



## **MBYBC News:**

## **THANKSGIVING EDITION**

### **From the Committee:**

The festive season is long gone and it is time for us as a committee to take this opportunity to thank our members, non members and staff for excellent work done over this period.



Front Row: Marius Opperman (Boating) Rob Holden (Commodore) Wilhelm von Schutz (President) Mike Keet (Diving)  
Back Row: Kobus Maritz (Kayak) Jan Bosch (Social), Jean du Plessis (Sailing)  
(Absent): Schalk Bothma: Rear Commodore Moorings)

Once again we had a glorious holiday season, packed with events for all of our members.

To all who made this a success story, we would like to pay homage to you , for the time and effort put in to make the festive season the success that it was.

### **The Cob Derby:**

We thank Marius and his team for staging a great Cob Derby and at the same time we would like to thank Seven Seas Marine for sponsoring a kayak as part of the prizes as well as the owners of Mossel Bay Roofing, Mossel Bay Volkswagen and VTS Communication for their generous donations towards this great event. Also a special thank you to Elsa Huber for the mystery draws. Without all of your sponsorship, the event would not have been the success that it became.

Also a huge thank you to all the competitors who supported and took part in this great angling competition



Wilhelm after enjoying a swim during the Cob Derby.



Elsa Huber with Marius, during the mystery draw that she sponsored.



To the participants, we truly thank you all for joining us and making this a fun filled day.

## Children's Christmas Party.

To Jan Bosch for singlehandedly organizing this event, well done Jan truly a great first effort and the children truly had a ball!!!

However the true stars of this event were the NSRI, who went out of their way to pull out all the stops to bring Santa to the Club. What an incredible band of men and women, who risk their lives to serve others, and are always there for us, we are so proud of you all.



NSRI were incredible and we truly do not know how to thank them enough.



The children were the stars of the show, thanks to all parents who supported the day.

## Social :

Elsa Huber, with the assistance of Belinda Von Schutz, Jan Bosch and staff truly went out of their way to decorate the Club for the “Festive Season”.

It has been many years, since the Club looked so good and a hearty well done to Elsa and her team. You did the Club proud and it was truly beyond the call of duty.



Decorations placed outside of club by Elsa and her team



Incredible work carried out by Elsa and her team at the Club for the festive season.

## **Children's Play area:**

Vicky Keet on her own initiative took up the challenge to revamp and upgrade the Children's Play area and to also obtain funds to put up fencing to safeguard the children whilst playing from moving traffic in the Club grounds.

What was truly incredible was the sponsors who made this possible and even more amazing were the group of volunteers who came and worked on the project. There were members from the different sections, but what was mind boggling was that there were non-members such as Geoff Schermbrucker, a Grandparent who worked tirelessly on the project, as well as Edrich McDonald and the some of the Pretorius family, all non-members who helped because of grandchildren and friends

The following sponsors whom we would like to thank are:

### **Financial Contributions:**

- Kids Kingdom
- Fenns Accounting Inc
- Wouter Pretorius
- Dudley Wooldridge
- Omni Marketing
- Andre Botha
- Keet Family
- Rob van den Berg
- Kristen and Tristan Hooper
- Ben Schutte
- Sippy van der Merwe

Other contributions:

- Wilhelm - Seven Seas
- Afrishore
- Marinus Goulooze of Goulooze Yachts for donating the dingy for the play area

## Work Team

- Keet Family
- Geoff Schermbrucker and Brigette von Schultz
- Edrich Mc Donald
- Greg Fenn and Family
- Mike and Elsa Huber
- Pretorius Family
- Kristen Hooper

I am truly humbled by this great band of men and woman and if I have left anyone out, please forgive me, it is not intentional. (Ed)

This is truly what makes a Club great.



Vicky and team painting the boat for the sand pit.



Boat taking shape, with Michelle putting in the finishing touches. Fence building team in the background.



Edrich MvDonald, Geoff Keet, Geoff Scrembrucker and Greg Fenn busy erecting the fencing.





Mike Huber was a source of inspiration, he was always there when needed, using his own transport to remove old jungle gym. Thank you Mike!



Wilhelm donated the rope which truly finished off the fencing to perfection, much appreciated.



Geoff with his grandson Mason, Geoff was an inspiration to us all, he worked tirelessly for three days to complete the playground area.

### **MBYBC STAFF:**

The Committee is in awe of the work done by Anton and Antoinette over the festive season.

They led their teams by example and nothing was too much for them. All of the staff which includes the gate staff, ground staff and bar staff tried their best under very trying conditions and thanks to them we had a great season.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank our staff for a job well done over the festive season and it is truly appreciated.

I am putting in Anton's report below, with regard to the festive season and I am sure that this will give all of our members an insight on how difficult it was for Anton and his crew.

## Opsomming van die Vakansie-Seisoen tov MBYBC:

- Na n aanvanklike verwagting van n rowwe tyd...het alles tog redelik goed afgeloop...tenspyte van die feit dat ons nie die publiek toegelaat het nie.
- Die geskiedenis van die verlede het hom nie beskaam nie...deurdat van die nie-lede... wat in die verlede toegelaat is, maar nou geweier is, om MBYBC te besoek, en van sy fasiliteite gebruik te maak...tot op so n vlak gedaal het wat enige mens se waardighied sou aangetas het...nie te min ons het dit oorleef...
- Ons het van hulle oorreed om tydelik aan tesluit...en sodoende het ons vriende geword.
- Die kommerwekkende feit is dat van die lede, na wie se belange ons omsien, net so verbaal was...maar hulle was gelukkig indie minderheid...en wie se lede-geld agterstallig is...
- Die kroeg-afdeling het uitstekend gedoen...tenspyte van die hitte en die beperkte-spasie waarin hul gewerk het...
- Die Kiosk het nie aan my verwagtinge voldoen nie...alhoewel ons Oujaarsaand goed gedoen het...
- Die hekwagte...min van ons sou in daardie omstandighede oorleef het...ek het hul bitter jammer gekry...hul moes ooral wees...hulle is gevloek, geskel, uit die pad gestamp, hekke uitdagend voor hul oopgeruk, motors wat op hul afry...en te veel dinge om op tenoem...my beskeie mening is dat ons te min wagte vir teveel mense gehad het...veral in die lig van dat ons nie die publiek toegelaat het en moes uithou...
- Van die lede het n klip voor die kleinhekkie gesit om dit sodoende oop te hou...dit het ekstra lading op die wagte gesit...om mense uit te hou...
- Antoinette het onder geweldige druk gewerk deurdat sy moes staat maak op n Lede-Lys wat 3 maande oud was...maar sy het uitstekend presteer onder daardie druk...die Oujaarsaand Funksie Reëlins en Uitvoering daarvan...het sonder enige voorval vlot verloop...
- Die funksie en die lede self het geen noemenswaardige voorvalle opgelewer nie...en was n reuse sukses...

- Gelukkig onthou n mens net die goeie en nie die slegte...2016 sal gewis n beter gehalte toepassing en volhoubaarheid van die reëls, wat deur die lede van MBYBC neergelê is, inhou.

**Sien Kopie van “Rules and By-Laws” aangeheg.**

**Summary of the Holiday Season i.ro. MBYC:**

- Despite the fact that we initially expected a bit of a rough time over the Season things actually worked out rather well even though the public were not allowed access to the Club.
- Regarding non-members who were previously allowed entry to MBYBC but were not allowed entry this year or allowed to use our facilities things sank to a rather trying level - enough to try anyone’s patience - but nevertheless, we survived.
- We persuaded some of the above to become temporary members...which ensured friendly relations!
- A worrying aspect was that some of our permanent members, whose interests we hold close to our hearts, were just as verbal...fortunately they were in the minority...and also worth noting, whose membership fees are in arrears!
- The Bar did extremely well despite the heat and the very cramped conditions in which the personnel had to work.
- The Kiosk did not live up to expectations, but did do well on old year’s eve.
- The sentries at the gates - few of us would have survived their circumstances - had all my sympathy. They had to be all over the place, they were sworn at, shouted at, pushed around, the gates were forced open in front of them, cars “dive-bombed” them, and a lot more unpleasantness ....too much to mention. In my humble opinion there were too few sentries for too many people especially considering that the general public were denied access to the Club.
- Some members put a small stone in front of the small gate to keep it open. This placed further pressure on the guards to keep unwanted people out.
- Antoinette work under a lot of pressure having only a 3 month old Member List from which to work and rely on, but she performed excellently. The Old Year’s Eve Function arrangements and the execution thereof went ahead superbly without any hitches.

- The Function and the Members themselves yielded no significant incidents and the evening was a huge success.
- Luckily we usually only remember the good and not the bad...2016 will definitely see a much better application of the MBYBC rules.



Anton talking to his staff.



Antoinette our secretary with Ground and Gate Security staff consisting of Nicolas, Francois, Antoinette and Rasta.



Bar staff consisting of Bennie, Ruan and Ruan.

**From the Editor:**

This Newsletter has been a joy putting together and once again a huge thank you to all who made the “festive season” a success and let us never forget that it is our members who make our Club such a special institution.

We as a Committee do appreciate all that you do to make our Club a better place and our heartfelt thanks go out to you all.

If I have left anyone out whom has done work or given donations over this period, please accept my apologies as it is not intentional.

Kindest regards,

Mike Keet

