



S.A.A.R.P. Umhlanga Social Club

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Chairman's Message

Hello All,

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY !

So, the New Year is almost upon us and a very happy New Year to all. As I am writing this before 25th December, let me also wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

2018 seems to have disappeared very quickly - it brought some good times but also unfortunately some very sad times with the loss of dear friends.

Welcome to our new member, Maureen Abbs. We trust you will enjoy our club activities.

The visit to the Aviator was a resounding success so a repeat is definitely called for. The same can be said for Panaji and the Regal Inn

Unfortunately, prices in the New Year have in many cases increased substantially. Angelo's is an example. Also, a return trip to the Stallions restaurant at Galloping Winds is not possible, as the restaurant has closed. But there is some good news..... Ming Bow have held their prices and there are some exciting new venues in the pipeline.

Don't miss our February meeting. *Hear how in 1964/1965, Colonel Mike Hoare led 300 'Wild Geese' across the Congo to crush a communist rebellion, rescue 2000 nuns and priests from barbarity, beat Che Guevara ... and become a legend. Chris Hoare separates the man from the myth in a way only a son can, and concludes his 'mad dad' was an officer and a gentleman with a bit of pirate thrown in!*

Finally, the AGM will now take place at our March Meeting. The Committee will stand again but help is always welcome, so please advise of any nominations.

Please advise

- a) if you cannot cater on your day so that alternative arrangements can be made (Brian: 083 661 3259),*
- b) of any changes of address, telephone or e-mail – this is important if you wish to receive newsletters and other notifications timeously (James: 083 625 6248).*

Finally, yet again, many thanks to the dedicated team who help to make the Club so successful.

Brian Widdowson - Chairman.

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Calendar of Events

Monday Coffee Mornings at St Michael's Church Hall, Durban View Road, Umhlanga at 9.30 am

4 February 'Mad Mike' Hoare: The Legend. A talk by Chris Hoare, his son.
Caterers: Janet Hughes, Lynn Heath, Philip Meyer, Brenda Meyer, Ken Miles, Margaret Miles, Lucille Montgomery, Robin Morris, Athlone Morris and Julia Nicholas.

4 March AGM, followed by talk by MSC Cruises on Coastal Cruises.
Caterers: Sandy Wood, Yvonne Lee, Jeff Leibbrandt, Margie Leibbrandt, Marie Lombard, Joseph Lloyd, Irma MacGregor, Adey Manchia, Laël Markel and Cheryl Marker.

BREAKFASTS: 9.00 for 9.30.

Wed 23 Jan Royal Fig (Previously Café de Royal), Royal Durban Golf Club, Greyville Race Course.
Menu: 2 eggs, 2 rashers of bacon, tomato & toast plus Coffee or Tea.
Cost R40 at door (Tip will be paid by Club).
NOTE: Names to Julia by latest, Friday 12 January. Tel: 031 563 1974.
Number is limited to 30, so don't delay!

Thurs 21 Feb Hingham Nursery, Clematis Grove, Glen Anil.
Cost of R 52 includes Coffee or Tea and tip. Members pay R45, Max no 35.
Payment to Julia Nicholas on or before 4 February.

Tues 19 March Press Club, Umhlanga Centre, Ridge Road; Umhlanga.
Cost of R 60 includes Coffee or Tea and tip. Members pay R50.
Payment to Julia Nicholas on or before 4 March.

LUNCHES: 12.00 for 12.30.

Tues 12 Feb Lunch at Ming Bow, Shop 80, Protea Hotel Building, opposite the Spar Centre in Ridge Road, Umhlanga.
Cost for set menu, including one beverage (wine, beer, soft drink, tea or coffee) and tip would be R80, Members pay R70. Additional drinks R10.
Payment to Julia Nicholas on or before 4 February.

Thurs 7 March Lunch at Nikos, 54 Adelaide Tambo Drive (Previously Kensington Drive), Durban North. To the right of entrance to Woolworths. Parking in basement.
Choice of 3 mains: a) Skinny Lamb Chops;
 b) Classic Chicken; or
 c) Vegetarian Falafel.
Cost including one beverage and tip R99. members pay R85.
Payment to Julia Nicholas on or before 4 March.

VISIT:

Thurs 14 March Tour of Oyster Box Hotel at 10h00.
Tour, followed by refreshments (details and price to be confirmed).
Maximum number 20.
Payment (when price is known), to Julia Nicholas on or before 4 March.