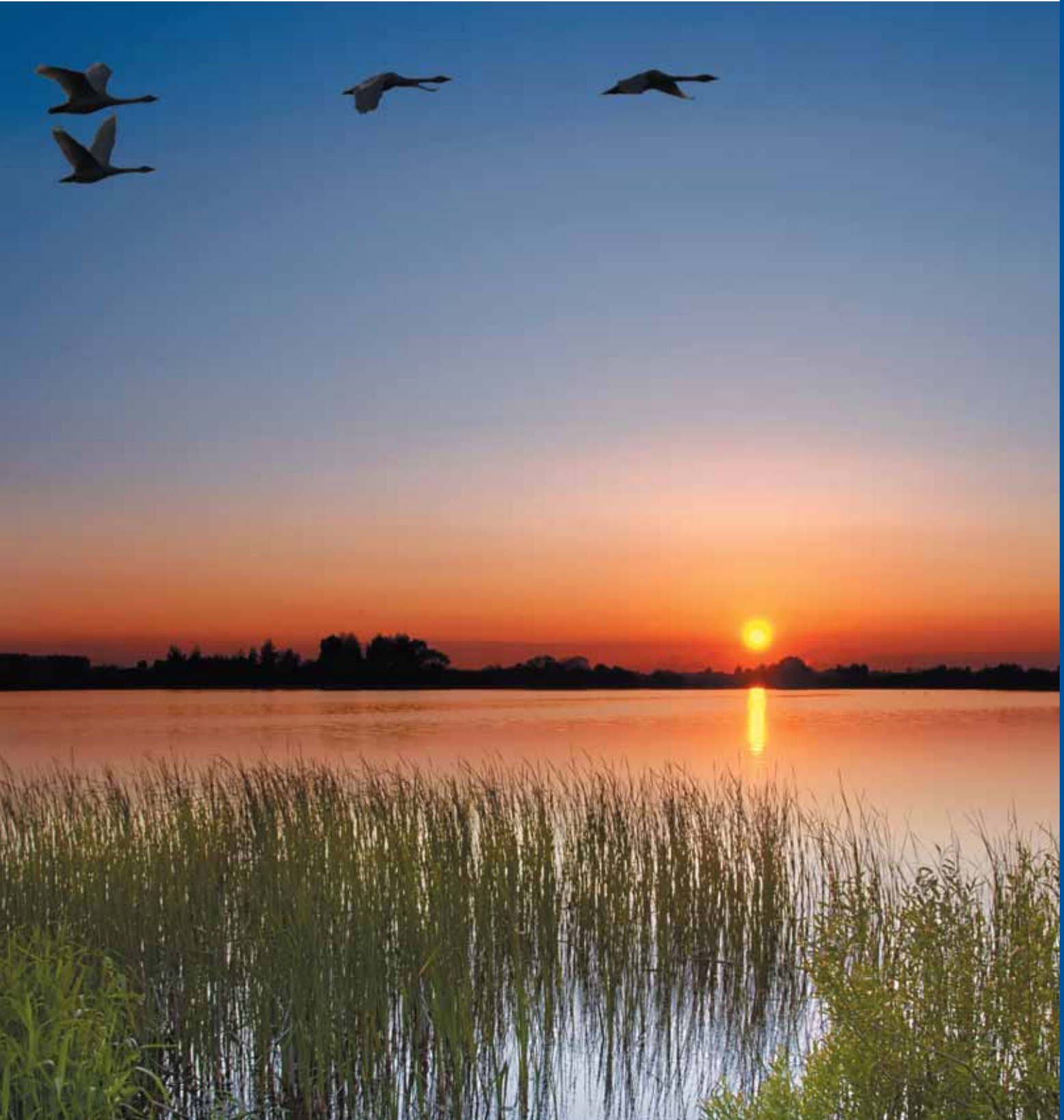


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Message
from
Peter Foaden



Being a South African has never felt better, with the euphoria of hosting a successful World Cup lingering and a huge sense of accomplishment that is still felt across the country. The naysayers have been silenced; the world now has a far more positive perception of South Africa than ever before. With business confidence taking a turn for the better, investments and holiday destinations are once again an attractive option in the country.

The impact of the World Cup is clear to see in improved local economic conditions. By far the largest increase in turnover recorded was in the electricity, gas and water supply which took an upturn of 25%, while purchases across all industries increased by 5.9%. Further proof, then, that the World Cup has made a positive difference to this country.

That said and with the excitement of the World Cup behind us, now is the perfect time to start looking for new and exciting destinations to add onto your travel calendar. In this issue we have loads of news and happenings at our properties to keep you updated and informed.

From all of us at MagicBreakaways, happy reading!



MagicBreakaways simplifies buying and selling process

MagicBreakaways has embraced technology to make the process of sourcing and listing properties simpler and more convenient. The new website enables users to search for information of available fractional ownership, timeshare options, or full ownership options at the click of a button. The site is kept current with a handy search tool and simple browsing to enable a fuss free experience.

Each fractional and whole ownership property listed is described in detail and includes photographs and the relevant information required to make the correct choice. An easy to use enquiry form is available for all your questions and possible requests for further information, which will be delivered to your inbox within 24 hours. The site allows you to filter your search by destination, ownership options, or price, further saving you time in sourcing your perfect property.

For the owners wishing to sell, we offer this service on the site as well as on a commission basis once the property has been successfully sold. Contact your sales agent at your resort or our head office directly and we will list your property for you at no charge.

Our portfolio of properties has grown over the years and this service is a valuable tool that will save you time and effort in purchasing or selling. Visit www.mbmembers.co.za to see for yourself.



Levy Budgets 2011

The Resort Management teams and Legacy Hotels have been working together to ensure that in general levy increases for 2011 are in line with inflation at between 6 and 8%. The 2010 levy budgets were negatively affected by extraordinary increases in electricity and assessment rates but this has now been absorbed by most resorts.

The Kruger Park Lodge Timeshare levies have a slightly higher increase of 9% because the increases in electricity charges and insurance in the area are still higher than inflation. The directors looked at various scenarios to try and reduce the insurance costs but found that the current policy is competitive and provides us with the necessary cover.

Annual levy budgets normally include a refurbishment charge which allows for refurbishment programmes without calling on owners to pay special levies. Unfortunately these funds will not cover the upgrades needed at Bakubung and Kruger Park Lodge. Letters have been sent to owners at both lodges advising them of a special levy that is now being raised on owners.

The main reason for the special levy in both cases is that the bathrooms will be totally refurbished and modernised to maintain our high standards, and the Directors have taken the decision to conduct these upgrades. If this affects you please see the letter that was sent for more information, and we apologise for the inconvenience.

Chit Chat Snippets



A warm welcome from La Côte

The beautiful resort of La Côte, a tranquil paradise overlooking the Indian Ocean, recently underwent a makeover to give guests an even warmer welcome than ever. The newly refurbished reception area offers a luxurious experience the minute guests walk in the door, with mirrors, chic tiling and modern lighting effects creating a dazzling picture of paradise. La Côte looks forward to welcoming you in style.



A new Pro Shop for Kruger Park Lodge

The much anticipated new Pro Shop, after many years of discussion and deliberation, began construction in April and opened at Kruger Park Lodge in July. In addition to the Pro Shop, golfers will also be excited to hear about the new Caddy Shack, housing for golf carts and a new practice green with bunker and chipping areas to hone their skills. These additions are due to open shortly.



A superior bush experience at Kwa Maritane

The tranquil oasis of Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge, located in the malaria-free Pilanesberg Game Reserve, continues to offer guests a luxurious bush experience after more than 25 years. As part of its quarter century celebrations the lodge underwent renovations to make the most of the natural beauty of its setting on the slopes of an ancient volcano, including a redesigned dining area and a new terrace so that guests can enjoy dining under the stars. Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge offers an unforgettable experience in the true Spirit of Africa.

Fishing in paradise at Castleburn

Castleburn is a fisher's paradise, with world class fly-fishing in the calm blue waters of Lake Madingofani. Trout is in abundance in the waters of the lake, with the three main species being rainbow, triploid and brown trout. Along with the lake, seven smaller dams also form part of the resort, and all are regularly stocked to ensure you make your catch of the day. And after a hard day of fishing, head down to the Lake Tavern, where the friendly staff will prepare your catch for your dining pleasure. Heaven on earth!

World Cup sets new records for Brookes Hill

The World Cup Media Host, HBS, made the Brookes Hill Suites their home away from home for the duration of the World Cup event, enjoying the hospitality of the Friendly City for their stay. As an added bonus their stay has been recorded as the highest occupancy since the opening of the Hotel.



Your piece of African Paradise



Elephant Point is a breathtaking future development in the Kruger National Park which offers private residential ownership. The area is renowned for its natural diversity and concentration of the Big Five, and elephants can often be seen grazing on the banks of the Sabie River. Get your piece of Africa at this exclusive development. For further information email: mbsales@magicb.co.za

Wilderness Dunes claims Resort of the Year award

The Wilderness Dunes resort, located near George and part of the magnificent Garden Route, has been awarded the prestigious Resort of the Year award in the Medium Resorts category. Moreover, this is the 4th time that Wilderness Dunes has won the award. The appeal of this idyllic haven is easy to understand, as the Guinness Book of Records has recorded the Garden Route's climate to be one of the mildest in the entire world, second only to Hawaii. The award was handed out at the RCI Oscas held earlier in the year.



A happy Gert Brumme accepting the Resort of the Year award on behalf of Wilderness Dunes, from Tony Hazel & Lyn Grace of RCI

Bakubung needs your help in the fight to conserve the rhino

Bakubung is working with the Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust to help preserve the rhino population, and part of this process is to individually mark, number and monitor the animals. This is a costly process, and we need your help! A donation of R25 000 will ensure that we can continue our good work, and in return you and 14 of your friends will be given the experience of a lifetime by assisting with the identification process. Help us to continue to protect and conserve these amazing creatures. For further information visit: www.pilanesbergwildlifetrust.co.za

Kruger Park Lodge

Marketing Golf Day

In March this year we invited travel agents from around the Kruger area and surrounds to join us for a round of golf on our exquisitely manicured Gary Player designed course. The event was designed to enhance business opportunities and encourage local travel agents to entrust their clients to our warm hospitality and our objective was achieved in spades.

After a satisfying day's golf we treated our guests and newfound business associates to a sumptuous braai in our lapa as well as a tour of the resort and a meet and greet with our superb staff members. We also gave every guest a complimentary zipline voucher, talk about excitement! The golf day was a highly successful event and we are looking forward to much closer ties with our local travel agents.



World Cup celebrations at KPL

In the spirit of the World Cup and to encourage enthusiasm all of our staff members were given the opportunity to attend a Goal Getter's presentation, which offered valuable information on the stadia around the country and the foreign guests we would be hosting. We also decorated the reception with an array of colourful flags from the countries in the event and supported Football Friday by wearing our South Africa football shirts.



Even though we didn't win, we are still proud of our boys. Viva Bafana Bafana!



Uninvited guests



Living in the lowveld is something close to staying in paradise, with the fresh air perfumed by the scent of banana palms, the lush, verdant surroundings, the magnificent sunsets and waking up to the cheerful chirping of birds in your backyard are just a few examples of the many perks on offer.

Inevitably there is trouble in paradise however, and part of living in this idyll is the undeniable fact that at some point you will receive unwanted guests in the form of spiders, occasional snakes, the odd bat and many a frog. But not to worry, our well trained Duty Managers are also qualified at critter removal and are on hand to escort uninvited visitors off the premises.

Recently our critter relocation skills were called upon in the form of a snake hunting expedition, have a look at our sneaky slimy 'friend'!

Hornbill Classic Golf Competition

The Hornbill Classic has become a highlight on the annual Kruger Park Lodge calendar, and this year's event was once again a resounding success. A host of eager golfers turned out to the ever popular competition, which was held over three days in September, to vie for the prizes and perfect their swing over the tournament.

The event kicked off with a Four Ball Alliance tournament, which was won by Harry Snyman, Anton van Dyk, Carel Jacobz and Louis le Roux. The evening's festivities were an authentic South African Beer Fest, the perfect theme to top off a hard day in the sun. Day two saw a Better Ball Stableford competition taking place on the greens, with Gustav Calitz and Gary Rowan emerging victorious from a fiercely contested day. That night a Halloween themed party was the order of the day, which provided some very interesting entertainment.

The final day of the tournament dawned hot and sunny, with the golfers battling it out in an Individual Stableford contest which was won by Carel Jacobz. Not surprisingly Carel was also our overall men's winner, with Laetitia Grové coming in first for the ladies. The final night of the event saw a prize-giving for all our winners as well as a memorable cabaret evening in the elegantly decorated lodge restaurant.

This year's event was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. If you missed out, don't despair. Book now to ensure you are a part of next year's event!





The Commodore

Where Table Mountain and the Sea Meet

Overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean is the Commodore, Legacy's flagship hotel in Cape Town. Stylish living, quality service and a tranquil setting have ensured that our guests return year after year, be it as businessmen or tourists excited to experience all that is the Mother City.

The hotel is 22kms from Cape Town International Airport and features 233 rooms and 3 wheelchair accessible rooms. The hotel has an array of extra services to make your stay relaxing and stress free, valet services, secretarial services, WIFI, business centre, gymnasium, Health & Wellness centre, foreign exchange and DSTV. The hotels conference facilities can cater up to 80 delegates.

Breakfast is served on the terrace and all other meals are served in Clipper Restaurant or our cocktail bar and lounge.

Guests who would like to relax in their rooms can order from our 24hour room service.

The PortsWood

A piece of Cape Town History

The PortsWood is part of Cape Town's colonial history. The restaurant and lobby are built over the original well and holding cells for prisoners en-route to Robben Island some 300 hundred years ago. Today the PortsWood is famous for its uniquely personal approach to service – catering to the international travellers every need and anticipating their every desire.

The hotel is 22kms from Cape Town International Airport and features 102 rooms and 1 wheelchair accessible room. The hotels facilities and services will make your stay relaxing and stress free, valet services, WIFI, business centre, gymnasium, Health & Wellness centre at the adjacent Commodore hotel, foreign exchange, swimming pool and DSTV.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the Quarterdeck Restaurant. The Cocktail bar is a popular meeting place for business meetings and pre dinner drinks. Guests who would like to relax in their rooms can order from our 24hour room service.



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Windhoek Country Club Resort

The Namibian Gem

Developed as a resort within the city, the Windhoek Country Club Resort offers businessmen, conference delegates or families the best of both worlds. The resort's unique combination of exceptional services, luxury accommodation and tranquil setting has ensured that it remains the final word in comfort and entertainment in Namibia. Enjoy a rendezvous with Lady Luck at the Desert Jewel Casino, play a round of golf on the superb 18-hole golf course, relax in the lazy river or take in any one of Windhoek's cultural sites.

The resort features 152 rooms, including 6 luxury suites, 1 Presidential suite and 1 wheelchair accessible room.

Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre

Where the Skeleton Coast comes to Life

Enclosed by the ever-changing restless movement of the dunes of the Namibian desert on the east and the pounding waves and beaches of the Atlantic Ocean to the west, lies the historic town of Swakopmund, gateway to the Skeleton Coast. The Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre has been designed to complement the architecture of the historic (1902) station building which today forms part of the hotels' public areas. The resort offers the perfect balance between charming, old world tradition with the thrill and excitement of modern day entertainment, be it the Casino and Entertainment centre, dune boarding, quad biking, golf at the nearby desert course, the dolphin and the flamingos of Walvis or a romantic banquet in the desert. For the more sedate a spa treatment or relaxing at the pool offer the escape often promised but so rarely achieved.

The resort is 46kms from Walvis Bay Airport. Featuring 89 rooms and 1 wheelchair accessible room, Platform One restaurant, 24 hours room service, WIFI and conference facilities for up to 350 delegates.





Reaching for the stars

Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge underwent major renovations in 2009 and since it's reopening has offered guests an even more luxurious experience at this tranquil oasis.

One of the major changes to the resort was for the Wildlife Department, which moved to a larger building, allowing for a complete revamp of the displays. The department also now boasts a small cinema where wildlife videos, presentations and educational lectures can be conducted.

One of the most exciting changes is that the guides have all received astronomy training and the lodge has a brand new telescope. Guests can now spend their evenings gazing into the heavens, unspoilt by the lights of the city, and receive educational input from the guides on exactly what they are looking at. Or they can simply lie back, relax and gaze at the beauty of the stars. Reach for the stars at Kwa Maritane.

Kwa Maritane honoured at RCI Oscas Awards

The glamorous RCI Oscas award ceremony sees key players in the timeshare industry gather to honour resorts and individuals in the industry who have excelled throughout the year. Kwa Maritane was well honoured at the ceremony, scooping up several nominations and awards for the 2009 year.

Congratulations to all at Kwa Maritane for a Top 5 spot and nomination in the category of Resort of the Year (Medium) and for receiving a Gold Crown Award. The lodge also took home RCI's Managing Director's Award for Resort Improvement, and General Manager Dave Johnson was awarded the prestigious Resort Manager of the Year award. Well done to everyone involved and keep up the good work!



Resort Manager of the year, a clearly "lost for words" Dave Johnson of Kwa Maritane

World Cup fun

Kwa Maritane was lucky enough to play host to a number of teams during the World Cup, including New Zealand, Mexico, Japan and Denmark. To give our foreign visitors a joyous African welcome on arrival we enlisted the help of the talented pupils at nearby Borite Primary School, and their singing, chanting and dancing definitely stole the show!

The visitors were captivated by the children, taking photographs on cameras and phones to preserve the moment. In the case of the Mexican team, the accompanying television crew even filmed the kids, much to their delight. We could not have given our guests such a fantastic welcome without the help of the children.



Rebecca, Nerina, the Borite Kids & School Principal Susan Mutlaneng arrive back from their Game Drive



The Borite Kids, Leo the Legacy Lion and Rebecca in full cry, welcoming Mexico to Kwa Maritane

To thank them for their efforts, once the madness of the World Cup was over we treated them to a snake demonstration by field guide Jacques Kruger and a game drive with field guide Nerina Jordaan and Wildlife Services reservationist Rebecca Morelle. Back at the lodge the kids were served a delicious lunch and each child was presented with a personalised certificate to commemorate the event. They were also given a bag of goodies, and of course a Legacy branded vuvuzela, much to their excitement.

The day ended in high spirits with yet more singing and dancing. Thank you again to the children of Borite School for an amazing World Cup!

Bakubung

New lease of life for 2011

Bakubung's timeshare chalets will be given a new lease of life in 2011 with a planned upgrade and renovation of the bathrooms. A special levy has been imposed for the year to cover this refurbishment. We are certain that the updated facilities will be much appreciated and we look forward to completing the upgrade.



Above: Bakgofa Primary school pupils
Below: Great excitement at Ratheo Intermediate



Raining bread rolls in Bakubung

When the Sun City Club received 48 boxes of frozen bread rolls, each containing 84 rolls, as a donation from Blue Marine, the Club was overwhelmed. They could not use or store more than 4000 bread rolls themselves and called upon Bakubung Bush Lodge and the Bakubung Economic Development Unit to help them distribute these rolls to the community.

The first surprise delivery was taken to Tshose Primary at Mahobieskraal Village, where the principal, children and parents waiting to attend a parent-teacher meeting were all delighted by the donation. Next the team moved on to Molote Crèche, a small crèche on the school grounds where we left two boxes of rolls.

The 'bread roll fairies' moved on to Bakgofa Primary School, which has a high number of child-headed households and orphans, and Mpuphuti School, both of which have a feeding programme for underprivileged learners. Next stops were Ratheo Intermediate, our old friends Bakubung Primary, and Mperebere School. The donations were greatly appreciated by all, but after all of these visits we still had four boxes of rolls left. We donated them to the Tapologo HIV/Aids Clinic, where Bakubung sends stew and rice every Monday, and the rolls would be an extra treat.

Thanks to Blue Marine and the Sun City Cycling Club for the amazing donation.

Fire blazes through Pilanesberg

Due to the great rainfall last year we had unusually long, thick grass, which dried out during the winter and caught fire in the heat during September. The fire spread fast with a gusty wind, and caused minor destruction in Bakubung and the Pilanesberg National Park. Thanks to the fast action of staff, however, the damage was minimised and repairs could be started quickly.

The two Bakubung gates burned down completely, along with the brand new security office, but thankfully the toilets and hawkers goods were not affected. The fire burned outwards in a circle, and all three access roads were closed for a while, with staff and guests stuck in the middle. The fire spread into the Park but luckily the staff houses behind the main gate were not damaged. The Bakubung maintenance truck along with the Sun City fire brigade and the Moses Kotane fire brigade fought the fire across the road and back-burnt the veld to prevent the fire from spreading.



Bakubung staff banded together to form teams around the chalets, and spray the grass to ensure that the fire did not reach the fence. Two hours after the blaze began it was extinguished along the access road, when it suddenly popped up on the other side of the road and spread over the hill towards the back of the lodge. The fire brigade and maintenance staff worked tirelessly until late that night to ensure that no property was damaged and the fire was extinguished, and staff at the lodge continued to douse the thatch roofs to prevent the fire from catching hold. Well done to everyone for their effort!



Transforming Castleburn

We are making our resort even more beautiful through a series of 'face lifts' to enhance some of the units. Our one bedroom fisherman's lofts and syndicated units were recently renovated and our four Luxury Units along with the Jacuzzis have also been upgraded.

On top of this we have embarked on a re-thatching and extensive maintenance programme of 14 other units, and this is just the beginning. The new tennis courts, entertainment centre, fishing jetties and main jetty have breathed new life into our tranquil mountain setting, and we have been going green with our SIRAC heat pumps, which have also saved us a lot of money in electricity.

Our two bedroom units are due for an upgrade in 2011 and we look forward to seeing them once they are done.



Cats gone wild

The cats at Castleburn have come up with a unique, and sometimes highly surprising, way of keeping warm in the Drakensberg winters. One of our guests reported a bizarre incident involving one of our furry friends, which thankfully had a happy ending!

Our guest had checked out of the resort that morning and was driving back to his home in Hillcrest, Durban, some 250km away. On arriving home, his own cat was behaving strangely, but he did not think anything of it and continued to unpack the car. The situation escalated when his feline became agitated and started hissing at the front of the car. The hapless guest popped open the bonnet only to be greeted by the big brown eyes of a brown kitten, sitting on the ledge of the engine compartment.

The guest kindly offered to return the poor kitty, but we felt that after a journey like that he deserved his place in his new Hillcrest home.

Castleburn cuts cost of electricity

With the recent hikes in electricity rates, and the price set to continue to increase, saving electricity costs has become vitally important. At Castleburn we have found a way to reduce these excessive costs.

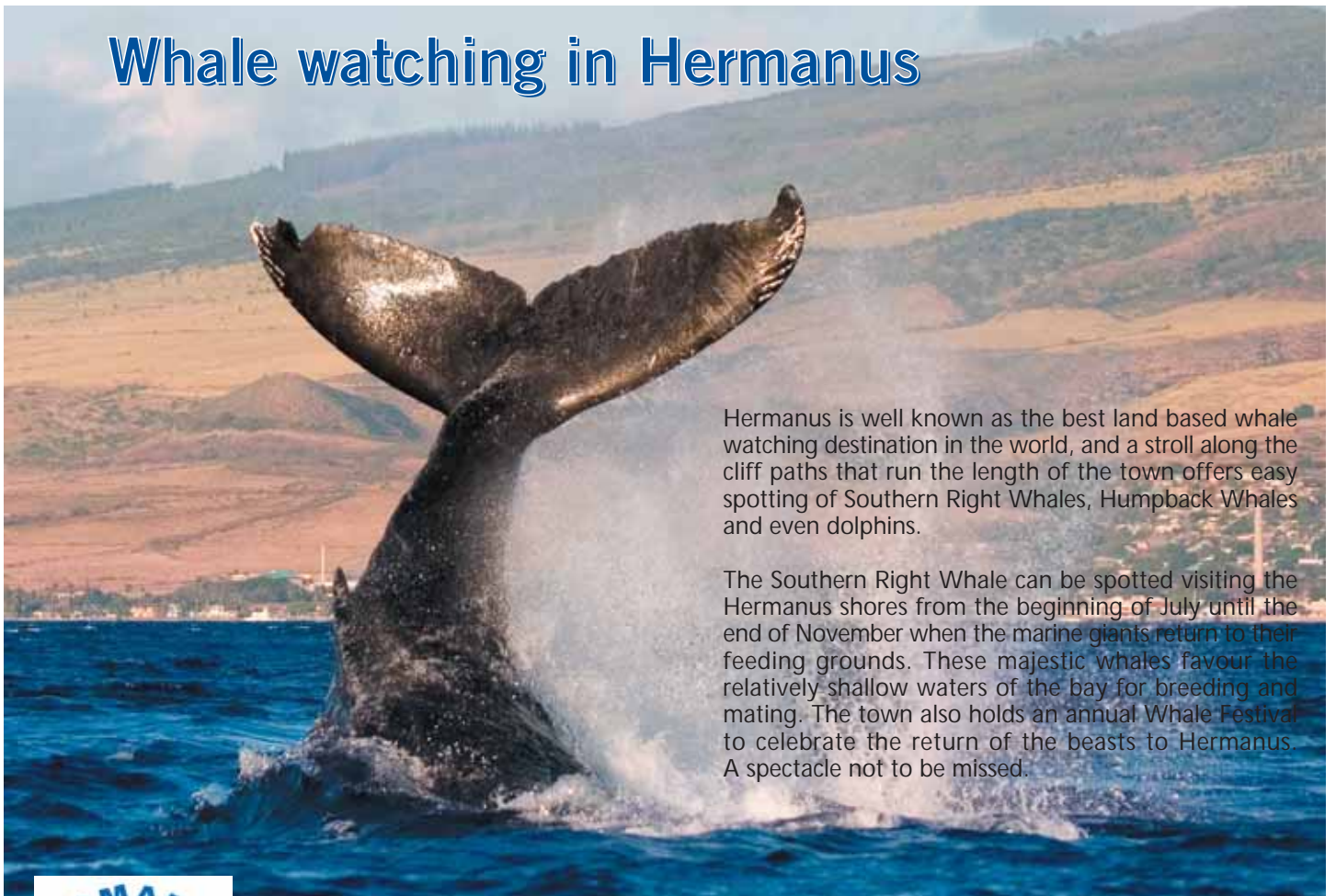


In April 2010 we installed a heat pump on one of our units to test the effectiveness of the device compared to a geyser, one of the highest consuming electrical items in any household. The results were truly astounding! The heat pump showed an average saving of 40%, even during the harsh Drakensberg winter!

The heat pump does not make much more noise than an air conditioner and nobody has even noticed the unit outside their bathroom window. The results of our experiment have even drawn the attention of Eskom and they are now conducting their own tests.

Just goes to show that together we can make a difference!

Whale watching in Hermanus



Hermanus is well known as the best land based whale watching destination in the world, and a stroll along the cliff paths that run the length of the town offers easy spotting of Southern Right Whales, Humpback Whales and even dolphins.

The Southern Right Whale can be spotted visiting the Hermanus shores from the beginning of July until the end of November when the marine giants return to their feeding grounds. These majestic whales favour the relatively shallow waters of the bay for breeding and mating. The town also holds an annual Whale Festival to celebrate the return of the beasts to Hermanus. A spectacle not to be missed.



Hermanus Beach Club supports Operation Brakenjan

Our four legged friends are a vital part of our lives, but some dogs and cats aren't as lucky as our pampered kitties and pooches. Hermanus local, 84 year old Joyce Rawstorn, has taken it upon herself to feed the less fortunate pets of the community, and launched Operation Brakenjan along with the Hermanus Times.

Thanks to the support of the animal loving community as well as restaurants that donate their leftovers to the cause, these underprivileged animals as well as some homeless dogs and cats get at least two good meals a week, and some are fed every day through the project.

If you would like to get involved there are special trolleys set aside for food donations at Pick 'n Pay, Eastcliff Spar, Gateway Spar, 7/11 Onrus and Bay Bargain Centre. Any donation, large or small, is handed out to feed dogs and cats in desperate need. For more information contact Janine van der Riet on 082 885 0226.



La Côte D'Azur gets a makeover

The beautiful La Côte D'Azur Resort in Margate, nestled against the sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean along the pristine South Coast offers guests a luxury beach resort and has been awarded a Gold Crown as one of RCI's best resorts. Guests can now enjoy an even more luxurious stay as the apartments have recently been refreshed and upgraded with fresh colours and beach style furniture.





New General Manager

Wilderness Dunes would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to Tracey Pretorius, who has taken over the management reins, following in the footsteps of Susan Du Toit who has left us to enjoy a well deserved retirement.



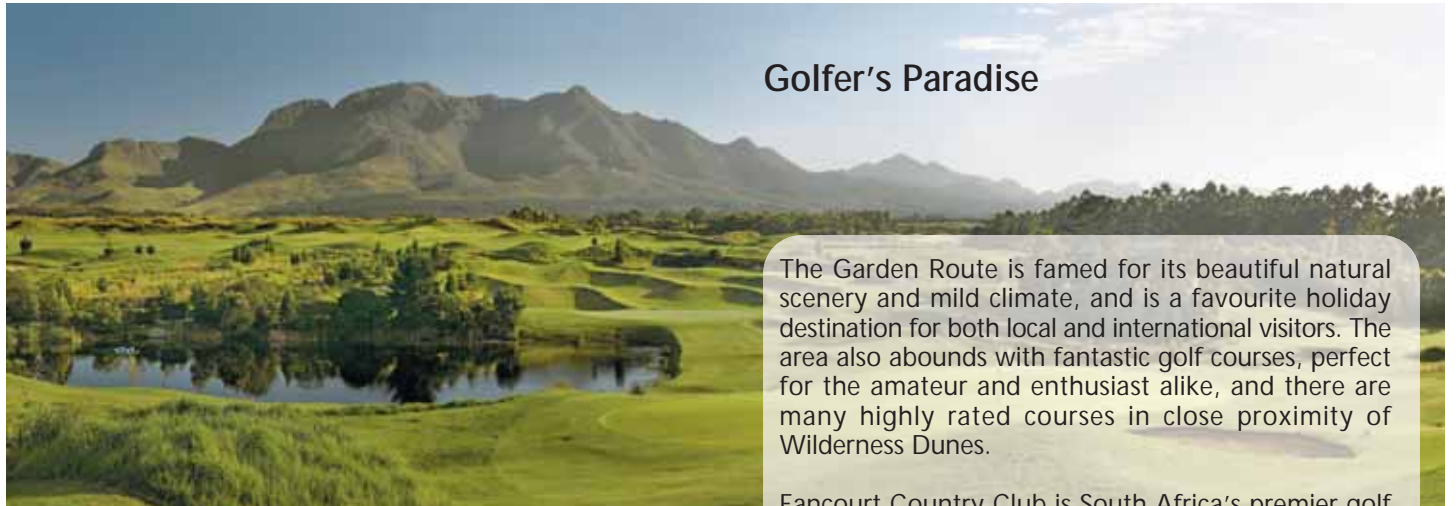
Tracey has extensive experience in the timeshare industry and she joins us from her previous position at the Pine Lake Marina timeshare resort in Sedgefield.

"I am looking forward to working with a great team and being part of a stunning resort. Congratulations to Susan and the team for being named as Resort of the Year – Medium - at the RCI Oscars. I look forward to taking us from strength to strength," she says.

Shopping up a storm

Located on the outskirts of the tiny coastal town of Sedgefield is the multiple award winning Wild Oats Community Farmers Market, a small, rustic, internationally acclaimed market that showcases choice locally produced foods. Come rain or shine, the market is open every Saturday and offers a veritable bounty of produce and a breakfast that is truly out of this world.

From free-range meats, chicken and lamb to dairy and cheese, fresh from the field vegetables, freshly baked delicacies and preserves, sauces, jams and condiments, the market is a food lover's delight. There is also a wide range of plants and flowers on offer from the Southern Cape Floral Kingdom.



Golfer's Paradise

The Garden Route is famed for its beautiful natural scenery and mild climate, and is a favourite holiday destination for both local and international visitors. The area also abounds with fantastic golf courses, perfect for the amateur and enthusiast alike, and there are many highly rated courses in close proximity of Wilderness Dunes.

The garden route is famous for its amazing scenery and spectacular golf courses



Fancourt Country Club is South Africa's premier golf resort with three highly rated Championship courses and an 18 hole public course. A round at Fancourt is truly a special experience as the courses are sculpted and finished with rare attention to detail, designed with the coastal winds in mind.

Near to Fancourt is the George Golf Club, one of the oldest courses in the country. Nestled along the Outeniqua Mountains, the country club has maintained its position as one of the top ten golf courses in South Africa for many years.

The Oubaai Golf Course is the first and only Ernie Els Signature course, and the course design presents a challenge for all levels of golfers. Oubaai is a Championship course designed by three time Championship Winner Ernie Els and he rates the course as his favourite in the world.

These three are just some of the gorgeous world class courses on offer, with others including Pinnacle Point, Pezula, Le Grande, Oudtshoorn Golf Club and Kingswood Golf Estate.



Five star golfing in the wild heart of Africa

What makes Elements Private Golf Reserve unique is the high quality golfing on offer in the unspoiled setting of a nature reserve. Elements is rated as one of the top ten golf courses in South Africa, and this combined with the wild beauty of a bush setting and free roaming game gives our guests a uniquely memorable experience.

The views from the club house are not to be missed. Situated on a majestic ridge overlooking the golf course and the adjacent bush, this tranquil setting is the perfect place to enjoy the 19th hole while taking in the spectacular surrounding views.

New wildlife for Elements Reserve

Following a review of the games species at Elements, we have made some changes to the animals in the reserve. We safely captured and relocated 41 zebra and 40 kudu, who are all now enjoying their lives on a new property.

This change allowed us to introduce some new game species including Nyala and Waterbuck. The new tenants have adapted well to the property and we are happy to have them as they will go a long way towards enhancing our species diversity.



Getting to know Anton Haakman, Elements Estate General Manager



Anton was born and raised in Knysna and was introduced to golf at a young age, spending most of his time growing up on the course and practising with his friends. He represented Eastern Province and was part of the South African junior team in 1994 and 1995. Anton studied at Port Elizabeth Technikon where he continued his passion for golf, representing Eastern Province in various interprovincial tournaments.

Following graduation he took up the position of Assistant Manager at Rondebosch Golf Club and later went on to compete as a professional golfer, finishing third in the South African Amateur at Westlake. He was offered a golf scholarship to Columbus State University, where he spent three and a half years representing the university at various events around the USA. During this time he won three tournaments, was selected to the All American Second Team and was rewarded twice for being an All American Scholar Athlete. His time in the USA concluded with him graduating with a BBA degree Cum Laude.

After working as an Assistant Golf Pro at Fancourt and later as the Director of Golf at the Links, he joined Elements as the General Manager. He says the area is one that he feels at home in. The property has become one of the finest residential golf products in the country and continues to grow in popularity and value.

How does Fractional Ownership work?

Fractional ownership is a smart and affordable way to invest in a share of a luxury home in a prime location, offering a more refined and sophisticated option in leisure investment.

Investors acquire a share in the company which entitles them to exclusive usage rights to a luxury home owned by the company, typically for a period of four weeks every year. The company is responsible for all administration and operating costs are distributed between all of the shareholders, making fractional ownership an extremely cost effective investment.

What fractional ownership means for you:

- The property is yours to occupy for four weeks every year (this may vary depending on your holiday requirements)
- You are not responsible for the physical maintenance of the property
- You are responsible for the levy which covers your share of the operating and administration cost of your unit
- If you are unable to occupy your holiday home you can rent it out and earn income from it



Make sure your fractional ownership shares meet your requirements



Some good advice when it comes to investing in fractional ownership: many fractional ownership companies will own a standalone house which investors then acquire a share in. This is great as you will then have this holiday home to use during your allotted time, but going on holiday to the same place year after year can get tiresome. If you really want to benefit from your investment look for a fractional ownership company that owns houses in a number of areas or resorts and where your share entitles you to exchange your time at your usual holiday home for time somewhere else. It is also a good idea to find out if you are able to exchange your holidays with other resorts locally and internationally.

Top tip:

Look to purchase an affordable share in a debt free and appreciating luxury holiday home to maximise your investment potential.



Own your own slice of five-star luxury with Legacy Private Residences

Fractional ownership in Legacy Private Residences is the smart way to enjoy the ultimate in luxurious holiday investment without the maintenance and management inconvenience associated with owning a second home.

Becoming a member of Legacy Private Residences provides investors with the opportunity to acquire an interest in one of the company's exclusive fractional title ownership residences situated in prime locations in South Africa.

Members are assured that their investment is in safe hands as the company is managed by Legacy Hotels and Resorts, one of Africa's foremost hotel companies, and a managed rental pool and internal exchanges are available if required.

The resort properties have been developed by MagicBreakaways and its management team who have been responsible for the development and marketing of some of Southern Africa's premier resorts.

Your investment with Legacy Private Residences gives you an exclusive address at any of a number of prime destinations, including Kruger Park Lodge, the ultimate bushveld and golf course retreat; Castleburn, located in the majestic southern Drakensberg; Wilderness Dunes on the beautiful Garden Route; and Elements Private Golf Reserve, a world class championship golf course in the scenic Waterberg. Your holiday home is exquisitely furnished, decorated with great attention to detail and ready for immediate occupation.



A new look for Brookes Hill

The picturesque Brookes Hill Suites in Port Elizabeth, a home away from home for business and leisure travellers along the sparkling Indian Ocean, offers deluxe accommodation close to all amenities and attractions.

The suite hotel has undergone a facelift to modernise the feeling of the hotel, with a complete overhaul of the bathrooms as well as a new look for the studio units using the rich, earthy tones of African mahogany for a feeling of true luxury.



Brookes Hill goes green as a result of water restrictions



Port Elizabeth has experienced extreme drought conditions recently, necessitating tight water restrictions to control the amount of water used in residences and hotels. While the latest drought has been considered a green drought, as gardens and grass parks remained green, the area received localised rain with very little water falling in the catchment areas.

To relieve the burden on already overloaded catchment areas, Brookes Hill implemented some eco-friendly water saving measures, with the added benefit of helping the hotel to become greener and lessen its carbon footprint.

Brookes Hill has been using grey water, saved from the washing machines that are always on the go in the bustling hotel, to water its many trees, plants and lawns, in order to keep the gardens green and flourishing. They have also erected two water tanks to catch the rain that falls in the area and are harvesting the water from the down pipes too.

Every little drop helps!



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Elephant Point is a landmark future development in an unmatched location on the banks of the Sabie River, alongside the Kruger National Park.

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