

Cape Union Mart Hiking Club Newsletter

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We're nearly into March – where has the year gone? Lots of you have been on hikes during January and February – and there are plenty more planned for the rest of the year (see attached schedule and check the website for the latest information – www.cumhike.co.za).

One which attracted 50 people (25 members, 25 non-members) was the Kloof Corner sunset/moonrise hike on 30 January. Mark Hawthorne was the leader and he did well to keep everyone on the right path and going up! It was a very windy evening, with lots of cloud about, but the sun went down in a spectacular fashion over Camps Bay and the moon rose on the other side – as promised! Everyone enjoyed themselves, eating and drinking as the two planets fell and rose.

For those who are interested, it was the biggest full moon of 2010. It is also called the wolf moon, according to Native American tradition associating it with wolves howling in the cold midwinter (luckily there aren't any on Table Mountain). The moon appeared 30 per cent brighter and 14 per cent larger than any other full moon will do this year, because it was actually closer to Earth than usual (perigee) – a distance of only 356 593 kilometres away!

Some inspiration for when you are out in the sunrise, sunlight, sunset, moonlight (thanks, Mark):

*I watch the sunrise lighting the sky
Casting its shadows near
And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.*

*But you are always close to me,
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.*

*I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me.*

For you are always...

*I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me.*

For you are always...

*I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest.
Only your peace is near me.*

For you are always...

Photographs/hiking stories

The Cumhike Facebook site is being finalised - details to be sent out soon. We will be using it to post photographs and hiking stories and you will be able to add your own – and look at those posted by other people. In the meantime, here is a beautiful photograph of red disas taken by Mark Hawthorne on Table Mountain.



Forthcoming events

24 February (Wednesday): Slide show - Cape Union Mart Concept Store, Century City

Don't forget to come and listen to Anne Price and Graham Bellairs who will be giving very interesting presentations: Anne on her epic cycle journey from Cairo to Cape Town and Graham on the Cederberg and Drakensberg. The show starts at 18:30, so please come and support our members and enjoy the evening.

16 March (Tuesday): Barnyard Theatre, Willowbridge

We have been able to reserve a limited number of half-price seats for the show *Broadway*. Prepare for a trip down Broadway and tap your toes to a winning combination of classic songs and superb vocals for only R80.00 per person! Doors open at 18:30 and the show starts at 20:00. Call Genevieve for more details and to book your seats at 076 687 8264 or send her an e-mail to genevieve7@googlemail.com.

9 May (Sunday): Mother's Day

Following the Alphen Trail hike in Constantia, we will be arranging a light lunch for hikers, families and friends. Details of the venue will be confirmed later – but please diarise this.

19 May (Wednesday): Meet and Greet at Marsh Memorial Home, Rondebosch

We are having a cocktail party (starting at 19:00) to introduce new members to the club, the committee and the hike leaders. All members are welcome, but please confirm your attendance with Genevieve at 076 687 8264 or genevieve7@googlemail.com.

Subscriptions

Another reminder that subs are due by the end of February. They must be paid directly into the Cumhike bank account, either by EFT or direct deposit at an ABSA bank. Please ensure that you send a copy of your bank deposit/EFT slip to Ella du Plessis at cumhike@telkomsa.net – without this we cannot do a proper reconciliation.

Account name:	Cumhike Club	Branch:	Santyger
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If your subscription is not renewed by the end of February, we will assume that you no longer wish to be part of the club and will take you off the mailing list. Thanks to everyone who has already paid their subs.

New members

A very warm welcome to our new members. We hope you have many happy years of hiking with us and look forward to meeting you all on 19 May.

Anelma Stigling	Jadri du Bois	Penny de Villiers
Carel Stenekamp	Janice Carter	Penny Genard
Chrisine Jahnig	Janine Jonker	Peter Searl
Christelle Connor	Jennifer Dias	Peter Theron
Colleen Bailey	June Stenekamp	Priscilla Ford
Cynthia Slattery	Lavinia Coetzee	Reuben Radcliffe
Darryl Radcliffe	Lee Symons	Rob Gwilliam
David Fox	Lizel Jardim	Shinaz Ryklief
Debbie Naidoo	Marina Convalle	Sue Gwilliam
Elizabeth Strydom	Maritjie Odendaal	Tammy Adonis
Emilene Ferreira	Mike Genard	Tania Heydenrych
Francois Roux	Mikhalien Kellerman	Theodore Naicker
Gary Dias	Nathirah Hazell	Trevor Netherlans
Gavin Connor	Nisa Hendrickse	Val Cragg
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Don't forget to have a look at our website: www.cumhike.co.za

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