: The village is full of the hustle and bustle of contractors on site repairing our roads. Estate Manager, Winston vd Schyff said they are expected to be around until mid December. **Photo: Don Tandy**

Supporting residents of URV by Bill Ferrar

Whilst Hibiscus Group has an admirable management programme for its villages – which includes RAC and most of our activities, there are three committees that are intertwined and focused on assisting those in our village requiring support. The Comfort Group helps those who are alone, perhaps without family, and who have both physical and mental needs – such as companionship and/or therapy. This group also distributes food parcels provided by The Mike Storm Food Scheme, (MSFS) which sources eggs for the Village Pantry, fruit and vegetables from our visiting fruit and veggie man, Seelan, fish and other products from Adcan Marine, and other suppliers, all at favourable prices. The Comfort Group identifies eligibility of recipients, so that there is total confidentiality.

These two schemes receive financial support from the Umdoni RV Residents’ Benefit Fund (RBF), however, the MSFS has received generous support from the Village Eagles Golf Club, obviating the need for a December advance from the RBF. The Residents’ Benefit Fund was established to administer any bequests or donations received from residents or others. Funds are assigned for the comfort, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of ALL residents in the village, and to support additional needs of those in Frail Care. All these projects require money, and to avoid depletion of capital, the Residents’ Benefit Fund is the logical recipient for future donations or bequests to URV. In their Estate planning, villagers and their families are encouraged to support this.

Rock ‘n Rhythm was like a yesteryear lucky dip By Les Perchman

What an incredible variety of videos. So full of surprises, it was like opening a yester-year lucky dip. The evening kicked off with a breathtaking performance by Irish twinkle-toes, Michael Flatly and his troupe of tap dancers. A clip from Pretty Woman followed. We were so enthralled by Richard Greer and Julia Roberts some of us forgot to listen to the music. Our attention was re-focused on the poignant 1959 final Buddy Holley concert before his untimely death. Delight followed sadness with a performance by John Lennon. Everyone clapped except Yoko Ono. We cheered for Nights in White Satin, Eric Clapton, the harmonious Hollys and the Mamas and Pappas, who looked far too young to be doing such things. The Berkley Music College orchestra’s rendition of The World in Union reverberated in an airport concourse evoking memories of the 99 Rugby World Cup opening ceremony. With a voice smoother than full bodied wine, Dame Shirley Bassey’s Gold Finger deserves a special mention. From start to finish the programme was a feast of entertainment. Thank you Peter Brittain and Jess Hawes. We look forward to next month’s Rock & Rhythm.

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- Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December CLOSED
- Boxing Day, Thursday 26th December CLOSED
- Friday 27th December OPEN 9am - 4pm
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- Sunday 29th December OPEN 9am - 2pm
- Monday 30th December OPEN 9am - 4pm
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Claude's trusty Vespa GS loaded and ready – somewhere Claude found space for himself.



Claude on the right, with a few of his fellow Vespa riders.

Travels on a Vespa

By Don Tandy

Most people wouldn't consider a Vespa scooter as a mode of long-distance travel, but for Claude Leroy, traversing the length and breadth of Southern Africa only presented challenges.

In 1961, while living in Nyamdhlovu, Rhodesia, Claude acquired his first Vespa as a means of transport, a second hand 1956 model. This was upgraded in 1962 to a brand new Vespa GS, which, over the following few years, was Claude's means of transport, as well as providing leisure on regular outings with the Vespa Club, traversing Rhodesia on numerous trips and venturing as far afield as Durban, Cape Town and East London to attend Vespa National Rallies, racking up ± 95 000 km in three years.



These long-distance trips were undertaken by Claude, usually accompanied by a few of his fellow members from Salisbury Vespa club, and included:

- Salisbury – East London – Durban – Salisbury – to attend a National Vespa Rally, riding 4382 km over two weeks.
- Kariba – Cape Town – Durban – to start university – a ride of 4591 km
- Harare – Cape Town – Durban – Harare – to attend a National Vespa Rally in Cape Town and 5889 km



Claude Leroy, Then and Now

Christmas Sunset Proms - An evening not to be missed

On Sunday, 22nd December at 5.30 for 6pm, at the swimming pool car park, the carol singing evening takes a somewhat different format as the **Christmas Sunset Proms**. Please invite friends and family, including children, to a joyful celebration led by the Umdoni Village Singing Group. It will be an open air, sing-a-long with carols and a variety of well-loved Christmas songs. Keyboard, sound system, a Christmas tree and lights will be where Seelan sells vegetables. Bring chairs, picnic snacks and drinks and let's enjoy the music in a typically South African way. Please feel free to decorate your golf carts, walkers and yourselves. The AMBC pub will be open after the show. For more information Neville 9609 or Budgie 9822.



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This beautiful card was coloured in by our centenarian at the Care Centre, Elize Abrams, who celebrated her 101st birthday in 2024. Thank you to Rosemary Boonzaier who oversees art days at the Care Centre, and for submitting the card.

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Top class art on show at wine tasting

By Don Tandy

The bottomless pool of talent from within the village and from local artists was once again on display with photographic displays from Amber Bird, Olive Goll, Moira Harding, Iain Jenkins, Dee Kennedy, Carol King, Claude Leroy, Andy Lottering, Patrick Poole, Sheila Weatherstone and the Scottburgh Photographic Club. Artists displaying some remarkable works were Helen Turk, Lesley Perchman, Charlotte Fraser, John Cooke and Anton Hawkes.

Three wines were introduced and offered for tasting by Cheryl from OK Liquors. These were a white, rose and red, all from the Perdeberg Cellar “Soft Smooth” range all consumed with much enthusiasm



Above: Colin and Linda McCall-Peat with Barry Currin, and below: new residents, Des and Lorraine Curtin.



Above: Admiring some of the photo displays – Dee Kennedy, Colleen Porter and Malcolm Parry, and right, Nigel East and Alisa Proctor Parker.



Comrades’ marathon – how many runs can URV boast in total

The Comrades Marathon is an ultramarathon of approximately 88 kilometers, which is run annually between Durban and Pietermaritzburg. It is the world's largest and oldest ultramarathon, and for many runners it represents the pinnacle of running events. The first run was in 1921 with 48 entries, 34 starters and 16 completing in the time limit of 12 hours. Entries are now capped at 25000, and to date over 300,000 runners have laid claim to a comrade’s medal.

There are numerous residents of URV who have completed the event, many of whom have done so multiple times. This raises a question” How many runs have been completed by villagers?”

Please send your tallies to Don Tandy at donalexandy@gmail.com, or by calling him on 9677.

Widenham recently asked the same question, with a staggering 253 collectively, with one man having run 22. Let’s see if we can top Widenham.



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CHRISTMAS IN UMDONI RETIREMENT VILLAGE

By Betty Gordon

“Begone Dull Care” the poet said, “There is no room for sadness”
 It’s Christmas Time and you will find it’s full of joy and gladness
 And even if you’re all alone you’ll very soon discover
 There’s jollity and laughs and smiles because we have each other
 Of Santa Clause there’s sure to be not one but three or four
 Too many elves for me to count and Fairies even more
 There’s crackers and there’s paper hats, holly and mistletoe
 There’s candlelight and Midnight Mass and Carols we all know
 Collections made of Christmas goods of sweets and toys and such
 For those who in this sorry world don’t have so very much
 Be grateful for the fun and joy that’s bound to come your way
 And in your heart find thankfulness for a happy Christmas Day

Something in your mind ... letters are welcome

Boxes are at coffee shop and library or email umdoniomelette@gmail.com. You may use a nom de plume. The next issue deadline is December 16.

Country Bumpkin looks like a pumpkin By Dennis Beamish

Been looking like a neglected mutt
 I thought it was time to have a haircut
 Being out of touch with big city things
 My son took me off to the “Hair Kings”
 A friendly, dumpy, little fellow
 His hair was black, his skin greyish yellow
 His English was not very good
 Not a word he said that I understood
 My attempt at Filipino
 Scored for me a great big zero
 He asked how I wanted my hair cut
 I said trimmed, I’m too bald for a mullet
 He asked, “wax your nose hair and ear hairs?” I said no
 Then without asking, gave my eyebrows a go
 He ran his clippers over my head, then brushed off all the cut hair
 He blew me clean with compressed air
 This he repeated five more times
 (I can’t think of anything with this that rhymes)
 I now look like an American cop
 Maybe I was supposed to tell him when to stop
 I know now, when I need my next hair fix
 I’ll just ask for a number 6
 I think I will go back there again
 I look like my mate Noel Steyn.

Eskom Power Usage

Recently I have been asked to set solar geysers to avoid high tariffs. This caused me to look into the structure of the power use costs. The Society is charged on the tariff schedule (for all the power the village uses) whilst we are charged a flat rate (for what we use). Some at the minimum cost and the balance on the 3 month meter reading ; credited if we use less or debited if more. The result is that we do not enjoy any benefit by sticking to the schedule, HOWEVER, the less we use (on scheduled times) the less the overall charge to the village and the less the shortfall ... then the less the divided costs to us. So diligence will, in the long run, bring us all savings on power use.

Errol d’Ólveira.

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PRIZEWINNERS at Conveners' Tea: A delicious tea was held by RAC to thank Conveners for their continued support. A lucky draw resulted in ten beautiful prizes being handed out. The delighted recipients are Joan van Prooijen, Moira Harding, Monica Lobjoit, Hazel Nyenes, Bill Berry, Naom Wellman, Heather Beckerling, Enid Chapman, Marion Steyn and Bryony d'Oliviera. Chairman of RAC thanked all for their dedication, and a huge round of applause was given to Bernadette Harrison and her team from Linga Longa who provided such delicious eats.

Letters ...

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Val says than you

I wish to thank all our friends and fellow villagers to the prayers and good wishes for Mike especially over the last few years.

A big thanks to Bernadette and Stewart Harrison for facilitating Mikes wake in Linga Longa.

Thanks to all who attended and for your support much appreciated.

Val Kamerman



Author, Tony Park.

Tony Park launches his new book

Author Tony Park, who has a house in Pennington, will be visiting Umdoni Village to talk about his latest bestseller novel, *The Protector*, and how it is that he, an Australian, came to be living in South Africa and writing books set in Africa's wildest places. The Protector, Tony's 22nd African thriller novel, recently went to number 1 in South African fiction.

Tony will be selling books at the talk, with special discounts for Umdoni residents. Cash only, please.

Remember the date, Wednesday, 27th November, 10am in the hall.

URV gym helps post-op recovery By Bill Ferrar

When Val Ferrar underwent hip replacement surgery, in July, her doctors monitored her post-operative recovery and pronounced it as successful. However, Val was concerned that the muscles of her "glutes" appeared to have withered and shrunk, and she discussed this with her surgeon, who have her an exercise program.

He agreed that cycling would be beneficial, so Val started walking to our village gym and using the exercise bikes, starting slowly and increasing the duration with each visit.

Her upper leg has strengthened and visibly improved in shape, and she has received the all clear for all exercise. "With the pool warming as summer comes, I still cycle regularly and can't wait to get in the water," said Val.



Val Ferrar pedals to good shape.



Above: **Winners of The Marriott Mixed 2-4-2.** Len Brickhill, Norma Boyd, Ron Boyd and Judy Hoyer.



Session prize winners: Noelene Venter, Barrie Ainslie, Coleen Porter.



Top quizzers are back and on form

They're back - the Golden Oldies came back and proved they hadn't lost form! But it was a close shave for them on 33 points, as The Can't Remembers had an equal score, but on a play off of five further questions, the latter was deemed runner up. No third prize. So the dosh was shared. It was a very interesting quiz and got the brain cells jingling, with what common phrase means the same as *Invisible Lunatic* – it's "out of sight, out of mind!" We were nearly out of our minds trying to work that one out. And only two players who won Wimbledon for five consecutive years were Bjorn Borg and Roger Federer. Martina Navratilova didn't get a look in, even though this Czech-American tennis legend, won Wimbledon women's singles six years in a row from 1982 to 1987 – the record for the most consecutive Wimbledon wins. We were right but you-know-who was right? He who shall be named misogynist (or not) quizmaster strongly prejudiced against women! It was a full house with only a few teams not a full complement. Another fun evening, and while there may be banter, it is much appreciated how much work quizmaster Mike Eley, puts into the fun monthly quiz. Thank you Mike. Always on the last Monday of the month at the bowls club, 6.30pm for 7pm, and the pub is open. Teams of four but people on their own are always welcome, as there is usually a team looking for a fourth

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Santa's workshop: Ian Barton Hobbs caught working away in his workshop, preparing for the Christmas season. Ian is either in his workshop or in his very productive garden. He is always busy.

KBA winners



Congratulations to our AMBC ladies who won the KBA sevens league. They are, Noelene Venter, Hilary Holmes Annatjie Kidd, Linda Hudson, Estelle Collier, Erna Herbst and Barbara Henderson

Bob Elliott, Liesje de Rosner, Annatjie Kidd

Our bowlers sweep the board

By Annatjie Kidd



Huge congratulations to Liesje de Rosner {Silver} and Annatjie Kidd and Bob Elliott (Bronze) who excelled in the KBA Masters competition. You have done our club proud.

KBA SEVENS LEAGUE

During a week of difficult weather conditions our A side sevens ladies brought the trophy home. Our B side also played well by coming second in their section.

MARRIOTT MIXED 2-4-2 – Played as Fours

The Marriott Mixed 2-4-2 were played as Fours on Tuesday the 12. Winners on 4+17 were Len Brickhill, Judy Hoyer, Ron and Norma Boyd. Runners-up were Henry Hampson, Noelene Venter, Billy Smith and Yvonne Connelly on a 4+5. The 2nd session winners on a 2+4 were John and Estelle Collier, Colin Hudson and Christine Gage.

CYMA Tournament: A very successful CYMA competition, sponsored by Fanie de Jager of CYMA Construction was held on 2 November. Thanks to Glynnis and her helpers in the kitchen, the bar volunteers, Tony and the green staff, Peter Gladwell for doing the scoring and of course all the bowlers who participated on the day.



Runners up: Estelle and John Collier, Derek Hodge



Winners: Fanie de Jager (Sponsor) Sue Terblanche, Malcolm Swanby, Jerry Davey.

Winners were Malcolm Swanby, Jerry Davey and Sue Terblanche. Runners-up were John and Estelle Collier and Derek Hodge. Third were Linda and Colin Hudson and Shirley Tucker. The session prize went to Barrie Ainslie, Noelene Venter and Colleen Porter.

Anyone for tennis

Kevin and Petra Ayliff relax at the AMTC year-end function. Tennis was played from 9am to noon, followed by a bring and braai.



The ladies provided delicious eats at the tennis braai. Above Aiston and Judy Gordon. The event was well supported and thanks are extended to Ian Aitkin who proved an excellent braai master. AMTC members wish all residents of Umdoni and very Happy Christmas and healthy new year. Photos: Charlotte Olsen.



After tennis socialising: Rene Badenhorst, Manfred Fichtl, Eugene Page, Aubrey Williams, Vanessa Mundell and Sue McClelland.

100 Club winners



Among the RAC's 100 Club winners drawn at AMBC last month are, above, RAC chair Jess Bird with winner Bryony Rogers; top right Janet Proctor, and right, for the second month running, Don Tandy. Next 100 Club draw is Friday, 29th November It'll be one not to be missed as RAC will draw the first batch of hamper winners that night. The rest will be drawn at the market next day, Saturday 30th in the hall.



REMINDER FOR VILLAGE NATIVITY PLAY

The annual village Nativity Play is on Saturday, 14th December, in the hall at 5pm. Pop the date in your diary.

Early deadline for next edition of The Omelette – 15th December, 2024.



Berg here we come: Dee Kennedy, Moira Harding, Lee McGaw and Sheila Wetherstone were caught in the lens of Lou Willers, just before setting off for a break to the Berg. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Umdoni ladies win Bronze Division at KZN inter-club

The 2024 KZN Ladies Golf Association (KZNLGA) Inter-Club tournament was held at Richards Bay Country Club 17th to 19th October 2024. 173 Ladies from 26 clubs in KZN competed in Bronze, Silver and Gold divisions. The golf course was in immaculate condition and great golfing weather conditions. Two of URV ladies golfers, Bryony Rogers and Sarie Hall represented Selborne



Bryony Rogers, President KZNLGA Nicci Taylor, and Sarie Hall.

Golf Club in the Bronze division. They had a marvellous round on Friday and were winners of the day on 43 points. After three days golfing they were 4th overall. All the ladies enjoyed an excellent Inter Club.

A bit of neighbourhood history...

Park Rynie is a near neighbour to Umdoni Retirement Village. It was established in 1857 and possibly named after Renetta (nicknamed Rynie) Hoets, wife of John Phillip Hoffman, partner in the firm Nosworthy & Co that bought the original farm for development. There was a whaling station here, built during WWI, called Park Rynie Whales Ltd. A breakwater, Rocky Bar Pier, and a landing ramp were also built.

The whaling station was linked to the Bluff, Durban. The season lasted from March to September because whales would migrate northward past Durban at the start of the Antarctic winter.

The whaling industry in Durban reached its peak in the 1950s and was one of the biggest land-based whaling stations in the world. The station operated 24 hours a day, processing thousands of whales annually, making Durban one of the busiest whaling ports in the world.

If you grew up in the 1950s in Durban there's a good chance that the ice cream you enjoyed might have contained whale oil! Back then, whale by-products were used in various food products, including ice cream, margarine, and more.

The whaling station was used for coastal whale hunting in the summer, the butchery of the whales and the rendering of the oil and its storage. The SA whaling industry ceased in 1976.

Whales play an important role in the ocean ecosystems by bringing stability to the food chain.

Removing the top of the food chain, drastically disrupts population counts of many other animals, which can throw the ecosystem off balance resulting in chaos for people whose jobs involve commercial fishing. Parts of a whale trawler wreck are visible at Rocky Bay Beach at low tide.

Umdoni resident, Lorraine Harvey, worked at the Bluff whaling station until she married Mike in 1966. She then returned for another two years until she had her son. The staff travelled through the army area at the end of the Bluff, past the lighthouse to get to the whaling station.

Linga Longa Coffee Shop – A Christmas Message

Linga Longa team would like to wish all our very special customers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2025. We will be closing on the 13th of December and reopen 15th January. If you would like to join our team as a volunteer in the new year or earn some pocket money by baking, we will welcome you on board.



Winners: ,Ian Baird, Janet Beckerley, Alan Munn and Graham Coxell.



Longest Day: Jeremy Boyd, Janet Boyd, Gus Crous and Rob Bowman

Low lost ball count at Umkomaas for Eagles By Stan Sim

November had the Village Eagles Golf Club play at the Umkomaas Golf Course. The golf course was in very good condition, thank you to all for the effort made. We had 52 players in attendance on a lovely cool morning for golf. The lost ball count was a very low 31 balls, and the prize went to Colin McCall-Peat for his estimate. Very well done to all the players for such a low lost ball count. Best Lady was Janet Beckerley with 41 individual points, and Noel Jessop, on a count out with Dennis Middlemiss, took the men’s prize, also on 41 points. The winners on the day were Graham Coxell, Alan Munn, Ian Baird and Janet Beckerley on an alliance score of 92 points. The longest day, and collecting the Stones Trophy were Jeremy Boyd, Rob Bowman, Gus Crous and Janet Boyd on 81 points. The results were calculated by Stan Sim, Alistair Eyers - thank you for the effort. Ian Aitken presented the results, and this went without a hitch. On the fines side, Jeremy Boyd was the master and this was well supported. We thank all our sponsors for making this an enjoyable day.



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