

SHELLEY POINT NEWS

A community newsletter
dedicated to fostering a sense of
community and the free flow of
information at Shelley Point



December 2018

FROM THE EDITOR:

Hi All

And yet another year has almost come to an end! I hope that it has been a happy and successful year for you all and that, if you are one of the many homeowners who are visiting Shelley Point for the holiday season, you have a peaceful and relaxing break from the frenetic pace of modern life. May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Shelley Point News team, to wish you 'Happy Holidays' and may 2019 be a blessed and fruitful year.



Have a delightful, delicious and divine December!

Terry - shelleypointnews@gmail.com

Farewell to Patrick Board



Patrick sadly passed away at his home here in Shelley Point on 2 September. Having lived here for the past fourteen years, he was a larger than life character, full of kindness, humour and an ability to enjoy life to the full, even when he became somewhat challenged after six months in hospital and losing both his legs two years ago. Wife Karin says she will always remember him as her happy man with a smile on his face, a glass of whiskey in his hand, close friends around him and a love and passion for living here on the beach in Shelley Point. RIP Patrick.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Members are once again reminded that the Shelley Point Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on 20th December 2018 at the Shelley Point Hotel. Meeting notices and information packs have been sent out to all members and if you have not received one you are requested to contact Lindy Cowen at admin@sphoa.co.za or Jeanne-Maree Knight at jm@residentiustrust.co.za. Please pay attention to the deadlines for the receipt of questions, comments, nomination forms for trustees etc.

This year we will be holding two annual general meetings immediately after one another i.e. the Homeowners Association AGM followed immediately by the Sports and Social Club AGM. Because of this, members are requested to pay particular attention to the information packs and to direct all questions and comments to the administrator or managing agent prior to the AGM. Every effort will be made to answer such queries prior to the AGM in order to keep the meeting short, sharp and focused.

Finally, please remember that the Annual General Meeting is a forum for dealing with general matters of governance and sustainability of the association and *not* a forum for airing personal or individual grievances. There are other avenues available for resolution of individual issues outside of the AGM.

Cheers,

Ian Mac

UPDATE FROM THE SHELLEY POINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The final quarterly meeting of the Shelley Point Trustees Committee was held on 16 November at Shelley Point. The principal item on the agenda was preparation for the annual general meeting to be held on 20 December 2018. The annual chairmans report was approved for distribution with the Notice of Meeting along with the audited financial statements, proposed budgets, constitutional amendments and proposed amendments to the building design manual.

SECURITY REPORT (Daniel Plaatjies):

Incidents: On Thursday 08 November 2018 at 20h15, security escorted a trespasser off the premises. The trespasser walked from the public beach area (East) onto the estate, without permission, ostensibly in search of his girlfriend who worked at the hotel. Although the trespasser was not violent, he was unstable and therefore police assistance was obtained.

General:

- The number of cigarette butts on the side of our roads is alarming and the majority of these are obviously being thrown out of car windows. The risk of starting a bush fire in this dry season is great, hence we ask people not to throw their cigarette butts out of their cars.
- After an incident in November, residents and visitors are reminded that drones are not permitted to be flown in Shelley Point. In fact, it is against the law to fly these in built up areas without the necessary permits and licences, the details of which can be found on the SA Civil Aviation Authority's website.

- Please consider our wildlife when driving. Not only should there be concern for pedestrians, but concern also for the smaller species of birds and animals which all too frequently fall victim to road traffic. Please remain within the speed limit at all times!
- The coast around Shelley Point itself is a gazetted crayfish reserve and catching crayfish in this area is prohibited. Should residents spot anyone poaching crayfish off our beaches, they should immediately contact our Security Control Centre on 022 742 1380 with the details of what and where. The Controller on duty will immediately call Sea Fisheries officials and it is up to them to address the suspected poaching. Residents should, under no circumstances, attempt to approach the persons themselves as they can be armed and/or dangerous. In fact, we have been advised by Sea Fisheries that our Security Officers should also not approach them for the same reason. However, any photographs which would help Sea Fisheries identify the persons or the boats being used would be helpful.

LEAPFROG PROPERTIES PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

This month sees the final two entries in the 2018 Photo of the Year Competition sponsored by *Leapfrog Properties*. These two photos will join the other ten winners of the monthly competition and all twelve finalist photos will be published in the January 2019 edition of *Shelley Point News*. We have selected two winners this month to make up for the fact that there was no winning entry for January 2018. Early in 2019, we will ask you to send us a list of your three favourite photos in order of preference and cash prizes will be awarded to the three photographers receiving the highest number of votes. There will also be a lucky draw cash prize – to be eligible to win this, you must simply send in your vote.

The first photo we have selected for this month, submitted by Michelle, is very topical and is entitled *Christmas at Shelley Point*



Our second winning photo for December was submitted by Luc and is entitled *Natural Beauty after the rain.*



SPORT AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Sundowners Get-Together: With so many activities on offer, together with family and other social commitments, it has been decided that there will NOT be a Sundowners event this month. The monthly Sundowners Get-Together will resume at the end of January 2019.

Bowls Report (Liz Roberts): The green was closed for two weeks for treatment and then reopened on 16 November with a Coaching Clinic. This was attended by seven bowlers and involved a good morning of learning and perfecting the art of bowling. Fun was had by all followed by refreshments at the clubhouse. A big thank-you to Marius for holding the clinic. Thank-you also to Greg, our greenkeeper. There is clear improvement in the green following the recent treatment and it is playing much better. Based on the recent soil analysis however, it is going to be slow process to improve the quality. At least, we now know what treatment is required for the green. In addition to the green treatment, the hedges around the green have been cut and the walls cleaned and painted so everything is looking much better now. Thanks to Norman for organizing this. We hope to see you on the green on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. Till next month.... keep rolling and bowling.

Tennis (Niel du Toit): Everyone who has tried out the newly resurfaced courts have all agreed that it is now such a pleasure to play tennis here. As mentioned in the November edition, we would like to arrange an

open day for tennis. If you are interested, please let me have your thoughts on a suitable date and time by contacting me on 082 579 9692 or ddt@vodamail.co.za. All are welcome - members, non-members, visitors, guests.



Mike and Denise van Antwerp trying out the new surface



Certified performance trainer and nationally-ranked masters player, Robert Dick, with two of his pupils, Nathan and Joel Roed.

Bridge News (Terry Mackintosh) November saw the finale of the 2018 duplicate tournament series which was conducted over a period of ten months. First place went to local pair Terry Mackintosh and Mitty Collett. Second place went to 2017 tournament winners, Theo and Anne du Plessis from Port Owen and third place to Bernard Harris and Jane Crees from Langebaan. The tournament series has proved to be very popular with players participating from all over the West Coast and as such, a new tournament will commence in February next year. It is open to all players so let us know if you would like to participate (contact details on last page).

Golf News: No report received. Please consult the directory on the last page for contact details should you have any queries or require information.

LIFE AT SHELLEY POINT:

Rainfall statistics at Shelley Point: According to our rainfall recorder, Henri Roux, we received a measly total of 1 mm during the period of 15 October to 14 November. This brings total rainfall for 2018 from January-mid-November to 182 mm. Rainfall received over the same period in 2017 amounted to 112.5mm. Although this is a lot less than what we got this year, it was interesting to note that in 2017, this same period of 15 October to 14 November yielded 20mm of rain – a lot more than the paltry single millimeter we received last month.

Summary of current water restrictions: Please note that with effect from 1 November, the Saldanha Bay Municipality relaxed water restrictions from level 6B to 5. Below is a summary of what that means with regards to domestic water usage:

- Domestic use restricted to a maximum of 100 liters per person per day
- May not exceed a maximum of 15 Kl per month per residential property
- Allowance has been made for hosing down of houses for maintenance work and topping up of pools
- Watering or irrigation of gardens only allowed on a Monday from 19h00 to 21h00

- Washing of vehicles is permitted provided that water use forms part of the 15kl/month allowable usage.

What's happening in and around Shelley Point during the December holiday season. Herewith, a list of various activities and events that will be happening in the area over the holiday season. So, if you are looking for something to do with the family or with your visitors, check out our list below – there is sure to be something that will appeal to you. Please note that the editor accepts no responsibility for any errors or inaccurate information supplied.

1 December: Monthly Market at Port Owen Yacht Club. Local crafts and food stalls – 10h00-15h00

2 December: Club Mykonos Market at Langebaan. 10h00-18h00. Call 022 7077000 for details.

6 December: Port Owen River Race. This is an annual dinghy race between Port Owen and Velddrif yacht clubs followed by a braai afterwards. It is a fun family event which is not to be missed. Contact Derek 0832745798 for additional information.

8 December: The Port Owen Angling Club will be getting together and visitors are most welcome. Contact John on 0828760623 for more information.

15 December: Darling Summer Beer Festival. This fun event will involve seven breweries, three live bands and a feast of food vendors. Tickets R150 available via Webtickets or at the gate. 10h00-18h00. Contact 0212861099 for further information.

15 December: Night Market at Port Owen Yacht Club from 17h00-20h00. Contact Wilna for more information on weekdays after 15h00 on 0824491121

16 December: Groote Post Christmas Country Market, Darling. 10h00-15h00. Contact 022 4512202.

20 December: SPHOA AGM

20 December: Carols by Candlelight at Port Owen Yacht Club. Contact Joan for more information 0829237396

20-22 December: Food and Art Festival at St Helena Bay NGK Church Hall. Fun for the whole family. 10h00-18h00.

21 December: Jack Parow Live at Flamingos Nightclub, Langebaan. Contact 083 2513080 for more details.

21 December: Carols at the Shelley Point lighthouse – Sam Ellis has kindly arranged a get together at the Lighthouse – see details in notice below. Please come along with your friends and family and support less fortunate children and dogs by bringing a food or toy donation.



Carols by the lighthouse



Let's get together to sing on the beach..... Bring your best singing voice, your beach blanket/chairs and your cooler boxes and bring all your visitors too.

We will have a donations box and would love the children to give a little something to less fortunate local people (money, food, toys or clothes) or the local stray dogs (food, blankets, toys).

Our children are SO fortunate and it's a wonderful way to teach them to be grateful for that.

We will be there no matter the weather - wind or shine.



When: 5pm Friday 21st December 2018

Where : Lighthouse beach



By the way, if you want to light candles for the carol singing, here is a safe and effective way to do it without the candle blowing out or the flame causing a fire hazard. Simply cut a 2-liter soft drink bottle in half. Put the bottom half in the recycle bin and put a candle inside the top half wedging it securely in the spout. Now, when you light the candle, the sides of the bottle will form a shield to protect the flame from the wind. In addition, the melting wax drips inside the bottle and doesn't burn your hands

22 December: Jan Blohm & Band presents *Live in Paternoster*. Tickets R200 per person. Bring your own picnic baskets. Venue – Rhythms on the Stoep. Call Camilla on 0828762711 for more information.

23 December: Langebaan Christmas Market, Langebaan Town Hall. Over sixty indoor and outdoor stalls. 10h00-15h00. Contact 072 6382972.

23 December: Carols by Candlelight at St Helena Bay Harbour. Starts at 18h00. Bring your own candles and camp chairs.

25 December: Christmas Lunch at Port Owen Yacht Club. Don't feel like cooking? Come and enjoy a relaxed and sociable lunch at the Yacht Club at 12h00 for 12h30. Adults R165 a head, children under 12 years half-price and toddlers no charge. Booking essential. Send a WhatsApp or SMS to 0765923210 or email

dariolmcgregor@gmail.com. If you wish to see the menu, contact shelleypointnews@gmail.com and we will send you a copy.

26 December – 1 January: West Coast Cruise. This is a five-day sociable sailing event culminating with a New-Years Eve party at Port Owen Yacht Club. Prizegiving at breakfast on New-Years Day. Contact Derek for more information 0832745798.

28 December: Mark Haze presents *Tribute to Bon Jovi and the Masters of Rock at the Barn Owl, St Helena Bay.* Doors open from 18h30 and show starts at 20h00. Bring your own drinks and snacks or order a sushi platter. Bookings and further details on www.barnowl.org.za. R175 per person.

5 January: Market Day at Port Owen Yacht Club. Lots of home baked goods and locally made crafts. 10h00-15h00

And then, if this is not enough to keep you occupied, consider a visit to the West Coast Fossil Park where there are informative guided walking tours to the dig site where you can see fossils of bears, saber-tooth cats and other exotic animals which inhabited the area some 5 million years ago. Call 0227661606 for opening times.

Or, why not plan a picnic at the magnificent Cape Columbine Nature Reserve in Paternoster? Or what about chartering a boat for some whale-watching or lagoon cruising with Sandpiper Charters? Check out their website www.sandpipercharters.co.za for more information.

Rest assured, on the West Coast there is plenty to keep you informed, entertained, active and well-fed. Enjoy!

VASCO SAYS:



Please remind your guests and friends that the use of fireworks at Shelley Point is strongly discouraged. If anyone insists on using fireworks, they will need to apply for a permit at the Saldanha Bay Municipality. Without a permit, fireworks will unfortunately be confiscated. Remember too that we live in a high-risk fire zone – no open fires are allowed anywhere on the Estate, including the beach areas. Please assist to keep Shelley Point safe for all!

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