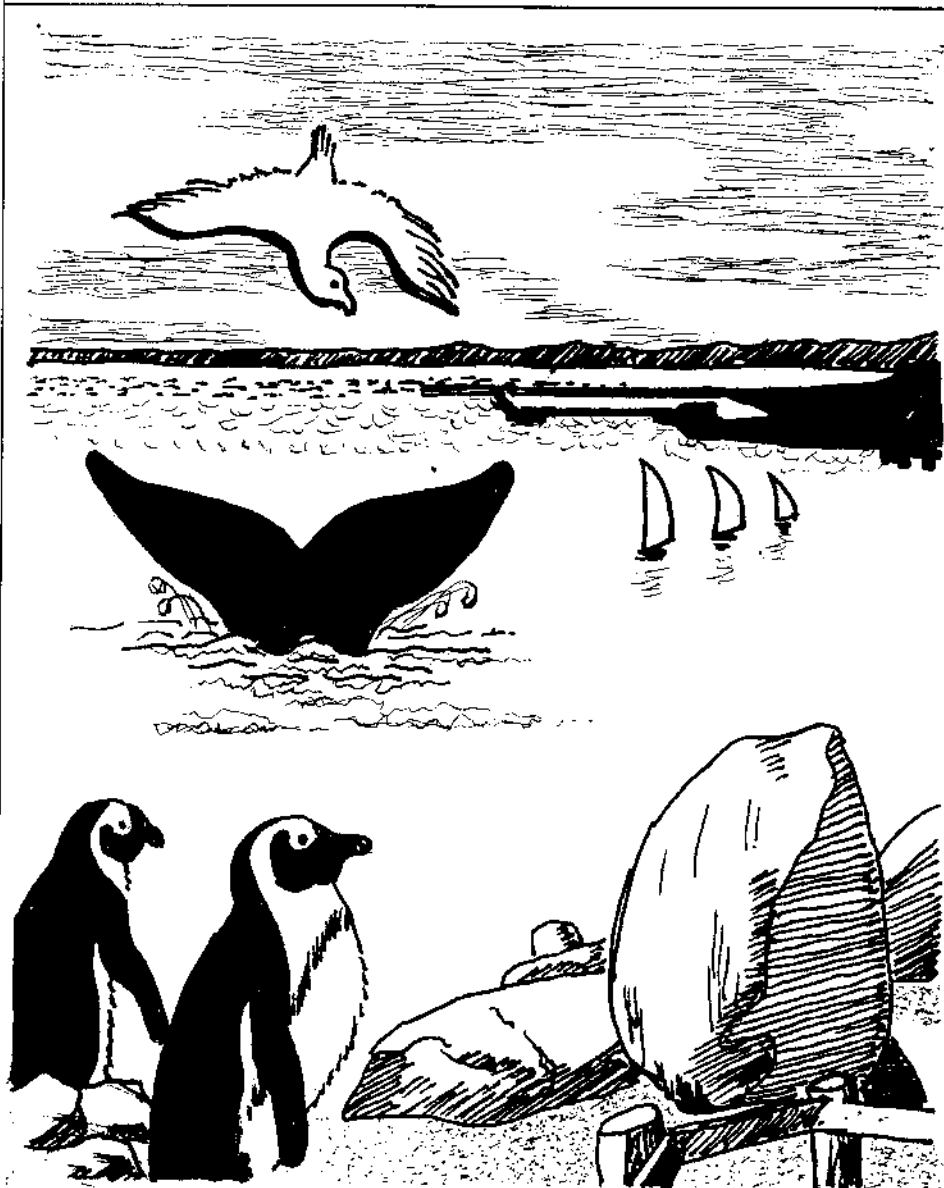


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Editorial

Wow - the town is in an uproar all about the Blues Buddies campaign and community campaigning. As Blackie Swart says: he's had a gatvol from phone calls enquiring about the campaign - according to precedent and customary procedure, it is expected that the Civic Association chairman will convene a public meeting to have this matter fully debated. Future action will depend upon the outcome of a special Police Forum meeting held on Monday 29 January.

Now the Jubilee Square party on New Years Eve: big event and I would say most successful! Check the money that was raised and the large number of organisations that benefited financially, including Snoektown Calling. However, the SA Navy was not much in evidence!

Surely they could play a role with security, closing of the Main Road (which is a must, for safety reasons) and of course; the provision of music. What a thrill to see the Navy

Band march down the Main Road at midnight! Come on chaps, this is a navy town, you know.

According to the Chinese calendar, this is the year of the snake, so let's make a new years resolution: not to kill every creepy crawly we come across in the garden. To help us towards a better understanding of these creatures I have asked Ian Howse to write an article on snakes - the first part of which appears in this issue.

In a previous editorial I have identified the Neighbourhood Watch as the appropriate and probably the most efficacious vehicle for self servicing of the community - security watch, street cleanliness, fire caution etc. The Simonskloof NHW can serve as a blue print management system and once again Ian Howse helps out in an article in this issue. Read with care and let's have more Neighbourhood Watches in Simon's



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Town; it's the way to go!

Finally I have received a good response to my appeal for sponsors for this magazine, at R2000 per month - so far six months have been booked. Thank You!

Reg Loxton, Editor
2 Chapel Rd
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Down the Historical Mile

The first meeting of the year 2001 for the members of the Society for Loafers and Professional Rondlopers (SLAP) was in session and the Chairman called for a minute's silence so that members could seriously consider who they were and where we were going in this important year of the millennium.

Clara Fijnbosch suggested that it would be nice to add "Royal" to our name: the Royal Society sounded so much more important. Stoffel Boesman argued that Royal SLAP sounded like a vrot pudding and was quite ridiculous; people would laugh at us - the vrot pudding society.

Meneer die Voorsitter, ek stel die vraag; in his usual pompous way, Stoffel got the meeting down to serious business: we have received a letter from the Business Association requesting SLAP to investigate parking at Cole Point and make recommendations as to improvements. I call upon our portfolio holder for Traffic, Mr Piet Pompies to report on his investigations. Meantime Piet was thinking of other things, and anyway he complained he could never understand Stoffel's jazzed up language. However, after a hefty thump from Wingnut Williams, Piet jumped up: yes Mr Chairman, I carried out a detailed inspection of the site and for a whole week over Christmas I monitored traffic movement in the area.

The recommendation to improve matters is very simple; cut a new vehicle entrance through the Navy wall next to the pedestrian entrance next to the Yacht Club - NSRI and just above the new entrance, place a large - very large - sign saying "FREE PARK-

ING"! Mr Chairman, this means that when Cole Point is full, cars looking for parking will easily see the sign and move into the Navy parking area.

My Magtie, said Stoffel, the solution is brilliant in its simplicity and recommended that Piet Pompies be declared "man of the match". You see, there was no other way of honouring the members for good work done.

The chairman instructed Mientjie Boepens to advise the Business Association as to the recommendation.

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Law and Order - STCPM

"The Blues Buddy Saga"

With a new year comes new problems. The latest is the telemarketing by "The Blues Buddies" (BB). I will try and explain what it's all about.

1. A private business organisation in Hout Bay contracted BB to hire CPOs (Community Police Officers).

2. There are ± 18 CPOs active in Hout Bay (365 days).

3. Mandela Park's residents contribute $\pm 42\%$ of the cost.

4. The group has offered Simon's Town the opportunity to use the company at **NO** cost to do the initial ground work and supply CPOs (George Watton has moved on - thank you George for your efforts).

5. The group have the infrastructure - telesales and are willing to contact every resident in Simon's Town/Glencairn requesting a pledge/donation in order to pay for the admin and hiring of CPOs for our town.

6. All admin will be done by the group at the cost of 45% of the pledges/donations received.

The SAPS in Simon's Town is very undermanned and the Business Association under the leadership of Mr Andre Duraan is trying to get CPOs in support of our police. The Simon's Town Community Police Forum supports the idea of some CPOs eg. to man the Bike Squad not only during office hours, but also on weekends/public holidays, evenings in the holiday season and of course to man the Mobile Police Station on Jubilee Square.

The more CPOs employed, the more residential areas will be patrolled more frequently by a law enforcement person eg, either a SAPS member, security company, SPM Law Enforcement or CPO. The CPOs are not for the CBD only - that's the plan. This plan costs money!! (Refer to my article a few months ago about CPOs). I hope that our residents have a clearer picture.

* A point I have to make is: The SAPS

Military Police (Navy), Law Enforcement, Simon's Town Civic Association and the Simon's Town Community Police Forum have nothing to do with the Blues Buddies organisation what so ever. So please stop phoning these organisations. The whole thing is a business contract between the Simon's Town Business Association and the Blues Buddies group.

Once CPOs have been contracted they will be controlled/employed by the local Police Station Commissioner Capt Du Pisanie and the STCPF will advise as required - Shoo! Enough of that.

On behalf of our local policemen and women I would like to thank the "Millennium Party Organisation" for the donation of R2000.00 to the STCPF. The money will be well spent on maintenance of bicycles, tyres, cell phone costs, reference and instruction manuals and computer requirements.

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A note on personal safety. My wife sometimes has to go out late at night in order to bed out her nipples as the sister for the Simon's Town Home Nursing Service. Last night, on these late night rounds, her car was parked outside the patient's house in Links Crescent with the engine. I had expected to hear dogs as I was walking up and down the road. Just before, suddenly, I hear a jumped out of the side as a donkey played right next to me in the bushes. Thank goodness for the dark night, nobody saw me. I thought, "What people kept dogs and geese to give the alarm, but a donkey?" Could only be Boulders, Simon's Town. About 20 minutes later my wife returned and I told her what had happened. She laughed and laughed. It's not that funny, I said. They are called Jackass Penguins, you silly donkey! Well, you can't think of everything all the time - can you?

Blackie Swift
Chairman STCF

Note: I'm sure all the readers know what Blackie Pedgurski made. Never too old to learn!

DID YOU FORGET?..

People wanting to gather rocks from the Seaford Heights after the welcome, and there are still lots of rocks for the taking.

Please leave us a small donation for our local Magazine "Snowdown Calling" and The Brownie Group.

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Ward Councillor's Report

The Local Government Elections are over and now what is new for Simon's Town? For a start we are now officially part of The City of Cape Town. For those of you dreaming in thought at the thought, think of it more as Simon's Town expanding its borders!

At this stage the new committee systems and structures have not yet been established. Nor have the dynamics of interaction between the 200 new councillors become apparent. Decision making in official matters has been delegated to officials and the Executive Committee. How the councillors and the residents of the City will be informed of these decisions is not yet apparent.

Should you have complaints or queries against the officials you previously dealt with at what is now known as the South Peninsula Administration. Remembers the 24-hour emergency number for water, sewage or other engineering problems is 222720.

Anniversary of the Fires!

Tari Kruger of Ukusuka (Operation Firestop) will give a presentation on fire and fire prevention, and the assistance and funding given to community groups by Ukusuka and

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This month we should remember the Great Fires of 2000 and those who fought to save our lives and property. The Ukuvuka campaign has issued a pamphlet with practical advice on "Firescaping your garden". However practical advice on sensible building design and materials for those living on the urban edge is also required. A number of houses on stilts are being constructed on the mountain slopes. Professionals in fire fighting have told me that voids below houses as well as overhanging eaves act as firetraps. Perhaps the insurance companies should take a more pro-active role in the suitable design for houses.

Since Ward 69 now includes Kommetjie, Ocean View and a large part of Fish Hoek, I am currently contacting the wider range of civic and community groups and getting to know the area in more detail than in the past. As soon as possible I will re-establish my monthly report back meetings in Simon's Town. I shall also be developing regular contact systems in other communities.

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Alderman Nicki Holderness
Ward 69 - City of Cape Town
28 January 2001

Brownies and Guides of Simon's Town

Are you aware that the Girl Guide movement has been active in Simon's Town since 1921? Currently we are a small group, but the girls still enjoy meeting together to learn new skills in a fun environment. Our meeting place is the **Guide Hall in Seaforth Road**. A weekly subscription of R2.00 is required.

For the 7-10 age group, the **Brownies** would welcome you. They meet on **Fridays between 4.30 and 6.00pm**. Why not phone the Brownie Guiders: Mrs K La Grange 780-1068 (a/h) or Mrs H Lunderstedt now?

For the older girl, (10½ - 14 years), the **Girl Guides** is the place to be. They also meet on **Fridays, 4.30-6pm**. Come and find out how to prepare yourself for being a reliable and responsible person. The Guide Guider is Mrs A Spencer 785-5538 (a/h).

The **Ranger** section caters for the older girls who learn life skills and how to put their talents at the service of their community. Meet on **Fridays** at the same time as the Guides, but times are adjustable. The Ranger Guider is Miss J Cartwright 782-3298.

There is also a place for Adults in this international movement which has just celebrated its 90th birthday. What about offering to help at the weekly meetings - or teach the older girls some skills? Contact the Local Chairlady Mrs Marion Rouse 786-2533 if you are willing to join us.

Simon's Town Civic Association

Welcome to the new year, century and millennium - a new 1000-year-old year is greening. May they all be healthy, happy and above all, safe.

The STCA committee took time out in January and its next full meeting will be on February 12. However, several things cropped up in the holiday season and a steering committee met to deal with them. These are some items which may interest you:

Blues Buddies

A number of puzzled people have received a certain line of letters that they have been urged by telephone callers to contribute R200 a month to help pay for community policemen in Simon's Town. This is not a STCA project. It is an independent venture of the Simon's Town Blues Buddies Association to fund the posts of our single community police officer and, if possible, to finance more CPDs. Our CPD functions

with and under the direction of the SA Police Service and has helped considerably to reduce crime in the business area. There is no obligation to contribute - it is entirely up to the individual. People who want to know more about contact the Blues Buddies Association.

The background is that the Business Association which is one of the STCA member groups, has been struggling for a long time to raise money every month to keep our lone CPD going. Recently they heard of a community police operation in Hout Bay named Blues Buddies for which the funds are raised by a private marketing company.

The company canvasses businesses and individuals for debit orders and other forms of donation by telephone and by direct approach and charges a large part of the resultant income to itself. The balance goes into a Section 21 company which will raise all other costs and other benefits for CPDs.



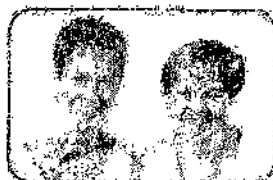
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In Hout Bay - a bigger and wealthier community than ours - it has been able to provide some 16 community policemen to the SAPS.

Our Business Association signed a contract with the marketing company to do the same here, though obviously on a much smaller scale, which is why Simon's Town residents are now being canvassed by phone for money.

The STCA committee looked at the Hout Bay company with the idea of using it to enlist more members. But they decided against it because its high fee is more than they are prepared to pay. They will run their own recruiting campaign, as the next item explains.

Membership Campaign

In the next few weeks the STCA will launch a drive to lure more people to join its rather small membership ranks. For the strength and clout it needs to deal with the Unicity and other authorities as a properly representative body, it must have more members. The cost of membership for a resident or ratepayer and household is R50 a year. That's R4.16 a month - less than the cost of a muffin or a beer or a cup of espresso. It's little enough to pay for the rewards of community strength and protection.

Pamphlets will be delivered to every letterbox and post office box in the Simon's Town and Glencairn areas and distributed in other ways. They will explain what the STCA is all about and include a member-

ship application form. Hopefully this will be followed up by ... yes ... another telephone campaign. You can help by asking your neighbours if they are members and if not, why not.

Water Quality

For many months the STCA and before it the old Ratepayers' and Residents' Association have closely monitored the quality of both household water and sea water in Greater Simon's Town, in cooperation with the South Peninsula Municipality. When something went wrong, when tests pointed to problems, the STCA took it up with the SPM and corrective action followed. Committee member Dr John Morris has been running the water quality portfolio for some time, with regular tables issued through this Newsletter showing the quality at various test points. It is a matter too often taken for granted but which is of crucial importance to the community's health and welfare and to controlling the inevitable growth and development of this area. John has arranged a meeting at the Simon's Town Museum on Wednesday, February 14, at 5 pm at which Mr Mjikisile Vulindlu, MSc (Leeds), will talk on water sampling, analysis and control, on behalf of the SPM health department. It is open to anyone who is interested and Mr Vulindlu will answer questions.

Boulders

The Cape Peninsula National Park has at last produced a report summarising public

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views on its draft proposals for the future of the The Boulders penguin park. It contains, in tabulated form, public comment under a long list of headings, and the CPNP's responses. Inexplicably, the copy received by the STCA does not contain the conclusion listed in the index.

The report was compiled by Erica van den Honert Environmental Consulting cc of Constantia, whom the CPNP hired to coordinate the public participation process which began with a meeting in October, 1999. Copies have been sent to a number of "interested and affected parties" and placed in the Simon's Town and several other libraries. It is also available from Erica van den Honert by e-mail at ericavdh@yebo.co.za. It still has to go through several more stages. First a review by a committee comprising the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, SA Heritage Resources Agency, Western Cape Nature Conservation and some other bodies, then back to the CPNP who will put

it to the SA National Parks board. Then come the detailed planning and environmental studies, so it is likely to be some time before results emerge at Boulders. An off-the-cuff reaction is that the report is fairly comprehensive, well presented and in most respects it is good. But it does appear to have flaws.

A glaring one is the SA National Parks' somewhat dictatorial refusal to even reconsider restructuring its gate fee system, which hugely discriminates against the right of people who live here to freely enjoy local beaches - especially those people who invested at Boulders. They did so long before the penguins turned up. The SANP bluntly tells them to buy a season ticket which entitles them to visit all the other national parks in the region - whether they want to or not.

Another is the apparent lack of a specific SANP philosophy and plan to handle direct conflict between the interests of wildlife and those of an urban community. As the



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Friends of the Coastline say, a balance must be struck between protecting penguins and protecting residents.

A third is the SANP's inability to prevent penguins from spreading to nearby beaches like Water's Edge. This, they say, "will be very difficult to achieve". As a sop they add "the presence of penguins on the beaches is an added attraction for many visitors". Perhaps, but it certainly is not for many others.

The STCA is checking whether there are points in the continuing examination procedure where comment or advice can be given, and will seek expert opinion on the report.

Until next month, best wishes from the committee.

Simon's Town Civic Association
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Vice-chairman: Geoffrey Palmer 7865402
Communications: Wilf Nussey 7861368

PROPERTY WATCH No 26

February 2001

1. CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Details of applications currently being dealt with by the South Peninsula / Unicity Municipality are:

1.1. Erf No 3619, Glencairn: Application for Amendments to the Approved Site Development Plans at the Glencairn Shopping Centre to permit the building of 3 new shops and extensions to the Seven Eleven supermarket. This application has been approved by the Urban & Environmental Services Committee subject to environmental and aesthetic objections being resolved between the objectors and the developer. Comments from all parties have now been received and are being collated and processed.

1.2. Erf No 1247, Simon's Town: (Cnr Harrington and Queens Roads, Seaforth). Application for a Departure to permit the establishment and operation of an art gallery

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and coffee shop on a residential property. A report has been prepared for submission to the new Unicity committee which is shortly to take over from the SPM Urban & Environmental Services Committee.

1.3. Erf 60, Simon's Town (Glencairn): Land Use departure application on behalf of the Waldorf Schools. A number of objections were submitted and a report by independent consultants is still awaited.

1.4 Erf 2930, Simon's Town (Erica Road, Murdock Valley): Proposed Alienation or Lease of portion of this municipal land. Objections have been received and SPM is attempting to resolve these with the requirements of the applicant.

1.5. Erf 2298, Simon's Town - Boulders Beach Guest House: Application to rezone from General Residential to Business. The applicant has lodged an appeal against the Urban and Environmental Services Committee's refusal to approve the rezoning application. The decision of the Provincial Government is still awaited.

1.7. Erf 1180, 198 Queens Road Simon's Town: Application for a Land Use Departure to convert a Residential House into a Medical Practice. A decision regarding parking facilities is awaited from the Unicity Municipality.

1.8. Erven 4348 and 4349, Welcome Glen: Application for consolidation, rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and for subdivision into 10 portions. This was turned down by the SPM and is on appeal to the Provincial Government.

1.9. Erf 4595 Cairnside: Application to sub-divide into two portions was not approved by the SPM and has been referred on appeal to the Provincial Government, whose decision is awaited.

1.10. Erf 625 Simon's Town: (Military Way, Bayview) Application to sub-divide into two portions without formal road access to one erf. The applicant's proposal to overcome this is being considered by the Unicity Municipality.

1.11. Erf 2212, Glencairn Heights: Application for a Bed and Breakfast establishment. Objections were received by SPM, who now await response from the applicant

re parking facilities.

2. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

2.1. CFM 983, Wildschutsbrandvlei: Application for Land Use Departure to permit an arts and craft shop, a pottery studio and sales outlet and a place for curio sellers. The Provincial Government's decision on a report submitted by the Urban & Environmental Services Committee is still awaited.

2.2. CFM 1404, Wildschutsbrand Farm: Application for Land Use Departure for the Establishment of a Restaurant and Tea Garden, an African Arts and Crafts Market and Overnight Accommodation. Decision on the findings of an independent Environmental Impact Assessment Report is still awaited.

2.3. Erf 2204, Glencairn Heights: Application by Ericsson South Africa to permit the installation of a Cellular Communication Base Station and Antenna at 14 Golconda Street for the 3rd Cellular Service Provider. The closing date for objections has been extended to 19 February.

Geoff Palmer, STCA

Simon's Town Creative Workshops

9 - 15 July 2001

Paint a picture, write a short story, cook a scrumptious curry or tie the knot - these are a few of the engaging activities happening in July. Stephan Welz of Sotheby's has agreed to come for a one day "Antique Road Show". "Stereoscope" a recent animated film by William Kentridge is on the agenda. Well received at the Museum of Modern Art in New York - we are in for a winter treat. Workshops to stir every taste will be on the menu. So any requests, suggestions, offers of help will be welcomed. This project is for the benefit of the community.

Any queries **Phoebe Cottrell** ph/fax 786-2952

PS - What about the Jazz? Soon to be on Simonstown.com

Simonskloof Neighbourhood Watch

Activities 1997 - 2001

Crime Watch

4 co-helpers assist the NW coordinator by attending the NW meetings every second Tuesday of the month in the town hall. The aim is to have at least one member attending every meeting. The coordinator usually attends himself, but when he can't the helpers stand in for him. The co-helpers are residents at the four corners of the Simonskloof estate which has 134 plots of which 57 are still vacant. There are also some 15 homes which are vacant for some months of the year. Each co-helper is the focal point for any crime issue in his or her street and will be the first contact after the SAPS when there is need to report a crime or suspicious happening.

The estate is on an average 30° mountain slope so visibility is good with houses overlooking the streets below. Vigilance has resulted in 2 burglaries being foiled and the

culprits caught. There have however been 8 thefts mainly of tools from garages and this always occurs when there have been builders active in the estate. In an attempt to counter this, a letter signed by Captain Du Pisanie and the NW coordinator is handed to every new contractor when they come on site and the problem of petty theft related to builders in the area is stressed. We work on the builders to keep the roads clear and to ensure that the toilets are used and not the bush, and generally to cooperate with the neighbours in regards to noise, dust and general mess.

A newsletter is sent to all residents every month giving the months crime stats for the Simon's Town precinct which covers Glencairn, Da Gama Park and Scarborough and any news relevant to Simonskloof.

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to do with crime have become a very important part of the NW in Simonskloof. We have residents who have volunteered for the monitoring of the key domestic problem areas:

- Fire control, as we back onto the fire path. This includes contact with the SPM Parks and Recreation Dept for the maintenance of the fire paths and the eradication of alien vegetation. The Ottery Fire Protection Unit is at present providing additional hydrants. 5 fire wardens will do a days training at their own expense this month and basic fire fighting equipment will be bought and kept at the ready by the fire wardens.

- Water supply which includes the problem of poor pressure in the higher steets and frequent water cuts.

- Roads and pavements.

- Electricity which is also handled by the water monitor.

NW Newsletter

The newsletter has proved to be the glue that has held the NW together. There are single people living in Simonskloof and

most are retired, so there is a need to keep contact in case of an accident or illness or for any other reason where neighbours may need help close at hand. Through the newsletter, emergency advice was given on snake bites with contact numbers for a 15 minute helicopter service from the airport and or Milnerton Hospital.

A list of indigenous trees that grow well in this area was also circulated and SPM were organised to plant trees on the pavements. Other items of interest could be a list of birds observed by residents in Simonskloof and also mammals as they tend to reduce as the plots develop and more dogs and cats come to live here. Feral cats have been a subject of an earlier newsletter. So it is these softer issues which keep us together and help us to get to know each other. New residents are welcomed and contact is kept up via the letter.

Talks

Although we have had only 2 talks at different homes, these have been well attended as the topics were pertinent. They were

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given an "A" rating" by Seawatch just after our big score in January and on the SARS in Simon's Town given by the SARS which really brought home to us all the needs and how they are stretched to provide the services required.

Meetings on specific issues are held by the different regulators on their areas of interest and these are limited to those residents directly concerned with roads, water etc.

Money

All the work we have done without the need to collect any money is in support of it. In all there are 20 residents directly involved in NW aspects with many others always prepared to help if called upon. I believe the trust has been built up through this newsletter and collection of funds should be avoided if at all possible.

Ian Howse

NW Co-Ordinator-Singapoor
786 1442

Simon's Bay Seawatch 2

In the November edition of Seawatch Cellar, there was a gap in my article on False Bay water quality between Long Beach and Sander's. This is because the annual report by the Cape Metropolitan Council Water Quality Committee only lists local bathing courses at popular fishing beaches, whilst the other excludes the Dockyard and Yacht Basin. However as a service to the community, the Institute for Maritime Technology (IMT) - an African subsidiary of Simon's Town - was of great help. It took samples from near approved slips and other Dockyard sites not already covered by the Scientific Services section of CID's Environment Management Department.

At IMT's expense, these were analysed and reported by the CID and the costs were low. In fact, as the second phase of an ongoing Sea Watch programme, IMT has been monitoring storm-water runoff from no less



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these 26 miles in Salford's Bay including the Barrow-in-Furness river. It has even gone to the trouble of establishing yet another Marine Watch control site on behalf of Marine and Coastal Management (Department of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries) at Hazon Rock, to test the water for heavy metals. These include cadmium, copper, lead, lead, iron, manganese, mercury and zinc. Much to the delight of Sea Watch supporters - the SA Navy's Hydrographic Office in collaboration with UoF's Oceanography Department - pollution was found to be negligible.

All this confirms that the SA Navy and the yachting fraternity are good neighbours. So too is IMT, which in December 1999 hosted a public meeting with guest speakers from the scientific sector who were involved with the first Sea Watch programme. Each gave an illustrated presentation of facts and figures in simple language. Rear Admiral Bellows the show with his commitment to ensure good relations between the Navy and local residents. Although IMT has little to

give, it has kindly agreed to host a free feed-back meeting at its Maritime Board offices on Sea Watch 2 from 19.00 to 21.00 on Wednesday 20th February. Unfortunately its 100th birthday cannot seat more than 80 people. Anyone wishing to attend should therefore make a booking with Lisa Whaley - the PTW - at telephone 736-1092 as soon as possible. Do it now and thank that you are really interested in your environment!

Bevan Park, Science Writer

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News from Naval Base - Simon's Town

News from the Acquisition Directorate

Although it has seemed quiet lately regarding the acquisition projects, there has been plenty going on behind the scenes. Navy News brings you some background and current news to bring our readers up to date.

Contractual

The signing of the Supply Agreements by the Minister of Defence for both the Corvette and Submarine projects in December of 1999, initiated the negotiation and finalisation of the National Industrial Participation (NIP) and Defence Industrial Participation (DIP) contracts associated with the packages. The conclusion of the NIP and DIP agreements culminated in the attainment of Effective Date of Contract (EDC) for both projects, the SAN's Corvette Project on 28

April this year and Submarine project 2 months later on 12 July. This effectively means that both projects are 'up and running'.

During the period leading up to EDC a great deal of time and effort also went into the negotiating and fine-tuning of the numerous system and equipment sub-contracts required to be put in place between the Main Contractor and his suppliers during the course of the acquisition process.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

On 10 Oct 2000 during a ceremony at the Department of Defence Head Office, a Memorandum of Understanding was concluded between the Chief of Acquisition, Mr 'Chippy' Shaikh, the Chief of the Navy, V Adm Robert Simpson-Anderson and the CEO of Armscor, Mr Sipho Thomo. The main purpose of the MOU is to regulate and normalise the functions and inter-relationship between the three parties during the acquisition of the ships and submarines and will serve as an over-arching guideline, demarcating areas of responsibilities in a clear and ambiguous manner thereby ensuring clean lines of authority.

Deployment of Project Teams

Joint (SAN/Armscor) Project Teams (JPT) for both projects have deployed to Germany. The Corvette Project, under the management of Capt JEG Kamerman and Mr F Nortjie, has established its Joint Project Office in Hamburg, with a satellite office in Kiel, whereas the Joint Project Office for the Submarine Project, under the management of Capt A Reed and Mr R Vermeulen, is situated in Kiel.

In order to keep management costs to a minimum, the foreign project teams have been kept as small as possible. The Corvette JPT in Hamburg consists of 15 members from the SAN and Armscor and the Submarine JPT of 8 SAN/Armscor members. These teams will be supplemented from time to time during the next few years as the workload increases and ship's com-



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Capt L Duze and Lt Cdr M Nobese, having both recently successfully completed the DoD Project Officer Course, have been appointed as the respective Deputy Project Officers for the Corvette Project and Submarine Project. Both have now deployed to Hamburg and Kiel respectively.

A local Joint Project Office is currently being established in East Yard in Simon's Town, accommodating not only local JPT members of the Corvette and Submarine Projects, but serving to allocate all SAN project teams situated in the Simon's Town area. This office will execute local project management, working closely with local naval authorities to ensure effective integration of the new platforms into the SA Navy.

Corvette Project Progress

Besides setting up the main interfacing and progress forums required to manage the acquisition process, project activities conducted since EDC include:

- Continued work towards the finalisation

of the detailed platform design, which will be completed by January 2001.

- Hydrodynamic testing of the hull design conducted at the HSVA Institute in Hamburg.
- Final wind tunnel tests to prove exhaust smoke dispersion conducted at the Danish Maritime Institute.
- Propeller design, open water and cavitation testing.
- Finalisation of the Platform Steel Plan.
- Finalisation of the Platform Material Specification.

Future Corvette Project Activities

Major milestones for the next 12-18 months include:

- January 2001 - cutting of the first steel in the workshop
- June 2001 - Keel laying of the 1st module of the first platform
- July 2001 - commence local factory acceptance on first segment of Combat Suite
- November 2001 - complete welding of the first platform's hull



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Submarine Project Progress

Having achieved EDC 2 months later than its sister project due to delays in the finalisation of NIP issues, the members of the Submarine Project deployed to Germany in July/Sept this year. Much of the overseas effort since EDC has gone into relocation of JPT members and their families to Germany and the establishing of project management, progress and interfacing forums with the various foreign contractors in Germany. On the technical side it has also been reported that the hull plates and flat bars for the hull frames of the 1st vessel have been delivered to the HDW shipyard.

Future Submarine Project Activities

Over the next 6-8 months, project effort will be concentrated on conducting technical reviews, implementation of engineering baselines and finalising the detailed vessel design, with construction of the first submarine due to commence in June 2001.

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Fancy Dress Party

Some years ago a few Bachelor Lieutenants from Palace Barracks (then an SA Naval Wardroom/Officers Mess) were invited to a fancy-dress party hosted by a senior Naval Officer at his home. On their way to the party the lieutenants made a stop in order to purchase a little gift for the host and his good lady. They were quickly arrested and placed in jail, because "cross-dressing" in those days was a bad thing - and here we had two Bearded Ladies doing shopping. After establishing the lieutenants' real identity the Senior Naval Officer was phoned to come and collect the "ladies". No problem. The Commodore arrived at the Police Station and all was well. The Duty Constable released the lieutenants to the Commodore, dressed in black cocktail gowns, high heels and veil!

Matches

Many years ago a sailor was busy painting the shipside of SAS TAFELBERG. He was standing on the quayside with a roller attached to a long pole. After a while he stopped to take a smoke break. Oops: no matches; he saw a shipmate on board (through an open porthole). He called his mate who stuck his head through the porthole to enable him to hear what the chappie ashore was going on about. "Hey jy, het jy metsies vir my?" "Wat? Ek kan nie hoor nie." "Ek sê, jy met die shipside om jou nek, het jy metsies vir my?" Well, his shipmate passed him some matches and withdrew from hanging the shipside around his neck.

Keep an eye on things

A Lt. Cdr. had a serious car accident some years ago and unfortunately lost an eye. Being a good Naval Officer he got on with his life. One day in a rather crowded Seven Seas Club, beers and other refreshments were being enjoyed by the members. Now

as we all know "what goes in must come out". So after a few beers the Lt. Cdr. had to go to the heads. He had no problem that his beer would be removed. He calmly, with a smile, took his glass eye out and put it in his beer. When the Lt. Cdr. returned he was wearing another glass eye - this one had red veins in order to match the colouring of the other eye.

Have a Beer

The same Lt. Cdr. and a lieutenant went to Newlands to support a rugby team. After the victorious match some supporters went to celebrate at the old Newlands Hotel. After a while and more beers the Lt. Cdr. suggested the lieutenant do his party trick. The Lt. sought out one of the big lock forwards and plans were made. Attention was called and the next minute the big chap had the acrobatic Lt. standing in his folded hands. Flip was called and the Lt. went up in the air and did three somersaults before being caught by the Lt. Cdr. Unfortunately the lieutenant landed face down on the floor. Ap-

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plause followed and as he was helped up, the Lt. Cdr. arrived with fresh beers and said, "listen, my friend, I think now is a good time to do your party trick."

Career Limitations

The same lieutenant was at an after-sports function held in the ballroom at the Naval Base wardroom in Simon's Town. Much later in the evening he was inspired to yet another athletic adventure. Suddenly a naked male figure, clad only in his underpants and a towel around his face, appeared and ran through the crowd of shocked Naval officers. The Navy's "First Streaker" had arrived.

At the time some young Air Force pilots lived in the Wardroom. They took one look at this lot and shook their heads. A while and more beers later three stark naked bodies streaked through the crowd. Total silence and shock was the order of the day. Needless to say, the three trainee pilots were jumped on from a dizzy height and told they would never see the inside of an Air Force aircraft again. Well, one of the culprits recently retired as a Brigadier General, the second one as a Brigadier. And the third one lost his life on an operational flight.

Please readers, do write down some of your funny stories and put a smile on someone's face in the New Year.

Matelot

Simon's Town Museum News

Don't miss our **Annual Open Air Concert with the SA Navy Band on Sunday 18 February 2001 at 18h00**. A donation of R15,00 per person will secure your seat and the profit will be shared amongst local charities.

Refreshments - wine, malt and cool drinks as well as various food stalls will be available prior to and after the concert. Tickets are available from Simon's Town Museum or the Peninsula Tourism Office next to Jubilee Square.

New Acquisitions

Simon's Town Historical Society received a parcel from Mr RB Taylor of Victoria, Australia whose wife was the Granddaughter of Admiral Sir John Durnford KCB, DSO who flew his flag in HMS CRESCENT while Commander-in-Chief of the Cape Station (Simon's Town) from 1904 -1907.

The parcel contained Admiral Durnford's flag in a rather battered tin, together with the mallet used in the laying of the foundation stone of the Selborne Dry Dock in November 1906 and presented to Admiral Durnford by Sir John Jackson, FRSE. Also in the parcel was the log of HMS CRESCENT 1904-1907.

The Historical Society has presented these Royal Naval treasures to the Museum and we hope to shortly have them on display with other recent RN acquisitions.

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December 2000 / January 2001

The December/January summer season in Simon's Town was exceptionally busy with a flood of mostly South African but also a number of foreign visitors. Most accommodation establishments were fully booked, although some considered that this year was not as good as last year.

In December the Anchor Players' Pantomime "Once upon a time.com" was a smash hit enjoyed by all. A talented cast brought to life an original and hilariously funny script - congratulations to all concerned.

During weekdays during the recent school holidays, the Navy offered free bus tours around the SA Naval Dockyard twice daily. These proved very popular, although there was some confusion when some visitors arrived at weekends expecting to go on the tours. Sincere thanks to Cmdr. Jaco Theunissen and his staff at the Navy Public

Relations Department for arranging the tours - they are now very busy planning the Navy Festival in April.

The Millennium year 2000 ended on a very high note with another bumper New Year Party on Jubilee Square. The organizing committee headed by Cherry Dille worked hard throughout the year and when Cherry suffered health problems, Sandi Niedermeyer and the committee kept the party on track. This year members of the local Catholic and Methodist congregations joined the committee and provided voluntary help at the Party. Conditions for ticket selling at the entrances to Jubilee Square were much improved - last year volunteers struggled in feeble torchlight to take admission money and to dispense tickets and change. A lesson was learnt and this year thanks to Cliffie Krause of the South Peninsula Municipality well-lit wooden huts were

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set up. Apart from some complaints of drunken behaviour and foul language, the recent party was considered a great success attracting both local residents and visitors from the entire city of Cape Town - approximately 3000 tickets were sold (despite the heavy rainstorms hours before the party). Certainly the financial success of the celebration enabled the committee to make generous donations to many local community organizations and charities. The Publicity Association is extremely grateful to have been included in this list and thanks are due to our Vice-Chairman Brian Foulds for serving as our representative on the organizing committee.

Amid all this good news, one section of local tourist attractions experienced a very disappointing year. These were the sea cruises which frequently had to be cancelled due to the south-easter. We certainly hope that the autumn months especially the Easter school holidays will be calm and that the irritating "sea breezes" will disappear or at least diminish. One of the Association's newest members is Roger Bagshaw, who is offering cruises in Simon's Bay in his sailing boat "Curlew" from the town pier. I will give further details about this boat next month and we wish Roger great success with his new venture (and no South-Easter).

I have been very disappointed by the lack of support for the Spier steam train trips between Cape Town and Simon's Town. Operating throughout last year on the last Sun-

day of each month, this wonderful vintage train could have been a great success, but due to astronomical costs for Spier wine estate and lack of interest it seems as though the next trip due on 8th April during the Navy Festival may be the last ever or at least for a long time. The shorter journey Simon's Town - Plumstead return (12 noon returning at 2 pm) is ideal for residents and their visitors. The Publicity Bureau has tickets on sale and I will provide more detail next month. What a pity it will be if our town loses these very special trips in this elegant vintage train. Best wishes,

Sue Sturman

Simon's Town Millennium Committee New Year's Eve Function on Jubilee Square

At a most convivial function held in Simon's Town Museum on 19 January 2001 Cllr Nicki Holderness, a Trustee of the Millennium Fund, handed out donations from the profit made on New Year's Eve to the following worthy local charities :

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The Millennium Committee, made up of representatives from Simon's Town Methodist Church, The Catholic Church of St Simon and Jude, Simon's Town Publicity Association and Simon's Town Museum each received R7 500,00. Cllr Holderness, in thanking the representatives, particularly mentioned Armin Siefert from The Cup and

Saucer and Jeremy Wagner from Quayside Lodge who were also part of the Millennium Committee, working for the interest of Simon's Town.

This year's function which involved the Ministers and Congregations of the two Churches as well as volunteers from the Museum and Publicity Association was a real team effort and everyone involved concurred in the feeling that in addition to supporting their own organisations, sufficient profit had been made to share with so many others.

Cherry Dilley, Convenor



The Organisers of the Function on New Years Eve

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The year started with the departure of the then park manager David Daitz (now CE of the newly-established Western Cape Nature Conservation Board) and the worst fires in living memory, that burnt over 8 000 hectares and a number of residential properties. Much has been written about the fires, but for me they resulted in at least two very significant positives. The first was the incredible community support that saw over 500 volunteers coming forward to assist with fire fighting and support duties, commercial concerns donating various resources, local radio stations (in particular Cape Talk) devoting airtime to assisting with communications and, last but not least, the very positive manner in which the various authorities and NGOs worked together in that time of crisis.

The second positive resulting from the fires was the birth of Ukuvuka / Operation Firestop that has as its main objective the

long term fireproofing of the Cape Peninsula and its associated urban areas.

The campaign's main sponsors are Santam, the Cape Argus as well as Total, Nedbank and the advertising agency Hunt Lascaris. This initiative has, to date, resulted in many millions of rands being spent on restoration and fireproofing projects but has created many new employment opportunities.

Howard Langley, CPNP Park Manager
Park News Issue 4, Dec 2000

National Park gets New Committee

The Minister of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, Mr Mohammed Valli Moosa, has appointed a new committee to act as interface between the public and the Management of the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP).

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- Lester Coelen (Mountain Club of SA)
- Nomtha Dilima (Tsoga Environmental Centre)
- Blum Khan (CEO of Newmed)
- Nokwando Lufundo (Khayelitsha)
- Temba Mgobozi (City of Tygerberg)
- Nthobi Moahloli (SANP board member)
- Cnr Siva Moodley of Plumstead (South Peninsula Municipality)
- Notemba Nduna (Peninsula Technikon)
- Cnr Jeremiah Thuynsma of Mitchell's Plain (CT City Council)
- Cnr Brian Watkyns of Pinelands (Cape Metropolitan Council)

Howard Langley, Park Manager for the CPNP, is an *ex officio* member, while Gary de Kock, Deputy Park Manager, will attend committee meetings as an observer. Ac-

cording to the Minister, the committee has the required balance of expertise and experience in relevant fields and reflects the broad population of the area. Members will serve a four year term until 31 May 2004.

Their terms of reference are as follows:

- to recommend changes to the CPNP Policy and its Strategic Management Plan in the light of a changing environment
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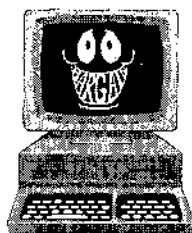
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Cape Peninsula National Park Management Team

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Acting Environmental Manager - James Jackelman
Planning Manager - Paul Britton
Financial Manager - Esther Ogunniyi
Marketing & Communications Manager - Stephen Hulbert
Social Ecology - Renée Selikowitz

All managers but Renée Selikowitz (762-9917) are contactable by telephone at 713-0260, or by e-mail at capepeninsula@parks-sa.co.za

Go Green Card offers Free Park Access

The Cape Peninsula National Park's new **Go Green** card not only offers great value for money, but also offers family fun throughout the year, even during wet and windy weather.

"The original season ticket was a mechanism for affordable entry for Capetonians to the CPNP's four pay points - Cape Point, Boulders, Silvermine and Oudekraal," says park marketing manager Stephen Hulbert, "and in that form we sold around 8 000 tickets last year".

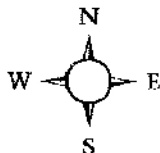
"However," Hulbert continues, "we then came up with the idea of adding value to the season ticket by negotiating discounts and special deals with the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway Company, the Robben Island Museum, the Two Oceans Aquarium, the Spier estate, the Baxter and Imax theatres and *Getaway* magazine.

"These deals add enormous value to the new **Go Green** card - we haven't attempted to put a rand value to the various offers, because that obviously depends on how often they are used, but I'm sure that they are worth several hundred rand even if used only occasionally.

"Another advantage is that while the original season ticket wasn't much use when the weather was lousy, the co-operation of destinations like the aquarium and the two theatres - and even *Getaway*'s subscription offer - means that **Go Green** cards have something to offer just about any time during the year. And, of course, we intend to add a number of additional offers over the coming months."

The **Go Green** card costs just **R145** for a family of two adults and their children under the age of 18, **R75** for an individual and **R37.50** for a pensioner. For further information call (021) 713-0260. **Go Green** cards may be purchased at the CPNP's office in the Meadowridge Centre, Howard Drive, Meadowridge, at Boulders or through www.voiceporte.com or ph. (021) 481-4844.

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'Twitchers' swarm around Boulders

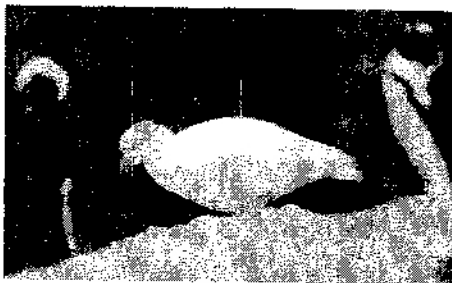
During July, the Simon's Town section of the Cape Peninsula National Park became a hive of activity when a rare breed of humans known as 'twitchers' swarmed into the area.

With telescopes, binoculars, monoculars and the widest imaginable range of bird reference books, they braved the rain, hail and gale force north-westerly winds to catch a glimpse of a rare visitor to our shores. The star attraction was the Greater, or American Sheathbill (*Chionis alba*) which was spotted amongst the penguins at Boulders. This beautiful, snowy white bird is usually found only in Antarctica, the Falklands and the southern-most tip of South America.

It is rarely found outside its natural habitat, and CPNP rangers reckon that it arrived at Boulders by hitching a ride on a ship. The

bird is regarded as a scavenger and is habitually found frequenting penguin and cormorant colonies. It seems to have found an ideal home amongst the Boulders penguins. After reports of its presence appeared on the internet and on the front page of the Cape Argus, 'twitchers' from all over the country converged on the area.

Justin Buchmann
Section Ranger for Simon's Town
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Station 10 N.S.R.I. Simon's Town February 2001

December and January have been relatively quiet for Station 10 as far as call outs go. It is probably due to some strong South Easterly winds and a few unseasonal cold fronts which even brought a bout of torrential rain on New Years eve.

On the 9th of December "Spirit of Free Masonry" (R10) was launched to attend a call to assist the yacht "Zeepaerd", a catamaran, from False Bay Yacht Club which was taking water in one of it's hulls. The vessel was well out in False Bay and in danger of sinking. R10 took the vessel in tow and after a long arduous traverse across the bay assisted the owner in beaching the yacht in shallow water off Bertha's Restaurant in Simon's Bay where the affected hull was pumped out and the yacht was returned to her moorings at the marina. The owners were very grateful to Station 10 for their timely assistance.

On the 31st of December a call out was received via Station 16 (Strandfontein) that a yacht, "Gladys May", was struggling to make port against very strong North Westerly winds and heavy rain. The yacht was reported to be in the vicinity of Roman Rock lighthouse. R10 was launched and whilst on the way to the casualty a call was received to assist the yacht "Coco de Mer" in the same area suffering an engine breakdown. "Coco de Mer" was reached first and taken in tow and towed to safety. R10 returned and found the "Gladys May" and took the vessel in tow and towed it to the yacht club marina. The owners of this vessel, a husband and wife team, making port from the high seas, were extremely grateful for the assistance as they had experienced a fire in their engine compartment which rendered their engine unserviceable. Making a strange port under sail with strong winds and heavy

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rain against them must have been a very trying experience.

Station 10 crew members also assisted the Simon's Town Millennium Committee providing medical back-up for a New Years Eve party on Jubilee Square. Only one serious casualty occurred when one of the revellers was hit on the head by a bottle when events took a turn for the worse. He was taken to False Bay hospital for medical attention. Other less serious injuries were dealt with on the spot. A spit braai for Station personnel at the boathouse on Cole Point proved to be a tough call in the rainy conditions. Despite that, a good time was had by all.

On the 3rd of January 2001, R10 was launched to assist a yacht in the vicinity of Roman Rock light house, the vessel had suffered a broken rudder and with strong South Easterly winds blowing was in need of assistance. On arrival at the scene the yacht was already under tow by a naval craft, R10 stood by the tow and eventually uplifted the crew and took them to the Simon's Town jetty.

During January the 4x4 mobile was called out to assist a cyclist who had been knocked down by a vehicle in Cape Point Reserve and on another occasion to assist a swimmer at Seaforth Beach that had suffered a broken ankle. This casualty was transported to False Bay Hospital by Station Commander Dave Roberts who is also a member of the Fish Hoek Emergency Ambulance Service.

On Saturday 6 January 2001 Station 10 N.S.R.I. Shorelink Committee held their annual street collection in Simon's Town and Fish Hoek. Convener, Mrs. Madge Damerell wishes to convey the grateful thanks of the Shorelink Committee to all the helpers that assisted in the collection as well as all the members of the public who contributed so generously. The magnificent amount of R3212.17 was realised. Thanks, once more, to all concerned!

Crew members Paul and Olivia Alexander have unfortunately left Station 10. (They were introduced to readers in a previous

bulletin.) Paul was accepted to undertake a three year Paramedic course in Pretoria and Olivia will be supporting him. All at Station 10 wish them well in their endeavours and look forward to their return.

Continuing in the series of crew member introductions. **Stuart Buchanan** has been a member of Station 10 since returning to the Cape from Gauteng in 1993. What is remarkable is that Stuart and his twin brother **Mark** are both members of Station 10 and according to N.S.R.I. rules, serve in different crews. Mark was the first of the brothers to become a member at Station 10, but was not at the base when this interview was done. Stuart says his introduction to Sea Rescue came from long standing friend John Jones an ex Station 10 Coxswain who is now serving with Station 21 St Francis Bay. Stuart had an earth shaking experience while surfing with his friend John at St Francis when his lower left leg was bitten by a ragged tooth shark. The injury required 28 stitches and possibly



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gave him added impetus to participate in rescue work.

However Stuart has always had good urge to serve the community and he feels that the N.S.R.L. provides the ideal opportunity to do so. Added attractions to N.S.R.L. are the excellent training which engenders in crew members the desire to improve their capabilities and the camaraderie and good spirit that prevails makes the whole experience worthwhile. Stuart is the boat navigator in the crew and a trained coxswain for the small boat. He has completed courses in coastal navigation and radio telegraphy and is rated as a Level 3 Medico advanced first aider. Stuart works as a sales executive for a printing firm where his first aid capabilities have been very useful in some emergency situations.

He and his family have recently moved to Gaffs near Sun Valley which has also placed him nearer to Station 10 so he is able to be much easier when being called

out for rescue duties. Affin at being a member of N.S.R.L. has given Stuart the opportunity to enjoy his time for the sea, provides good camaraderie and allows him to put his spare time to good use in aid of the community in rescue situations where one is required to keep ones cool and be focused on the task at hand.

Apparently some local citizens are under the impression that Station 10 members gather at the weekends to play around in boats and go fishing! I for one was absolutely taken aback to hear that some people think like this. Not just to verify what I know to be the true situation I asked the Station 10 Training Officer, Darren Zimmerman, to enlighten me:

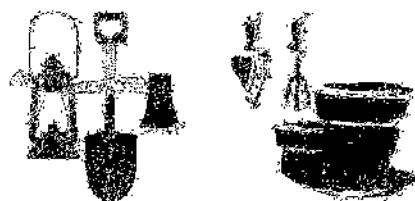
Fishing from Station vessels is not allowed and fishing tackle is not allowed on board. There are three active crews so a crew is on duty one week in three. The duty crew are on the Base on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday is mainly devoted to Base maintenance duties where the 10:00-12:00 and 12:00-2:00 shifts are attended to and training also is undertaken. Active crew members teach and learn subjects such as seamanship, first aid and radio procedures, coastal navigation and other related subjects.

Sundays are devoted to training in the boats where the boat capabilities are tested and analysed and tuned and this is a very necessary procedure to ensure that boats are always in tip top condition to carry out their duties in the real rescue situation. Seamanship tasks are exercised such as passing tow lines and exercising swimmers in the water and the use of rescue boards, manual sail which can be very tricky. It has happened that on the day that I discussed this with Darren, Station 10 had arrived that Station 10's hard work was required to conduct joint exercises in the waters off St. Michaels Town and a very fruitful occasion it turned out to be for both Stations. Similar exercises have been conducted with Station 22, Kormorant, and Station 9, Korder's Bay.

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It should also be kept in mind that these young people about 17 opportunities a year to get extra training in order to prepare for any occasion when they are required to perform at top level because there are not many second chances in emergency situations. Readers will be pleased to know that both Station 17 firefighters have been recognized by the S.A. Marine Safety Association and are fit to put to sea.

The Shorelink Committee has Hopkiss Boat Collection realised the amount of \$2496.92 in December. Gus Ridgway informed the Shorelink Committee that Andrew Gibson will yet again most generously donate a set of prints of his paintings for fund raising at Station 16. Congratulations to Shorelink Committee Secretary Anne Rutter on her marriage to Eric Fox on the 17 January 2001.

An afternoon field at the Friends Town Museum on Friday 19 January a number of institutions were awarded cherries as a result of fundraising from the New Year Eve party organised by the Simon's Town Millennium Committee. Station Commander Dave Roberts was presented with a cheque for £1000.00 for the Station's participation in the event. The Station is indeed extremely grateful for this donation.

What a great way to start the new year. Yours aye,

Don Dollery
Member Shorelink Committee

Simon's Town School

Simon's Town School is endeavouring to give their learners the best opportunity possible of acquiring a decent education and are addressing the problem of pupils with learning difficulties more aggressively by developing their remedial department.

Most people are aware of learning problems resulting from visual perceptual difficulties where learners experience difficulty reading or spelling, but few are aware that

the underlying problem for many with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders and hyperactivity is often the impairment of auditory processing. These learners may take a long time responding to questions, may have trouble following directions, understand chronics preparing a foreign language. Vuyolo, for example, a boy of 15 years old, was placed in Grade 5 (Standard 5) because of his difficulty with learning English and with understanding classroom instruction. He was found to have a severe auditory processing problem, was placed in Grade 3 (Standard 3) and as coping with the work became he is able to utilise his strengths, the visual modality. Unfortunately, his progress will be seriously hampered by his auditory problems. Rishard*, 14 years old, resisted reading or writing and was becoming a behaviour problem. He was found to have severe visual perceptual problems and also auditory perceptual, which meant his world was very confusing. His behaviour problems were the result of his frustrations. These are only two of the nu-

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merous learners found to have problems that prevent them from learning effectively. (*Names have been changed).

Auditory Integration Training (AIT) has been able to help the underlying problem of processing sounds and has been successful in the treatment of people diagnosed with attention deficit disorders, hyperactivity, depression, distraction, lack of concentration and numerous related problems. The duration of the course is ten days and requires an AIT therapist treating the person individually. The cost of the course per person is approx R1500.00.

At present the school is negotiating with an AIT therapist to treat 8 learners at a time at the school at a reduced rate. Each group of 8 will be treated over a 10-day period, followed by 3 and 6 monthly check-ups. Those parents who are able to afford the cost will be asked to do so; however, the vast majority are not in a position to cover any of the cost. The school is looking for sponsors for those learners identified with auditory processing problems but unable to afford the AIT therapy. As the school would like to give the learners a good start to the year, it is a matter of urgency! In the future the school would also like to have the means to build a well-equipped remedial department for both the primary and secondary school and thus becoming a pioneering school rendering a valuable service to the community.

**L Florentino, Acting Principle & VS
Reeves, Remedial Educator**

Message from Dr van der Merwe's Room

Dear friends and patients, welcome to the new year - our sixth in Simon's Town. Thank you for thinking of us during the festive season, those lovely bottles of bubbly; wine; whisky; chocolates; biscuits and cards of well wishing surely made working during this time easier.

Our move to 198 Main Road has been a great success and we love our new environment - very peaceful and relaxing. All our patients who have visited feel the good vibe as well

We have not increased our rates by 31% as feared, after all the recent misinterpretations of the medical profession in the press. It is unfortunate indeed, that the medical aid industry has decided to direct its inadequate use of funds and ensuing poor financial situation at the people who really care about their patients most - the GP.

We are continuing our association with Dr. Fletcher-Jones (Gynaecologist) who sees patients on a Thursday afternoon. Dr. Jacques (Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon) does sessions at our rooms once a week and our resident dietitian (Sandra Schultz) gives dietary advice on Monday and Fridays.

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Everyday our practice experiences the benefits of early detection of disease and commencement of treatment. With this in mind we have decided to offer the annual Mayo-clinic type general medical examination. This will include the usual medical history and examination. We will perform blood tests for cholesterol; glucose and full blood count. Prostate cancer blood tests will be performed on men. A resting ECG will be done and where required a chest Xray and lung function test can be performed. The information will be kept in a personal folder by the patient, for future reference. Please inform Desere that you require a full medical, so that she may allow adequate time.

We wish you all good health during 2001.

Music in the Valley

Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina had a relatively quiet 2000 for various reasons, but will be in full swing this year. Already a resident choir has been formed with a fantastic number of 25 members (some are members from the Cape Philharmonia Choir who moved to "Deep South") and are currently working with great enthusiasm on the Gloria by A. Vivaldi. The society will also be involved in the Cultural festival planned in Simon's Town in July of this year. We also promise a return of a lovely Christmas Concert this December (yes - only 335 days to Xmas !!).

The society will be planning a charity concert in June/July to raise funds for the new Music academy at the Sun Valley School.

This new music department caters for adults and children who wish to learn to play a variety of instruments and we are greatly encouraged by this growth in musical culture. Mr. Fred Kuit has also started a Jazz-based music school - presently resident at the Community School in Kleintuin Road, Sea Forth.

Many other surprises will be advertised, so please watch the local press for details and continue your wonderful support.

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New Solution to some of the Penguin Problem

The penguin colony is growing as more and more birds move into the protected area and breed successfully. The number of tourists and visitors is also increasing and in 1999 averaged more than 1000 a day going into the Boulders Park. This has resulted in serious traffic problems in Simon's Town and Seaforth in particular. Residents near the penguin colony who used to live in a quiet neighbourhood have to put up with the noise and smell of the penguins, and the noise and rubbish caused by the large number of visitors to a very restricted area. The fragile fynbos has been destroyed by penguins and visitors and there is now serious erosion along the bridle path where vegetation has disappeared from the steep banks. As the penguins spread the beaches have been closed to the public and swimming places which have been used by generations of Simonites are lost to their children and grandchildren. The access to these beaches is one of the reasons for their com-

ing to live here long before the penguins turned up.

This is just an oversimplification of the problems that have arisen locally over the last fifteen years. These problems are likely to proliferate. They won't go away. Therefore we ought to consider the future of penguins, tourists and residents and look for solutions that might ease the situation.

The penguins are here to stay and traffic and tourists are likely to increase over the years. The Parks Board talks about managing the flow of visitors and traffic but this is not possible because of the small size of the park and, indeed of the town itself. If we could attract some of the visitors to an additional penguin viewing site, this would take the pressure off the present one and benefit tourists and residents.

In the past, suggestions have been made about moving the penguins to another site in the reserve at Cape Point. Because of the strong homing instincts of the penguins this is not likely to achieve anything. They will swim straight back home as the penguins did after the recent oil spill. Nor can one cull penguins or remove eggs because they are a threatened species and need to be protected. There is a way, however, that a new colony could be started.

Penguins are fiercely territorial and once established on a nesting site will return to that site year after year. Chicks also return to the area where they were hatched and nurtured. If a number of adult penguins could be kept in captivity in a special site for a few breeding seasons, their young would return to that site and a new colony would be founded. African Penguins are kept successfully in zoos in Britain and Australia and probably elsewhere in the world and the birds seem in good condition and apparently breed successfully. The suggestion is that a special zoological site could be built on the shoreline in or near Cape Point within easy reach of the sea and with facilities for tourists. If breeding pairs were

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to be kept there in captivity, their young would be free to leave the confined area as soon as they were old enough to go to sea. It seems likely that they would return to that area and breed there thus setting up a new colony.

If another colony were to be established the main benefit would be to the penguins themselves because in the area they occupy now, they must be vulnerable to disease which could wipe out the whole lot. The main benefit to us would be that it would draw some of the tourists away from the present small congested viewing area. The Parks Board would continue to receive revenue. It would also help the Parks Board to solve the present impossible problem of trying to provide a penguin-viewing facility while not depriving residents and visitors alike of recreational experiences on the beaches. If an alternative penguin park is not provided soon, there is no possibility that, given the present growth rate, the Boulders Coastal Park can be satisfactorily managed in the next decade.

Rachel Prescott Browning
Simon's Town

The Night Sky

At this time of the year the night sky is dominated by the Constellation of Orion, which has many of the stars at a similar distance from us. The well known three stars make up his belt, the four groups forming the sword, which contains the famous Trapezium and M42. The stars of the Trapezium are being made from giant gas clouds. These clouds are visible with a small telescope, and are worth watching, as the clouds are on the move, changing colour from time to time.

There seem to be several telescopes in use in Simon's Town, and judging from the interest shown for a telescope on display in a shop window recently, one more may have been added to the list. Should a reader be interested in adding to the oculars of a telescope, a supplier's name will be given on request. For good viewing, the following

oculars are necessary: 25mm or 1"; 12.5mm or ½"; and as a luxury a 32mm or 1¼" may be added to the list, as well as a Porro-prism for turning the sailing boats in the bay right side up(!) when using a Newtonian telescope.

To continue about Orion, the light from the Trapezium has been travelling for 2000 years at 186,000 miles/second or 300,000km/sec to reach us. Orion the Hunter has the bright red star Betelgeuse as his shoulder blade, which is so large, that if it was placed where our Sun is, would swallow all our planets up to and including Mars. Diagonally opposite is the foot of Orion, a white giant called Rigel, having 18,000 times the brilliancy of the Sun. The two other stars making the body of Orion are the fainter Bellatrix and Kappa Orionis. There are three small stars at the head. Orion is on the celestial equator, so it is 34° north of us in Simon's Town. Orion the Huntsman is followed in the sky by Canis Major, his Big Dog. The brightest star in this

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constellation is Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, which happens to be the brightest star in the sky. This is followed by Little Dog, Canis Minor, having Procyon as its brightest star. On the west side of Orion is Taurus the Bull, made up of the Seven Sisters or Pleiades and the Hyades. The latter is V-shaped with one bright star called Aldebaran. The Pleiades and the Hyades are separated by several degrees in the sky. The pathway of the planets called the Ecliptic lies between them. The thirteen signs or constellations of the Zodiac all lie on the Ecliptic.

At present the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Aldebaran form an elongated triangle in the western sky every evening this month. Another bright constellation in this part of the sky is Gemini, the Twins called Castor and Pollux. They are the second brightest pair of stars in the sky and are also on the Ecliptic with the other constellations of the Zodiac, Crab, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpius, Ophiuchus, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries and Taurus.

The Planets

Mercury at mag +1.8 is visible low in the west after sunset until 7 February, when there is a conjunction (with the Sun). On the 19th it becomes a morning "star" with Mars.

Venus, mag -4.1, is the very bright planet seen in the west at Sunset. It reaches its greatest brilliancy at -4.6 on 22 February.

Mars, mag +1.0 rises after midnight and will be found near the head of Scorpius and a Moon of the Last Quarter on 15 February. It moves into Ophiuchus at the end of the month.

Jupiter, mag -2.7 is seen together with Saturn and Aldebaran in Taurus, being dominant in the evening western sky. Both planets are receding and fading. Jupiter is pulling away from Saturn and they will not be so close together again in the next twenty years. Jupiter moves into Gemini in June, taking twelve years to orbit the Sun.

Saturn, mag +0.1 forms the evening triangle with Jupiter and Aldebaran. It remains in Taurus for 2001, taking 29.5 years to or-

bit the Sun.

Uranus, mag +5.9 is in conjunction with the Sun on the 9th, so it is not visible this month.

Neptune, mag +8.0 was in conjunction with the Sun on 29 January, so is not visible this month, but it will reappear in the morning sky in March. It takes 165 years to orbit the Sun.

Pluto, mag +13.8 is in Ophiuchus, but will only be visible in a telescope (larger than 250mm) at dawn. It takes 247.7 years to orbit the Sun.

The Moon

There was a total eclipse of the Moon on 9 January starting at 19h45min and ending on 10 January at 0h57.6min. The period of totality was between 21h49min and 22h51min. Unfortunately it was partly cloudy in Simon's Town until mid-totally, but then we were clouded out. Those who saw the eclipse will remember the golden glow of the Full Moon. Eclipses of the Moon can only occur at Full Moon. There will be a



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New Moon is on 23 February; First Quarter on the 1st; Full Moon on the 8th; Last Quarter on the 15th.

The Sun

On 1 February Sunrise is at 06h07min and Sunset at 19h52min. On the 28th Sunrise is at 06h33min and Sunset at 19h23min. There will be a Solar eclipse on 21 June from 13h17min to 15h49min at Simon's Town, with 60% covered. Johannesburg will have 70%, Bulawayo 90%. It will be 100% in Angola between Benguela and Luanda; Kabwe and Lusaka in Zambia; Chipunto and Mucumbura and Makana and Rusambo in Zimbabwe; Doa and Chinde in Mozambique.

An eclipse of the Sun can only happen at New Moon.

It is suggested that preparations for purchasing safe viewing Solar glasses with a mylor or other suitable screen be purchased soon from: The Business Manager, Astronomical Society of Southern Africa, PO Box 9, Observatory, 7925. Copies of the handbook are also available from him.

The Sun is in the middle of a period of great Solar activity, so extreme weather conditions over the Earth can be expected for the next 15 months. Recently I was asked when the astronomical year started, this is when the First Point of Aries (the Ram) is visible in the November morning sky.

Also readers have expressed difficulty looking at stars with binoculars. Assuming they are clamped to a tripod and are steady, or are being supported by a wall of a table, then if an observer has difficulty seeing stars in the sky, the answer is to have the use of a telescope or binoculars with an exit pupil of between 3-5mm diameter. This was explained in detail on the Simon's Town Historical Society's trip to Beaufort West to see Comet Halley.

If the exit pupil of the binoculars is greater than 5mm or less than 3mm they are not suitable for viewing stars. A good choice would be 12/50 or similar ratio. Divide the diameter of the front lense (in mm) by the magnification. $50/12 = 4.1$ This is a very comfortable ratio for viewing anything, as is the popular 8/30.

Peter I van Blommestein

Snakes in the Simon's Town Area - Part 1

Introduction

Simonstown is so fortunate in that the town is surrounded by pristine hills and the sea in a very narrow belt on the Peninsula. Trapped in this belt and ever more hemmed in by man and his structures are a wonderful variety of wild creatures which are still able to cope as the food chain has not yet been totally destroyed. Domestic animals and people, the noise of their presence with excessive illumination at night steadily drives nature up the slopes of this ever narrowing strip of land.

A key link in this food chain are the snakes. They control each other, one species such as the common mole snake eats cobra eggs and snakes eat each other. The population of any species always depends on the food available. Lizards, frogs, rats, mice and insects are controlled by snakes and birds of prey in turn feed on the snakes which are relatively easy prey when attacked from the sky.

We need to be very careful that we respect all members of the food chain as we march ever higher up the mountain. Snakes are very often destroyed with no thought for the bigger picture of which we are only one species with a totally artificial food source and limited awareness of our need for the creatures around us. The thrust of this article is therefore to help us all to become more comfortable living with our snakes. To do this we have to be able to quickly recognise those that can be dangerous if molested

and those that can be identified more closely so that our knowledge of the area grows with our respect for those creatures.

Identification

Non-poisonous snakes have no fangs. The head and body are of similar girth with. Their snouts tend to be pointed.

Poisonous snakes have a fangmark. The sole exception in our area is the Boomslang which is the only tree snake in Simon's Town and can be identified by its habit of living above the ground. Their heads are broad, often wedge or diamond shaped with less pointed snouts.

It is important to have a simple quick reference book so that you are able to get into "snake watching" a lot more challenging than bird watching! A good booklet is by Johan Marais "Snakes and Snake Bites in Southern Africa" published by Struik.

What follows is a list of species which have been recorded from this area some of which have not been seen for decades like the striking colour of Rinkals. These records are taken from Fitzinger's "Snakes of Southern Africa" published 1982. So it's our job to bring the record for our area up to date. Perhaps one day we will have our own Simon's Town Field Book describing all the snakes we see here "above upon a bush". As I am trying to update my list it'll be great if you could let me know if you have seen any of these or other species in Simon's Town and immediate surroundings.

(Jan Hawes Feb 1992)

Snakes most often seen in the Simon's Town Area

The snakes are listed in the order in which I have come across them most frequently. These sightings have been almost exclusively in the gardens against the backdrop of Simon's coast. I have never/ not seen the snakes listed from Robinson's garden. But these are known to occur in our area and it would be of interest if any of these are seen in the future so that we can add them to the records.

Slug Eater - Rusty brown to dark grey with cream to yellow belly. Body wide moving seldom longer than 30cm. Harmless and most useful in our gardens. Should not often be cause of death when poisonous snakes are scared.

Cross-marked Grass Snake - Very quick mover. Thin body up to 70cm long. Olive green with white lateral stripes along the length of the body. Obvious cross on the head. Very well camouflaged. Often falls prey to hawks and other snakes. Very insect eat. No milk. Not dangerous to man. Often seen in the moist sites of the dune.

Cape Cobra - Up to 2 meters long varying greatly in colour from pale cream fading through bright yellow and ochre to brown or yellow to dark brown. Young have a distinctive black wide band on the neck reminiscent of the splitting cobra but the Cape Cobra does not split. Hides in the daytime and is the most common cause of snake bites recorded in SA. Fast moving and never still unless cornered and molested. Seldom overexposed its size as many a house or any disturbance usually moving out of sight long before being seen.

Puff Adder - Bites by this adder are more frequent than the cobra, but as the poison is slow acting treatment is easier. Active during day and night. Due to its superb camouflage I can easily be stepped upon especially at night. Does not like getting some provocation. Up to 1.7m in length but usually seen at the half meter size. Chevron markings are the way to differentiation from other adders with other patterns. Slow mover but very fast striker when it can launch its entire body into the air from a coiled position. Tends to be a fierce snake.

Dwarf Garter Snake - Beautifully marked like a string of beads and about 14cm long. Up to 20cm long. Banded yellow and black with a bright red stripe along the centre of the back. Not dangerous. Feeds on small insects and larvae in damp earth.

Spotted Rhombic Skink - Locally

about 50 cms long but can grow to 1 meter. Vary from adder-like rhombic markings to lateral stripes where it is often called the Striped Skaapsteker. Pointed head with no definite neck. Poisonous to small animals such as cats and dogs. Not dangerous to humans.

Mole Snake - Brown to black up to 2 meters long. Pointed snout no neck. Prefers sandy dune soils and keeps the Dune Mole Rat population in check. Not poisonous. Partial to cobra's eggs.

Boomslang - Tree and shrub dweller often gets into roofs to nest and take birds and their eggs. Usually needs creepers close to the roof to get in. Poisonous with no clear neck. Birds often give away its presence. Length from 1 to 2 meters. Males brown and females green and yellow. Poisonous but seldom bite.

Berg Adder - Smaller than the puff adder with typical adder markings but duller and darker than the puff adder. No chevron markings. Typical neck. Poisonous to humans but no fatalities ever recorded.

Brown Water Snake - 50 to 80cms long. No neck. Dark brown. Marshy areas. Night hunter of frogs, rodents and birds. Non-poisonous.

* **Part 2 to follow in Snoektown Calling - March edition.**

*Ian Howse, Simon's Town
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A Tanganyika Diary Part 1

February 15 1952

New Africa Hotel, Dar es Salaam

Except for indifferent catering, this hotel is quite impressive: not exactly a Polana or a Mount Nelson, but enhanced by wide boulevards and waving palms, and a view of the rather flat seafloor - at low tide the water recedes into the distance.

Men here wear a uniform of baggy khaki shorts and shirts; the women - also uniformly - amble along in limp sundresses. Were

someone dressed in Dior's latest confection to appear on the terrace of the New Africa, the shock would lead to the Pledge, or worse.

Christopher Dominic (it has been agreed that he will never be called The Baby) is sweet and cheerful, except when heat and thirst cause an occasional whimper. I ordered water for his bottle and was presented with a jug of greasy, warm liquid, redolent of kitchen sinks. I recalled dear Dr Spock's advice to the mothers of America's hinterland: if the water is suspect, use flat beer. So 4½ month old C.D. has had his introduction to East African beer, with every sign of enjoyment. Poor lamb.

Before we left Johannesburg we opened an account with CNA who will send us books from time to time and let us know when funds are low. Have also opened an account with Stewart's Stores, the local emporium; something like the Belfast Warehouse of childhood memory. The assistants are jolly, friendly Brits who address one as Lovey or Ducky. Sailor has been busily



engaged with the Dept. of Land Development at Kilimbero: we may have two landrovers, a Bedford truck and a driver named Ali. The Provincial Commissioner has granted official written permission to occupy the Government resthouse just outside the village of Nakara - described as strongly and comfortably, with a small room. Welcome! Going to a few more.

February 20

Gobby Gump and Bob Pisoni having backed out of the Survey, Baker has advertised for a suitable replacement. I was instructed to watch out for the successful applicant, one Dante, when he arrived. Precisely at the appointed time a young man wearing hair and wearing a brown velvet jacket appeared and introduced himself. Soft cop-

per and smiling polite, and cracked an elegant pipe as he sipped tea. Ye Gods and Bimbos say I thought this Oscar Wilde character will never survive 5 years in the bush. However, Saint seems happy with Dante and his cronies etc.

February 22

Tomorrow morning we leave for the Kilimbero Valley. A day journey with two overnight stops at Morogoro and Kilosa. The trucks are loaded with equipment and the Landrovers carry provisions. Sailor was told that there were Indian trucks in Nakara, but he says he'd rather be safe than short. I have a sack of Kenia CO, an Osofer Yella's advice that it was the only internationally stable product. Bless her - and bless us all.

Bird Species Recorded in the Glencairn and Simon's Town areas to date:

(Numbers refer to the page number)

Common Names	Scientific Names	Saysi	Habets
1. African Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus interpres</i>	169	244
2. African Sedge Warbler	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	185	666
3. Bank Swallow	<i>Hirundo lunifrons</i>	57	57
4. Black-bellied Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	171	258
5. Black-winged Stilt	<i>Thalassidroma capensis</i>	377	796
6. Cape Gull	<i>Larus capensis</i>	55	55
7. Cape Gull	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	57	56
8. Cape Frigatebird	<i>Fregata acazusa</i>	187	185
9. Cape Lark	<i>Sturnella capensis</i>	273	354
10. Cape Parrot	<i>Fregata acazusa</i>	311	585
11. Cape Robin	<i>Upupa capensis</i>	325	621
12. Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	359	796
13. Cape Warbler	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	369	713
14. Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	380	803
15. Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	401	813
16. Cape Canary	<i>Serinus capensis</i>	421	872
17. Cape Thrush	<i>Heurostochoa capensis</i>	423	674
18. Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	425	805
19. Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne</i>	507	923
20. Cattle Egret	<i>Subellus ibi</i>	62	91
21. Common Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	133	337
22. Crowned Plover	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	169	258
23. Crowned Gull	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	57	56
24. Dabchick	<i>Fulicaria cristata</i>	51	9
25. Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	77	102

26. European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	385	757
27. Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	319	589
28. Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	221	349
29. Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	341	661
30. Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>	293	526
31. Greater Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	205	912
32. Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	61	62
33. Greyheaded Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	209	315
34. Hadedda Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	75	94
35. Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	209	316
36. helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	143	203
37. House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	395	801
38. Jackass Penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	29	3
39. Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	207	312
40. Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	237	385
41. Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegaensis</i>	223	355
42. Lesser Doublecollared Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>	393	783
43. Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	351	677
44. Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	63	667
45. Mountain Chat	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	319	586
46. Orangebreasted Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia violacea</i>	387	777
47. Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	255	428
48. Redeyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	223	352
49. Redknobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	147	228
50. Redwinged Starling	<i>Onychognathus mono</i>	383	769
51. Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	129	181
52. Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	221	349
53. Sabines' Gull	<i>Larus sabini</i>	209	318
54. Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	211	326
55. Southern Boubou	<i>Lanius ferrugineus</i>	375	736
56. Spotted Dikkop	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	203	297
57. Spotted Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	353	686a
58. Spotted Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	241	401
59. Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	107	149
60. Swift Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	211	324
61. Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	385	760
62. White Chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	41	32
63. Whitebreasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	57	55
64. Whitefronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	167	246
65. Whitenecked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	305	550

Additional Species by Charles Ellis

1. Little Stint *	178	274
2. Southern Boubou *	374	736
3. Sanderling *	176	281
4. Burchell's Coucal •	238	391a
5. Moorhen •	146	226
6. Speckled Mousebird •	252	424
7. Common Waxbill •	412	846

* Birdwatcher Peter I van Blommestein

• Birdwatchers Rupert & Cilla Bromley

CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town Round-Up

Since 1999 members of this station have successfully run **"Project SABENA"** (Anti-Rape Self Defence Classes) aimed at empowering women and children. As an adjunct to this course the following hints are offered:

Prevent becoming a victim in the street

- Avoid dark and deserted places, times and circumstances that increase the risk.
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace - *a rapist will seek those who appear vulnerable.*
- If you think you are being followed, walk to a busy or well-lit area, or a shop.
- Walk close to the curb and towards oncoming traffic.
- When driving, be aware of your surroundings.
- Always keep your car doors locked and windows closed.
- Be aware of suspicious people in parking, bus or railway areas.
- Never pick up hitch-hikers and never hitch-hike.
- Do not stop for stranded vehicles or people.
- Be alert when stopping at a stop street or robot.
- If your vehicle becomes faulty do not stop, but try to drive to the nearest business area to seek help.
- Invest in a whistle.

At Home

- Never allow strangers into your home -

if they say they are from a company, phone the company and make sure that this is the case.

- Invest in good locks and a security gate.
- Invest in a peephole in the door.
- You or your children should never disclose that you are alone at home by telephone or to a person at the door.
- Discuss safety precautions with your immediate community, local police station and traditional leaders.

Date rape

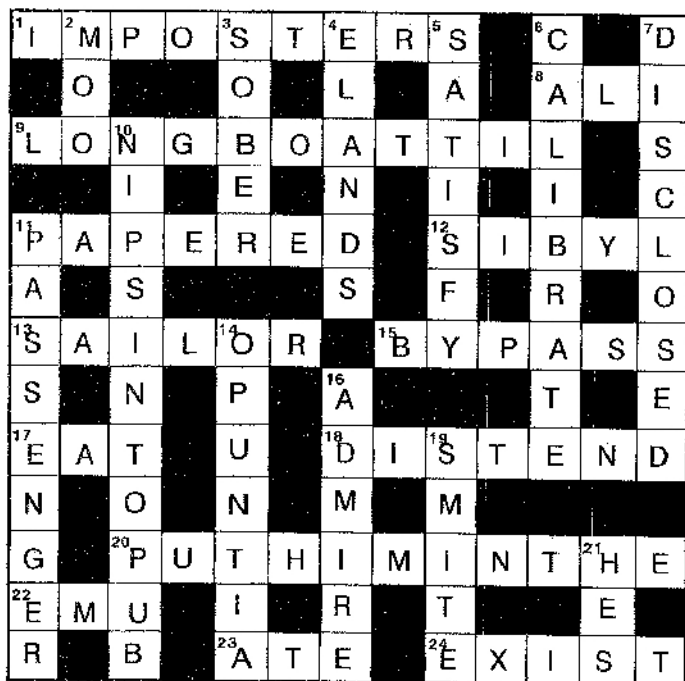
- Date rape is the sexual abuse of one partner by the other in a dating relationship.
- Do not allow another person to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable - by addressing the person firmly, make it clear that the behaviour is unacceptable.
- Do not leave a social event with someone you have just met or don't know.
- **You have the right to say NO!**
- Remember: most women are raped by someone they know.

"Project SABENA" will hopefully continue this year, but due to various factors will only commence in March 2001. Interested parties may contact Insp Store on **786 2118**.

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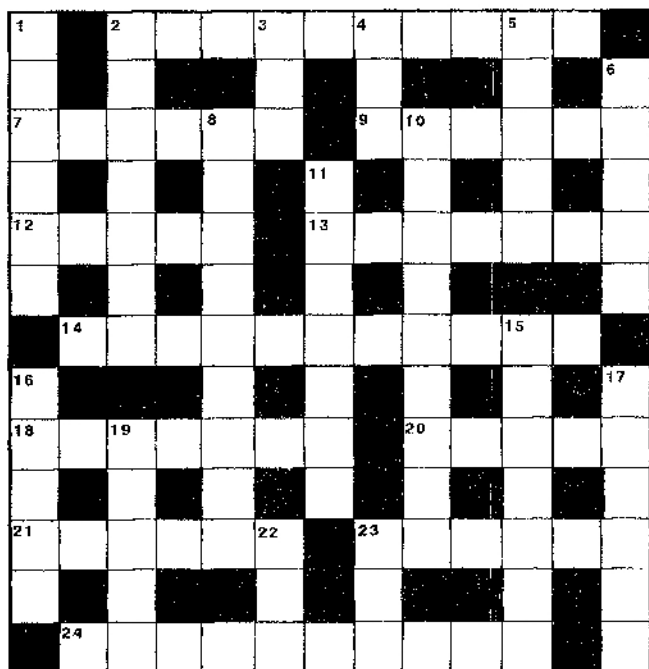
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CROSSWORD



P U Z Z L E 1

ACROSS

2. Where the coastline may be found in Simon's Town (6,4)
7. One inside the verge mourns (6)
9. A long pace is the way to go on horseback (6)
12. Having a branch in charge is sound reasoning (5)
13. Of these people, some ski - naturally (7)
14. Sparkling Lily Langtry opens with a 'B', nog! Why not! (11)
18. Motorists seeking fuel economy might want to smell these (7)
20. Perform better at an al fresco party (5)
21. The right one will do for this clue (6)
23. No longer skating to the place of work? (6)
24. Where to harvest tadpoles? (6,4)

DOWN

1. Entertain Reggie to beer (6)

2. Being put through this might leave you feeling flat! (7)
3. She brings 7 to an end (3)
4. A cry for help in Picasso's painting (3)
5. You might expect to hear severe tales from him (5)
6. Poetry from the Irish after five? (5)
8. Dither when you cavil confusedly before being dead (9)
10. Pilots and strippers are forever doing this (6,3)
11. 'E errs in deciding to wash out again (7)
15. The element set fire to the man socially acceptable inside (7)
16. You would have to go to the ends of the earth to justify using this word (5)
17. Hash even makes illicit whiskey (6)
19. Searl alters the beam (5)
22. Falsify the way you dress? (3)
23. Bad start (3)

PRIZE: R100 voucher valid at Café Pescado

Name: Tel. No:

- Entries in plain envelope addressed to Snoektown Calling Crossword Puzzle and delivered to Simon's Town Bottle Store before 20 January 2001.
- First correct entry drawn will be the prize winner.
- Only one entry per person permitted.
- Result and solution in the following issue of Snoektown Calling.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February / March 2001

1. SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM

Ph 786-3046

Sunday 18 February at 6pm - Open air concert on Jubilee Square - **South African Navy Band and the Pipes and Drums of the Cape Town Highlanders**. Tickets R15 obtainable at ST Museum and Peninsula Tourism Publicity Bureau.

2. SIMON'S TOWN ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Saturday 24 February - Sunday 4 March 10am - 4pm daily. NB - there will be no Art Route on the last Sunday of February.

3. FISH HOEK FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Friday 2 February at 8pm. Classic and Romantic favourites by the **Michaelis Players** at the Fish Hoek Civic Centre. Tickets at AP Jones (R25 adults, R5 scholars/students).

4. INSTITUTE OF MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (Martello Rd, Simon's Town)

Wednesday 28 February 7pm - 9pm. Sea Watch 2 Meeting - "Water Quality Monitoring in Simon's Town".
Booking Lisa Whalley **786-1092**.

5. ADMIRALTY HOUSE GARDEN PICNIC AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY BAND

Sunday 11 March at 6pm - 8pm (gates open at 4pm)

Entrance R50 per person. Book at computicket or Simon's Town Publicity Bureau. Enquiries **786-1907**.

6. FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Enquiries Ph 786 3890 - All welcome

Wednesday 7 February, 7.30pm - Talk on "Fire and Fire Prevention - Assistance and Funding in the Community" by Teri Kruger - Ukuvuka

Venue: Town Hall, Simon's Town. Enquiries **786 1072**.

Saturday 17 February, 9.30am

Hack at Boulders Park, meet at Boulders Car Park.

Saturday 24 February, 9.30am - Marine Excursion led by Professor C Griffiths, UCT. Meet at Die Kom, Kommetjie (wear non-slip shoes for walking on rocks).

Sunday 25 February, 9.30am - Combined all day walk with Flora Conservation Group in Silvermine Nature Area. Meet at parking area on top of Ou Kaapseweg - east side (old gate no 2). Enquiries **789-1334**.

Friday 9 March, 7.30pm - Talk on Mammal-like Reptiles in the Cape by Dr Jurie van der Merwe, University of Stellenbosch. Venue: Museum Hall, Court Rd, Simon's Town. Enquiries **786-1072, 786-4823**.

Saturday 10 March, 9.30am - Morning Walk on Elsies Peak. Meet at Glencairn 7-11 parking area.

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