



# Southbroom

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

## NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2017

Hi Everyone,

Since our last Newsletter at the end of January, although the town has been much quieter than the December holiday season, it has been lovely to see so many of our regular “swallows” from Europe who fly in for a bit of sunshine, golf and sea and to catch up with old friends. Sadly many of you will be leaving us soon, we hope you enjoy your summer in Europe and we look forward to welcoming you back later in year.

After the recent rains everything is looking lush and green and the golf course is looking fantastic. Let us hope the cold front we experienced a few days ago will mean the end of what has been a particularly hot and humid few months. Another holiday is now upon us, we are usually blessed with some wonderful weather at this time of year; we hope it doesn't disappoint and our visitors are able to enjoy everything Southbroom has to offer.

### **GOLF CART REMINDER**

Over December and January there were quite a few incidents concerning golf carts and speeding which we mentioned in the previous Newsletter. Please remember that golf carts are not permitted on public roads, the exception being a concession for golfers who travel to and from their homes to the Golf club with no more than one passenger. Under age and unlicensed drivers are NOT permitted to drive any vehicle on the public roads at any time; joy-riders may be prosecuted.

### **THE SPEED LIMIT ON ALL SOUTHBROOM ROADS IS 40KPH**

Please drive slowly, respect the wildlife and allow everyone to feel safe if they wish to walk, run or cycle on our narrow roads.

If you are bringing your dogs on holiday please only take them to the dog friendly beaches; keep them under control at all times and on leash in public areas. Bags are supplied to help you keep the beach clean at every entrance. Please observe the by-laws regarding dogs and alcohol.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *by Brian Thompson***

#### **PROPERTY VALUATIONS**

New property valuations were published on the municipal website on 17 February 2017 and notices were sent to all property owners in February. The new valuations appear to have been reasonable, and we have not had many complaints. The average change in municipal valuations for Southbroom properties from 2012 to 2017 is:

Residential 12% increase  
Sectional title 1% increase  
Vacant stands 37% decrease

Property owners have the right to object to the new valuation of their properties by **28 April 2017**. Objections should be supported by independent evidence of the valuation (e.g. recent property sales in the area or certificates from an accredited valuer).

### **BEACHES AND POOLS**

The tidal pool was drained, cleaned of algae and sand was removed in March, and it is looking good for the Easter holidays

We arranged for a contractor to repair the damaged retaining wall at the braai area, the damaged wall in the parking area and steps to the tidal pool. The contractor will also repair the damaged roof of the shelter in the car park. We have also been advised that RNM have eventually gone out to tender to refurbish the ablutions at the main beach

RNM have agreed to varnish the badly weathered wooden structures at Granny's beach and appointed a contractor after a tender process. Unfortunately, the contractor has not started and we are monitoring progress.

### **ROADS**

We arranged for the RNM Roads Manager to meet us for a site inspection to review the condition of Southbroom roads on 20 January, and we jointly rated the condition of roads as follows:

Good	2.0 kms	7%
Fair	14.8kms	51%
Poor	6.0 kms	21%
Bad	6.0 kms	21%
Very Bad	0.3kms	1%

RNM responded quickly and refurbished Rivulet road (which was the only road rated Very Bad).

RNM also proceeded with a comprehensive programme of pothole repairs:

January – College and Beacon roads

February – Fairway and Churchill roads

March – Outlook, Barnstable, Gilbert and Captain Smith roads

We have obtained a quote from Margate Asphalt to supplement the work being done by RNM.

We have appointed a contractor to move replace the two cone type speed restrictors in Captain Smith roads near the tennis courts with 20 kph asphalt speed humps, because we have had many complaints about speeding vehicles on this road.

RNM have approved a request to have a "raised" pedestrian crossing on Southbroom Avenue in the village centre, which should reduce speeding in this area, and we are waiting for implementation.

### **WATER AND SEWERAGE**

There were many water outages in March, mainly because of pipe breaks on the bulk water supply from the Umtamvuma water works. These breaks impact all water users between Port Edward and Southbroom, and Clr. Dave Watson and the DA have taken this matter up with Ugu, who are not complying with their mandate to supply water to users. The DA also arranged a protest march to the Ugu offices on 15 March, and have requested an intervention by the KZN provincial government. There were also many breaks to the ageing asbestos pipes used for water reticulation within Southbroom. Ugu have responded promptly with repairs, but we contacted the Ugu municipal manager, and he has agreed to consider replacing the old asbestos pipes with PVC pipes in some areas later this year.

I wish to thank our water committee for their assistance in monitoring water levels in the Southbroom water reservoir, and assisting Ugu with pipe repairs and minimising the adverse impact of water reconnections.

I am pleased to report that Southbroom sewerage plant in Quantock road, which was closed for about four months in 2016, was repaired and re-commissioned in mid January, and I thank Ugu for their cooperation on this matter.

**General**

We arranged a contractor to repair and clean and paint the library roof and walls and some minor repairs, as requested at the AGM. The library building is now looking good and continues to be well used.

We arranged for the Community centre hall (near the RNM Depot) to be painted and cleaned up the area between the centre and the RNM Depot buildings.

We also arranged to clean up the bowling club surrounds near the town centre, which was unsightly.

**KEEPING SOUTHBROOM BEAUTIFUL**

For many years Libby Cochrane has been quietly looking after many of the public gardens. Libby has now joined the Ratepayers committee and is making it her mission to “keep Southbroom beautiful”.

The area around the municipal offices was looking shocking until, eventually on Libby insistence RNM cleared it. Libby obviously got her message across as surprisingly RNM then appointed a contractor to replant the gardens in front of their offices.



Subsequent to the big tree falling in front of the library RNM had it cut and removed but as they were not forthcoming with the roof repairs and general maintenance and painting of the building, SRA went ahead and paid for this work to be done.

Libby then attacked and replanted the library gardens, which are already looking good but given a couple of months I am sure will look really stunning.

SRA also paid for the overgrown area around the bowling club to be cleared and we hope that the club will continue to maintain and improve the gardens.



**A note to library members; more new titles will be available shortly.**



## CONSERVATION MATTERS!!

Dear Members and Readers alike.

We thank you for your continued support in the Community as well as paid up contributions for 2017. My deepest thanks to our Committee, who work tirelessly to uphold and preserve our heritage. There are many residents too who in their own way make a difference.....your efforts do not go unnoticed and we salute you!

We encourage everyone to share their "nature happenings and appreciations" with us all especially via media networks! Sunsets, sunrises, birds, sea, fish, plants, trees, insects, reptiles, amphibians, snakes, mammals.....believe or not, we all love to share the beauty that is an everyday part of our lives here in Southbroom. Pictures are KEY! So keep the cameras and cell phones rolling..... We take the good with the bad!

### OF SOME GREAT CONCERN

*Attention all dog owners:* A very stern reminder to those of you whose property fences/walls are not what they should be and your dog is wandering around outside your premises. Please be reminded of the Municipal By-Law: "animals must be confined to property". There is simply no excuse. If you have a Houdini or two, then please take the necessary steps to retain your dog/s. If you cannot afford to erect a wall/fence/kennel etc. then you have to decide whether to keep the dog or not. If your dog/s rush out then go after them to bring them back – do not rest until they are safely back in your property. It simply won't do to let your dog run around in our green zones, the road, or into other residents' properties. The Conservancy has taken a very firm stand against this now. Please don't be upset if you land up with a hefty fine and your dog is impounded, never to be seen again. We also need to reiterate the law when it comes to dogs chasing wildlife. The Animal Protection Act, Sections 2G and 2D, clearly outline the right to deal with dogs on the loose chasing wildlife.....

"for destruction of vermin or marauding domestic animals without having taken reasonable precautions the animal may be humanely euthenased", as well as the Nature Conservation Act which states the prohibition of illegal hunting and poaching by way of snares as well as dog hunting.

Due to a number of extremely unfortunate and sad incidences involving domestic dogs on the loose, killing and maiming our indigenous animals, Southbroom Conservancy has taken a zero intolerance stance against this. Loose dogs found in our green zones constitute illegal hunting. Don't be under any misguided notion that your dog/s are not hunting – they are! And they are becoming a dreadful nuisance to the Community.

*Attention Litter Bugs:* Please put your rubbish out on rubbish days! We are not here to feed the monkeys! Failing which, don't be surprised to find your trash dumped back in your yard.

### **N.B. NOT A MEMBER OF CONSERVANCY**

Join up on line or contact Debbie Derman: [deb.derman@gmail.com](mailto:deb.derman@gmail.com)

## **ACCOUNTABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY CANNOT BE BOUGHT**



## CHAMELEONS IN YOUR GARDEN

Over the last few years there seem to be fewer sightings of chameleons in the area so we were delighted to hear from Petra Klein recently that she has a breeding chameleon in her garden. Petra noticed a hole in the ground with something digging deeper and deeper and eventually realised it was a chameleon preparing a burrow to lay her eggs. The first two photos shows her rather round tummy when she was preparing the hole. The next morning she had closed the hole, hissed at Petra and was notably thinner after laying her eggs. This lady is a Flapneck Chameleon and it is interesting to note that the eggs can take 3-4 months to hatch (some species take much longer).



Thank you for sharing Petra.



As most of you know CPF has a crime watch WhatsApp group, strictly for posting security issues. This is NOT a chat group, however Petra Klein now administers the "Southbroom chat and pets" Whatsapp group. Here you are allowed to chat and it has proved especially useful in tracking innocent pets who manage to get out and get lost, often when their owners are out.

SMS 082 387 3999 to join this group.

To join the CPF group SMS 076 152 4930 with your name and lot number.

## TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Tennis coaching will again be available at the Southbroom Tennis club during the holidays.

Beginners to Advance: Private, Semi Private, Group & Squads.

Cardio Sessions every Tuesday morning - All levels of players are welcome to join the cardio session.

We also do sell racquets, bags for accessories and racquet restringing : Sponsored by Babolat.

Call Frank on 083 274 5888

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/South-Coast-Tennis-KZN-JuniorsBeginnersIntermediate-604437852970008/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/South-Coast-Tennis-KZN-JuniorsBeginnersIntermediate-604437852970008/?ref=page_internal)

## SERVICE REQUESTS

We encourage residents to report all service delivery problems directly to the municipal call centres. If possible, send photographs of specific problems:

RNM for beaches, roads, street lights and refuse issues - [services@rnm.gov.za](mailto:services@rnm.gov.za)

Ugu for water and sewerage issues - [info@ugu.gov.za](mailto:info@ugu.gov.za)

Our Ward 2 Cllr Dave Watson encourages everyone to use the on line reporting system as complaints then go directly to the specific department and will be dealt with quickly and monitored by Councillors. Go to the link below and complete the relevant form.

For water and sanitation issues after hours SMS 44751

<http://bit.ly/uguresidentsrequest>

: for Service Delivery Requests from both RNM & UGU

<http://bit.ly/uguwatersanitation>

: for Service Delivery from UGU water & Sanitation

<http://bit.ly/RNMWard2Plan>

: to access our Ward Strategic Plan

<http://bit.ly/ward2planinput>

: to give input to our Ward Plan

[www.uguda.org](http://www.uguda.org)

: DA page for residents request form

## VILLAGE NEWS

*An exciting new addition to the Southbroom CBD*



National swallow/resident (JHB /Southbroom kind), Beth Cook, has launched her creative business in the heart of Southbroom, joining the Driftwood Centre with her craft-studio, **Artisans Republik**.

Artisans Republik is a creative space which will welcome local crafters and artisans to come and empower others with their skills and knowledge through facilitated workshops. The studio officially opens on 1 April 2017

with courses in watercolour techniques, chalk painting techniques and pewter classes kicking off its first week. In addition to facilitated classes the studio will also be offering 'open studio' sessions where creatives can simply come on in, kick back, and get crafting with their own projects – whilst enjoying the complimentary tea and coffee of course!

For more information about what the Artisans Republik team are up to you can email [artisansrepublik@gmail.com](mailto:artisansrepublik@gmail.com) and be added to their mailing list or find them on Facebook @ArtisansRepublik.

*Southbroom Ratepayers Association and Southbroom Conservancy wish all our friends a very a happy holiday. If you have any queries regarding Southbroom please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.*

*Contact numbers for all the Volunteer organisations can be found on the website [www.southbroom.org](http://www.southbroom.org) under "Contact Us" as well as a list of businesses and their contact numbers, and don't forgot our Facebook group "Southbroom News Updates" to keep up to date with everyday news.*

## **Southbroom Golf Club and South Coast Tourism**

**Invite you to**

# **THE CONCERT ON THE COURSE**



Arina de Witt



Winston Smile



Vicky & Callie

**Join us in enjoying the wide-ranging talents of these fantastic artists who are firm favourites of most Southbroomers.**

- When:** Sunday 14 May from 14.00 to 17.00
- Where:** The 13<sup>th</sup> fairway of Southbroom Golf Course
- What:** Bring your own chairs and snacks, or buy snack packs from the club.
- Cost:** 100pp – school-going children free
- Tickets:** From 9 April at the Golf Club, Realty 1 Estate Agents, Le Plantation and Margate Furnishers

**For more information call Dawne Murray on 083-7032171**



# Newsletter

Your Committee: President: Graham Fisher, Vice-President: Sean Larkins, Secretary Janet Larkins, Treasurer: Malcolm Milne, Competition Secretary: Heather Roberts, Development Officer: Chris Faber, Committee Members: Elize Bester & Wynand Bezuidenhout

## Competitions

### APRIL '17

- 1st. KBA Novice Singles **No Tabs**
- 3rd. Mariner's Open Fours at **TABs-In**
- 6th. Round 2 Mid-week League (am)
- 12th. Round 3 Mid-week League (am)
- 18th. Tiago's Men's Trips (am)
- 22nd. Novice Singles (all day) **No Tabs**
- 26th. Round 4 Mid-week League (am)
- 27th. Wolf Security Open Trips (am)
- 28th. Fazenda 2-4-2 (pm)

### MARCH RESULTS

2nd. Mariner's Open Fours: Graham Fisher, Steve Evans, Rene Jover & Julia Morley  
 21st. Tiago's Men's Trips: Alfred Shusha Trebla Lansdell and Wynand Bezuidenhout

### April Birthdays

Barbara Hurley	6th.
Marilyn Sheppard	8th.
Lorraine Coetzer	9th.
Julie Walker	9th.
Di Dorn	9th.
Jean Purtell	26th.
Mike Jacquet	27th.



Fantastic support from all of the teams at the Inter-Districts hosted by the KBA held at Riverside, The Bell, Scottburgh and the Village from 13th-17th March. The crowd was treated to a nail-biting final at Riverside. The KBA Ladies and the Seniors played superbly and came away with Bronze. Well done to all who took part. *Good luck to Brent & Ferro for the KBA Novice Singles. Also to Graham, Hein, Jean & Margie for the KBA Mixed 4s.*



### *Thank you*

*To Elize and her team of ladies that always put on a smiling face and super teas and lunches when they are required.*

*Your hard work is very much appreciated.*

## Development Mondays

Thank you to those members who attended the session on Monday 30th Jan given by Sean Larkins which was about the Laws regarding the Jack.

Graham's proposed topic of Basis Etiquette has had to be postponed twice due to unforeseen personal circumstances and is now scheduled for: **Monday 3rd. April (Graham Fisher) Basic Etiquette.**

The turnout for Sean's talk on the Laws of bowls scheduled for 20th March was very poor, non-existent in fact.

Sean now has KBA commitments for every Monday in April and so this session will now be on **Monday 8th. May (Sean Larkins) Laws of Bowls.**

Again, if you would like to attend these sessions please arrive 30 minutes before Tabs-In.

Please support the guys who are giving up their free time to try and help you get more from your game.

## SUNDAY 30th APRIL

**Bring & Braai**

**9:00 for 9:30**

