



Sudwala Chalets
Share Block (Pty) Ltd.

SUDWALA LODGE

SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

Dear Valued Shareholder

The Festive Season is once again upon us and we are preparing to put 2017 behind us. We hope you have the opportunity to kickback with your loved ones and take some time off in the coming days and month. In the meanwhile, allow us to get right into the newsletter and what has been happening at Sudwala Lodge, during the second half of the year.

LATEST AND GREATEST HAPPENINGS AT SUDWALA LODGE

As always we aim to improve constantly, to make Sudwala even more special for you and a place you can make memories with loved ones. The second half of 2017 is no exception.

Let's get into it:



There is a saying that goes: to plant a garden or tree is to believe in tomorrow; and because we want your children's, children's, children to love and enjoy Sudwala Lodge – we continue to add to our nursery and plant more trees. On Casual Day 2017, each of Sudwala's Departments planted a new tree along the River – to show our belief in the future and future generations – so that the Sudwala legacy lives on. We have also established a succulent garden that we completed at the end of October. These plants are nice and hardy, need very little water and add some extra greenery to the Resort. Sticking with the gardens, we have established new irrigation systems at the Main Swimming Pool area and various other places on the Resort – this ensures that the grounds are easily maintained and always looking great.



In addition to the ones we have established previously, nine bat hotels have been put up all over the Resort grounds– keeping these intriguing and endangered species safe in their own little home-sweet-homes.



On the topic of the Resort grounds, several areas at the Lodge have been repainted. Firstly, the tennis courts look brand new after they were retouched with paint – ready for you and the family's next tennis dual. Le Fera Restaurant's wood areas, like the deck, have also been sanded down and treated. And the Giant Noughts-and-Crosses/Tic-Tac-Toe has also been freshened up.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some Interesting Resort Facts:



Le Fera Restaurant bakes fresh bread rolls every other day and bakes their own scrumptious butter biscuits that are complimentary with the hot beverages served at Le Fera.



For Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Women's Day and for several guests' birthdays (alone), **we baked for over 360 minutes;** using 8.2 kg of flour, 154 eggs and 5 kg of sugar.



We blow up between 15 and 25 balloons per week for check-in – which means we blow up approximately 1040 balloons a year, to welcome you to your home-away-from-home.




Sudwala Lodge staff raised R1000 for charity on Casual Day.




In the School Holiday Programme, there are over 50 fun activities per week, (approximately seven items per day), to keep both the younger and older guests happy and entertained.

 **Sticking with the entertainment areas** – we are establishing a fishpond at the Mini-Golf area. We know several younger guests are excited about this because of the fish that they will be able to “visit” and see, during a fun game of mini-golf. Across the pond and lawn to the Volleyball Court; this area is now sporting new lights! So you and the family can enjoy a game of night volleyball.

 **To make our Meet-and-Greet Braais even more special**, we have purchased eight fire baskets. This creates a lovely warm atmosphere. Besides this, we have also expanded the Boma area, which makes it absolutely perfect for our outdoor movie nights every Saturday (established in September). This is a massive hit with guests as we couple this with a bring-and-braai – we supply the pap and sauce, popcorn and “slushies” –to really bring home that (outdoor) cinema feel.

 **The next time you visit** – please be on the lookout for the HUGE, new signage board at the Resort Entrance that announces you have arrived at you home-away-from-home.

 **And finally, we identified couches in certain units that were replaced.** We will continue to look at, from the small to the big, things we can do, where possible, to ensure you have only the best stay with us.

YOUR RESORT STORY SECTION



We received a wonderful letter from one of our valued Shareholders, Gillian Behr:

Me and my family and friends have been coming to Sudwala Lodge forever! Not sure how many years now – close to 30 I think. We unfortunately haven't visited for a couple of years as it is terribly far by road and the grandchildren are very restless in the car for such a long period of time.

But, we have planned on coming back next year and look forward to seeing all the wonderful changes and improvements that have been made.

Our favourite “thing” to do over the years has been the hike up the mountain behind the Lodge and we have always enjoyed sitting up top and enjoying the views. We have so enjoyed the grounds and the gardens which always look so lovely. And of course - the welcome braai on the Monday night has always been so enjoyable. Sitting in the freezing June cold in front of that enormous fire. I remember the days when the fire was made in the coco pans that had been brought down from the mine up behind the Lodge. We used to take a walk up to the mine every year but it has now become so overgrown we probably wouldn't find our way! It is also so central for visiting the Kruger and all the other locations on the map.

So, yes - we love Sudwala Lodge and do hope to visit for many years to come.

** The letter was slightly shortened (not altered) due to space constraints.*

Thank you to Gillian Behr and family for sharing these special memories!



Don't forget to share your photos, stories, recipes and favourite memories with us at YourResortStory@oaks.co.za

FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD – LE FERA RESTAURANT



As awesome as it is to braai and cook at your home-sweet-home unit – mom and dad also deserve a break from the braai and stove and that dreaded question: “what's for supper?”. Le Fera Restaurant is the perfect answer to this and the opportunity for mom and dad to have break, without breaking the budget.

Not to be missed at Le Fera are the Gourmet Milkshakes and Burgers. Indulge in a delicious Peanut Butter Surprise, Marshmallow Pop, Peppermint Crisp Delight, Oreo Swirl or BarOne Surprise; and with it, a mouth-watering Saucy Mushroom or Spicy Pepper Burger, Bacon and Cheeseburger, or Creamy Spinach and Feta Burger ...







Le Fera's parmesan dipped fries remain one of the guests favourites, as do so many of the other meals (from the curries, to the pizzas and the pasta dishes). Don't take our word for it – come and try the deliciously yummy dishes for yourself.








There is nothing more South African than a braai and with it, all the trimmings. So, Sudwala thought we'd share one of our favourite braai sides with you. Whether you make it when you come and visit, or at home this Festive Season – we hope you enjoy it.

YUMMY IN YOUR TUMMY MEALIE-CHEESE BREAD

What You Need:

-  500 g self-raising flour
-  250 g cheddar cheese, grated
-  1 tin of sweetcorn
-  500 ml buttermilk
-  1 large onion, chopped
-  1 x KNORR cheese and bacon flavour potato bake

How to Make this Yumminess:

-  Preheat the oven to 180° C.
-  Take a little bit of cheese and set aside. Take the remaining cheese, self-raising flour, sweet corn, buttermilk, diced onion and cheese and bacon potato bake and mix in a large bowl.
-  Spray non-stick spray into, or grease, one large oven pan, or two smaller pans and pour in the dough. Now sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top.
-  Place in the oven for an hour or until golden and cooked through.
-  Remove, pop out of the tins and serve hot or once cooled with butter.

WE ♥ SUDWALA

There is so much to love about Sudwala Lodge, starting with the matchless surrounds – the sounds of the Houtbosloop River meandering through the Resort, the screech of the owls and cries of the bush babies at night, the crackling of the fire at your braai, the calls, chirps and songs of the numerous bird species during the day. *The views are unparalleled – bush, mountain and river view in one setting.*

Then there are the numerous activities at the Resort. The Mountain hike remains as popular as ever and we have now created a milder nature walk along the River for younger children and guests that prefer a less strenuous “outing”. The milder nature walk is used to teach interested guests about the different bird calls and identifying small animal spoor. *We also now offer our hiking guests a special memento. We take photos of guests doing the Mountain hike and place it in a Sudwala themed frame for guests to collect at the end.*

What else do guests love – the Saturday Outdoor Movie Nights (as we mentioned before), the weekly colour run and good old fashioned 60s/80s disco with glow sticks and laser lights, during school holidays. The pony feeding and the newly established pony rides prove to be popular and loved by our younger guests. Then of course there are the water balloon volleyball tournaments, foam parties, water aerobics, traditional games (“boeresport”) and more.

And how can we forget the love Sudwala guests have for Le Fera Restaurant, their specials and campaigns like “Mom’s Night Off” where - for R75 per adult – you enjoy a delicious three-course meal and for only R35 per child, yummy food and entertainment for the kids too.

Yes, from the nature, to the activities, to the friendly staff and Resort Facilities – *what’s not to love?*



**Don't Miss Out on
Fun and Delicious
Christmas and New
Year's Festivities
and Food**



at Le Fera Restaurant. Visit:
www.sudwalalodge.com/facilities.php
for the Details and Menus.





IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please note that our RHS Head Office will be closed from the 18th of December 2017 to the 2nd of January 2018. We will return for business as usual on Wednesday, 03 January 2018.

From 18 to 20 December there will be a skeleton staff available to deal with urgent enquiries; however we do expect high call volumes and ask that you please contact us before then for general enquiries.

Levy payments: Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. (This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.) For alternative payment arrangements, please contact Property Admin: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za

Spacebanking and rentals: Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process them. Please contact Property Admin at: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za.

Occupation dates: Please note that resort calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2018 calendar available on the following link: www.sudwalalodge.com/docs/SudwalaLodgeCalendar2018.pdf



Until 2018

As we find ourselves near the end of 2017 and the start of the Festive Season, we would like to thank you for another memorable year. A year where we achieved Silver Crown status once again, a year where we improved our standards month after month and a year we are grateful to have you a part of the shareholder family. On behalf of RHS and Sudwala Lodge, may you have a blessed final stretch of 2017 and go into the New Year refreshed, encouraged and filled with renewed energy. Until we speak again – “Great things are done by a series of small things that are brought together”.

Season's Greetings

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