

# 38 Ice Times

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## So, what makes November special?

It's the quiet before the storm - before the invasion of the migrants that fly (sail) here for the summer. Some breed here too.

But countless other things also happened in November, like it's the only November this year.

November is also about taking all the opportunities to be outside because of the improved weather conditions. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to the night, the stars and lady aurora. After much speculation and down right guessing, the last sunset was at midnight November 13<sup>th</sup>. An appropriate date to start the 24 hour sunshine period typical of summer.



## Not so fast

Don't for one moment think we waited till the 13<sup>th</sup> to kick off - the first of November saw a Celtic New Year celebration with all dressed as participants in the movie BRAVE HEART that showed in Cine 1 and acted as back ground for a lengthy wrestling match. All in good spirit, the wrestling match only produced carpet burns, mainly on the knees....



While on the subject, the **top 7 and a half educational movies for November** were :

- How to walk and chew tooth picks at the same time.
- The outlaw Josey Kromhout.
- Advanced Caterpillar driving for dummies.
- PWD's video on how to cover the Antarctic in used welding rods.
- Creative ways to write reports that won't be read anyway.
- 101 Ways of dividing satellite time between three bases.
- How to constantly eat and still stay slim.

**and topping the charts,**

- How to upset the department by having lots of party pictures in the newsletter.

There is normally a best book list for the month too, but unfortunately none of the team members can read, so for this month then, as for all the previous months:

- A Visual Guide to Mating Calls. (mainly for animals)

## Guy Fawks

Getting back to the activities of the month, Guy Fawks, unlike what the name suggests, has nothing to do with gay guys having fun and we celebrated it in high spirit(s). The lack of fire works, piro techniques or hand grenades did not distract and somewhere from last year's Xmas decorations, a few crackers were found and used to great effect.



## Sorry, here's another

Fanus celebrated his birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup> and, as it is an excuse to party, everyone joined in. There was a braai, a cake, a cake throwing contest, a present, a snow shower, a snowball fight, a video (no wrestling this time) and a headache for everyone to enjoy. Here is a gallery of events that probably really took place:



## For the Romantic at Heart

New moon was on the 8<sup>th</sup>

Full moon was on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

No Moon was on the 29<sup>th</sup> (there were clouds in the sky)

## Can't keep a good Man down

As was predicted in the papers, the end of the century did bring a disaster - our booze ran out. But then, if the Germans can brew schnaps from cabbage, then we can brew beer from apples and potatoes, onions, sunlight liquid and skidoo fuel. It has been refined to such a degree that it is a fully marketed product now, exported as collectors items all over the Antarctic. The Germans in particular have dumped their cabbage schnaps in favor of our ANTAPPELTIKA (best drunk when drunk already - which is no problem anyway)

Proud brew masters and founding members are Karolus and Brianos with late comer Drunken, also wanting to share in the explosive profits of this young and dynamic company.



## James's query corner

- Can Champagne corks kill?
- Do Snow Petrels enjoy sex?
- Can I tell myself I'm a radio announcer?
- &%\$,...\*&@...!?? (only with KWV)
- What is the new meaning of "laying a depo"?
- What is "death by bunda"?

Answers to PO Box 1, Ysplaas, Antarctica.



## One throw is three arrows

This concept we quickly learnt from the Germans after we lost the first darts game. Now, at the end of the year, we are the proud holders of the All Antarctic (and Islands) darts championships trophy, which is a mounted brandy bottle (empty, because of Mike) on a piece of indigenous Antarctic Container wood. For those who are as yet still uninformed, we play darts against other bases by radio or telephone. A very novel idea for South Africans, as you have to be honest.



## But we did work too...a little

We just can't remember when. Was it in February or maybe June? No, in February we were still more than ten and June was dark, so it must have been after that?

Anyway, whatever, route marker poles had to be planted to lead the masses in and we did that with vigor. Even erected sign boards for those who get lost easily. We found the Half-Way Hotel (Caboose) deserted and also half buried under the

season's snow. Quite a pity the dancing girls left - it was always the main attraction for the Hotel. Even the food was cold and frozen. Will have to complain to management about all this.



E-Base was still there, but nothing else was - everything had to be dug from the snow. At least the bay-ice was thick enough to stand on. We can now report its thick enough for the Challengers to drive on as we jumped up and down a few times just to make sure.



## The winner of Quiz #11

The question was:

What do you do if you can't find a skidoo at Paarden Eiland?

And the answer is:

You say it fell into a crevasse at SANAE.

And the person who got the answer right was:  
(Name withheld for promotional reasons)

### ...and more work!

We have a new virus in the base; its called Niel-the -slave-driver virus. The Riometer, one of the scientific projects will be re-vamped during the take-over and the old one had to be dug out and removed to make space for the all new improved version. This is where the spade got its new name: The Antarctic snow pump. The work was hard, the pay low, the hours long, the foreman unreasonable and the pliers blunt - but its out and the virus is cured. Happy to say.



### Last but not THE last ...we'll be back

The arrival of the aliens caused a bit of excitement. A party followed, how else, they don't visit every millenium! Actually, to tell the truth, they have been here during winter too and they said they have never been to such raucous parties anywhere in the universe and they'll be back. We did not take them serious, but there you are. They have very difficult inter galactic names, P, K and Kh (the purple one), so we just called them Piet, Koos and Khumalo for short.



P, K and Kh ariving.



The Aliens dinner in their honor.

### Scientific Research

Oh, yes we also do scientific research here but we have not had much chance for that. So, in short, during November A.D.1999 the following was observed and were proudly noted:

1. It was cold and no rain fell.
2. The ozone hole got bigger and mike fell into it.
3. We saw a bird. (maybe it was a plane?)
4. The air pressure dropped so low, we had to bend down to see it.



5. We can't sleep so much any more because the sun does not want to go away.
6. The Pharmacy ran out of Salussa 45 and out of Band-Aid too, but they still have chutney.
7. DEA must be getting worried because they phone here all the time (maybe they have nowhere else to phone?).
8. November only has 30 days.
9. 911 is not a toll free number.
10. Science is a space/time problem.

### On that high note

We just want to thank all our sponsors for still wanting to know us and in particular to AGFA who supplied digital camera equipment without which we could have never taken such memorable pictures of our feet and of the ceiling. Also to SAB for bidding to buy out ANTAPPELTIKA Co.Pty not so Limited.

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Also a special tribute to the little children, that ensured our sense of humor - rest in peace.



### Amper vergeet ek

Vir die mense wat nie kan engels lees nie - toemaar dis nie meer nodig nie. Solank jy net Afrikaans in

al die ander 11 tale van ons land kan lees. Onthou net 'dumela' is nie 'n ander naam vir 'n dominee nie en so is 'pasela' ook nie 'n ander naam vir inkopies nie.

### ADVANCED SANTA CLAUSE CERTIFICATION (follow-on)

Big money making possibility - rip off thousands. Real reindeer and all. Learn to kick Rudolph. Play with Snow White (or the 7 dwarfs, whatever turns you on) If you phone within the next 30 minutes, you also get a snow ball absolutely free. Call: 911 **NOW**.

### 2000 Calendar

Last year you gave your neighbor all your old ties for Xmas, now give him this outstanding calendar. If you pay us, we'll even print it for you! It is out of this world and there are nude pictures of all the team members. Just the gift for a nursery school too. Interested? Then listen to this one: A calendar that would make you feel as cool as it looks, with pictures that you can't find anywhere in the world except here on Antarctica. For further information, contact Elza Cromarty Tel: (012) 335 6172 (H)

**Jokes aside, this calendar really is great and a Y2K must have!**

I don't know how to get rid of this %\$# table, so I'll put something in it:

### Sanae 38 favorites

T-Bone	Vegetarian	Loved (with brandy)
Pap & Wors	Very trendy	Loved by some
Cheese Curls	MSG	Can't do without
Sunscreen	Fattening	Mostly forgotten

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**All the best, have a great festive time - cheers, Kaalpoort**

