

# Friendship Letter

## IPA – WEST RAND REGION

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### Message from Chairman, André de Bruin

Goeiemore Wesrand IPA..... Hiermee n hartlike welkom aan alle lede, vriende en belangstellendes by die 1ste volgepakte uitgawe van die IPA WEST RAND FRIENDSHIP LETTER vir 2023...voorwaar n jaar om na uit te sien as jy reeds n bevoorregte lid is en deel vorm van IPA WESRAND STREEK.

Die dinamiese streekkomitee het reeds gedurende die midweek van 16-20 Januarie 2023 by Dikhololo in Brits saamgetrek om die Jaarplan vir IPA Wesrand saam te stel ten einde funksies, social events, ondersteuningsaktiwiteite en amptelike vergaderings te koördineer en op kalender te plaas sodat julle (lede & vriende) vroegetydig kennis sal dra ten einde ook hierdie geleentheid te kan bywoon en werklik aktief betrokke te raak. Sien inhoud van hierdie nuus brief asook Whats'up en IPA Wesrand FB groepe vir volledige Jaarplan!!!!

A special word of appreciation once again to Jan Judeel, Natasha and Kallie Calitz and Nico and Zelda van Niekerk for your meaningful contributions during the planning sessions... Needless to say....we also Wined and Dined like Kings and Queens at Dikhololo... (Hard Work calls for Hard Play)

Please be on the lookout for our new XXXL Gazebo and other Corporate Marketing banners and flags which will appear randomly at all events all over the West Rand.... Join us wherever these appear....indeed Corporate Images which will bring pride to every IPA member...

I once again call on all members to become actively involved in all activities as arranged and presented by the Regional Committee.... It is your right and privilege as such to obtain value from your membership fees and financial commitment.... be a visible part of the Association of which you are a paid-up member and enjoy the benefits.

SERVO PER AMICECO  
(Service Through Friendship)

André de Bruin  
CHAIRPERSON: WEST RAND REGION

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE                    | EVENT  | ORGANISER OF EVENT & CONTACT DETAILS |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2023/03/18              | Social Bowling Day – Randfontein Bowling Club.   | Andre De Bruin / 082-389-4340        |
| 2023/04                 | Social welfare at Connie Mulder Rehabilitation/Disabled Centre, Randfontein – Movie and Easter egg Day.                            | Callie Calitz / 083-225-9518         |
| 2023/04/15              | Social gathering at Walker Arms Indoor Shooting Range, Randfontein: Bring and braai, including Black powder firearm demonstration. | Andre De Bruin / 082-389-4340        |
| 2023/04/20              | West Rand Region - Monthly committee meeting with a social/cultural evening.   | Natasha Calitz / 082-399-9915        |
| 2023/05/01              | Recruitment & Marketing: Annual MOTH, Roodepoort Braai competition – IPA braai team entrance.                                      | Natasha Calitz / 082-399-9915        |
| 2023/05/06              | Social/Sporting Activity: Clay Pigeon Shooting at Thunder Ranch, Hekpoort and braai.   | Jan Judeel / 084-699-1048            |
| 2023/05/26              | Social evening: Sop & Sherry at Chilly Trench MOTH club, Roodepoort.   | Callie Calitz / 083-225-9518         |
| 2023/06/17              | Cultural student rave – IPA Johann Rissik Guest House, Pretoria (to be confirmed – venue can change)                               | Jan Judeel / 084-699-1048            |
| 2023/07/                | Social/Sporting father & son hunting weekend: venue to be confirmed.   | Jan Judeel / 084-699-1048            |
| 2023/07/22              | IPA West Rand Region – AGM & Social gathering. Venue to be confirmed.  | Natasha Calitz / 082-399-9915        |
| 2023/08/05              | Recruitment drive at “Bond van Oud Polisie Lede” West Rand Region.   | Callie Calitz / 083-225-9518         |
| 2023/08/                | Supporting Police members: Lecture for Detectives in time management – Worsroll braai. Date and venue to be determined.            | Jan Judeel / 084-699-1048            |
| 2023/08/09              | Social & Cultural Women’s Day – De Vette Mossel @ Harties, Hartebeespoort Dam  | Natasha Calitz / 082-399-9915        |
| 2023/08/30 – 2023/09/03 | NCM – Johannesburg (Final date and venue to be determined by IPA Johannesburg).  | IPA Johannesburg                     |
| 2023/09/25              | Social event at Walker Arms Indoor Shooting Range & Potjie kos competition.  | Andre De Bruin / 082-389-4340        |
| 2023/10/19              | West Rand Region - Monthly meeting with a Social/cultural evening.   | Natasha Calitz / 082-399-9915        |
| 2023/10/27-29           | Social and Recruitment weekend at Weaver’s Roost Resort, Hekpoort – treasure hunt.   | Jan Judeel / 084-699-1048            |
| 2023/11/14              | Social Date Night evening – venue to be determined.  | Andre de Bruin / 082-389-4340        |
| 2023/12/01 – 03         | Annual social Weesgerus weekend away   | Andre de Bruin / 082-389-4340        |

Dates of events will be conveyed through Email and WhatsApp and may change.

Details surrounding events will be made available as arrangements are made.

Anyone interested in assisting with any of the events can contact anyone of the Committee members.

# EVENTS

## DERDEPOORT BORDER POST: 2023-01-02

From the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023, IPA West Rand members, Andre & Susan de Bruin, Kallie & Natasha Calitz and Piet Combrinck were part of a group of friends on a relaxing getaway on a farm in Dwaalboom, Limpopo.

On the **2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2023** we decided to visit the Derdepoort Border Post between South Africa and Botswana, approximately 40km from the farm.

We were received by SAPS members and Immigration officials who were on duty the day. We were surprised to see how clean and tidy the premises was and we were greeted by friendly SAPS members when we introduced ourselves as all, former SAPS members. They were surprised to hear what the IPA was about. Unfortunately, we did not have Friendship Cups with us but our Chairman used the opportunity to show them the IPA website and where they can complete an application for membership.



## STRATEGIC YEAR PLANNING & GETAWAY: 2023-01-16 to 20

Between the **16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023** IPA West Rand Committee members and their spouses came together at the beautiful Dikhololo Resort, Brits.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> we had a very productive and fruitful strategic planning session – so it was not all play!! Our focus of the strategic planning session was to produce the 2022 Annual Report and Presentation for the next NEC meeting.

The year plan for 2023 was also drafted and submitted to NEC. The year plan will also be included in the quarterly Friendship Letter and circulated through our social media groups.



After this session was concluded and everyone was happy with the outcome, we continued to have a well deserve rest with an amazing group of friends and rejuvenate ourselves for the IPA 2023 year and the busy year plan which is going to keep us busy.

**DONATION OF WATER BOTTELS; SAPS GAUTENG GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: 2023-02-02 / 03**

On 2023-01-02 to 2023-02-03 the **SAPS Gauteng Golf Championship** took place at the Bronkhorstspuit Golf Course.

**IPA West Rand had three(3) members participating in the events nl. (f.i.t.r) Lucas Benecke, Gawie vd Westhuizen & Anton Roos.**

IPA West Rand decided to support our players and use the opportunity for recruitment by donating 30 x 500ml water bottles for the players. Players received their bottle of water [with the IPA logo] , as part of their registration to take part in the event.

Although no participants indicated that they want to become members, IPA still had the opportunity to promote the organization within the SAPS sporting environment, not just the West Rand, but IPA SA in general.



**SUPPER AT SU CASA TRADITIONAL PORTUGUESE RESTAURANT AT LUND PUB, RANDFONTEIN:  
2023-02-05**

What was supposed to be a day, entertaining German visitors, turned out to be a very joyful and relaxing Sunday lunch for IPA West Rand Committee and friends at the Su Casa Traditional Portuguese Restaurant outside Randfontein.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious seafood (except two red meat eaters!) to offer, especially the seafood kebabs!

We will come back with more IPA friends and make an event of it!



## GERMAN IPA VISITORS: 2023-02-07

On the **7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023** our Chairman, André de Bruin received two(2) German visitors, Heinz Burdorf and Lars Müller at Randfontein SAPS for a day, visiting areas around the West Rand – *even the white mines around the area were a fascination to the visitors!*



From here, they travelled to Magaliesburg for sightseeing and had lunch in the Wimpy in Magaliesburg town before leaving to have some coffee and tea at André's house and take a few minutes to relax and freshen up.

They party then travelled to the Lion & Rhino Reserve in Kromdraai and at 18:00 the visitors were handed over to their SA family at Silverstar Casino.

The visitors will leave for Cape Town tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> of February and head back home to Germany on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023.



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# CHARITY PROJECTS

## CASH DONATION – VILLA GLORIA PRE-SCHOOL

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2022 we again had the opportunity by being involved with Villa Gloria as they had their December Christmas function at the school.

We were again not available to be present during the event as we were at Weesgerus for our annual getaway weekend. We made a cash donation towards the function, and we know that we played a small part in this very joyous day! As usual, we received some photos from the principal.



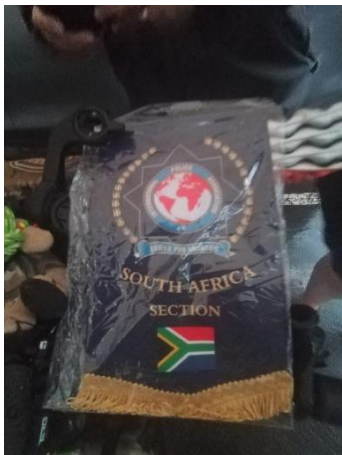
## JOHANNESBURG2BLOUBERGSTRAND – IN AID OF JUMPING KIDS

IPA West Rand had the privilege to be part of this amazing cycle tour as we sponsored the **SPOT TRACKERS** used by the cyclists for everyone to follow their journey and make donations towards their goal.

On a very rainy and wet Saturday, the **18<sup>th</sup> of February 2023** the two cyclists, Mike Henning and Francois Cronje departed from Reveira on Vaal in Vanderbijlpark on their 1000-mile journey to Bloubergstrand.



IPA West Rand Committee members were there to support them and send them on their journey which started at 07:00.



Mike and Francois's main goal is to raise R50 000 for **Jumping Kids**. Their mission is to raise awareness and funds for Jumping Kids, a SA non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children living with lower limb amputation without access to quality prosthetic equipment or rehabilitative care.



For Francois it is also a very personal journey as he is riding for his brother "1000 miles for Frikkie" who passed away due to cancer.



IPA West Rand also challenged all IPA regions on the route to meet the cyclists if they cycle through their areas, make a donation to the cause and send us a picture where they met up with the duo. We are proud to be a part of this initiative with these two amazing guys and pray that they meet their goal and even go above their goal.

Everyone followed their journey, made possible because of our sponsor of the Spot Trackers, as they paddled through some of the most beautiful towns and scenery South Africa had to offer.

And so, their journey ended on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 in Cape Town, 1665km in 16 days, paddling for charity! Indeed, an honour for IPA West Rand to be part of this amazing journey!

***Also, a huge thank you to Magda and her team from IPA Free State for meeting with these guys, treating them to a well deserve meal and the donation Free state made for the worthy cause.***

A few photos of this amazing journey:

20 February 2023



21 February 2023 – IPA Bloemfontein



23 February 2023



26 February 2023 – Victoria West to Loxton



1 March 2023 - Survivor Bear & Rupert Bear with their IPA Free State pins) having breakfast and cooling off in the Karoo.



4 March 2023 – Ceres to Riebeeck Kastel



5 March 2023 – Final Destination: Cape Town



# NEWS

## IPA MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

Notably across all spheres of our lives, the cost of living keeps on increasing. Increases are being experienced across every aspect of our livelihood – for fuel, municipal accounts, food, drinks, insurance, and travel, as well as for membership fees of sports clubs and associations we belong to.

IPA South Africa similarly finds itself caught up in the reality that increases across various levels have a serious impact on the Association.

With the current membership amounting to R300.00 per annum, IPA South Africa is no longer in a position to cover all its liabilities. We are experiencing serious financial constraints.

IPA (SA) membership fees have not been increased for many years.

During the National Council Meeting held on 20 and 21 October 2022, the National Council in the context of the financial constraints being experienced approved an annual increase of R60.00 per member.

The increase of R60.00 per member will become effective on 1 January 2023 with the annual membership fee then being R360.00 per member and it being deducted as follows.

- **Serving SAPS Members:**

- Monthly deduction increasing from R25.00 per month to R30.00 per month.

The increased deductions will be undertaken through PERSAL at the end of January 2023

- **EFT, Debit Order and Cash Payments:**

- For new and existing EFT and Cash Paying members, the new membership fee will be applicable as of 1 January 2023
- New and existing Debit Order deductions will be processed from the end of January as applicable.

The cost of annual membership between now and 31 December 2022, will remain unchanged at R300.00 per member. Any membership fee received between now and 31 December 2023 will be R300.00 and be regarded as membership fees for 2023 – such members will be regarded as duly paid up for 2023.

## CUP OF FRIENDSHIP

The “Cup of Friendship” project will be ongoing, steered by our Vice-Chairman, Jan Judeel.

Any member who wishes to be part of this project can contact Jan directly. All you must do is keep a few cups in your car and every time you see a policeman or a traffic official, hand him/her a cup.



Each cup contains sachets of coffee, sugar, Cremora, a packet of cookies and something sweet. All you must add is hot water and enjoy!

Attached to the cup is an information leaflet what the IPA is about and an application- and debit form. Each of the Committee members will have friendship cups in their possession to randomly hand out to policemen, traffic officials and other members who qualify to be an IPA member [ex. National & Provincial Parks Board Law Enforcement officials].

A huge honour was bestowed upon IPA West Rand as the Friendship Cup project was featured in the South African section of the March 2023 edition of the International Police Association, newsletter.



[due to quarterly issue of this friendship letter, birthdays for 3 upcoming months is included]

| MARCH |             | APRIL |               | MAY |            |
|-------|-------------|-------|---------------|-----|------------|
| 1     | MEC THOMSON | 4     | KJ MOGALE     | 5   | MT BESTER  |
| 6     | R HENNING   | 16    | HCT MULLER    | 11  | JS CIESLIK |
| 9     | OJ ELS      | 21    | IA VD MESCHT  | 30  | CM LOUW    |
| 11    | PR KGARI    | 25    | HN WATERMEYER | 31  | SC BASSON  |
| 13    | JH JUDEEL   |       |               |     |            |
| 15    | NP MDAKA    |       |               |     |            |
| 18    | GJ JONKER   |       |               |     |            |
| 27    | CJ BOTHA    |       |               |     |            |

Congratulations to all members with their upcoming birthdays! We hope to see each one of you at our social events so that we can personally congratulate you on this joyful day!

Friends as special as our IPA friends deserve to be celebrated on their birthday (all other days too!) We hope that the year ahead brings each one of you many wonderful adventures! Members whose names and date of birth do not appear in their birth month, please contact me to include you on my list!

**WELFARE** – Please report any welfare related issues to any committee member, example – hospitalisation, sickness and or death of members and friends.

# COMPETITIONS

## INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2023

IPA's Socio-Cultural Commission announced the International Photographic Competition for 2023.

Two categories for the competition:

1. Open Category: Any photographic subject or topic.
2. Subject Category: Police at Work.



The deadline for entering the competition is **31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**, and selection of the winners shall take place on the 30th September 2023.

Please refer to IPA website <https://www.ipa-international.org/photo-competitions>

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## HOBBY CORNER

In last year's Friendship Letter, we included this column and ask our IPA members to tell us about their hobbies.

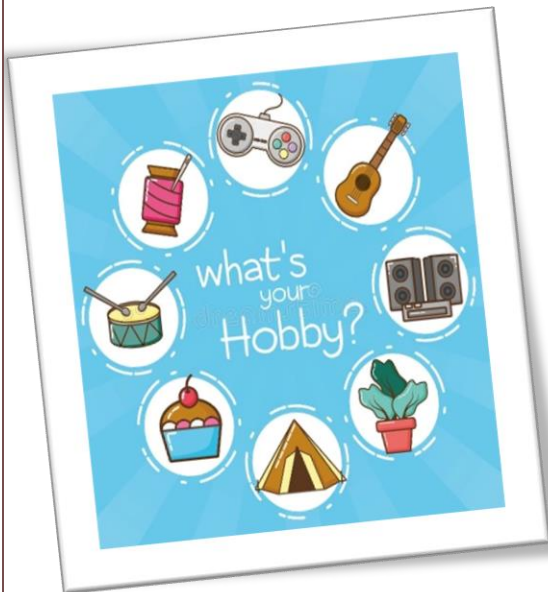
**What hobby do you practice? i.e - where is your "happy place"?**

Are you selling the items you make etc.?  
Send us photos to include in this article!

Well, this year we are taking it to the next level! Make sure you are ready!

We are going to include "**HOBBY DAYS**" into our social events, i.e, you will be given the opportunity to come and introduce your hobby, show off and we can have the opportunity to buy some of your items if it is crafts etc.

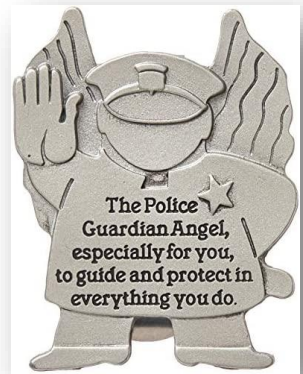
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## POETRY POCKET – by Gary Vickers

### Morning Parade

I remember morning parade,  
A memory that will never fade,  
Shoes that shone with uniforms pressed,  
Honour and pride, swelling our chests.  
Pocket books that were up to date,  
Most of us early, none ever late.  
We'd never leave without a prayer,  
And put our lives in the Lord's care.  
We wore Blue, our Angels White,  
They walked with us,  
Just out of sight.  
Made sure that we got home okay,  
Whatever sights we saw that day.



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## CLOSING REMARKS

Did you enjoy this 1<sup>st</sup> issue of 2023's Friendship Letter? Please let me know if there is any feedback on ideas or new columns which you want to see.

IPA West Rand prides itself of being a family-based region and therefore I hope that you will bring your family along to our events.

See it as a day out with family and friends, not an organization that only wants you there to make figures up.

We have a busy year ahead of us and sincerely hope that IPA West Rand's members and their families will come and join us on these days.

**Make sure you see our 2<sup>nd</sup> edition as there will be a major surprise for all IPA members, a long-awaited project that is now going to place IPA West Rand on the map!**

*Natasha Calitz*

*Editor*



**"THROUGH HUMANITY COMES FRIENDSHIP"**

As an IPA member, you can also take part in numerous IPA programs, activities, and projects. Use this link, search and explore your IPA benefits!

<https://ipasafrica.co.za/main/membership/member-benefits/>

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