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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

At our recent AGM we saw our Cubs and Scouts combine in one meeting while the adults discussed the more mundane issues of group finances, annual report backs and the like. There's something really special about seeing older kids interacting with younger ones especially when it spans the ages from 7 to 18. But then isn't that what Scouting is all about - the older ones transferring to the younger ones. I just love the expressions on some of the kids faces as they interact each other. Thanks to CJ Beerwinkle for taking these pictures.



Thanks too to Errol Solomans for straightening our front path ahead of our AGM. Unfortunately we don't have a before picture, but from the after picture one can clearly see what a great job has been done. Errol is our Maintenance Man is one who silently gets on with things. We really appreciate you Errol.

Nic Haarhoff put the Owl box up. Hopefully we'll see some owls in it soon. Thanks Nic.

Thanks too to everyone who contributed to this edition. Every article and picture is valued and contributes to the accounting of our groups history. Enjoy all there is to read. The group once again has had a full and busy term.

Yours in Scouting  
**JP Lugt**



## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY 5 DECEMBER

Today the world celebrates volunteers. SCOUTS South Africa is a volunteer run organisation with hundreds of people who volunteer hours of their lives to educate and empower children and youth to be the best they can be.

Thank you to all our volunteers! We acknowledge your dedication, your commitment and your contribution in making the Scout Movement what it is today. Your drive to support children, youth and young adults with their personal growth, skills development and self-reliance is admirable. Through your support over 12 300 young people under the age of 17 are in leadership positions within SCOUTS SA!

Scouting Founder Lord Robert Baden Powell said "The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

A big THANK YOU to our volunteers for the smiles, the giggles, the memories and friendships you create by serving not only our Scouting members, but their families and communities too.

Yours in Scouting,  
**The SCOUTS SA Team**



## ~ In Remembrance of ~ **ALAN "TOFFIE" THOMPSON**

It is with great sadness we share the news of the sudden passing of Alan "Toffie" Thompson on 26 November 2019.

Alan was a scouter in the Western Cape for a number of years, serving at 1st Pinelands, as a leader for SMC hikes and assisting at the Senior Scout Adventure at the Handcrafts base.

His wife Cheryl and family and friends are in our thoughts at this difficult time.



*Hiking the Fish River Canyon 1972. From the left, Richard Goldschmidt, Bill Sykes, Kuba, Toffie, Steve Meek, Daryl Bailey and Mike Sage. Richard was troop scouter 1st Pinelands and Mike was troop scouter 2nd Pinelands. Steve was a scout in 2nd Pinelands and Bill Sykes was a parent in in 2nd Pinelands. The rest were all 1st Pinelands.*





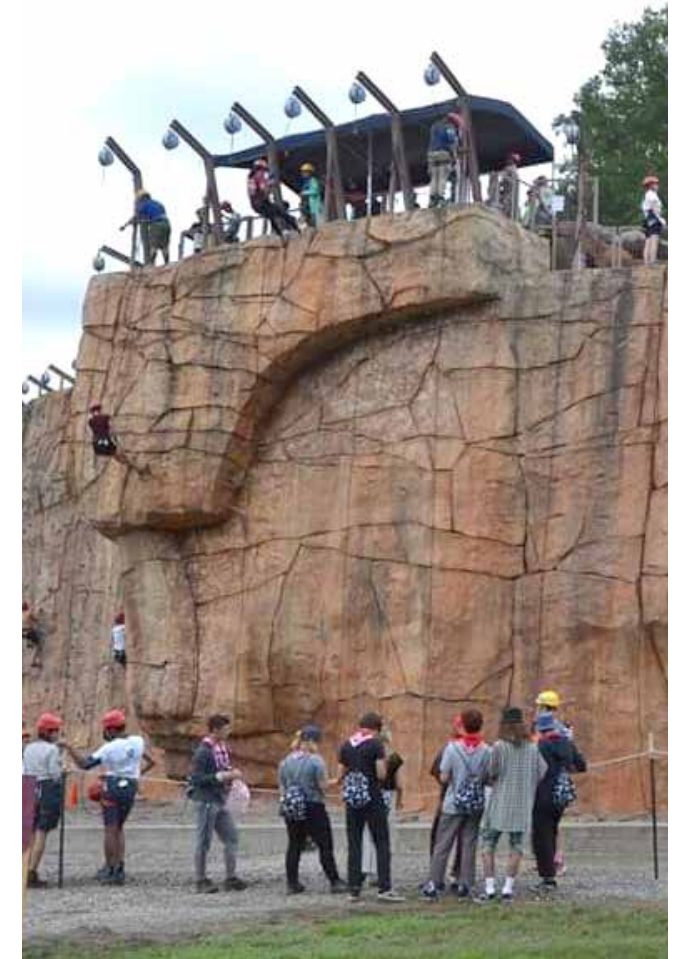
## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE • WEST VIRGINIA, USA •



(Apologies to Shaun whose article was mistakenly omitted from our previous edition.)

The World Scout Jamboree was an amazing experience. Meeting new people from around the world and exploring the site. The activities we did was fantastic especially the zip lining. Cultural day was awesome eating different kinds of foods. My favourite was Mexico. And I hope in four years scouts from First Pinelands will unlock a new world at the World Scout Jamboree in 2023 in South Korea.

By Shaun Krieg





## PATROL LEADERS TRAINING COURSE



PLTC is a badge course where PLs and APLs learn how to better lead their patrols. In 2019, 5 scouts from 1st Pinelands attended the course.

I was very proud seeing how well our scouts worked compared to scouts from other troops. Overall I feel like the course was definitely worthwhile and I would recommend going on the course to any PL or APL or soon to be APL who hasn't yet been.

By Josh Lugt







## WP ORIENTEERING COMP • 2019 •

**This sweat inducingly funtabulous scout event was held at Century City on the 08th September.**

We arrived there at around 12ish and messed around on the trains in front of the club-house while waiting for all the 1st Pinelands team members to arrive.

After our competition PL (Josie) signed us in, some of us went for a quick training exercise, which was a good warm-up. Then the actual main competition began.

Over 70 teams were competing, and about 3x as many scouts (210 Scouts +/-). After the parade we jogged/stumbled sprinted off to find our routes and to accumulate the first collection of punch holes that will fill up the punch sheet.

We ran around punching holes and planning routes for the next 75 minutes, it was awesome. When we finally got back from the start/end point, I was utterly exhausted, and crashed out on the grass (after Daniel handed in our sheet).

The next few minutes were spent playing around and being silly.

This competition was super duper fun, and I will absolutely go again next year.

**By Josie Adlard**

## JOINT PATROL MEETING

**On the 9th of September 2019 the Eagles, Zebras, and Lions went on a joint patrol meeting to Bloemendal. Bloemendal is a wine farm that has fun mountain bike tracks that can also be ridden by beginners, which was good because some of us were not experienced.**

We met at the Scout Hall and after a couple technical difficulties all the bikes had been loaded and we were on our way to Bloemendal!

By 11h30 we were ready to start, all decked out in helmets and gloves. We started with the B-Spot route (also known as the BMX route) which is a good place to start and practise since it is near the parking lot and you do not have to climb a hill to start the route.

I enjoy the B-Spot route because even though there is not a lot of

climbing to do there is still a slight downhill slope which means you can go fast. The B-Spot route is good for beginners because it is one of the most popular routes so it is maintained and the dirt is packed tightly around burns and there are not lots of loose rocks.

Unfortunately, at the start of the B-Spot route, we had a fall! Zoë was just having too much fun and went too fast for her bike to manage and had a spectacular wipe out and grazed her hands and elbow! She had to go back and wash out the dirt for her war wounds, but luckily she joined us later on.

The next route we did was the Lombard's Terra, which was upping the difficulty slightly, with more loose rocks and bigger jumps. Luckily no one fell off on that route

and we all had fun racing each other down the mountain we had spent thirty minutes climbing up.

We then split into two groups and one group did the B-Spot again and the other did the lower part of Lombard's Terra. I went with to the B-Spot, but once we had finished we joined back with the other group and did the lower part of Lombard's Terra again.

By the end, tired happy children were delivered back to their parents, already wanting to go again!

**By Rachael MacIntyre**







## 1ST PINELANDS TROOP OVERNIGHT HIKE

It was a nice evening when we started the 1st Pinelands troop overnight hike. We started up at a good pace. We went up Kasteelpoort. It was steep and there were a lot of ledges on the way up. We reached the top at about eight 'o clock and made supper. I had meat, smash and baked beans. We played card games and chatted a lot and went to bed late. The next morning we set off early. We went to the other side of Table Mountain and went down the Twelve Apostles which is a very slippery route, but it is very fun.

By Daniel Lugt



## TROOP OVERNIGHT HIKE

NO NORMAL SCOUTS ON FRI 4TH OCT!

### LOCATION

Table Mountain, sleeping at the Scout Hut

### DATES

Fri 4th Oct - Sat 5th Oct

### DROP OFF

17:00 on Friday at the Scout Hall

### PICK UP

±13:00 on Saturday at the Scout Hall

### RSVP

Fill out form by Thurs evening:

<https://bit.ly/2mGzRM8>

SIC: ANJA (073 235 6666)

SEE EMAIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS

## ADVANCEMENT MEMBERSHIP

Emily Adlard, Inge Beerwinkel, Tarawyn Corfield, Zoe de Roo, Thabo de Visser, Eklavya Mistry, Herschel Nathoo, Sanuse Ncwadi

## DISCOVERER

CJ Beerwinkel, Adam Mackie

## SCOUT CRAFT BADGES

**Camping** - CJ Beerwinkel

**First Aid** - Simeon Davies, Guy Yates

**Food for Life 1** - Malini Mistry

**Observation** - Adam Mackie

**Survival** - Daniel Lugt, Malini Mistry

## INTEREST BADGES

**Hike Leader** - Simeon Davies

**Veldcraft** - Adam Mackie

## ANNUAL SCOUT AWARDS

**Attendance 90 %+ certificates**

Simeon Davies (90.84%)

**Attendance 80% - 90% certificates**

Josie Adlard (88.10%), Daniel Lugt (85.71%), Adam Mackie (80.95%), Jakob Malone (80.95%), Joshua Beerwinkel (80.95%), Malini Mistry (80.95%)

**Anton de Roo Trophy for Promise & Potential**

- Daniel Lugt

**Hiker of the Year**

- Simeon Davies (128km)

**Junior Hiking award**

- Daniel Lugt (65km)

**Camper of the Year Trophy**

- Richard Goldschmidt

**Junior camping award**

- CJ Beerwinkel (45 nights)

**Most Nights Camped (Certificate)**

- Jude Conradie (12 nights)

**Scout of the year Silver Cup**

- Caden Sampson

**Patrol of the Year Silver Cup**

- Springboks

**Promise and Law Trophy scout votes only**

- Joshua Lugt & Guy Yates



CADEN



CJ



SIMEON



MALINI







## AWARDS EVENING



## FARWELL TO MARTIN 'RIKKI' KENNET

Martin Kennet, fondly known as 'Rikki' by a couple of decades worth of First Pinelands cubs, has hung up his uniform for the last time. After 40 years of service in the cub pack since 1979, he feels it is time to call it quits. At the AGM on 15 November 2019 we acknowledged this remarkable run of service and inaugurated a cub award for loyalty and commitment in his honour.

Rikki served as assistant pack scouter to many an Akela over the years. He recalls Akela Pulker, another long-standing scouter, and the example of his older brother, also a scout. He has seen many changes in the advancement and badge system but says the boys (and now also girls) in the pack will always come again if it is fun.

Martin's hallmark characteristics have been loyalty and commitment. Despite the limitations of travel and resources,



he has probably scored an almost 100 % attendance at pack meetings over the years. He has often been the first to arrive, setting up the paraphernalia that make a pack meeting run smoothly, and tallying the points at the end of the meeting for the sixes. It is fitting that we continue to honour Martin at future AGMs by awarding the Martin 'Rikki' Kennet trophy to a cub that demonstrates similar character traits. The trophy features a mongoose on watch,

standing on his hind legs, and reminds us of the loyalty of the Rikki character in the Jungle Book.

Rikki, go well, don't forget us, and thank you for giving so much of yourself to First Pinelands.

Norman 'Wolf' Davies



## FAREWELL MESSAGE from Martin (Rikki) Kennet

It all started back in 1979. Having been a cub here and wanting to remain in the movement, my brother, Paul, who brought glory to the pack and was also a Springbok scout was immigrating to the United Kingdom and was looking for someone to fill his place. It did not take long to fill the position because it was me. It has been a wonderful journey for me having made many many friends, been highly trained, had many camps and hikes and seen many young people become really good citizens of our beautiful country. In ending, I hope I will not be forgotten because I will always have the Brotherhood of Scouting in my heart. Thank you.

### Rikki's Recollection of the list of Akela's over the past 40 years

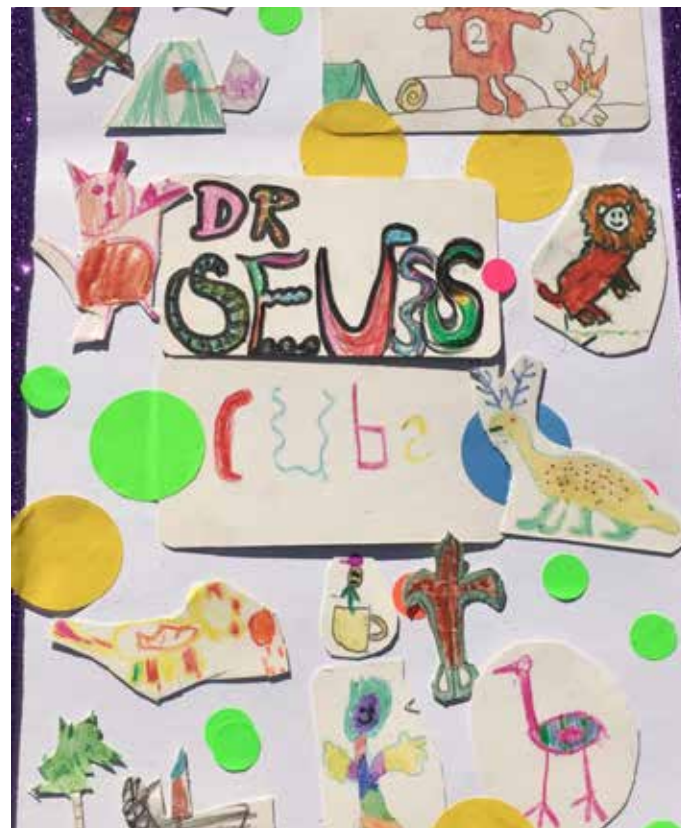
When I was a cub all those years ago our Akela was

Mrs Pulker. She was the Akela who started the Akela Pulker Award for Service which we still award to a worthy cub up till now. It's the trophy of a wolf sleeping on a rock. When I took over from my brother as Assistant Pack Scouter, Maureen Page was the Akela. Margi Easter followed as the Pages immigrated to New Zealand. Karen and Steve Goslett each had a stint. Then Andre van de Walt followed by Eugene le Grange then Sam Troost and onto Joey Lugt since 2016.

Sunday, primarily however we had to break camp and pack up everything. Following, we had closing parade and the top three teams were announced. Once our camp equipment was packed we went home.



## EDWARDS SHIELD COMPETITION





## CUB CAMPOVER AT THE HALL 2 November 2019

We asked the cubs about their favourite thing about the cub campover. They had this to say....

*"Eating the pressure packs"*  
- Kieran

*"Making pressure packs"* - Luke

*"Playing Stalk the Lantern and with Daniel at the fire"* - Miheer

*"Cooking the food"* - Malathi

*"Building my own shelter"* - Jaime

*"Making our dinner and eating food with friends"* - Huxley

*"We made shelters"* - Iris

*"Sleeping in a tent"* - Matthew

*"Making and eating the pressure packs"* - Niyaaaz

*"Learning how to make pressure packs"* - Isa

*"Pitching the tent and making the pressure packs"* - Alicia

*"The pressure pack dinner"*  
- Jesse

*"The whole campover"* - Brynn

*"Stalk the Lantern and making pressure packs"* - Sithu and Toby

*"When we played Stalk the Lantern"* - Ammaar

*"Sleeping outside in my tent"*  
- Zak



## ANNUAL CUB AWARDS







## AWARD 2019

### RECIPIENT CERTIFICATES

#### HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

Vaughn Gay

#### COURAGE

Olivier Kambala wa Kambala, Olive Maginley

#### ENTHUSIASM

Zak Peer, Ammaar White, Matthew Metlercamp

#### PERSEVERANCE AND PROGRESS

Sithuthuzele, Iris Adlard

#### HARDWORKING CUB

Alexandra de Roo, Brynn Deitchman

#### ULTIMATE DO YOUR BEST CUB

Kieran Solomon, Alicia Tuffin

#### INTEREST BADGE PRO

Zoe de Roo



MILHEER



AMMAAR



### TROPHIES

#### MARTIN (RIKKI) KENNET AWARD FOR LOYALTY AND COMMITMENT

Kieran Solomon

#### AKELA PULKER SERVICE AWARD

Luke Smith

#### JUNIOR CUB OF THE YEAR

Iyaad Pandie

#### SENIOR CUB OF THE YEAR

Zoe de Roo

#### PACK SCOUTER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Eklavya Mistry

#### THE BAGHEERA AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING YEARLING CUB (JUNIOR)

Miheer Nathoo

#### THE BAGHEERA AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING YEARLING CUB (SENIOR)

Jesse Marks

#### SERVICE SHIELD

Errol Solomon

#### SIX OF THE YEAR BLUE SIX



### THANK YOU'S

Josie Adlard, Niall Sampson, Adele Smith, Shahiemah, Kappy, Naomi, Errol, Nic, Bronwen, Ryan,



## YEAR-END SCAVENGER HUNT



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