

MOUNTAIN CALL MARCH 2013



The first three months of this year have flown by. We ended summer with wonderful rainfall and Verlorenkloof is as beautiful as always. On a somewhat sad note, Natalie Pretorius, whom you all know well, left Verlorenkloof at the end of February. She played a big role in making Verlorenkloof a special place for its owners, and we wish her well.

At the same time we want to introduce you to a new management couple, Douglas and Jeanne Boyce, who have joined our ranks. Jeanne has many years of hospitality experience, and Douglas similarly in estate management. You will get to know them when you visit Verlorenkloof during the course of the year.

We hosted our first **botany** weekend at the beginning of February, and were privileged enough to see the Verloren Vallei orchids in flower. An interesting weekend was had by all who attended, as we had a diverse group of guests who had much to add in the way of botanical knowledge and humour.

Late summer is not **trout fishing** season at Verlorenkloof, but the river fishing this year has proven to be special, with some good catches recorded in January and February whenever the river cleared from flooding. With the Ides of March having just passed, temperatures are dropping and we are preparing for some lovely fishing.

The **Kwena Basin Education Trust** got off to a busy start this year, having already hosted a Stakeholders' meeting to get the community members together to talk about goals and ideas for the various schools. We are looking forward to our first teaching experience of the year in May, and then again in July. A radio interview on 'Radio Today' with Dr Gillian Godsell was enlightening and well received. Follow us on Twitter @kwenaBET to keep updated and to see when our website goes live.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled **holiday programme** for the children this Easter. An Easter egg hunt, horse riding and calf feeding are but a few of the activities planned. All the Moms are welcome to enjoy a bite to eat or something refreshing to drink at Foodspace while we entertain the little ones for an hour or two. Please look out for our programme to make sure you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Keep an eye out for our new **cycling** trails!

Fond regards

Eric and Heidi

SAVE THE DATE:

Verlorenkloof AGM - Thursday 30 May 2013 (Notice to follow in the middle of April)