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Its time - Thanks to all !!!!



3RD ANNUAL POKER RUN

9 June 2024

R95 entry includes metal badge , R25 for extra cards

START

Viper Lounge 9:00 am - Stands up at 10 am

END

Pinelands Bowling Club

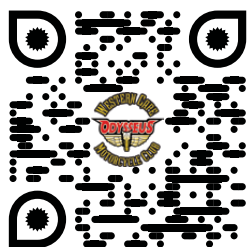
5 Stops, great prizes, music and full bar.



Die Werf Pg 9



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THE DISTINGUISHED
Pg 12-14

GENTLEMAN'S RIDE

SUNDAY
19TH OF MAY
2024

Hi folks,

Well, it's nearly the middle of the year already, with May almost a thing of the past. We have had some really nice runs already, with most being rather well attended. I hope that as the temperature begins to dive, our numbers on our club runs don't do the same.

Come on people – you're a tough old bunch – let's keep them wheels turning come rain or shine.

So, by the time you receive this edition of the Odyssean, I am sure (and hope) that you would all have made your mark and voted for a better South Africa. I don't think the state of our country and service delivery could possibly get any worse, so I am holding thumbs for a better result from these elections.

As far as our club is concerned, Susan made a remark to me yesterday on our run to The Drummond Arms. This really gave me a good feeling and confirmed that what I am striving towards might just be falling into place. Her comment was that it is nice how the club is pulling together and many people seem to be keen to assist wherever they can. She mentioned how Huey is helping us by taking any regalia that needs embroidering to Valley Embroiders, as he lives in the area (Fishhoek).

She mentioned what a great job "Heefy" is doing on the IT side of things and getting our club visible and up to date with technology.

She also mentioned how a lot of folks have stepped up to assist with our upcoming Poker Run (we could not host the event without you all, so a big thank you). I am also very aware of the interest in our club and the (growing) number of visitors who are joining us on our rides. As you know, my goal is to grow this club and revitalize the enthusiasm for Odysseus, and it seems to be working. "Lord Heefy" is a relatively new member, Peter Holder just received his colours and Phillip only needs to do one more meeting and then he'll be on board too. Plus, there are a couple of other "potentials" in the wings. We are moving in the right direction.

On that happy note, I am going to sign off, but I would just like to thank everyone for making this club what it is and wish us all great success for our upcoming Poker Run.

Devin



OUR OBJECTIVES AS A STRONG CLUB

**To help aging bikers to stay active, alive and well.
To encourage others who look like they could be getting old to stop it and to do things to enjoy life, preferably on bikes. To encourage members to keep on biking or to enjoy biking activities. To foster an interest in motorcycles and to promote unity amongst bikers. To encourage and support all forms of road and off-road biking activities. To enhance relationships between bikers and those less fortunate.
To organize social biking events**

Subscribe to our
You Tube Channel

Channel details

www.youtube.com/@OdysseusMC-WesternCape-kz9gb
6 subscribers - 18 videos (many more to come) - 33 views

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General MEETING

Held in
May 2024
19H00 @ Clubhouse

“Invitees: All members

Welcome : Devin welcomed all

Apologies: Iain Fergusson, Michele Davis, Dave & Jen Sumner, Rob & Lizl Todd

Unwell member:

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Previous Minutes Acceptance: Robbie/ Pink

Correspondence: Question was raised re Club's Primary communication? Devin answered various in place due to new technology. Require more discussion with feedback.

Membership: No change- all paid up



The Odysseian: Basil still doing a great job- All reports to be submitted to him timeously please

Lucky draw: 1. Grumpy 2. Huey 3. Pink”

Social Responsibility: Lily Rose until end 2024-

Birthdays: June 3 Desmond Clarke, 7 Anne Bareham & Devin Corney, 12 Rob Bareham, 17 Susan James, 18 Pauline Goch, 24 Gavin Dodd, 29 Jenny Sumner- Davies, 30 David Hair.

Regalia: Members purchase their own shirts /hoodies etc of their choice and size in prescribed colours (only) namely Black, Red, Grey or White. Clothing and upfront payment (POP) may be dropped off at Club meetings and Mel will organize the embroidery to be done by Val who will in turn invoice the club.

Official Rides:

Past rides: 28.4.2024 - Noordhoek- Monkey Valley, Heath- Check on YouTube channel, please subscribe
12.5 2024- Kelkiewyn Villiersdorp- Hector cancelled ride due to poor attendance feedback being Mothers Day. Short ride instead to De Werf- Next year rather move the ride date to not fall on Mothers day.

Future Rides:

26.5.2024- Iain- Drummond Arms (Revamped) , R70 Breakfast incl coffee. Heath to lead, invitation from Michele to her house for Boerie roll and watching GP afterwards.
9.6. 2024 - Poker Run- R95pp members encouraged to register. Posters available for distribution /display- Food/Catering arrangements to be finalized.
55 Registrations to date(28 members). Anne suggested 100 burgers to be provided for
23.6.2024- Venue TBC
7.7.2025- Venue TBC
21.7 2024 - No ride due to Brass Monkey following weekend

Past Events :

Future Events: 27.7.2024 - Brass Monkey- Therese to report (Pj's project while visiting and possible bus ride being arranged.) Therese requested suggestions for Saturday afternoon from members?

General: - All card dealers stay for quick meeting after main meeting.
- Business cards created by Heath were passed around whereby anyone interested may just tap on the card whereby all Odysseus details will appear.

Meeting closed at: 20H45

Next meeting : 20.6.2024

OUR 2024

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MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

CLUB BANKING DETAILS:

BANK: ABSA

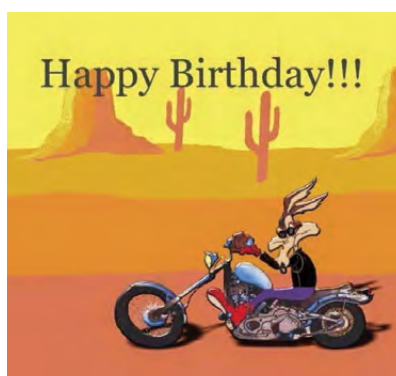
ACC Name: Odysseus Western Cape

Account: 9263536308

Savings Account Branch Code: 632005

THIS June BIRTHDAYS

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Meetings 2024

26 June - 25 July - 22 August - 26 Sept - 24 Oct - 21 Nov

EVENTS



June RIDES

Poker Run 9th June

23rd June ride to be confirmed

WHAT IS MARC MARQUEZ'S NEXT MOVE IN THE DUCATI MOTOGP SAGA?

MARC MARQUEZ DOESN'T "FEEL LIKE HAVING TO ADAPT TO A NEW BIKE, BUT I DON'T RULE IT OUT" AS HIS CHANCES OF GETTING A FACTORY DUCATI MOTOGP SEAT VANISH.

Early Thursday morning, it emerged that Ducati had finally decided to choose Jorge Martin to join Francesco Bagnaia in the official Borgo Panigale team from next season.

As the hours went by, Marquez's discourse hardened. At first, the multi-champion was asked about the news in question, and he was disoriented: "This is not the information I have," he replied in one of the many interviews he gave in the morning, followed by many others in the afternoon.

Logically, and because of the contractual commitments with the Italian manufacturer, the most convenient operation would be for the #93 to join Pramac, which is deciding on whether or not to renew its contract with Ducati for the next two years to field factory machinery.

But this is a move Marquez has shut the door on, saying on Thursday "Pramac is not an option for me".

"I'm not going to change from one satellite team to another," he noted. "Last year I switched from Honda to Gresini, and I'm feeling very good here. It was a very delicate situation in my sporting career but now I'm competitive and I'm having fun."

As such, Marquez has not ruled out the possibility of leaving Ducati altogether, with an offer from the Pierer Mobility Group (KTM/GasGas) on the table.

"I don't want to have to adapt to a bike again, but I don't rule it out," he said.

"I'm lucky that in those three scenarios, I would feel comfortable, although I have my priorities."

Having lost the possibility of wearing factory Ducati red, the next item on his list of priorities is to remain at Gresini but with a works bike, the same one that Martin and Bagnaia will be riding.

To have this option, Pramac would have to not execute the renewal option with Ducati on the table, to presumably sign with Yamaha, or give up one of those two official prototypes, stay with only one, and 'cede' the other to Gresini.

"I have already told the people who need to know about this how I would feel comfortable," said Marquez.





12.5 2024- Die Werf

Hector canceled the ride to Kelkiewyn due to poor attendance feedback.

All present met at McDonalds N1 @ 8H00 and riders left @ 8H30. It was decided to do a short ride instead and changed to another venue, De Werf - 11 people attended, 9 members+2 visitors on 8 bikes and 2 cars.



Turned out to be a good decision as it was a



very busy place with big market stalls where one could wander around and buy interesting articles as well as a wide variety of foods & drinks.

A good time was had by all
(Next year rather move the ride date to not fall on Mothers day in order to attract more members)



26.5.2024 - Drummond Arms (Revamped)



Drummond Arms, a staple of the biking community that is currently under new management, Also a great suggestion from Peter Cowman .

We head out from our usual spot at 9 , with a fair amount of riders in tow , on a lovely cape town autumn day , with little to no wind , heading down the N1 and onto the notorious R300 , then onto the N2 towards Gordons Bay .

The roads weren't busy and we could easily maintain high way speeds until the turn off for Gordons bay , then the fun started , a miss timed robot kept us at the turn off for easily 15 minutes (JP i voted for change , but not that kind of change),



We stopped and had a quick smoke break , Devin and myself trying to sort out the gopros for clarence drive. Clarence drive was fun as usual but the stop and gos (5 in total) did ruin the fun and slowed us down alot.

Arriving at Drummond eventually we were greeted by many of the out of town members , with the food slowly coming out (i think we overwhelmed them a little) everyone caught up and some lovely chats were had .

After catching up , some of the members went down to Michelle's place for boerie rolls and to watch the super exciting Motogp , Thanks Michelle and Francois it was an amazing afternoon.





26.5.2024

Drummond Arms

We had great numbers on the day 30 members and 7 guests.

And the service and atmosphere at Drummond was great , definitely think we will visit again after the road has been properly fixed.

Until next time
Heefy





By now most members would have seen the pix posted on the Club's Keeping in Touch group. And a very distinguished day was had by all who attended.

The event appeals to a group of people who are concerned about 'men's prostate cancer,' 'men's mental health,' and recently added is 'first responder trauma.' A busy of guys and dolls dressed in evening wear, riding a short route through town to raise awareness. A simple formula and great comradery. I have been riding for 10 years now and it is always great to meet up with friends from previous years and new friends.

To enjoy the ride, you need to enter on line, and pay your \$12.00, which provides you with opportunities to fund raise through the national portal. Also available is a host of clothing, cloth badges and silver pins, most of the handsome Stead, the national emblem.

This year, Iain and Heath joined me, with Susan and Devin being out-of-sorts with the flu, and unable to attend. Stuart from the Landrover Club was also in our group. The meeting point this year was the Fort Wynyard gun battery behind the Stadium. Coffee, chatter, a briefing and off we went along the Atlantic Seaboard, Constantia Nek, Kirstenbosch, M3 and back to the Gun Battery. Many folk ask me, where are the funds going?

Each year I download the DGR Financial Report and have a look where my money is going. In the 2023 DGR FR it indicates that a portion of funds was allocated to:

- Cancer Association of South Africa



- Medical Oncology Centre Rosebank
- Tygerberg Hospital
- Stellenbosch University
- University of Cape Town
- University of Pretoria.





If you Google the DGR and the above associations, you can find the Unit sponsored and what research is being undertaken. So, anyone can enter, the only parameters are an older bike, and recently 'adventure-bikes' have been included. You need to dress to theme, which is still a comfortable set of riding gear. The rest is a take its easy day, chat, ride, and have a drink.

South Africa supports the ride at most large centres and below are this year's splits:

Cape Town	121 riders	\$3151 USD
Durban	128 riders	\$4155 USD
East London	21 riders	\$135 USD
Jo' Berg	456 riders	\$16287 USD
Klerksdorp	53 riders	\$1526 USD
Port Elizabeth	58 riders	\$202 USD
Pretoria	40 riders	\$317 USD
Stellenbosch	16 riders	\$433 USD

Total for South Africa 893 riders \$26 206 USD (R479 166.33)

Now that is a tidy sum for a few hours riding with good friends.

So, the Odysseus guys all arrived early, and were quick into the slow coffee queue, the morning was fogged out, and the Yoko was shivering, with poor connectivity. Nedbank were on hand with free muffins, and the official photographer was busy with her long lens capturing distinguished gentlemen and ladies. By 10h30 the briefing took place, and the old bikes, café racers, and anything else that leaked oil were asked to line up in front. The modern classics in the next batch and the scramblers in the final batch. The group departed in groups of 50 riders, and off we went to the Atlantic Seaboard.

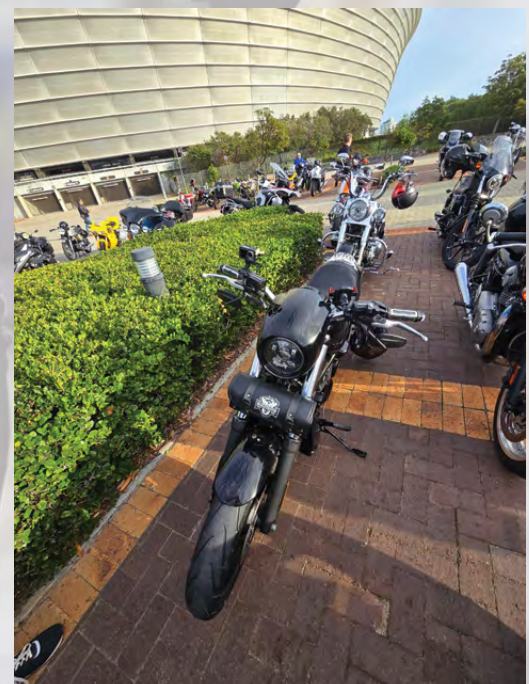


Rev and back-fire was the noisy cacophony of sound thru Camps Bay.

Diners popping from the breakfast tables to take photographs. Eventually the road opened after Bakoven and it was time to stretch the legs of the older bikes. Into Hout Bay and back-firing

down Suikerbossie, round the circle and quietly up the back road past the horse stables.

Soon Constantia Nek circle appeared, and the mass ride turned left towards Kirstenbosch.





For some strange reason, the Odysseus riders turned into Constantia Nek La Parada. For some unknown reason, my Buddy BL was waiting for us inside. Distinguished gentlemen were offered the Terrace seats, and service was quick. Alongside us a tour group from New Zealand who took a keen interest in these DGR guys. My buddy was keen to chat, but we had an end goal to achieve, so two down and away we went. Come back shouted my Buddy, but he promised he would be at the Gun Battery.

We scooted down thru Kirstenbosch and stretched the bikes along the M3 and back to the Gun Battery. The mass crush for the bar, and

Devil's Peak caravan had subdued, so we ambled across, grabbing a Wurst bread roll, on the way. It does not take long for my Buddy to settle-in, and again we were talking to others, eventually being amongst the last to leave.

Will I do it again? Off Course!! And will you be joining me, and the other 100 Dapper Gentlemen is just your conscience away from the cause of saving other men's lives through research for Men's prostate cancer, Men's Mental health, and the new group First Responder trauma.

Must Have Beer.... Ride Dapper.



Why the Ride!

PROSTATE CANCER

Globally, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men are living with or beyond a prostate cancer diagnosis.

WHAT IS PROSTATE CANCER?

When cells in the prostate multiply too quickly and grow out of control, this creates a cancerous tumour. Often, this type of cancer grows slowly and doesn't cause big problems right away. Sometimes, however, prostate cancer can be fast-growing and spread to other parts of the body, causing major damage. Catching cancer early, so that your doctor can keep an eye on it and recommend next steps, is ideal. If the cancer is caught later, you may still have options to work through with your healthcare team that put your quality of life first.

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTORS FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

Prostate is particularly common in men over 50. If you're 50 or over, it's important to talk to your GP about keeping yourself healthy and any ongoing tests you may need as part of your health check-ups. If you have a family history of prostate cancer or sub-Saharan African ancestry, you need to start that conversation earlier at 40 to 45. Guidelines can be different, depending on where you live — so check with your doctor.

SEE YOU IN THE NEXT ISSUE

QATAR 1 08 - 10 MAR	PORTUGAL 2 22 - 24 MAR	ARGENTINA 3 05 - 07 APR	AMERICAS 4 12 - 14 AUG
SPAIN 5 26 - 28 APR	FRANCE 6 10 - 12 MAY	CATALUNYA 7 24 - 26 MAY	ITALY 8 31 - 02 MAY - JUN
KAZAKHSTAN 9 14 - 16 JUN	NETHERLANDS 10 28 - 30 JUN	GERMAN 11 05 - 07 JUL	BRITISH 12 02 - 04 AUG
AUSTRIA 13 16 - 18 SEP	ARAGON 14 30 - 01 AUG - SEP	SAN MARINO 15 06 - 08 SEP	INDIA 16 20 - 22 SEP
INDONESIA 17 27 - 29 SEP	JAPAN 18 04 - 06 OCT	AUSTRALIA 19 18 - 20 OCT	THAILAND 20 25 - 27 OCT
MALAYSIA 21 01 - 03 NOV	VALENCIA 22 15 - 17 NOV	MOTOGP 2024 CALENDAR	

MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS			
LEFT TURN Arm and hand extended left, palm facing down	RIGHT TURN Arm and hand extended right, palm facing down	STOP Arm and hand at 90° angle up with palm facing back	
SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down, while swinging arm down	SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up, while swinging arm upward	HAZARD IN ROAD On left hand with left hand on right palm with right hand	
FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	COME AROUND/TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended under finger pointing out while swinging arm from back to front	PULL OFF Arm extended under finger pointing out while swinging arm from left to over head	
SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up	RISE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up	
FUEL STOP Palm to fuel tank	COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with thumb up and down motion	REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth	
TURN SIGNAL ON Extend arm while pointing and waving hand	POLICE AHEAD Tap top of head or salute with palm of hand	CYCLE RUSH Bicycle with rider	

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