



AROUND THE TABLE WITH GUY

CHAIRMAN'S/VICE HELD IN UMTATA

Umtata hosted the Chairman's/vice meeting on 8 July. Thanks to a typing error by the Secretary and an almost empty tank of diesel, both he and the Chairman arrived just in time to start the meeting (at 10am as planned).

Joe Berlyn from Umtata bore the brunt of "Sarg Tinus" with Dave and Kelvin from Nahoon following a close second. Roger Pierce from Elliot came off second best during the "Who Dares, Gins" Challenge later that evening.

Thanks to the guys that made it and a special thanks to Umtata for the wonderful hospitality. The Area IRO and PRO were sorely missed—as noted by the meeting. See you all in Morgan's Bay in September.

146 REGISTRATIONS FOR AREA SO FAR!

A big "thank you" to all the tables in the Border Area. As of the 4th of August we had 146 registrations for the September Area Conference in Morgan's Bay—almost a month before the event. King William's Town 6 have planned a great weekend and there are still a number of registrations expected. I know that KWT are gunning to beat the Fort Beaufort record. Thanks for the great response.

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN RAIDED

At the beginning of the month I visited KWT 6 on my rounds. Stutterheim joined us just after the meeting ended. For those who have raided KWT you will all know the tradition that new tablers or first-time visitors to King have to go through. I am pleased to report that Trent Milne, current Chairman of Stutt, did not go unnoticed and was inducted into the Hall of Fame under the watchful eye of the Area Chairman and Secretary.

ASSCO REPORT DUE BY THE END OF AUGUST

As Area Chairman I am expected to forward my 3rd ASSCO Report to ARTSA by the end of August. I would like to ask that all tables please ensure that they submit their reports to Tarquin by 22 August.

THE R50 SOUP DEBATE IN FORT BEAUFORT

Would you pay R50 for a bowl of soup? This is the current debate raging in Fort Beaufort 62. I had the pleasure of raiding them in July and was more than entertained by the "fierce" debate surrounding one of their annual projects—albeit in jest. I can however report that the event was a great success—and the cost did include live entertainment.

The following morning saw Rodrick forgetting to turn on the pump for the hot water resulting in the Chairman having to almost die of hypothermia. Thanks Rod!

ARTSA 2007 REVAMP

ARTSA 2007 has been revamped to make it more "user-friendly" and cost-effective for Joe Tabler. The ARTSA Executive have taken a decision to reduce the number of days for ARTSA—it will now run from a Thursday to Sunday.

Based on the European model of national AGM's registration will now take place on a Thursday with the Hardcore Hut opening around lunch time. During the evening will be the opening ceremony followed on Friday by 4th ASSCO and the Africa Region meeting in the afternoon (Forums will fall away at ARTSA and be decentralized to the areas). Friday night will see the t-shirt party. Saturday will be the AGM to be finished by 15:00 followed by the President's Banquet. Delegates leave on Sunday morning.

This format will not only save Joe Tabler money but will also reduce the number of leave days needed to attend. The format has been widely accepted within ARTSA as a good move towards ensuring greater attendance. Please support this new format and register now for ARTSA 2007— it is designed around you as Joe Tabler and is well worth it.