



ROTARY GRIQUA

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6 TOP ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS IN S.A.

Ecotourism destinations in S.Africa are environmentally responsible, allow visits to relatively undisturbed natural areas, for the traveller to enjoy nature, promote conservation, have low visitor impact and benefit the local communities...

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park: The Kgalagadi's 37 256 km² is one of the largest ecosystems in Africa virtually devoid of human interference. Meaning 'place of thirst', over 70% of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park lies in Botswana, the remainder in South Africa.

Despite its aridness, it is criss-crossed by two rivers (the Nossob and the Auob) that flow only once or twice a century after heavy rains. Three large pans in the Mabuasehube area of the park support wildlife that includes leopard, cheetah and hyena, black-backed jackal, caracal and foxes.

iSimangaliso Wetland Park: What was once merely a great fishing and beach destination is now a nature-based activity and adventure zone. Visitors head to this ecotourism destinations in South Africa for its beauty, boating, cycling, game drives, bird watching, turtle tours, guided walks and whale watching.

iSimangaliso's '10 jewels' include Sodwana and Kosi Bay, its coastal forest, lakes, wetlands, oceans, mountains and shorelines, its 220 km of pristine coastline, 520 bird species and huge diversity of game – from hippos to elephants, and including the unusual endemic Setaro dwarf chameleon and nocturnal leopard.

Addo Elephant National Park: Addo Elephant Park in the Eastern Cape is the only national park with the Big 7 and rates as the country's third biggest park with a finely tuned ecosystem that holds a unique subtropical thicket vegetation, lion, buffalo, black rhino, hyena, leopard, whales, penguins and the unique flightless dung beetle (found exclusively in the park).

The park runs a Mayibuye Ndlovu Development Trust representing eight local communities who get a percentage of the turnover of the Park's Matyholweni rest camp.

uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park: uKhahlamba (Zulu meaning barrier of spears) Drakensberg Park is a 243 000 hectare World Heritage Site and one of the country's largest conservation areas. It marks the border between KwaZulu-Natal and the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho

At its heart stand enormous basalt peaks that rise some 3000m above sea level, the accompanying plunging gorges, high plateaus and soaring cliffs the much-loved terrain of climbers, hikers, nature lovers and San art enthusiasts, for whom the innumerable caves hold a treasure trove of rock art.

Agulhas National Park: The southern tip of the African continent is at Cape Agulhas. It's also where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet, hence its popularity particularly during summer. Its windswept, rugged coastline is a botanical smorgasboard of Lowland fynbos.

As an ecotourism destination it's incredible – just outside the Agulhas National Park is a lighthouse heritage building that dates back to 1849, roughly 300 of the plants in the park are found nowhere else on earth, and over 21 000 water birds flock in the park.

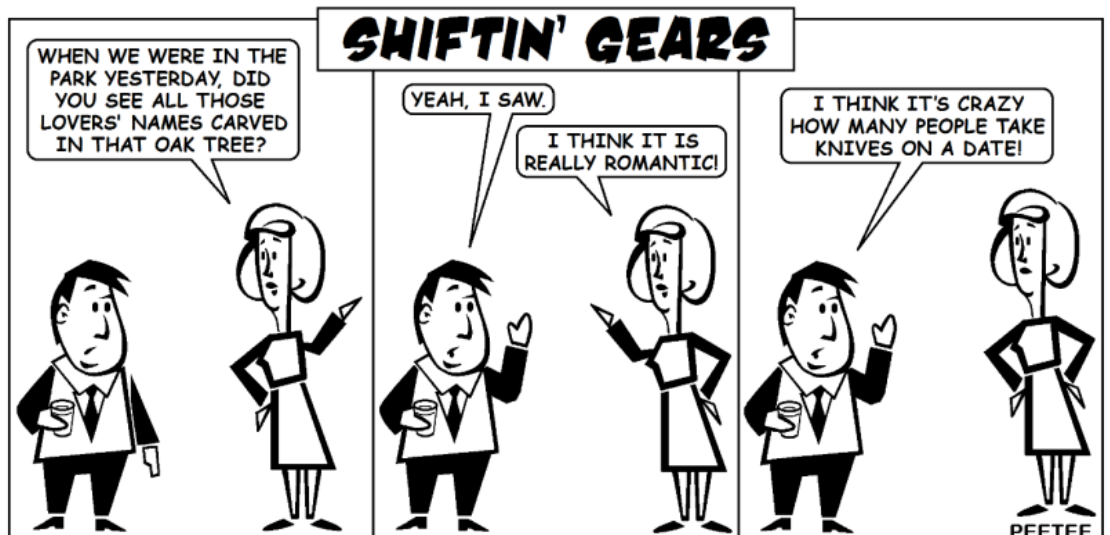
Richtersveld Transfrontier Park: The Richtersveld Transfrontier Park is a World Heritage Site, a Peace Park and a conservation area in the country's north westerly region close to the border with Namibia.

Its 5 920 km² includes awe-inspiring desert mountain scenery, inspiring succulent flora and the famed Fish River Canyon (on the Namibian side). Like the Kgalagadi, it is one of the last regions where people continue a traditional nomadic lifestyle, herding their goats and sheep over vast distances..

We welcome our guest speaker,
Jaco Powell, to today's Lunch Meeting.
Jaco speaks on Ecotourism at Dronfield

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CALENDAR & DUTIES

MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

18 Mar: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
Speaker: Jaco Powell – "Ecotourism"

21 Mar: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY (Thursday)

25 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed"

Michael Jordan

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 18 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather

CORPORAL: Hein Knoke

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

WEEK OF 25 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

WEEK OF 1 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke

CORPORAL: Philip Maritz

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

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APRIL

Maternal and Child Health Month

1 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

8 Apr: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

15 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

19 Apr: GOOD FRIDAY

22 Apr: FAMILY DAY – No Meeting

27 Apr: FREEDOM DAY (Saturday)

29 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

09 Apr Philip Maritz

16 Apr Gill Downs

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

27 Mar Keith Diener

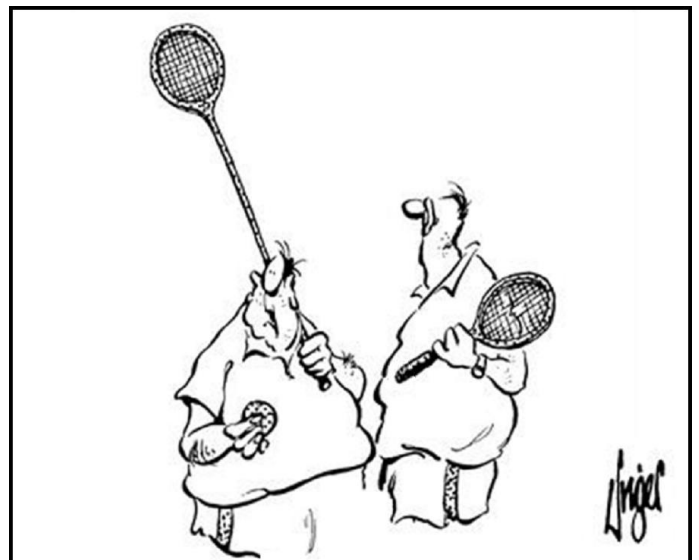
28 Mar George Lodder

31 Mar Charles Burton

27 Apr Brian Turner



LAST LAUGH



"My old legs are not as fast as they used to be"