

Southbroom

*Kwa Zulu Natal,
South Africa*

Photo : Malcolm Sutton



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

Hi Everyone,

One thing about living in a holiday village; there is never a dull moment. Just as we recovered from a very busy December and January season, we welcomed the annual migration of our European “swallow” friends and then, before we know it, another holiday is upon us. A few weeks of chaos do keep us on our toes and it will be wonderful to welcome friends and family back to our beautiful town. Although the school holidays and Easter break tend to be a bit fragmented this year we hope our regular visitors will manage to get away to join us for a week or two; it’s generally a lovely time on the South Coast, that heavy humidity should be gone soon making it more pleasant to get outdoors and do some fun stuff.

THE SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Your committee has now updated the objectives for 2019 including input from members at the AGM and will do everything possible to achieve these objectives with the resources available. Brian Thompson reports below on progress so far this year.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: MARCH 2019

BEACHES AND POOLS

RNM eventually did maintenance (mainly varnishing) on the Granny’s’ beach wooden structures in late 2018. The scope of work was not what we requested, so we appointed Southbroom Timber Homes who have completed repairs to the structure.

The main beach tidal pool has been drained and is in the process of being cleaned so that it is ready for the March holidays.

ROADS

We were allocated R100 000.00 by the Southbroom Property Owners Association to maintain Southbroom roads, and we are investigating the most effective use of these funds.

We arranged for a contractor to install a new speed hump in Eagle road and College road at the request of residents, who have agreed to share the cost of the speed humps.

The DIY pothole initiative implemented by Richard Bridgeford in December 2018 to enable residents to collect bags of cold mix asphalt from the police station and repair potholes in their areas was very successful. We ordered another 200 bags of cold mix asphalt and a load of G5 sub-base in February. We previously used manual stampers for the potholes and investigated using a mechanical driven compactor which will greatly improve the quality of the repairs. We are extremely grateful to the following who together donated the R11 500 for a new compactor. Your generosity is much appreciated:



Bernie Vorster
Richard Savage
Colin McKay
Anton Leal
Glynis Nisbet

Rory O'Donnel
John Bailey
Southbroom Golf Club
Darryn van Aswegan
Jenny Holford

James Kilgore
Charlie Watt
Cliff Peterson
Paul Michau

We are recommencing the filling of potholes, Southbroom Timber Homes will be tackling Southbroom Avenue, the South entrance and CBD and Dick Pratt and the Milkwood team will be working on Outlook Road from Captain Smith down to the Trattoria Restaurant. Other areas will be tackled as and when volunteers and the compactor are available.

WATER

Fortunately, there were very few problems with the bulk water supply, largely due to the fact that when a break did occur, Ugu responded quickly and were able to resolve the issues. Our water team continue to monitor the level of our water reservoirs.

Water samples taken from Umkobi last showed high ecoli, but we have been unable to verify the source. The Ecoli level stabilised after the lagoon mouth was breached, but we will continue to sample.

TOWN PLANNING

RNM published two notices of applications to relax the building restrictions on Southbroom properties:

- Erf 94 (4 South Ridge road) –Comments required by 19 March. This property has been the subject of court cases and appeals over a number of years.
- Erf 109 (34 South Ridge road) – Comments required by 25 March 2019. The application is to increase the building coverage and floor area ratio considerably, and also relaxing the building lines.

We will lodge comments/objection to these applications, but request that the owners of neighbouring properties review the applications and lodge comments, in order to protect their interests.

Brian Thompson: Chairman

SECURITY: COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

It is a great achievement that Margate Police Station was voted best in South Africa in the recent, national police awards. Congratulations are extended to Brigadier William Slabbert and all members based at the station.

We also extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to Southbroom Sector Manager Sergeant Comfort Mlambo and his team of dedicated police reservists based at our Southbroom Sector Police Station. Your superb management of crime in Southbroom contributed to Margate's success and we thank and applaud you all.

CRIME STATISTICS

The constant nightly patrols carried out by our Sector Police and the local Armed Response Companies, have again delivered the lowest crime statistics for Southbroom:

- February 2019 – 4 positive house break in's and 5 attempts reported
- March 2019 to date – 2 positive house break in's and 2 attempts reported

We again thank our Armed Response Companies for deploying extra vehicles in Southbroom over the holiday periods.

SECURITY ADVICE AND OBSERVATIONS

The Armed Response Companies also offered to check resident's security systems, free of charge, and offer advice regarding possible problems and/or improvement. Only 3 residents took advantage of this offer!

We urge all residents to please:

- Physically check, on a regular basis, that your security system is fully operational. Give special consideration to outside beams.
- Make sure that you activate your alarms at night.
- If you have visitors or tenants, make sure that they know how to operate the alarm system.
- There have been numerous reports by our patrols of residents not closing their gates. Please make sure your gates are closed at all times but particularly at night.
- Always report attempted and actual break in's to the Sector Police immediately.
- The phone: 039 316 6760, is manned 24/7.

We thank all residents that harden the target and are supportive of the efforts of this voluntary community initiative.

Keep safe.

BENNIE KRUGER - CHAIRMAN

VERGES – KEEP SOUTHBROOM BEAUTIFUL

We are well aware that for a number of months now the condition of our verges has been totally unacceptable. RNM employ two contractors, one to cut grass and tidy on a monthly basis and the other to do seasonal bush cutting two or three times a year. The standard of workmanship is very poor and the cuttings are usually left piled in the bush for months resulting in a very untidy appearance and haven for vagrants.

We made mention of this issue in the January news and can now inform you that we met with the RNM Southbroom Depot; they were very positive towards our initiative and have agreed to carry out a "once off" clear of all bush cuttings left on the verges on TUESDAY 26TH MARCH. We would ask residents to assist by clearing their own verges of dead and overhanging branches and making a neat pile of all the debris on the verge to assist with collection (see photo below).

As with everything else today with services continuing to deteriorate, if we want to **“Keep Southbroom Beautiful”** we are going to have to do it ourselves.

Many home owners have some really stunning verges and we would encourage everyone to include verges in their regular gardening chores. We understand that not all home owners are residents but please ask your gardener or garden services not to ignore your verge, it’s the first thing visitors see when they come to your home and creates a great impression if you have a beautiful entrance.



REFUSE

Once again we have to “nag” about refuse left on the verges. MONDAY only is collection day. FRIDAY is NOT a regular collection day, if you see the truck going around on Fridays it is for businesses who have registered for an extra collection and will not collect normal household refuse. Please DO NOT put your bags on the verge on Friday.

Monkeys continue to be a problem, as we all know their habitat has shrunk considerably over the last few years therefore, Southbroom being a Conservancy and haven for wildlife is obviously attracting more monkeys, they enjoy a pretty healthy diet here and are reproducing rapidly. They are great opportunists so please DO NOT leave loose rubbish bags on your verge for them to pounce on and spread all over the road. Get a secure container such as a cage or wheelie and keep the streets clean and tidy.

On the subject of monkeys, NEVER leave food lying around where they can see it, they will take anything that looks like food. I once had a neighbour’s gate remote, one of those with four coloured buttons, lying on my kitchen counter in a zip lock bag. They must have thought it was sweets; we found the chewed zip lock but never found the remote. If they do come into your house, chase them out quietly and calmly, screaming and shouting and brandishing the broom at them may incite them to attack.

ROAD SAFETY

Over the last few years RNM, Southbroom Ratepayers and private citizens have spent thousands on installing speed humps, which many hate but unfortunately are very necessary. The new one in Eagle Street has made a big difference to the previously dangerous intersection but still, every day, we see both local residents and outside contractors’ vehicles screaming around our roads. Please guys, slow down, respect our wild life, joggers, walkers, dogs and children and allow them to enjoy our lovely village in safety. Business owners please speak to your drivers and please everyone, if you see cars speeding, try taking their photo, memorise the number plate and name and shame on our FB group. Point of interest - I came home around 7.30 a week or so ago, drove less than 20kph down our little road as there are often bushbuck and duiker in the area. As I came around a bend our resident huge male bushbuck jumped straight out from the bank in the bush, almost on top of my car, if I had been travelling at even 40kph I would have hit him. He disappeared very quickly of course, not sure who got the biggest fright, such a beautiful boy wish I could have got his photo.

GOLF CARTS : With holidays coming up a gentle reminder that golf carts are NOT licensed to drive on public roads. Club members may use their cart to travel to and from their home and the club and must be driven by a licensed driver (no under-age drivers). Golf Carts must not be used for joy riding around the roads.

COMMUNITY COMPOST INITIATIVE

The compost initiative run by Neville Crompton has now been underway for some months and is so far proving very popular and successful.

Libby Cochrane and Neville seen here celebrate the delivery of the first 20 buckets of compost which Neville donated for use on the community gardens.

In her own words Libby said "it was so good I wanted to roll in it". Only 15 people have so far signed up for this excellent project. We urge you to get involved as soon as possible by contacting Neville Crompton on 039 316 8445/076 253 0580

southbroom@venturenet.co.za



Neville & Libby celebrate the first delivery

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY FUNDRAISER DRAW



SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY LIFESTYLE LUCKY DRAW

TICKET COST: R100
DRAW DATE: 29 MARCH 6.30PM
SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB

PAINTING BY ALI COCKBURN VALUED AT R40 000

Blue, Green is my Ocean by international artist Ali Cockburn, who has exhibitions all over the world, with her main markets being London & New York.



SUNSET LODGE, INHAMBANE, MOZAMBIQUE VALUED AT R30 000

Seven day self-catering holiday package for up to 10 people at this beautiful lodge, situated 1.5km from the well-known Inhambane beach.

LAKE ELAND GETAWAY VALUED AT R10 000

Fun and adventure package for a 3 night stay for 6 people, including self-catering accommodation, scooter tour and zip-line experience.



CAMELOT SPA TREATMENT PACKAGE VALUED AT R2 500

Enjoy a two and a half hour personalised spa package for two people made up of treatments of your own choice at the luxurious Camelot Spa at San Lameer.

COASTAL SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT VALUED AT R1 500

Experience an unforgettable 30 minute aerial sightseeing trip taking out beautiful views like in Simon Maxwell's private plane, while enjoying a glass of champagne.



The Southbroom Conservancy rely purely on subscriptions from members, fund raisers and donations to maintain our A Lucky Draw will be held at Southbroom Golf Club on Friday 29th March.

Some amazing prizes are up for grabs; make sure you have your ticket to stand a chance of winning.

If you are not a member of the Conservancy R400 per annum is all it costs to help preserve Southbroom for the future.

See below for details and use the attached form to join up.

CONTACT 083 703 2171

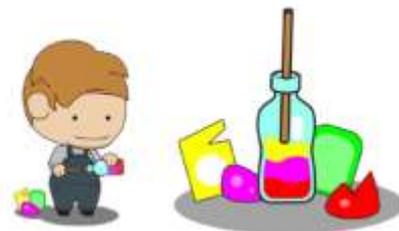
TICKETS FOR SALE AT SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB



PLASTIC WASTE, THE SCOURGE OF THE OCEANS

Worldwide plastic waste is becoming an increasing problem polluting the oceans. Many of you may have heard of Eco-bricks and wondered how you can make a contribution. Well Southbroom Conservancy have come up with a fantastic project to get us all started. In short Eco-bricks will be made by the local community and used to build a seat at the bus shelter opposite the Medvet Centre in the CBD. What a wonderful holiday project for the kids.

Thanks to Wilma Lig for putting together this proposal which will be shared in detail very soon – watch this space!



Wilma Lig: 072 784 7429 Email miltia@telkomsa.net

MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS

If you are receiving this Newsletter, are a homeowner, tenant, business owner in Southbroom we obviously have your correct address therefore you will have received your subscription invoice for 2019. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible, if you are not sure please contact Richard Derman rpderman@telkomsa.net 082 800 3617 to check.

It is quite frightening, as mentioned in the January news that at least 60% of home owners are not members of SRA. Unfortunately we can only update our database with information received from individuals, agents and word of mouth as the database we receive RNM is inaccurate, therefore we rely on our expert Sean Larkins to keep our own database up to date. If we could maintain a current accurate database of email addresses we would be able to contact every home owner and encourage them to join. Please keep us informed if you hear of new owners, new tenants or new businesses, or know of anyone who does not receive communications. Send a quick email with the person's details to admin@southbroom.org and we can send them a welcome letter and tell them all about SRA. If we could get 100% membership we could probably fill every pothole in Southbroom and even fix the roads that are beyond a quick pothole fix.

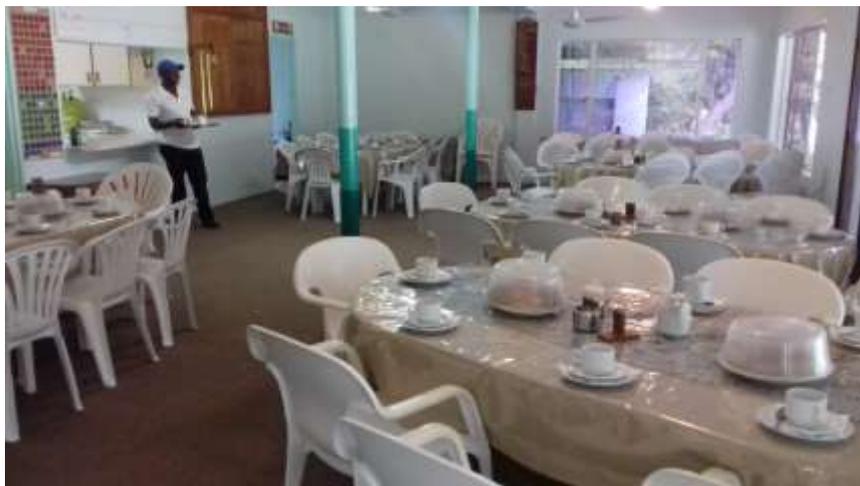
SRA work closely with Southbroom Conservancy who are doing an amazing job of controlling aliens, maintaining the trails, clearing snares, checking vagrant's hideouts and rubbish deep in the bush, amongst many other things.

Please support both organisations. A combined form is attached to this letter for your convenience. Please pass on to your neighbours and friends.

CLUB NEWS

SOUTHBROOM BOWLING CLUB

Look at Southbroom Bowling Club after its recent revamp! The greens were chosen to match the colours in the club's seagull badge, and the interior now looks cool and fresh. The ceiling fans were replaced and the fridge-compressors moved outside, resulting in a much lower temperature in the bar area. The honours boards and club memorabilia are being refurbished, and new shelving will be also installed. Outside, the guttering was replaced, benches repaired and the irrigation system improved. The green is running beautifully and the club is thriving.



Southbroom's team of Rhett Butler, Glenn Hatfield, skip Tony Waters and Cleve Walker (see photo) finished a creditable third in the Kingfisher Bowling Association Men's Fours held last month. They slayed four giants along the way, including teams skipped by local legends Eddie Fann, Wayne Van Nickelen Kuyper and Louw Vermeulen, before succumbing 23-15 in the semi-finals to eventual winners Riverside. Well done, guys!



Tab-in days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2pm for 2.30pm, and Fridays at 3pm for 3.30pm. Starting times are 30 minutes earlier from May. Coaching is available on request.

Julie Walker, Secretary : 083 273 6840 Email : walkerjuliea@gmail.com

SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB.

Ladies, Men's and Mixed Doubles Championships are happening throughout the month of March. Round Robin is the format for the Championships.

The competition is HOT and so too the weather.

Matches are being played in the early morning, during the afternoon, on Club days and every day. There is a real BUZZ at the tennis club. Members and participants alike have come to spectate and support the players.

Competition has been competitive and played in good spirit.

The Men's and Ladies Finals will be played on Saturday 30th March.

The Mixed Doubles Final will be played on Sunday 31st March.

The Ladies Finalists are:-Renee Purtell / Mary Rawlins v Luise Mohr / Pippa Bromley-Gans. (see photo)

The Men still have many matches to play and things are really hotting up in the Mixed Doubles.



The club welcome Southbroomers and Visitors to the Club. Sundays are very much social Sundays. Lots of fun tennis, wine and beer time. Yummy snacks and as the sun goes down a couple of tables of canasta is the order of the day. If your tennis playing days are over but you still enjoy the game and some fun with good friends, contact the Chairman Rolf Gudegast about joining as a Social member.

Rolf : Gudegast.rolf@gmail.com

Pippa Bromley-Gans : Club Captain – beegee@saol.com

SPCA FUND RAISER GOLF DAY

A promotional poster for the Southbroom Annual SPCA Golf Day. The background is a scenic view of a golf course with palm trees and a flag on a green under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top left is the Southbroom Golf Club logo. In the top right is the DBV SPCA logo. The main text reads 'SOUTHBROOM ANNUAL SPCA GOLF DAY 13 APRIL 2019'. Below this, it says 'BOOKINGS Southbroom Golf Club PRICE R300 (Green & competition fee included) Cart Rental available Betterball Stableford Tee times from 10:44 – 12:15'. At the bottom right, a call to action says 'Support Lower South Coast SPCA DONATE a bag of dog or cat food'. At the very bottom, it says 'Photo by Justin Williams'.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR 2019 SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY EFT TO THE ACCOUNT BELOW

NAME of registered owner:	NAME OF MEMBER if different from owner e.g. tenant/business
LOT NUMBER:	STREET NAME & NO:
EMAIL ADDRESS:	PHONE:
	CELL:

SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Subscription	R400-00	Standard Bank Margate
Donation		Branch Code : 057528
TOTAL PAID		Account Number : 053386744
P O Box 13, Southbroom, 4277		E-mail POP to: rpderman@telkomsa.net

*Please note separate accounts for Conservancy and SRA
Please send POP to the relevant email address together with completed
form to ensure your payment is credited to your account.*

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY

NAME OF MEMBER	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
LOT NUMBER	
STREET NAME & NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE /CELL NUMBER	

Please indicate membership type with a X

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