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South Africa Tour, 2019

by Roxann Jensen (Photos by Roxann Jensen)

From July 9-22 six BBSC members spent two glorious weeks touring South Africa. We began our trip in Johannesburg, South Africa where the Apartheid Museum and Soweto were our main points of interest.

The only place in the world where you find two Nobel Prize Laureates who lived a block from each other is in Soweto — Desmond Tutu (1984) and Nelson Mandela (1993).



Mandela Memorial in Howick, South Africa.

Street sign in Soweto, South Africa..



Amani Safari Camp

From Johannesburg, we flew to Hoedspruit then drove to Amani Safari Camp, which is outside of Kruger National Park in a private game preserve. It's a small camp so we were the only guests there and we were treated like royalty. The chef was a gourmet chef, so the food was superb. We went on both a morning and an afternoon safari game drive every day and had the late mornings and early afternoons to spend however we wanted to at the camp. We chose to hang out beside the pool across the river from the watering hole where animals would come to drink 24 hours a day. The



Typical evening meal prepared by our gourmet chef.



Kudu & impala at the watering hole across the stream from Amani.

camp was five star! Our guide for the entire trip was Alastair Kilpin, owner of Mammoth Safaris out of Cape Town. He made certain everything went well, which it did. We could not have asked for a better person to look after us!

(L to R): Alastair Kilpin (guide), Arlene King, Shannon Page, Roxann Jensen, Rhonda Hynes, Paula Weir, & Joni Pursell.



Our driver & spotter with snacks & beverages twice every day.

During every morning and afternoon game drive, our driver and spotter would stop the vehicle in a clearing, set up the snacks and beverages, and serve us while we stretched our legs and warmed ourselves up (in the mornings) or enjoyed a *sundowner* (a beverage consumed while watching the sun set) in the evenings.



Typical sun set.

From Kruger National Park we flew to Phinda Private Game Preserve in KwaZulu-Natal, a province in South Africa and home to the Zulu nation. This place was magnificent. Young Nyala antelope greeted us as we got out of the safari vehicle and made our way to the main lodge. Each two people had their own building that had two beds, a living room, huge bathroom, and deck with pool and shower! Again, we had morning and afternoon game drives every day, complete with morning coffee / tea stop and evening *sundowner*. We visited a Zulu community and met with a woman who shared some of her customs with us in her ceremonial hut and with a medicine woman who showed us the ritual she uses to go into a trance. Fascinating!



Zulu women are renowned for their bead work. Younger generations have begun making artwork from the beads and the results are most artistic.



Alastair juggling oranges.

The day we were to drive to the northern most part of the reserve to view the cheetahs, we were given sack lunches because we knew we would be gone most of the day. We stopped for lunch and refreshments along the way and, inevitably, the oranges became juggling balls. By far, Alastair was the star.



(L to R): Lucky (our driver), Paula Weir & Alastair Kilpin (in truck), Joni Pursell, Shannon Page, Rhonda Hynes, Arlene King, Josie (our spotter).

The animals were what all the game drives were about. At the final count, we saw at least 267 different bird species and at least 66 mammal species. We witnessed a pride of female lions stalking and eating an impala, lions mating, lion cubs chewing on their dad's tail, leopards hunting, cheetahs relaxing with full stomachs, antelopes sparring, buffalo grazing, and on and on! Enjoy a few!



The Go Away bird whose call literally sounds like it is yelling "Go Away!"



We saw Lilac Breasted Ropplers on almost every game drive.



White Rhinos have been dehorned at the private reserves to keep poachers away.



Kudu are prolific.



Cape Buffalo kill more humans than any other animal.

The Yellow Hornbill tosses its food into the air then catches it...fun to watch.



Wherever there was water, there were crocodiles.



Daily duck parade at Vergenoegd Wine Estate.

Time to head to Cape Town for our final four nights. Cape Town was voted *The Best City in the World* in 2018 by Britain's Daily Telegraph. Although we spent most of our time exploring outside of the city, while we were in town, it did not fail to live up to its reputation. We visited Vergenoegd Wine Estate outside of Stellenbosch to enjoy some samplings, as well as their daily duck parade. The Indian Runner Ducks have been there for many generations and parade daily as they make their way out to the vineyards to do "bug patrol."

After watching the parade, we headed to another winery near Stellenbosch, for a "pairings"

experience. Besides being a world-class guide, Alastair also knows his wines. He's giving us a little preliminary explanation before we dig in. We could either have white wines with sweet pairings or red wine with biltong pairings. Biltong is a dried meat, similar to jerky, but much softer and much less dry.

(L to R): our hostess, Paula Weir, Alastair Kilpin, Rhonda Hynes, Shannon Page, & Arlene King.



On one of the days, we rode bikes around Cape Point National Park and saw baboons, several varieties of antelope, ostrich, and many birds. We drove back to Cape Town along the coast.

(L to R): Paula Weir, Roxann Jensen, Joni Pursell, Alastair Kilpin, Shannon Page, Arlene King, & Rhonda Hynes.



We visited Kirstenbosch

Gardens near Cape Town one afternoon. The Protea is the official flower of South Africa and many varieties were in bloom. The area near Cape Town is in the middle of a plant kingdom that exists nowhere else on earth, the Fynbos. We saw plants that are found nowhere else.



Protea, the official flower of South Africa.

We spent an afternoon walking through the Company Gardens in Cape Town and visiting the modern art museum. Part of our group hiked to the top of the Lion's Head, a tall mountain (2,195 ft. above sea level) close to Table Mountain (3,501 ft.). Unfortunately, Table Mountain was closed for seasonal upkeep so we didn't get to go there. Table Mountain is the landmark outside of Cape Town. A tram takes people from town to the top, weather permitting.



Lion's Head

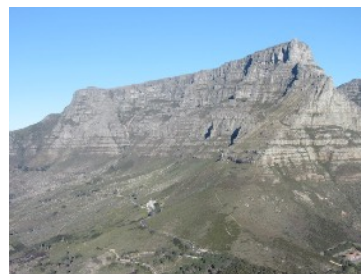


Table Mountain

It was a wonderful trip. We experienced as much as we possibly could in the 13 days we were there. We made great friendships among our group, and we all had a great time!

A BBSC trip back to Africa in 2020 is in the works with details announced in early September. The maximum participants will probably be 8, and the down payment to reserve your spot will need to be made very quickly so that we can reserve the

lodging. This is not a trip where you can "wait and see" what transpires because the lodging will only be held for a little over a month. Africa is truly a land to behold. The animals, the people, the environment, the history, the adventures...all work together to make it truly a magical place.

2019 Annual BBSC Summer Campout

by Doug and Sue Baker (Photos by Steve Strickland)



The annual BBSC Camp Trip was held this year, July 19-21, at the SISCRA Campground on Lake Cascade. We had approximately 30 people sign up and 3 or 4 additional people show up for part of the weekend, so in all it was a great turnout. There were ample spots for RVs and tents alike.

Some of the RVs and tents set up for this year.

The weather was perfect, ranging in the mid to high 80's during the day and cooling off nicely in the evenings for sleeping.

Featured on the meal menus for this year were tri-tip steak with chips and salsa on Friday evening and paella on Saturday evening, one with chicken and Spanish chorizo and the other with shrimp and shellfish. Both dishes were garnished with red and green peppers, Roma tomatoes, potatoes, string beans and onions. Campers brought their additional favorite side dishes to pass around.

Incredible & delicious paella!



The breakfast meal menu included breakfast burritos, tortillas, hash browns, fireman's biscuits with sausage gravy, cheesy eggs, and orange juice. Steve Strickland's espresso-machine each morning was an especially welcome addition this year for the early risers!

Nothing like fireman's biscuits with sausage gravy in the morning.

A special shout out and thanks go out to Henry and Betty Gonzalez and Mike Hanson and Lynne Van Trieste for their excellent chef skills. Henry BBQ'd the tri-tip, Betty joined him in making the incredible paellas, and Mike and Lynn prepared Mike's famous fireman's biscuits with sausage gravy.

I also want to thank all those that contributed to food preparation, cleanup and bringing dishes to share.

Full table with favorite shared side dishes.



Friday night we had a camp fire and S'mores with music and singing led by David Finch.



Favorite campfire S'mores.

Group songs led by David Finch on guitar.

Saturday's agenda included hiking, biking, water activities and concluded with a camp fire and more S'mores. Some enjoyed their S'mores a little too much, getting as much on their outside as they did on their inside! A great time was had by all.



Next year's trip will likely be the weekend of the July 17-20, 2020, so get it on your schedule!

See you there.
Doug and Sue Baker

Very close on this game of corn hole.



Doug Baker enjoying his S'mores !



Steve enjoying a rest from taking all those photos.

Our club's favorite pass time??

Boats, Floats & BBQ at Discovery Park

by Betty Hawkins & John Adams (Photos by Steve Strickland)



Lucky Peak Dam

On the beautiful evening of August 8th about 40 **BBSC** members and their families gathered at Discovery Park just below Lucky Peak Dam.

Chuck Cremer of Alpenglow (also McU Sports) brought an assortment of his kayaks, paddle boards, canoes, etc for us to play on free of charge, and Chuck and his staff were on hand offering help and instruction to all. Big thanks to Chuck and McU's for their continued support of this annual event!



Chuck Cremer & the Alpenglow staff.

John Adams brought Big Bertha, and Michael Bouton was at the pavilion cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers and brats. With the accompanying beverages, sides and desserts, it was the bargain deal, fun event of the summer.



Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. Looking forward to next year...



New BBSC Storage Shed

by Craig O. Olsen (Photos by Betty Hawkins & Craig O. Olsen)

In July 2019 after much planning and negotiating, the BBSC purchased and installed a new storage shed on property in Garden City under the agreement of a long term lease (rent free). For many years BBSC has rented a storage facility, which really had become undersized for the club's needs over the years. The new shed will be much larger, easier to access, and in saved rental fees will pay for itself in 4-5 years.

BBSC is indebted to Virginia and Zac Medec for the longterm lease of their land in Garden City upon which the new shed is built. Also instrumental in helping this project to happen are Michael Bouton for working with George, Virginia and Zac initially for the long term lease, John Adams for procuring the shed, managing the project, and working with Jim Hovren for arranging the legal contract.

A big thank you goes to Stor-Mor Sheds. They built the shed on site and provided it at a discount for the club. The overhead garage style door was donated by Ron Raush and installed by Excello Overhead Door at half their regular rate!



Walls going up.



Rafters and siding on.



Masking and painting.



BBQ for the volunteers who helped out with painting & electrical wiring.

Several BBSC members helped with painting the shed on July 27. Stan Ridgeway brought his paint sprayer and painted the entire shed in under an hour. The others helped with masking, ladders, electrical wiring, etc. On July 29 several BBSC members helped clean out the old rented storage shed, organize all the supplies, and move them into the new facility.

This new shed is much larger than our rented storage space, has electrical lighting, and should serve BBSC very well for many years to come.



Volunteers who helped out with moving BBSC equipment from the old rented storage space to the new storage shed.



New BBSC storage shed.

Big Bertha will be housed in the shed as soon as the new ramp is built.



2019 Champagne Brunch

by Betty Hawkins and John Adams (Photos by Steve Strickland)

Our much-anticipated annual Champagne Brunch took place on Sunday, September 8th. In spite of a weather forecast for a rainy day, 75 members and guests showed up to a really good time with the usual bounty of delicious casseroles, pastries, fruit and mimosas.



Casseroles set out for judging.



Samples from which to judge.



Steven Galvan with his new ski poles.



Dave Lindsay with his BBSC cup.



Kim Pinkerton with her new hat.

members' drawing. Dave Lindsey won a Bogus Basin Ski Club stainless steel insulated wine mug, and Kim Pinkerton won a baseball cap.

Steven Galvan took home a pair of ski poles graciously donated by Greenwoods Ski Haus for the "Best Casserole" competition. We had two winners in our



Lynda Clark (BBSC President) & Brad Wilson

Brad Wilson generously took time out of his Sunday day off to brief us on the past year and all the new and good things we can look forward to in the coming years at our favorite mountain resort. Our new President, Lynda Clark, talked to us about a number of interesting topics that will positively affect our members in the years ahead. Lynda reminded us all that our ski club is a volunteer organization, and asked for members to volunteer to help out at our events and trips. So step up and volunteer!

A hearty thank you to all the members who assisted in making this a fun event.



Of the 75 who attended this event these were those who stayed until the end when this group photo was taken.

2019 Ski & Snowboard Swap

by Jane Gabbert

This year the annual Ski & Snowboard Swap will be held on the first full weekend in November — November 1, 2 & 3 with equipment check-in beginning on Thursday afternoon, October 31.

As usual, I am looking for volunteers to work the **Bogus Basin Ski Club** booth for, at a minimum, of 2 hours. One of the benefits of working the booth is free admittance to the swap along with a friendly place to hang out and visit when you get tired of shopping! This is another great way for newer members to become familiar with some of the activities and workings of the Club. New members will be scheduled with nurturing, seasoned members to show them the ropes, so don't be nervous! Plus, it is very easy duty. In addition, I will need someone with a pick up truck to haul tables, display, etc from the storage unit on Friday and back again on Sunday.

For more information or to sign up please call Jane Gabbert at (208) 861-6587, and I will put you on the schedule. Leave a message, and I will do my best to accommodate the times you want on a first come, first served basis. Sign up early and get your pick of the choice times!

