

HERMANUS SOCIAL CLUB - October 2019



SAARP

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A VERY BIG welcome to our new Members:

Doreen Crisswell, Joan de Beer, Patty Bennett, Patricia Blackstock, Pat Etsebeth and Maggie van Niekerk



A Huge Thank you to Lizette for the great day that many members spent in Genadendal. The lunch of home-made pies and salad, washed down with Pineapple/ Honeybush cordial, was followed by a conducted tour by Dr Isaac Balie. His "history lesson" was peppered with interesting stories and demonstrated with some members standing in as the first missionaries. We were able to

wander

around at our own pace, visiting the museum, the water-mill and famous pear tree, before enjoying a cup of tea and cakes before returning home. A most enjoyable day away!



For the Technically Minded

SAARP now have a new Facebook page. You can access it by typing "SAARPSA" in the search box on your Facebook page – if you have one – or Google: <https://web.facebook.com/saarpsa>. You will then be directed to their page, but will need to create an account with a password if you want to see all the articles.

Mathematical Perfection – especially for those who enjoy card games

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD1000. Herewith are some interesting facts and observations about "playing cards".

Did you know that the traditional deck is a strikingly coherent form of a calendar?

There are: 52 weeks in a year & 52 playing cards in a deck

13 weeks in each season & 13 cards in each suit

4 seasons in a year & 4 suits in a deck

12 months in a year & 12 court cards (Jack, Queen, King in each suit)

Jacks = 11, Queens = 12 and Kings = 13. Therefore each suit has cards valued from 1 to 13, and sum of all the digits = 91. Multiplied by the 4 suits, $91 \times 4 = 364$. Add the Joker and you have 365 (days in a year). In some card games 2 Jokers are used – indicating a Leap Year.

The red cards represent Day, while black cards represent Night. Spades indicate ploughing, Hearts a love for the crops, Diamonds reaping wealth and Clubs growth.

(Thanks to Pinelands Branch for sharing!)

And talking of cards -

Every Friday at 3p.m. at Karmenaadjie, van Blommenstein Road, Onrus

Just turn up – no need to book. Make new friends and enjoy an afternoon of Canasta or Scrabble. Donation R10 please towards running costs. Optional refreshments are available for your own account. Contact Lizette if you would like to be added to the Friday WhatsApp Group.

Social bowls at the Hermanus Bowling Club. Please note that there will be no bowls in October as the greens are being used for competitions.

Wednesday 9th October at 9.30a.m. for 10a.m.

Monthly meeting at the Sandbaai Hall. Our speaker, Monika von Oppel, will take us on an interesting journey through China, Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan and Iran and will discuss the cultural and religious differences and similarities of these countries that are so much in the news at the moment.

Wednesday 16th October- Spring into Summer



Wear your brightest summer colours for our Al Fresco lunch date at Karmenaadjie. Time: 12.30 for 1p.m.

Our 3-course meal of Mezze (Starter Platter), Chicken Roulade & Salads followed by Ice-cream costs R130. You may bring your own wine with no corkage charge. Come early to the next meeting to book and pay.



Wednesday 13th November 9.30a.m. for 10a.m.

Monthly meeting at the Sandbaai Hall. FCT Tours will excite us with details of their numerous tours for seniors in 2020. Why not get together with a few friends and plan a holiday to a destination within South Africa, to another African country or even to Europe. (Having been to Botswana with them, I can strongly recommend! – Ed.)

Wednesday 20th November 12 for 12.30p.m.

The one you've been waiting for!! – our End-of-Year Celebration at the Hermanus Golf Club. A great menu has been planned so put the date in your diary NOW! Book and pay at the October or November meeting when further details will be divulged.

Can you help? The book stall would love you to donate any books you have enjoyed reading so that others may enjoy them too. Also please return for resale any books you have bought from SAARP – let's recycle!! All proceeds are used for club expenses and to subsidise outings whenever possible.

Talk to us! At the October meeting we will be asking, by a show of hands, how many of you are interested in renting our DVD's. Yes, - I know that it is considered "old technology"! – and some of you may have Netflix, but before we stop offering this service we want to be sure that it won't be missed. We have just received a donation of more DVD's and they will be available on 9th October to rent for a month at only R10 each.

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