

MPUMALANGA S C O U T I N G

Paddle your own Canoe!
BP's "Rovering to Success"

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OUR AREA COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE :~

Rovering has been an old Scouting tradition. It has eluded Mpumalanga Scouting for some time now. We have been missing a great link that makes Scouting a fun place to be. Baden-Powell formed the Rover Scout Branch as a "Brotherhood of the open-air and service" Through Nangu Thina most of our youth have been exposed to Rovering one way or the other. Nothing

can make me happier than to see our own scouts grow up and take their rightful place in the leadership of their own movement.

Nationally we are re-looking at Scouting in SASA so that we can reposition ourselves for the next century. A lot of exciting things will be happening especially in Mpumalanga Scouting. I am appealing to all the youth in

all our Districts to catch the bus before it leaves for never-never. I am looking forward to seeing you on board.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Katrin Frei for organising our first ever Rovers gathering. I expect to see a total change in attitude at the end of this function. I have not forgotten the team that she is working with i.e. Meshack,



Yenzekile, Philemon, Eddie, and Bennedict.

To all you Rovers out there, Just remember that regardless of what other people say— SASA MPUMALANGA ROCK !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SCOUTING MPUMALANGA AWARDED "DISNEY HAND" MINNIE GRANT

25 Youth Organisations in 15 Countries throughout the World, received a \$500 Disney Hand Minnie Grant to specifically engage young people up to the age of 14 in Community Service Projects around the 6th Annual Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). They were selected by Youth Service America and funded by Disney Hand, World wide outreach for the Walt Disney Company and will implement Community Service Projects throughout the year.



Mrs. Mnisi admiring the banana trees in the garden with Scouts Reggie Mbowane, Khetukuthula Phiri, Sandile Sambo, Mbonginkosi and Mduduzi Mbowane, Dumisane Nyawo and Hussein Phiri.

received some sandwiches and juice.

1st Revival Cubs and Scouts invited 160 orphans from the area to the venue at the Revival Christian church. The programme for the afternoon included traditional Zulu dancers (aged 6-8 years), a teenage drama group acting about rape and teenage pregnancy, and many group and solo performances. Mrs. Nelly Nkosi from the Department of Health was the guest speaker and she talked about healthy eating. In all there were representatives from 5 other churches in the district. Everyone received a hot meal after the performance.

had already passed away from HIV/Aids related illnesses. All the visitors then moved over to the gardens and the Scouts demonstrated to parents how to go about making a trench garden. Every one of the 70 orphans at the school received tinned food, soap and clothing which was collected



Some of the school children!

by the Cubs Scouts and donated to the school. The parent committee joined in the luncheon (for 120 guests) and thanked the Scouts for their initiatives.

At every event the Scouts renewed their promises to help other people and the children who were not Scouts were reminded that they can go to any of the Scouts if they have problems of any kind, and the Scouts will find a way to help them. Every child that was involved in this project learned about Service to others.



Nosiphe Mashego watches Nikita Ntumbane and Siyabonga Nkuna planting the first seedlings.

About 120 Cubs and their Pack Scouters from 1st Sandzile, 1st Revival, 1st Tenteleni and 1st Emtfuntini took part in the Global Youth Service Day, involving their Church and respective schools as well. Each of these Cub Packs have established vegetable gardens from which they support Aids orphans, Old Age Pensioners, families with HIV/AIDS and also supplement the school soup kitchens. All 4 groups were able to purchase gardening tools and seedlings for their vegetable gardens. The children prepared the beds and planted the seedlings.

1st Sandzile Cubs and Scouts have made the beds of their vegetable garden in such a way that they spell out the words "Cubs" and "Scouts". On GYSD the Cubs and Scouts involved the whole school—every grade in the school performed, which included the drum majorettes and the Grade 7's reciting a poem about HIV/Aids. The Master of Ceremonies for the day was an 11 year old Cub named Sizwe Lekhuleni. The special guests on the day were 40 orphans from the school, members of the school governing body and representatives from the Phaphamani Home Based Care Project. The speaker of the day was Mrs. Mnisi from the Themba Hospital and she educated everyone about ways to stay healthy. Everyone



The Cubs took their dance very seriously!

1st Emtfuntini Cubs are located in a very remote area near to the border of Mozambique. They had 50 children on their GYSD and the school principal Mr. B.R. Ma-est school was their special guest. The Scouts played games and sang songs with the orphans and everyone received a super traditional meal of porridge and stew.



The Emtfuntini Cubs were very excited to receive and try out their new garden tools.

1st Tenteleni Cubs and Scouts included the whole school of 1200 children in the GYSD celebrations. They were told about the vegetable garden project and the support from America. The Guest Speaker Mr. HR Rana from the Department of Education addressed the gathering. Mrs. Mtshali from the Home Based Care Project made a candle lighting ceremony to remember those who

STOP PRESS !

David Mauku, 1st Kabokweni Scouter and Area Fieldworker in Mpumalanga, represented South Africa at the recent YOUTH MEETINGS and the SOUTHERN ZONE CONFERENCE in Maseru, Lesotho. Report in next Issue.





B.P. 2005



Nkomazi Scouts Leam what it is like to be wheel-chair bound!

Rolling up the tent—Scouts from Nsikazi.



The end of the hike to God's Window for the Inyamazane campers.



Mpa East visiting Nelair learnt all about aircraft.

Our Founder B-P must have been smiling down on all 5 Mpumalanga Camps celebrating his Birthday, because God was too! God gave us brilliant camping weather. He gave all the Camp Chiefs and their Scout and Guide organising committees great ideas and He blessed everyone over that weekend with fun, challenge and safe travelling through the Spirit of Scouting and Guiding

Inyamazane District took the bus to Graskop and had BP. "on top of the World". Their programme included Games, Bird-watching with Mandy MacNamara of Bird Life Lowveld, a 14km hike to God's Window and back—they had never seen such a view! While the Scouts and Guides hiked, the Cubs were completing sections of the Outdoorsman and Nature Craft Badges. Swimming and Canoeing under the watchful eye of the Scouters with their Water Charges and those who had done the SPACE Swimming Course. A Grand Parade through Graskop which got all the Tourist cameras clicking and the locals talking! A Campfire in a wonderful setting and a Scouts' Own with the theme Brownsea Island. "The Founder's story told in Siswati, the songs and the Renewal of all the promises made the whole Service very touching and revived the BP. Spirit in our



hearts," reported Rebecca, the Cub Camp Chief.

Special thanks went to Camp Mother and Father, Shila and Peter Mlangeni, who organised the site and helped so much.

Mpumalanga East camped at Woodhouse Dam. The Cubs ran a Pirate theme on the Saturday, while the main activities included a hike to the nearby Old Nelspruit Airport, with a conducted tour around the aircraft and the Nelair Hangers and Workshops. Each Troop built a section of the Obstacle Course which included a Blind Trail section. Everyone enjoyed trying it out. Bird Life Lowveld gave a very interesting session. Swimming, Campfire, Scouts and Guides Own and an unforgettable night activity called the "Snipe Hunt" (A snipe is a type of bird which is "said" to respond to a certain type of whistle.) Nobody caught one, but everybody got caught!

Mpumalanga West had a BP Cub Camp on the theme King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, with the young Knights in their Armour, galloping around on their horses. In the evening the BP Campfire was held with some really important presentations - Springbok Scout Award, Long Service Medals, Medal of Merit and the Dudley James Award - all reported elsewhere in this edition.

Nsikazi camped at Uitkyk

overlooking Nelspruit. Various activity bases were organised. Swimming (they also had access to a Pool), Campfire, BP Scouts and Guides Own. Presentations were also made by the Area Commissioner—reported elsewhere. The Cubs on camp did the activities of the New Experimental "Prevent Climate Change" Programme which included fire safely, making a fireball firelighter and useful articles from recycled materials—e.g. plastic bottles etc.



The Knights parade for King Arthur at Mpumalanga West Cub Camp.

Nkomazi's BP Campsite was hard to beat! Under the canopy of old indigenous trees in the MAHHUSHE Game Reserve. Their programme was well organised, with the main theme Nature and Environment, with the Mpumalanga Parks Board Rangers from the Game Reserve giving very interesting sessions and walks in the bush. The lady representative from HIV/AIDS was most impressed with Scouting and Guiding when she did her talk. The Physiotherapist Team from Tonga Hospital brought their wheel chairs and held relays where everyone got the chance to ride in a wheel chair and see how difficult it is for a disabled person to get around. The big difference from the other Camps was that, being in a Game Reserve, the older Scouts had to take turns on night watch to see that no animals came near to take food or anything (or anyone?) else!!

THE 2005 DUDLEY JAMES AWARD

Medal of Merit.



Dudley James presented Lynn with her Award certificate.

The Dudley James Award for excellence in Scouting, is presented each year to a deserving Scouter. This year it goes to Lynn Miller, Pack Scouter of 2nd Coalfields, Witbank, for outstanding service to the Mpumalanga Scout Area. Lynn, who was both a Brownie and Guide, has run the

Courses—sometimes single handed, and has often travelled to Nelspruit and White River to assist at Courses and attend Area meetings. She has organised Camps, Field Days, Fun Days, and District Cub Outings. Husband Kevin, always a wonderful support, is involved on the Lay side of the Group, mainly in Maintenance. Their son and daughter both came through the Movement. As part of the Award, Lynn will be visiting Germany, sight-seeing, experiencing Scouting there and reporting to Nangu Thina, our support organisation which sponsors the Dudley James Award. Lynn was also awarded the Medal of Merit for Outstanding Services to Scouting, and Kevin received a replica badge. Congratulations to both Lynn and Kevin.

Pack for over 25 years often with no help at all, yet she has kept it as strong as ever. Active Member of the Area Training Team she has run many of the West's Training

OUR NEW AREA FLAG

The new Area Flag was handed over to our Area Commissioner, Elvis Mdaka at the B.P. Camp held at Uitkyk. Scouters Andries Vuma and Lucy Magagula hold the flag up for all to see.





SCOUTING VERSUS SOCIETY

The eternal battle

SOCIAL :

Youth

- * lack of independence nurtured by dependence generating activities
- * decreased social contact with peers due to individualistic type activities
- * emotional genres of violence and associated behaviour encouraged by entertainment media (films, computer games, news coverage etc)
- * racial issues exacerbated through forced integration and perceived preferential treatment
- * less than 40% of population have done volunteer work over the last 12 months.
- * participation in volunteer work by sixteen to thirty year old group is declining
- * 50% increase in serious anti-social behaviour since 1995 fourteen to twenty age group
- * general disregard for fellow being's welfare and individual rights since 1997.
- * decay in morals, values and language usage (slang and foul).

Scouting

Scouting is pro-active regarding social and spiritual aspects :

- * mental stimulations through extended challenges
- * Brotherhood of Movement through Scout Law
- * group activities encouraged through Patrol System and international aspect
- * self determination and decision process
- * guidance in social behaviour patterns
- * setting of acceptable norms through Scout Law with regard to hobbies and personal habits
- * acceptance of all people through the Scout Law
- * advancement scheme encourages volunteer work in communities
- * allowing Scouting peer group determination of issues affecting involvement in the Movement
- * religious adherence and tolerance encouraged through advancement programme.

Has Scouting changed over the same period, and if so—how? As seen above the very target market it aims at - the youth - has changed dramatically. What has this change meant to the Movement and has Scouting adapted to meet this change?

As can be seen, there is a great difference between what the youth of today do, and what Scouting does (or offers). Is this acceptable? Should we change our programme to meet the interests and activities of the youth (not necessarily their needs) or should we stay as we are?

South African Scouting retains the format of all Scouts being kept together from 11 through to 18.

Should this be changed as done elsewhere in the world to allow for the issues facing the youth to be addressed through change in the programme. For example, the UK Scout programme has a Venturer Section which has most of the aspects dealt with above included in the Venturer advancement programme. Is this the way to go in South Africa? It should be noted here that the Patrol System is almost non-existent in terms of leadership and responsibilities as the older Scouts are whisked off to Venturers at 14 years and a very young Scout Troop is the product of this scheme.

The Venturer Unit has older members, but Patrol allegiance is weak with groupings changing at a constant rate. This was experimented with in this Area and had disastrous results.

GONE HOME

Colin James Inglis,
former Chief Scout of

South Africa and former chairman of the Mountain Club of South Africa, died in his 80th year. He became Chief Scout of South Africa from 1977 to 1985 and in 1996 was the recipient of the rare Bronze Wolf medal, the highest international award for service to Scouting. He had previously won the equivalent South African Order of the Silver Springbok "for especially distinguished services to the Scout movement". As Chief Scout he worked to unite scouting into the single South African Scout Association.



doing it himself), the Contingent of 226 travelled in 5 buses from Seattle through the Rockies to the Jamboree near Banff in Canada, then down through the National Parks on the west side of America to Los Angeles. They camped every night, doing Scouting all the way. All 226 did a Glacier hike, White Water rafting, Horse riding into a canyon and visits to all the interesting places, including Las Vega and Disney Land. Through Colin's organisation the Canadian and the Americans coped with them all and made it one of the most successful and adventurous Jamboree trips undertaken.

Colin retained a lifelong commitment to Scouting and the Mountain Club of South Africa - in both of which he reached the peaks and which he was able to serve with a devotion undivided by family commitments. He will be remembered with affection by Scouting Mpumalanga.

Pope John Paul II. Scouting and Guiding Mpumalanga wishes to add a special message of condolence to that of the S.A. Scout Association, just to say that we

have in our thoughts and prayers all our Catholic brothers and sisters in our big Scouting family - those here with us in Mpumalanga, in South Africa, all our dear ones in DPSG and supporters in Germany, Netherlands, UK and round the rest of the world, at this time.

Pope John Paul II was very supportive of young people everywhere and had a special place in his heart for Scouting (and Guiding) and their ideals. One of our DPSG friends, Ute Theisen, was chosen as a representative to the World Youth Meeting in Rome in August 2000, which was attended by Pope John Paul. Ute had the wonderful experience of talking to him - "a true man of God".

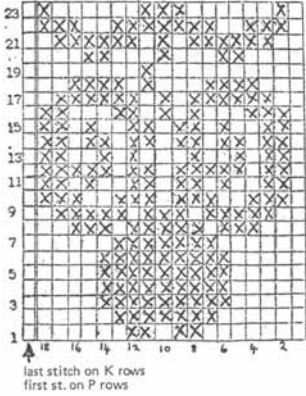
The Autumn edition of the National magazine, "Scouting About" carries S.A. Scouting's tribute to Pope John Paul and includes a photo of him wearing a Woodbadge scarf and beads, when he met the Italian Scouts on their 50th Anniversary.

Phyllis Dijkman. Last month Charlie and Lorna attended the Memorial Service in Johannes-

burg for Phyllis—"Baloo" to all the White River Cubs in the 1960's. She was an outstanding assistant and accompanied the Pack on the very first (of many) Steam Train Adventure to Pretoria, where we attended the Area Cub Field Day at the Fountains, returning by train on the Sunday evening. Phyllis's husband, Johnny (Dickie to all Scouts) was the key organiser in the building of the Nelspruit Scout HQ. They lived in the house next door!

Vicky Esquino. Charlie attended the Service for Vicky on 4th May in Malelane. Vicky was "Bagheera" in the White River Pack in the 1970's. She was always full of Cubby fun and got up to mischief with the Cubs. She too accompanied us on several Steam Train Adventures and always liked to be known amongst the Pack Scouters as Bags instead of Bagheera.

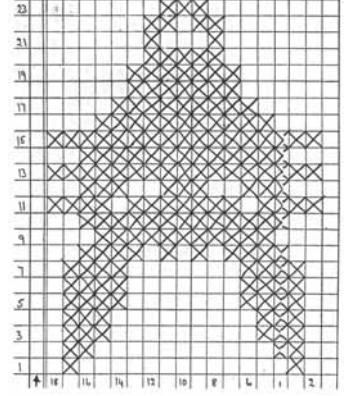
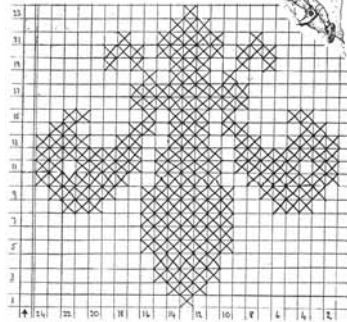
Our sympathies and condolences to all the families and friends of the above. We thank God for them all, and the encouragement and example they were to us in Scouting.



WINTER SPECIAL

Materials: Pair No. 4mm (8) needles, 100g double knitting wool in Royal Blue and 50g double knitting wool in Gold (for the Guide Cap. The Cubs Cap could be knitted in "Cub Cap" green and yellow; the Scouts in green and red.

Note: Each square on the charts represent one stitch.



When working colour pattern from chart, strand wool not in use loosely across wrong side of work over not more that 3 sts at a time, to keep the fabric elastic, twisting colours where they meet, to avoid a hole. Read odd rows K from right to left, and even rows P from left to right.

THE CAP: Cast on 109 sts, main colour (MC) and work 2 rows in K1, P1 rib. 3rd Row: K; 4th Row: P

Join in Badge colour (BC), starting with a K row, work rows 1-23 from chart, thus finishing with a K row Work 1 row P. Next row: Rib K1, P1. Continue rib for 17

cms. Finish with the wrong side of the work facing.

Shape top as follows:

1st Row: (K2 tog .Rib 6) 13 times, K2 tog. Rib 3.

Next & every alternate row: Rib. 3rd Row: (K2 tog. Rib 5) 13 times, K2 tog, Rib 3.

Continue working thus until 27 stitches remain.

Next Row: Rib

Next Row: K2 tog. 13 times, K1.

Next Row: Rib.

Next Row: K3 tog. 4 times, K2 tog. Break yarn, thread through remaining sts. Draw up tightly and fasten off securely. **To make up:** Using a warm iron and damp doth, press brim lightly. Join centre back seam starting at the brim. Sew length of brim, then turn inside out to sew the rest of cap to the centre. Make a pom pom and sew to top of the cap. Turn back the brim.



Sixer Siyabonga Nkuna of Tenteleni Cub Pack wearing the completed Cap.

MEDALS AWARDED!



During the B.P. Campfire in Mpumalanga West, Philip Plant was presented with the Springbok Scout Badge, the Top Award in Scouting.

Charlie Baty pins on Jane's ... and Letitia's Awards



Three Long Service Medals were presented to Jane Sulter, Letitia Galloway and Keith Plant. Congraulations !



Keith Plant gets a handshake from Dee Chandler



Dudley James congratulates Philip on behalf of all the Area.

ROVERS—A REALLY ROUSING ROVERDAY!

About 55 young people, now too old to be Scouts or Guides, came together to discuss the establishment of Rover Crews throughout Mpumalanga. This initiative was prompted by the enthusiasm and encouragement of Katrin Frei (and Joerg) towards the original steering committee of Meshack, Philemon, Eddie and Yenzakile—not forgetting Benedict who came in later but worked just as hard. Katrin had the backing of her Rover Crew back in Germany, who funded this weekend by selling cookies and cakes, all baked by themselves. The National Commissioner for Rovers, Frank Oberholzer, came all the way from Johannesburg to attend the meetings and presented a very informative session on Rovering on the Saturday afternoon. Our grateful thanks



Frank, Philemon, Meshack (holding the sword), Katrin, Yenzakile and Eddie.

for all his guidance and support. Charlie looked in and showed us a very old sword used in Rover Ceremonies many years ago, and now presented to the Area. (We need to know the history!) Activities included "What is Rovers", Pre planning sessions and Ideas on a Rover camp "to take us forward". A Rover braai, served by candlelight at the long table. A really good campfire completed the successful day. Sunday morning brought a Reflection on Roverday with discussion and comments and a meaningful closing ceremony. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen! And Rovers, remember, where your Scout and Guide Motto is "Be Prepared", your Rover Motto is "Service / Zimisele.—Willing service to others at every opportunity; helping without being asked or told! That is the mark of a true Rover!



Katrin leading a Discussion.

MPUMALANGA BUZZ 2005

All the Pack Scouters who attended the Buzz (Mini Pow Wow) were as busy as bees over the whole weekend.



Excellent made his Buzz patch on course.

The theme of the Jungle Background (which Cubbing is based), gave opportunity for Participants who had not completed this Woodbadge Module, to do so. And of course the Bees are known as the "Little People" in the Jungle Stories anyway. Workshops were held on suggested Cub Training Pro-

gramme changes; Plenty of Games and Handcraft. Each Pack represented there, made and took home their own Totem Pole. A great Campfire, Sharing Ideas on the 2005 National Challenge= "Kids caring for Kids". And



The 1st Passau totem completed

on Sunday the Scouts Own and the Banquet with entertainment as well! brought a Brilliant Buzz to a close.



The closing Banquet on Sunday



Dudley adjusts that very important part of the Scout Uniform. The Woggle.

MAKE YOUR OWN WOGGLE!

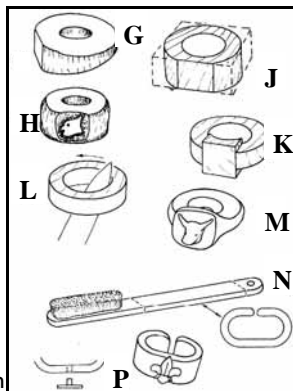
Your woggle is one of the greatest contributors to the smartness of your Uniform. Take a look at a Cub or Scout wearing a Scarf with no woggle. You probably won't want to, as your eye has been attracted to those with their scarves properly folded and held neatly in place with a woggle.

There are many different designs of woggle and also many different materials from which to make them, although we will consider only a few here. The important thing to remember is that the hole in the middle fits the scarf and stays up in position!

The quickest and easiest is plastic electrical conduit, cut up into 1,5—2cm. Lengths, the edges being sanded down to a smooth finish. You may find ready cut plastic identification rings at the Co-op or your local Plastics Shop in different colours, enabling you to use a different colour for each Six or Patrol. There is a lot of plastic about and qualities vary, but much of it will soften with heat. Some will soften in boiling water, some may need more heat so you have to put it in the oven. The handle of a discarded toothbrush will make a woggle. Saw off the length you want to bend to shape (N), but test softening what is left of the toothbrush in the oven before heating the handle. Use leather gloves to take the hot, but limp, plastic out. This will be as soft as a piece of string. Bend it to the shape you want and hold it till it hardens. If the plastic needs polishing, use metal polish on it. A metal badge can be stuck on with epoxy glue, but if it is the

type with a projection on the back, don't cut that off. Instead drill an undersize hole and soften the woggle again, just enough to let the projection be pushed in (P). As the plastic cools it grips the projection. Badges can be fitted to the plastic conduit in the very same way. If you want to change a round tube to a flattened one, then try softening it with boiling water and squeezing.

Woggles can also be made out of bone—shin bone is best; but make sure the size of the hole is correct! You should be able to get 4 woggles per shin bone. If the bone does not come from cooked meat, then boil it up in well salted water until the meat separates from the bone. Now clamp the bone in a vice and cut it up carefully using a fine-toothed hacksaw. Take care not to crack the bone! The bone may be sawn parallel or tapered (see G) depending on how you want to decorate the front.



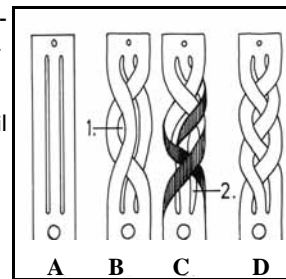
Clean the hole out, with a coarse round file or scrape with the point of a knife until the hard white bone comes out. Round the ends of the hole, but don't take too much out so that this fairly heavy woggle will not grip your scarf. When sanding top and bottom of a woggle, place the sandpaper on a flat surface and rub the woggle on it with a circular action. Sanded smooth, the woggle may look fine as it is, but you

pratch out a design with a knife. Mark out the shape of an animal head or other emblem, then scrape away around it with the point of the knife. Sand the design smooth. Where you have dug into the bone it will be rough and porous. Wipe some paint over the bone which will sink in to the porous part. Wipe the actual design clean (H). When the paint has dried, go all over the bone with furniture polish until it shines.

Then for wooden Woggles, use a block

of close-grained hardwood and drill a hole about 20mm diameter into its end grain. One side can remain flat, but whittle the rest round (J). Saw away to make a thinner ring with a broad front (K) and smooth the inside with the rounded point of a knife (L). Shape the outside with coarse sandpaper wrapped round a piece of wood. A metal badge could be fastened on, but allow for 3mm of flat woggle on either side of the badge. Chip out the wood so your badge will be flush with the surface of the woggle, and use epoxy glue to fasten it on. You can also carve out your patrol emblem using a knife, narrow chisel and sandpaper (M).

The other well known medium of course, is leather and scraps can be collected at the tannery, leather shop or shoe repairers. The leather must be cut out (12X3cms) and folded as shown (A - D) and fastened with a pop stud. Or a round piece



(about 6.5 cms diameter) cut out with slits for the scarf to slide through and behind the design. A design can be burned on, using a red-hot nail—

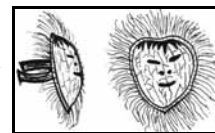
heated over an open flame and held with a pair of pliers!

It must be emphasised at this point, that no Cub, Scout or whoever, may make a Turks Head woggle out of round leather, as this is a sign of the trained Scouter, who has completed the Woodbadge.



Cut out the Ovals.

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An "Eskimo" woggle made from half a Walnut, given to Charlie by an Eskimo Pack Scouter at the 15th World Jamboree.



1st White River Scouts Dylan Transel and Shane Leusink busy in their camp kitchen.



COOKING COMPETITION

The East District Cooking Competition was held in the garden of DC Rodney Wandrag's home, with 7 Patrols taking part. There were 2 Patrols of Guides from 1st Nelspruit, and 2 Patrols each of Scouts from 1st White River and 1st Mataffin, and 1 Patrol from 1st Nelspruit.

Each Patrol was given Ostrich neck with vegetables and fruit, plus R10 to go and purchase any other ingredients they needed. The standard was very good and the final scores were very close. Once again the Guides came out tops with the Patrol calling themselves the "Italian Spaghetti's" winning the Competition.



1st Nelspruit Scouts serving lunch, with examiners Raymond Madlope and Benedikt Mabunda. Shane Leusink is serving. In the background are the two Guide Patrols.



The winning dessert, decorated in the colours of the Italian Flag—this played an important part in the judges decision!

The winning Patrol—in front, Jenna Leigh Murray, Lauren Erasmus, Michelle Lloyd; at the back Shanel Edwards (PL), Noziphonkuna (2nd) and Jimmy Smith (Organiser).





MPUMALANGA SUN REACHES PACK 61, ST. FRANCISVILLE, U.S.A.

When the Cubs and Pack Leaders of Pack 61, St. Francisville heard about the "Ice Cream" badge project in Mpumalanga, they decided to help wherever they could. Pack 61 held the fundraiser, "Your dollar makes a difference" for the Cubs in Mpumalanga.

In America, the Cub Pack is made up of

several Dens with up to 10 Cubs in each. Each Den has a weekly meeting, and all the Dens come together for a Pack meeting once a month. Each Den in the project received a tin to fill with dollars collected from various fund-raising efforts. These were handed in to the Pack at the Blue and Gold Banquet. A total of 45 Cubs took part and each one will receive an "Ice cream"



badge. The photo shows some of the Cubs who took part, together with 2 of their Leaders.

Back: Assistant Pack Leader Bob Davidson, Pack Leader James Riente. Middle: Kyle Davidson (Wolf Den 8), Erwin & Evan Whitaker (Bear Den 3), Nicholas Riente (Bear Den 3), Austin Sellery ((Bear Den 3), Clayton Metz (Wolf Den 8), Joseph Horn (Tiger Den 10), Front: Casey Hartness (Tiger Den 10), Tyler Reese (Wolf Den 8), Christopher Palm (Wolf Den 8), Davis Thomas (Wolf Den 8), Tyler Felps (Wolf Den 8) and Jamie Bankston (Tiger Den 10).

CUB WARRANT COURSE

Held at White River from 18th to 22nd March, A most successful course and great fun! Pity there



were not more participants. Those of you who are eligible, make sure you are on the next one.

Teresia Mashego (Cook), The participants—Rita Smith, Cassia Mathebuzo, Nora Masuku, Excellent Hlatshwayo, Zanele Dzimba, Rodney Wandrag, Grace Kumalo, Natalie Daniel, Joyce Sebuyi, Eugenia Nkosi (Cook). The Team—Lucy Magagula, Rebecca Mngomezulu, Charlie Baty, Dee Chandler (Course Director), Sue Walden, Wendy Brown and Nomathemba Maphanga.



Zanele practicing Mouth to Mouth resuscitation guided by Instructor Jerry Brown and watched by Natalie and Rita.

and the

The Pack Scouters cooked their pressure-pack suppers over open fires.



SCOUT WARRANT COURSE

Held simultaneously at Mataban. A good course which was enjoyed and everyone went home better equipped to run their Scout Troops.



A whole meal including meat and vegetables done backwoods style without utensils.



The Participants— Benedict Mabunda, Jimmy Smith, Bongani Magagula, Jafta Mhlango, Christopher Ntembu, Brian Sulter, Nondumiso Ngwenama, Sellina Sambo, Chris Ndlovu, Lindiwe Makwakwa, and Grace Sifunda. The Team—Andries Vuma, Michael Nsimba, Course Director, Antony Sandleni and Julia Mwale.

HILKE'S HOTELS ~ ~

Mrs. Hilke Stumpf has been one of the latest Uwe's Angels. Hilke spent 8 weeks working as a Volunteer in South Africa based at the Scout Office in White River. She concentrated on HIV/Aids projects and visited many projects that have in some way been supported by the Scouts of Mpumalanga and Nangu thina in Germany. Hilke also volunteered many hours with the GRIP project in Nelspruit.

As we have come to realise over the years, with every new volunteer there comes a new and exciting project idea. Hilke asked, "What do the hotels here do with their used linen (sheets, towels etc)?" and then she went out to find the answer. Within one week boxes and boxes of linen were donated to Scouting from local hotels in Nelspruit, and then directly redistributed to needy Care Centres in the Area.

Well done Hilke and what a super idea.

MR. JAY HEALE WRITES :-

The MPUMALANGA SUN does not have a "Letters to the Editor" section (probably wisely) but he's going to get this one anyway. Few people realise how much work goes into gathering the text for a Scouting publication, because most Scout Leaders are busy enough anyway without settling down to write about

it afterwards. I spent six years bullying correspondents to contribute to *Scouting About* (published by the National Scout HQ) and Charlie Baty was the only one I could rely on. So read your MPUMALANGA SUN with enjoyment and awareness. It's a publication to be proud of.

Thank you, Jay, for your encouragement.—Ed.

BROWNIES AND GUIDES ON THE GO!



Denise Williams took the Guides for their Woodsman Badge, where they had to be able to identify 12 indigenous trees. Here they are studying a beautiful old Paper Bark Tree.

The Brownie Display at the Nelspruit Library was so popular that the Librarians asked for it to remain for another week—3 weeks altogether!! Library Assistant, Fikile Mkazi watches a mother and daughter looking at the handcrafts on show. The Brownies invited the Cubs to share in the Display.





ANOTHER VOLUNTEER FROM GERMANY !

Hallo,
I am
Ute Schnei-
der and I
am the new
German
Volunteer
in the Scout

Office. I am 23 years old and come from Muenster in Nordrhein - Westfalen (North Rhine-Westfalia). It is quite in the western part of Germany, two hours away from Cologne. I will stay in White River up to the end of June, so I am here for ten weeks.

I have nearly finished my

studies of "social work" in Muenster, but before my graduation I would like to gain further practical experiences in another field of social work. After finishing school five years ago I made a voluntary social year in a hostel for handicapped children. In the holidays I take care of children in summer camps. I have worked in a committee for students for two years. I have made a practice term in a youth center and in a secondary school where I furthermore supported children in the afternoon.

Moreover I make seminars

for young adults participating in a voluntary social year.

I work in a youth education center by the name of "Gilwell St. Ludger". It belongs to the Scout group "Pfadfinderschaft St.Georg". There we do several courses with school classes. Primary school classes do environmental paedagogics or Roman courses. Pupils in the fifth or sixth class can do a course with a special project-topic they have chosen. We also do courses to prevent violence or addiction, furthermore courses of religious and ethical orientation. And there is a climbing-

wall so that we can do adventure paedagogics. Most of the courses are for three days and the students stay there over night. At the weekend, the education center is often used by Scout groups who can sleep in the houses or sleep in tents on the camping-place.

With pleasure I do the practical course in your country to work in a completely different area and to experience another culture. Unfortunately I am not a Scout or Girl Guide but I want to get an insight in all activities of Scouting and Guiding, moreover administrative issues, training and social projects.

THE NANGU THINA MEETING

Before making a trip overseas your days become hectic, filled with preparations and arrangements.... so much to think about. But one thing Elvis and I had not prepared for was the huge welcome and absolute kindness with which we were met throughout our weeklong tour.

Our hosts were none other than the Volunteers who have spent time here with us in South Africa, namely Thomas

Rott, Michael Heiden, Benedikt Feldmann, Marcel Cordes and of course Uwe Bothur. It was SUPER to stay in their homes and to see all their memorabilia from South Africa displayed everywhere.

On the final weekend of the tour we joined with many members of the Nangu Thina network and we took a trip down memory lane looking at the past 10 years, starting from the very first South African

Scout group to visit Germany in 1995. Every person there had something to contribute to the memory as they shared their experiences with the Scouts of Mpumalanga.

Elvis and I had a chance to report to our friends on our latest activities and projects and we had a brain storming session looking forward to the next 5 years. It was most overwhelming to hear that virtually every one there had some idea about



returning to South Africa again, either to bring Scout touring groups here, or to run projects and workshops. It was so inspiring to see the enthusiasm of everyone there. It was very clear that the flame of our friendships had not died down in any way but is in fact burning brighter every year.

Thanks to everyone who made our visit possible. and see you all soon.

Nikki Clark

A BOOST FOR THE TRAINING TEAM!



Lucy



Rodney

and
Zodwa receive
their three
beads from Dee



The Mpumalanga Scouting Training Team welcomed four new members to the Team. Lucy Maggula, Rodney Wandrag, Zodwa Mbuyane and Jane Vilekazi have completed their training and are now qualified to train others. At a recent meeting they were presented with the three Woodbadge beads, signifying they are now fully trained.

The Training Team Leader, Dee Chandler, read the Honourable Charge to the new members. There are



Assistant Training Team Leader, Michael Nsimba welcomes Jane to the Team.

now 20 Scouters on the Training Team, which will help as more and more courses are being held.



Paddle your own canoe—looking ahead. It does suggest that we are getting ourselves along by our own efforts, taking few risks, and having a lot of fun by the way. If you let yourself be rowed by others, with backs to the danger, you may get wrecked!

Baden-Powell. Paxtu, Nyerie, 1939.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER.

The 2003 Nobel prize for Chemistry was awarded to Dr. Peter Agre of the John Hopkins Medical School, USA and one of his colleagues. Dr. Agre is not only an Eagle Scout, but also serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Baltimore, Maryland. His daughter is a Scouting Venturer, his son has also earned his Eagle Scout Award.

Dr. Agre says, "I would advise kids to take a look at Scouting. It has wonderful Programmes, and the lessons you learn are with you for your whole life. It's been good for me and my family." *with acknowledgements to World Info.*

Belated CONGRATULATIONS



to Mr. George Stobbs who received the MBE (Member of the British Empire) at the Queen's 2004 Honours List, for his services to Scouting in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. George was part of the Scottish contingent who visited us in 1997 and 2001.



Paddle your own Canoe!
BP's "Rovering to Success"



DIARY DATES

May

16th Training Team meeting, Nelspruit
28th Mpa. East Girl Guide Fun Day—
Valencia Park Sport Stadium.

June

1st Travelling Scout Shop
11-12th Ceremonies & Skills Training - W.River
18th Area Scouters Council

July

16th-17th First Aid & HIV/Aids Course—W.R.
18th Training Team meeting, White River.
23rd Area Scout Rally—Nelspruit Rugby Club

August

3rd Travelling Scout Shop
6th Area Management Meeting, W.River.
20-21st Campfire Leaders Course, W. River.

"CAMPFIRE 'n JAMBOREE" - NOW A CD!

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NANGU THINA SENDS WARM GREETINGS TO SCOUTS IN MPUMALANGA

On 27th April Elvis and Nikki travelled to Germany to attend the 10th Reunion of the Nangu Thina network. It has been 10 years since the first Scout tour to Germany in 1995. The Reunion was fabulous and everyone who attended had a chance to remember their experiences here in South Africa. Everyone there sent home with us many, many good wishes and love.

The week started with us visiting Uwe at his home in Bonn and then a boat trip on the river Rhine with Anna and Eva from the Aktion Tagwerk project that has supported us so well in 2005. We also spent some time with Thomas Rott in Cologne where we received a super history lesson on foot in the oldest part of the city. Thomas' skills as a history teacher made him the perfect tour guide for the day.

We travelled a lot through Germany using the trains, trams

and busses. Our trip took us to the home of Michael Heiden in Aachen and we held two South Africa evenings for his friends, colleagues, family and Scouts. Michael also drove us to the Netherlands and to Belgium and at one place we were able to stand in all 3 countries at the same time! Then we went to Dusseldorf where Benedikt Feldman took us to meetings with Monica Brand from Inwent, who helped with the Kick Aids soccer project that 500 of our Scouts attended. We also met with Lothar Goetz and Mr. Kresken from the Ministry of Health who have supported us financially for some years now.

On we went to Essen to the home of Marcel Cordes and were hosted by the Rovers who



Nikki and Elvis standing in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany!

will be having a 3-week workshop tour here in July. It was great to meet them and we helped with the planning of the upcoming tour. Then we joined in with the Nangu Thina weekend in Cologne. We were able to report back on everything that is happening in Mpumalanga and took part in workshops looking at new projects for the future as far forward as 2007. We also interviewed the next four volunteers who will be coming to South Africa this year.

On our last morning we were observers at the Nangu Thina AGM where Uwe was re-elected as Chairman of Nangu Thina and Joerg Hagmaier was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Anja Berresheim will continue

as the other Vice Chairperson. Our congratulations and good wishes to them.

The general feelings from our meetings with Nangu Thina were that our partnership has been unaccountably successful and has grown from strength to strength over the 10 years. There was unanimous consensus that the partnership should continue into the future and all the members of the network committed to supporting upcoming projects and activities in any way possible.

We would like to thank everyone who made this tour possible through their kind friendship and home hospitality and we would like to re-affirm our part in the partnership and the network. There is still so much that we can achieve through working together. Thank you.

Elvis Mdaaka, Nikki Clark

67 HOURS NON STOP SOLO AROUND THE WORLD!

- and it all began as an 11 year-old Scout climbing a mountain with his Troop!

Scout Steve Fosset has done it again! In February this year he became the first person to circumnavigate the Globe solo, without refuelling or stopping. Piloting the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, he took off all alone from Salina Airport, in Kansas, USA and landed there 67 hours later, after his epic flight.

The GlobalFlyer had to be designed to carry the 18100 lbs (8210 kgs) of fuel; had a wing span of 34,75 metres—just under a metre short of that of a Boeing 737! - and the cockpit is 2,35 metres long.

During the flight, Steve kept himself nourished on water and 12 diet chocolate milk shakes, used plastic bottles for his bodily functions and had a total of 20 minutes sleep in what he called "paranaps" of 3 minutes each.



Steve joins the great Adventurers of history for the second time! He made the first solo Around the World Balloon flight in 2002 (Mpumalanga Sun of September 2002 reported on the "Round the World Balloonist".) And where does this excitement for adventure and challenge come from? Steve says without a doubt "from the first time I climbed a mountain with my Scout Troop. I was 11 years old at the time".

Steve was so grateful to the Scout Organisation, that he now sits on the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the World Scout Committee.



Articles from your Company, Troop, Crew, Cub or Brownie Pack, to be submitted **ON OR BEFORE 8th AUGUST**

To: PO Box 3629, White River or e-mail to cbaty@mweb.co.za or hand in to the Area Manager, Nikki Clark. (Please add your name/Patrol/Group on any article).

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