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Walvisfees 2025 - 'n Fees van Sukses... ondanks kritiek gelewer



Die Walvisfees van 3–5 Oktober 2025 kan met reg as 'n groot sukses beskou word. Die nuwe bestuur, onder leiding van Jeanette du Toit (feesorganiseerder) en Linda Chivell (assistent), het ondanks kritiek en uitdagings hul eerste fees met ywer en toewyding aangebied. Belangrike ervaring is opgedoen vir volgende jaar se fees.

Die amptelike openingsaand op Donderdag, 2 Oktober, is goed bygewoon. Die Overstrandse Uitvoerende Burgemeester, Raadsheer Archie Klaas, het die fees geopen, waarna Edian

Barnard met lewendige "loslit"-musiek begin het. In sy toespraak het Wilfred Chivell die belangrike rol van die Walvisfees in Hermanus beklemtoon - veral met die fokus op mariene bewaring.

'n Hoogtepunt was toe Alex Chen, Hisense-bestuurder, verskeie splinternuwe TV's aan die Walvisfees geskenk het - sonder enige voorwaardes. Een daarvan, 'n indrukwekkende Hisense 100" ULED Mini LED, is deur Jeanette aan Marine Dynamics 'geleen' om vir aanbiedings te gebruik tot volgende jaar se fees.

Die verskeidenheid stalletjies en tente het groot indruk gemaak. Diekie Chivell se praatjies oor walvisse, haaie en bewaring het gehore geboei, terwyl die gewigoptellers menige toeskouers laat stilstaan het. Panthera Africa, Ryan Loubser se kunstgalerie van Muizenberg en Lilly's Joy van Langebaan met haar unieke "lugplante", was van die ander gewilde trekpleisters. Om 15:00 was 'n groot trekpleister die rugby-wedstryd op 'n groot skerm tussen Suid-Afrika en Argentinië.

Altesaam was dit beslis die moeite werd om van heinde en verre - ook vanaf Gansbaai - die Walvisfees te besoek. Met nuwe energie en ervaring beloof die Walvisfees 2026 om nóg groter en beter te wees.

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Gans-Berg News. The ticket prices are calculated based on all operating expenses, but despite that, they are kept as low as possible." Currently, there are 178 seats in the large cinema

Gans-Berg News was invited to the premiere last week Thursday, 2 October 2025, at the Road House Cinema and was given the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour 'behind the scenes through their back office.' "It was a privilege and eye-opener to see how the Road House Cinema operates," said Michelle van Zyl, owner of



and 50 seats in the small cinema. An additional benefit of the Road House Cinema in Hermanus is the hosting of private functions, celebrations or birthday parties for interested guests - with a film of their own choice that will be screened. Contact: Ryan Waters - Marketing Manager at ryan@gravelroadofafrica.com or 021 109 3770.

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Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen in Gansbaai



Chef Jürgen Schneider

“In the end, a restaurant is a place of happiness - where people come together, forget about the outside world for a few hours, and simply enjoy life. You may forget a dish, but you will never forget a wonderful evening spent with the people you love.” - Chef Jürgen Schneider, owner of Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen.

The grand opening of Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen in Gansbaai took place on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, in the building formerly known as *Thyme @ Rose Mary* in Main Street. The venue is now leased by Chef Jürgen Schneider for his unique restaurant, Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen. Chef Schneider is renowned for incorporating indigenous plants from the Cape Floristic Region into his dishes. “Each plate brought an element of surprise and celebrated the region's nature in a unique way,” said Thys and Susan Moolman, who attended the opening evening. “It was a night of pride and discovery, showing that Gansbaai now also claims its place as part of the Overberg's culinary future.”



The menu at Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen is built on two pillars: Schneider's Casual Table and Schneider's Cape Floral Kitchen for Fine Dining. For the latter, advance booking is essential. As the name suggests, Fine Dining is ideal for special occasions, anniversaries, and groups looking for an elegant dining experience. The Casual Table, meanwhile, features some of Chef Schneider's classic dishes from his 50-year career, offered at more

accessible prices for both locals and visitors. No reservations are needed here - just walk in, sit down, order, and enjoy a hearty meal.

Chef Schneider has been a qualified chef for the past 50 years, of which 13 have been in South Africa. “I began my career in Bavaria in 1972 and traveled

the world in the years that followed to learn and experience different styles of cooking - and, of course, different hospitality philosophies,” he told the Gans-Berg News. “I gained experience from eighteen prestigious restaurants and hotels across the globe - from Metzgerei Schneider in Neunkirchen to Springfontein Eats in Stanford (with 16 acclaimed establishments in between) - and now, finally, it is Schneider's - Cape Floral Kitchen in Gansbaai.”

Opening hours: Wednesday - Saturday 18:00-22:30; Saturday & Sunday 12:00-16:00. Chef Jürgen Schneider can be contacted at 082 088 0307 or visit him at 13 Main Road, Gansbaai.

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27 Oktober - 1 November 2025

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Gansbaai Wynproegilde Flagstone-wyne by uitnemendheid

Die maandelikse 'familie'-wynproegeleentheid is op Dinsdag, 16 September 2025, weer in die Great White House aangebied - so gesellig en insiggewend soos altyd. Die byeenkoms is deur Marmara de Klerk en Charl Terblanche, in die afwesigheid van voorsitter Japie Spies, gereël. Japie en Annasofie is in Gauteng met die geboorte van 'n kleinkind - baie geluk aan die Spies-egpaar.

Na die afhandeling van enkele administratiewe sake deur Marmara, is die aanbieder van Flagstone Wynkelder, Somerset-Wes, die bekwame Johan Neethling, deur Charl verwelkom en aan die woord gestel. "Johan was jare werksaam by 'n glasfabriek wat ook glasprodukte vir wynkelders vervaardig het, en is nou sowat ses jaar by Flagstone-wyne," het Charl gesê. "Mens kan byna sê Johan het van 'glasprodusent' na 'wynprodusent' oorgeskakel!"

Johan het vertel dat Flagstone in 1998 begin is, maar die eienaar het dit aan 'n maatskappy in Australië verkoop. "Ons het later na 'n voorheen dinamietgebou, die *De Beers Dynamite Factory*, verhuis - dus maak ons 'dinamiet-wyne'," het hy skertsend gesê. Wat interessant is van Flagstone, is dat hulle geen wynplase of wingerde besit nie - druiwe word van oraloor aangekoop om die wyne mee te maak. Die Flagstone-filosofie is gebore uit die idee om kenmerkende, komplekse en interessante wyne te skep uit 'n verskeidenheid terroirs, wingerde en streke.

Die agt uitstekende wyne wat te proe aangebied is, was: *Paradise Lost Cap Classique Brut 2021*



Johan Neethling (middel), saam met Deon en Erica Oosthuizen wat die Wynproegilde-voorskote oorhandig het.



'Pastry' Sjef Andrew wat na Zimbabwe verhuis.



Die gedugte kombuisspan word bedank.

(verwelkomingswyn - 1977-wingerd); *Noon Gun White Blend 2025 (Chenin, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier)*; *Free Run Sauvignon Blanc 2023*; *Paradigm Chenin Blanc (OVP) 2024*; *Longitude Red Blend (Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec)*; *Treaty Tree Red Classique 2022 (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot)*; *Writer's Block Pinotage 2021*; *Poetry Cinsault Rosé 2023*.

Die wenwyne was:

1ste - *Noon Gun White Blend 2025*; 2de - *Writer's Block Pinotage 2021*; 3de - *Treaty Tree Red Classique 2022*. Die algehele witwynwenner was *Noon Gun White Blend 2025*, en die algehele rooiwynwenner was *Writer's Block Pinotage 2021*.

Sjef Chris Pead se 'wyn- en spysparings'-pyskaart: Voorgereg - *Grilled Salmon Almondine*; Hoofereg - *Deboned Chicken Thigh Caprese*; Nagereg - *Puff Pastry Rounds with Apple Ganache* - vanuit die boonste rakke, soos altyd!

Dit was gepas dat Deon en Erica Oosthuizen die Wynproegilde-voorskote as blyk van waardering aan Johan oorhandig - hierdie egpaar is reeds vir jare die borge van die voorskote. Daar is ook afskeid geneem van die Great White House se gewilde 'pastry chef', Andrew, wat na sy familie in Zimbabwe terugkeer. "Andrew sal gemis word," het Marmara gesê, "maar ons wens hom 'n gelukkige tuiskoms toe." Die res van die aand is aan gesellige saamkuier gewy - soos net die Gansbaai Wynproegilde dit kan doen.

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'Dancing with the Universe'

Die gereelde en gewilde kunsuitstalling in Die Hangkas te Groeneweide van Lonnie en Mathilda Roos op Dinsdag, 9 September 2025, se tema was: "Dancing with the Universe". Die seremoniemeester was Belinda Burchell, wat ook die groep kunstenaars se kurator is. Die berig het effens agterweë gebly, maar is beslis die moeite werd om te plaas. Dit was die plaaslike kunstenaars se tweede uitstalling met 'n spesifieke tema, en is op besondere wyse deur prof Chris Engelbrecht geopen. Chris is 'n afgetrede professor in Fisika en Astrofisika. Enkele kunstenaars het vooraf 'n pragtige dansvertoning gelewer - gepas vir die aand se tema.



Prof Chris Engelbrecht en Belinda Burchell.

Chris se aanbieding het perfek by die uitstalling se tema, "Dancing with the Universe," aangesluit - 'n dans van woorde wat die kosmiese heelal en kuns met mekaar verweef het. Hy het dit só uitstekend gedoen, dat 'n mens byna die vibrasies en musiek van die sterre in jou gedagtes kon hoor. Waar die kunstenaars die tema met verf en kwas op doek vasgelê het, het Chris dit met woorde geskilder. Sommige



Kunstenaars: Dancing with the Universe.

van die kunstenaars verkies om hul kunswerke in detail te beskryf, terwyl ander eerder wil hê dat hul kunswerke vir hulself moet praat - albei benaderings is ewe aanvaarbaar in die kunswêreld.

Die begaafde kunstenaars wat aan die Hangkas-kunsuitstalling deelgeneem het, is (alfabeties): Belinda Burchell, Bilha Hoffman, Blue de Gersigny, Cathrynne Salter, Elaine Baard, Elma Rivera, Gina de Lange, Illka Louw, Isabel-Anne Meeding, Jackie Fourie, Jan Kotze, Jeff Batt, Lauretta Nel, Lee Lane, Louise Kluyts, Louise Swart, Martha van der Westhuizen, Mimmie Pienaar, Natalie Dominiquo Louw, Robyn Barriere en Ronelle van Tonder.

Nadat heerlike verversings bedien is en die gaste die talentvolle en professionele kunswerke rustig bekyk en bespreek het, het Belinda die aand afgesluit met 'n aanhaling van Judith Mason:

"The spectator should not expect the symbols to be decoded back into language. The symbolist painter should drop a light noose around an idea. If either the artist or the spectator pulls the noose too tight and tries to force the logic, the picture will be killed!"

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Teeing Up a Bright Future for Overberg's Youth



Arnie Africa (Councillor Overstrand Municipality), Jana Smit (Hermanus Business Chamber), Ronald Nutt (Councillor Overstrand Municipality), Selwyn Page (Regional Manager, Citizen Leader Lab), Deputy Mayor Elnora Gillion, Archie Klaas Executive Mayor Overstrand Municipality, Desmond Sauls (Hermanus Golf Club), Metcalf Fike (President Hermanus Golf Club), Sharon Sleigh (General Manager, Hermanus Golf Club), Jessica Batts (Facilitator Citizen Leader Lab), Johan Koekemoer (Club Captain Hermanus Golf Club) and Graham Benjamin.

possibilities, introducing learners not only to golf but also the important life skills such as leadership, teamwork, collaboration, discipline and patience.

“This initiative is part of our outreach programme,” said Sharon Sleigh, General Manager at Hermanus Golf Club. “Golf offers learners from under-resourced communities access to facilities and skills they wouldn't normally experience. We aim to expand this programme to include more schools across the Overberg as it grows.”

The Hermanus Golf Club, in collaboration with Citizen Leader Lab, proudly launched the Junior Golf Academy, on the 29th of September 2025. “This first-of-its-kind initiative provides learners from local schools access to golf - a sport traditionally out of reach for many young people in the region,” Emma Dunk said in an interview with the Gans-Berg News.

Learners from Botrivier Primary, Lukhanyo Primary, Mount Pleasant Primary, Hawston Primary, Hawston Secondary and Ohayiya Secondary have been attending weekly coaching sessions over the past four months. They learned the fundamentals of golf while developing focus, problem-solving skills and sportsmanship. “What began as this pilot programme has now grown into the launch of the Junior Golf Academy,” Emma added.

Emma said the Overberg is home to communities facing high levels of poverty, unemployment and limited access to extra curricular opportunities. The Junior Golf Academy aims to change that by using a community space to create new

Jessica Batts, Citizen Leader Lab facilitator in the Winelands, highlighted the wider vision: “Citizen Leader Lab's work is rooted in strengthening school leadership and building partnerships that create better opportunities for our youth. This initiative demonstrates what's possible when schools, communities and local organisations work together, giving young people the chance to see their futures differently.”

Jessica added: “My role was simply to facilitate the conversation between the schools and the golf club. It is my hope to motivate our business community to partner with us and the golf club to sustain this initiative, reaching more learners across the Overberg. As the African proverb says, *'It takes a village to raise a child.'* Schools cannot operate on their own. Partnerships with the business community, NGO's and churches are essential.” “This launch marks the beginning of a long-term vision to

replicate the model in other towns across the Winelands, creating more opportunities for its youth to explore, grow and thrive,” Emma concluded.



Nonophya Gama, (Abagold), Principal Morris Tshabalala, Lukhanyo Primay School, Priscilla Booysen (Johan Rupert Family and Rupert Foundation).



Archie Klaas (Executive Mayor, Overstrand Municipality), testing out his teeing off skills.



Selwyn Page (Regional Manager, Citizen Leader Lab), Archie Klaas (Executive Mayor, Overstrand Municipality), Sharon Sleigh (General Manager Hermanus Golf Club), Desmond Sauls (Hermanus Golf Club) and Metcalf Fick (President Hermanus Golf Club).

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Group shot of attendees at the launch of the Junior Golf Academy

Oktober - die mooiste, mooiste maand

Oktober word deur baie as die mooiste maand van die jaar beskou - die tyd wanneer die natuur uit sy winterslaap ontwaak en alles in 'n fees van kleure en geure ontvlam.

C Louis Leipoldt het dit onsterflik

verwoord in sy bekende gedig, *Oktobermaand*, waarin hy die heerlikheid van blomgeure, vrugte en 'n nuwe lewe besing. Met die son wat warmer skyn, die velde wat met lentebloem bont versier is en bome wat varsgroen uitbot, herinner Oktober ons telkens aan hoop, vreugde en 'n nuwe begin. Dis die maand waarin die natuur letterlik en figuurlik glimlag.

Ook in die Gansbaai-omgewing is ons bevoorreg met fynbos en blommeprag gedurende Oktober - veral die geel-bedeekte wêreld met ons bekende geel "botterblommetjies" (afwisselend met oranje en selfs pers), asook bietoubos, heide teen die hange en ander. Ons wil dit byna met die Weskus se blommeprag vergelyk!

Maar by ons is dit nie nét blomme nie - Oktober is ook Borskankermaand, met die jaarlikse Borskankerstep op Saterdag 11 Oktober 2025 vanaf 10:00, asook die bome in die dorp en omgewing wat pragtig met pienk "uitrustings"



C. Louis Leipoldt.

getooi is.

Ons kan gerus weer die volledige gedig, *'Oktobermaand'* van onse C. Louis Leipoldt (Christian Frederik Louis Leipoldt, 28 Desember 1880 - 12 April 1947), soos vervat in sy *Versamelde Gedigte* (1980), lees:

Oktobermaand

*Viooltjies in die voorhuis,
Viooltjies blou en rooi!
Viooltjies orals op die veld,
en orals, ai, so mooi!*

*Dit is die maand Oktober,
die mooiste, mooiste maand:
Dan is die dag so helder,
so groen is elke aand,
so blou en sonder wolke
die hemel heerlik bo,
so blomtuin-vol van kleure
die asvaal ou Karoo.*

*Dit is die maand Oktober:
die varkblom is in bloei;
Oor al die seekoegate
is ... gegroei;
Die koppies, kort gelede
nog as 'n klip so kaal,
het nou vir
welkomsgroetnis
hul mooiste voorgehaal.*

*Dit is die maand Oktober:
die akkerboom is groen;
Die bloekoms langs die
paaie
is almal nuutgeboen;
en orals in die tuin rond
ruik jy sering en roos,*

*jasmyn en katjiepiering,
lemoen en appelkoos.*

*Al was die dag soos yster,
lank in die vuur gesteeke,
die varings in die klofies
deur hitte geel verbleek,
tog as die son daaronder
agter die berge gaan,
dan word oor heel die wêreld
die mooiste geur geslaan.*

*Dit is die maand Oktober:
die kokewiet is uit;
Boomsingertjies en kriekies
die hoor jy orals fluit;
fiskaal is op die oorlog:
daaronder by die sluis,
daar is 'n dor ou doringboom
sy spens en sy kombuis,*

*Dit is die maand Oktober:
ek dink, die mense vier
vir ewig in die hemel
Oktobermaand soos hier!
Wat wens jy meer as
blomme,
as helder dag en nag?
Wat kan jy beter, mooier,
of heerliker verwag?*

*Ek is nog in Oktober:
my tuin is nog so groen,
so wit met al wat mooi is,
met bloeisels van lemoen,
so pragtig in die môre,
so heerlik in die aand!
Ek is nog in Oktober,
die mooiste, mooiste
maand!*

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Painted Lady
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Trotse Gansbaai-omgewing se Oupas en Oumas Matriekafskeid-kleinkinders

Baie geluk aan ons Oupas en Oumas met die matriekafskeid-geleentehede van hulle kleinkinders - die tyd stap aan en volgende jaar is hulle volwassenes.

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Oupa & Ouma Andre & Linette Jans van Rensburg, De Kelders; kleinkind Tiaan Pistorius; Hoërskool Hermanus; ouers Julius & Annalie Pistorius. (Foto: Andre, Linette & Tiaan).



Oupa & Ouma Deon & Annatjie Naude, De Kelders; kleinkind Dawie Naude; Hoërskool Hermanus; ouers Dawie & Cindy Naude. (Foto: Dawie & metgesel).



Oupa & Ouma Bertie & Elsabe Saayman, George; kleinkind Elzina van Rensburg; Curro Hermanus; ouers Heinrich & Maryke van Rensburg, Klipfontein. (Foto: Heinrich, Maryke & Elzina).



Ouma Marie de Jager, De Kelders; Kleinkind Lua Venter; Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof, Stellenbosch; ouers Louis & Lientjie Venter. (Foto: Lua Venter).



Ouma Mariaan Burger en Oupa & Ouma Chris & Marie Fourie, Franskraal; kleinkind Tristan Fourie; Drostyd Tegniese Hoërskool, Worcester; ouers Ian & wyle Maretha Fourie. (Foto: Mariaan & Tristan); Tristan het sy oupa, wyle Kobus Burger, se troupak, das en manjetknope saam met die hemp van 'n weermag-aandpak van Mariaan se afgestorwe pa aangehad!



Ouma Sylvie Agenbach, Franskraal; kleinkind no 1 Christopher Nimb; Hoërskool Parel Vallei, Somerset-Wes; ouers Christo & Deidré Nimb (Foto: Christo, Deidré & Christopher).



Ouma Sylvie Agenbach (Franskraal; kleinkind no 2 Kayden Fouré, Ierland; ouers Laurens & Zurane Fouré. (Foto: Kayden & metgesel).



Ouma Amanda le Roux, Franskraal; kleinkind Stefan le Roux; Drostyd Tegniese Hoërskool, Worcester; ouers Derick & Annami le Roux. (Foto: Stefan).



Oupa & Ouma Du Toit (Amanda le Roux se broer) & Annatjie Otto, Kleinbaai; kleinkind Juan Otto; Hoër Landbouskool Oakdale, Riversdal. (Foto: Juan & metgesel).

SUPERFLY SYRPHIDS; UNDERCOVER POLLINATORS



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

This spring, look out for members of the fly family Syrphidae (hoverflies). As the weather warms, these bee or wasp-looking flies can be seen hovering around. This mimicry helps with avoiding predation. Syrphids are important pollinators, feeding on nectar and pollen. Another one of their super qualities is that the larvae of one of the subfamilies, Syrphinae, feed on aphids, while other species feed on soft-bodied invertebrates.

Brought to you by the Grootbos Foundation Entomology team

Sakkies met koerantpapier vir Afrika

Silwerjare Dienssentrum se 'sakkie-projek' onder leiding van Mariaan Burger, lewer nuttige vrugte af. Die spannetjie bejaarde vrou maak handige klein, medium en groot sakkies met ou koerantpapier en tydskrifte, onder ander met die Gans-Berg Nuus se koerantblaaië.

Mariaan het goedgunstiglik ingewillig om sowat 100+ sakkies met die Gans-Berg Nuus se voorblaaië te maak - as 'n donasie vir die 'Hope of Voice' funksie op Saterdag, 4 Oktober 2025 by die Murasie. Michelle van Zyl, eienaar van die Gans-Berg Nuus, wat die funksie bygewoon het, het interessantheide in die sakkies geplaas en dit aan gaste uitgedeel - die netjiese sakkies kan agterna weer gebruik word om geskenkies in te sit vir oorhandiging aan vriende of familie.

“Die bejaardes geniet die maak van die sakkies baie en is trots op hulle werk,” vertel Mariaan. Sy verduidelik dat hulle in so 3 tot 4 'produksielyne' werk: sortering van papier, gomwerk,

gaatjies druk, toutjies deurryg, plakkertjies aanbring en dies meer. Die inkomste wat deur die sakkies gegeneer word, word net so vir Silwerjare Dienssentrum aangewend, aangesien die werk verbonde daaraan vrywilliglik gedoen word. “Ons probeer nog om 'n depo te kry waar ou koerante en tydskrifte afgelewer kan word en doen 'n beroep op die skenking daarvan, wat intussen by die Dienssentrum afgelaai kan word, of ons sal dit kom afhaal,” het Mariaan gesê.

'n Groot verskeidenheid van benodigdhede is nodig vir die maak van die sakkies, waarvan 'n spesifiek gom, tou en kleefband van die belangrikste items is. Besighede, instansies en organisasies wat in die sakkies belangstel, of om die projek met benodigdhede te ondersteun, kan vir Mariaan Burger by 082 595 1000 skakel - oproepe sal opreg waardeer word.

Hardus Botha



Mariaan Burger en Michelle van Zyl tydens die oorhandiging van sakkies vir die Murasie-funksie.

Hope of Voice in the Overstrand

'Spring Celebration at Murasie' on Saturday, 4 October 2025, was a day of style, creativity, and inspiration. Guests were treated to an elegant spring-inspired fashion show, live music, art, a glass of wine or two, tasty finger snacks, an auction, and much more. The day was filled with joy, and all the guests enjoyed themselves as spring was welcomed with beauty, laughter, and creativity at Murasie.

The voice of Mike's story was heard. On the morning of 6 May 2025, the family's lives changed forever. Mike suffered a stroke that left him paralysed on his right side and unable to speak. In one moment, everything the family knew was gone.

What followed was a long journey of treatment and exercises - with the message: this can happen to anyone. The auction at Murasie was held to raise funds for Mike's continued treatment.



Freda, Michelle & Janine

The Gans-Berg News handed out bags specially made by the elderly women at Silwerjare Dienssentrum. The bags, crafted from Gans-Berg News papers, were filled with an leaflet of what services they offer, vehicle license disc sticker, an keyring and 2 mints as gifts.

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Van Skaakbord tot Skaakkampioen... ...Lihan Lourens (8) se ongelooflike Skaakreis

"Lihan wou aan die begin van 2024 'n skaakbord hê, nadat hy vir die eerste keer iets van skaak by vriende gehoor het," vertel sy ma, Elanie. "Ek het gedink dit is net nog 'n nuwigheid en gesê hy moet sy eie spaargeld gebruik vir 'n skaakbord." So gesê, so gedaan - en van daardie dag af was daar geen keer aan hierdie jongeling nie. Binne net een jaar het hy die een skaakkampioenskap na die ander oorheers! Sy ouers, Douw, 'n sersant by Gansbaai SAPD (waar hy die *Designated Firearm Officer* is), en Elanie, 'n Administratiewe Bestuurder by *Mosaic Lagoon Lodge*, was verstom oor Lihan se uitmuntende, maar "versteekte" skaaktalent tot en met die begin van 2024.

Die 8-jarige Lihan, 'n Graad 2-leerder van Laerskool Gansbaai, het in 2024 met sy skaakreis begin. Reeds in dieselfde jaar is hy tweede in die Overberg-skaakspan geplaas. Later het hy vir die Wes-Kaap Skaakspan gekwalifiseer en aan die *Mzansi Interprovinsiale Skaakkampioenskappe* in Polokwane deelgeneem - alles in sy eerste jaar van skaak!

"In Maart 2025 het ons die goeie nuus ontvang dat Lihan vir die *South African Junior Closed Chess Championship (SAJCCC)* gekies is, waar hy uitstekend gevaar het teen die 'beste van die bestes' in die land," het Elanie aan die Gans-Berg Nuis gesê. Op 15 September 2025 het nóg groter nuus gevolg: Lihan is een van net 12 o/8 seuns in Suid-Afrika wat gekies is om die land by die *Statebond Skaakkampioenskap* in Kuala Lumpur, Maleisië (8 - 17 November 2025) te verteenwoordig.

"As sy ouers het ons teen sy deelname aan die Maleisië-toernooi



Lihan Lourens (8) in sy WP-Skaakklere, met enkele medaljes en 'n trofee.

besluit - dit was geensins 'n ligte besluit nie," sê Elanie. "Met minder as twee maande kennisgewing en buitensporige kostes, het ons besluit om die gesin eerste te plaas. Dit was die beste besluit, maar ons is ongelooflik trots op Lihan se groot prestasies in só 'n kort tydperk." Intussen het Lihan ook die o/10 *Wes-Kaap Skaakspan* gehaal - op die ouderdom van slegs 8 jaar. Hy gaan die Wes-Kaap in Desember 2025 in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) in die Oos-Kaap tydens die *Mzansi Interprovinsiale Skaakkampioenskappe* verteenwoordig. Sy ouers wil nou op hierdie toernooi fokus en die beste daarvan maak.

Ten spyte van sy skaakroem, word ander aktiwiteite nie afgeskeep nie. "Alles wat Lihan aanpak, doen hy met 'n passie en deurstellingsvermoë," sê Elanie. Hy is nie net 'n akademiese uitblyker nie, maar ook 'n sterk sportman: rugby, krieket, landloop, skyfskiet, tennis - en hy geniet dit selfs om

saam met sy pa te hengel. Toe die Gans-Berg Nuis hom vra: "Is daar iets wat jy nie wil doen nie, Lihan?" was sy vinnige antwoord: "Ek sal enigiets doen, Oom - net nie ballet nie!"

Met hierdie uitsonderlike prestasies, maar gepaardgaande hoë kostes, doen die Gans-Berg Nuis 'n beroep op instansies, besighede of individue om 'n bydrae tot Lihan se blink skaaktoekoms te oorweeg - groot of klein. Dit sal met dank deur sy ouers waardeur word. Vir navrae kan Elanie Lourens by 084 645 0799 geskakel word, of stuur 'n e-pos aan haar by elanie.lourens@yahoo.com

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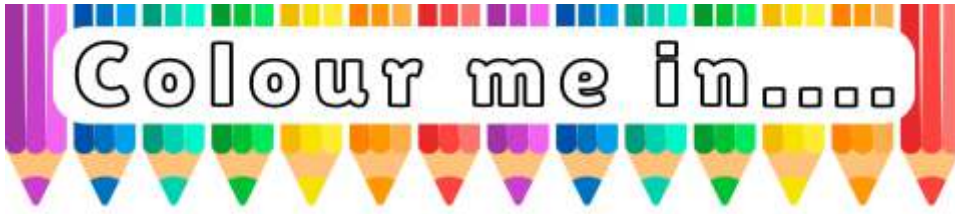
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Octoberfest Gholfdag

Die wenners van die *Octoberfest Gholfdag* op Saterdag, 4 Oktober 2025 word gelukgewens met hulle oorwinning van die 4Bal Samespel Stableford - baie geluk! Geluk ook aan Jean-Andre met die Langste Set op no 18 en Dries Coetzee wat die *chipping-kompetisie* tydens dieselfde kompetisie gewen het.

Woensdag, 1 Oktober:

Clive Bailey wen die Sloegterskompetisie met 39 punte, gevolg deur Hugo Groenewald 35, Solly Wessels 35, Johan Coetzee 33, Leon Lombaard 33, Anton Jordaan 32, Philip Taylor 32, Jacques Louw 32, Bev Swart 31 en Cobus Dippenaar 30. Naaste aan die pen op no 17: Anton Jordaan (geel bof). Hugo Groenewald teken 'n arend aan op putjie no 16.

Vrydag, 3 Oktober:

John Smith wen die 9-putjie Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 19 punte, gevolg deur Jacques Louw 16, Corrie Avenant 14, Andre Hage 13, Neil Harrison 13, Sakkie van der Merwe 13 en Roland Potgieter 9.

Saterdag, 4 Oktober:

Dit was die *Octoberfest*

Gholfdag en die wenners van die 4Bal Samespel Stableford (kies beste dryf), was Pieter Smal, Johan du Preez, Werner Muller en Dries Coetzee met 104 punte, gevolg deur Adriaan Kloppe, Mike Germishuys, Willem Germishuys, Walter Wallace 103; Corrie Avenant, Jason Pretorius, Jonny Stone en Andre Hage 103; Elmar Venter, Jacques Louw, Bev Swart en Bertie Laubscher 103; Anton Jordaan, Dirk van Dyk, Berty Sassman en Cecil Galloway 101; Johan Coetzee, Clive Bailey, Rene Myburgh en Marietjie de Villiers 94; J Pelser, P Marais, Faan Havenga en Philip Taylor 94; Owen Huxham, Pieter Uys, Francois Loots en Lionel Kemm 92; Melvin Tobias, Roland Potgieter en Malcolm Bury 91. Naaste aan die pen op no 2: Fred

Coetzee.

Langste set op no 18: Jean-Andre Dries Coetzee wen die *chipping-kompetisie*.

Die lede en komitee bedank al die borge vir hul bydraes en harde werk - die inkomste sal baie vir die klub beteken.

Saterdag, 11 Oktober:

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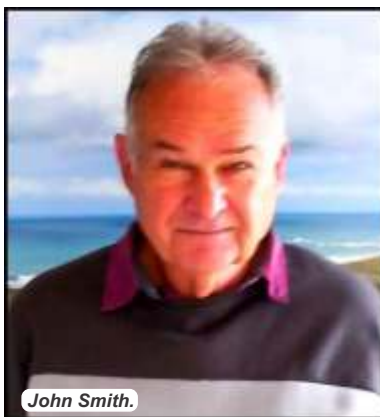
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Hendri Badenhorst by die wenners: Mias Albrecht (1ste), Etienne Jordaan (2de) en Melchi Botha (3de).

"Ons betree die mooiste maand, en die oorvloedige blommeprag in die veld kan ook oral langs die see gesien word," sê Elba Tredoux van die Overstrand Rots- & Strandhengelklub. "Die op-en-af-rit Gruis toe was soos om deur 'n tuin te ry - as die vissies tog maar net so oorvloedig was!"

Elba sê die manne en vroue van die klub het nietemin mooi vangste ingebring, aangesien hulle hengelgebied redelik wyd is. "Dit was ook die laaste maand vir Galjoen-inweeg, aangesien die seisoen teen middel Oktober sluit," het sy gesê. "Hopelik gaan die Steenbrasse en Kabeljoue dan begin baljaar!"

Een van die klub se ou staatmakers, Mias Albrecht (totale gewig 5,37 kg), was weer die Nommer Een Hengelaar van die kompetisie, met Etienne Jordaan (3,85kg) in die tweede plek en Melchi Botha (3,26kg) derde. 'n Totaal van bykans 22kg vis is tydens die kompetisie gevang

(Catch and Release). Die span van die Leervisse was waarlik die wenners van die aand - nie net met hulle totale vangstes nie, maar ook as die goedgeoliede gasheerspan van die aand! Elba sê hulle is op hierdie stadium 'n kortkopt voor die Knorhane-span, wat verlede jaar die wenspan was.

"Ons lede is egter groot Springbok-aanhangers en daar was nie plek vir 'n muis in die saal nie," vertel Elba. "Sonder ons geesdriftige aanmoediging sou die Bokke sekerlik nie so lekker gewen het nie! Dit was ook deurgaans die saamkuiergees vir die res van die aand." Die bekwame gasheerspan vir die aand het reeds vanaf halfdyt almal begin bederf met heerlike worsies, gevolg deur gourmet-hamburgers en smaaklike nagereg. Die produkte is goedgegunstig deur Van Blommenstein Slagtery in Hermanus (Die tuiste van die beste vleisprodukte - baie dankie aan Marjoh Pienaar), asook ander lede geskenk.

"Ons klub groei maand na maand met nuwe lede wat aansluit en wat somer by die goeie gees en waardes van die klub inval," vertel

Elba trots. "Ons groot dank aan ons borge vir ons wenners se pryse, naamlik Kuslang's Restaurant, Gansbaai Vismark en Fish Fever." Elba sê kennis kan geneem word dat hulle volgende kompetisie gedurende die naweek van 18 Oktober 2025 plaasvind.

Hardus Botha



Die bekwame span gasvroue voor die kos bedien word.



So moet die Bokke mos ondersteun word!



Dis hoe 'n bord Gourmet Burgers mos moet lyk!



'n Pragtige valkie hou 'n hengelaar dop.



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