

# ICE TIMES – SANAE 38

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## MID-WINTER.

### CHRISTMAS IN ANTARCTICA.

We all know that Christmas is a time for giving. Well we are very thankful for what we received. Besides the good food, decorations, presents and festival air we also experienced one of our warmest days, -8 degrees, with SNOW.

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Celebrating Mid Winter outside

Through out the day messages of cheer and well wishes arrived via telephone, fax and e-mail. We took the time to chat with our German friends at Neumayer, after their valiant attempt to reach us using their specially designed ice breaking zodiac - Rubber Duck. The English team at Halley and our ardent supporters at Gough and Marion islands.

To US President Bill Clinton and all the other Antarctic Stations, prominent figures back home and old team members we thank you for your messages of good will.

To those who could not attend the festivities due to adverse conditions and last minute glitches we would like to extend our warmest sympathies. You missed out big time.

## ART EXPOSE'.

### COMPANJE' ARTISTE DE VESLE'

Presented the works of some vibrant new artists. The evening was co-hosted by the eccentric couple Karolle De Costa and Ryan-osta Elasteeke. De Costa catering services provided the informal dinner. And the various artists donated the fine wines and liquors consumed during this auspicious occasion.

With hilarious informality the esteemed or should I say spirituous artists were allowed to present their works to the knowledgeable audience. The presentations were done in the 11 official languages with Pseudo-European accents being used freely.

The pieces as seen and interpreted by this reporter:

#### Denial Mallemaan.

Computer graphics of the year 2000 melt down. Or was it hallucinations of illegal substance abuse?

#### De'hungcan Krome Harte'.

Masochistic re-enactment :-)) heavy vehicle compaction of photographic equipment..

#### Brianos Elasteeke.

Alien-anal tracking device.

#### Karolle de Costa.

Death of snake due to ingestion of poison apple.

#### Andrias Bhootjie.

Metallic supporters for the enlightenment of burned toast.

#### Janios Attevedios.

Taking us back to the roots of SANAE with a wooden presentation of "Huisie op die Berg".

#### Kondaar Masselhassie.

A 'breast' of certain anatomical symmetries of life. Warped rendition of birds and the bees.

#### Mighael Baygstocke.

Circling shapes of frustration and confusion as seen by the intoxicated when confronted by pure sobriety.

### **Stefanies Oelyrivierra.**

Boxed in longing for an Egyptian goddess depicted in the color blue.

### **Arnista Oetsidaar.**

After managing pain and suffering, life can still be a picnic after all.

The evening's events were sponsored by, "Creepy Crawly" and "Slip and Slide", as demonstrated by Karolle de Costa, much later in the evening.



Beware the distributors of poisoned apples.  
By Karolle de Costa

### **LIVE RADIO.**

Amazing, Incredible, ....., we were on live radio.

We had the opportunity to hear music over the radio and even listen to a traffic report. Compliments of "Radio Sonder Grense" and "Radio Punt".

From the police file section:

Mrs. Olivier found her long lost son. The sudden 8-month lull in the mysterious so called "Witch Doctor Muti Murders", where human hearts were staked out on poles, has been seen in a new light. The police now want Mr. Mike Cromhout for questioning.

In the family section:

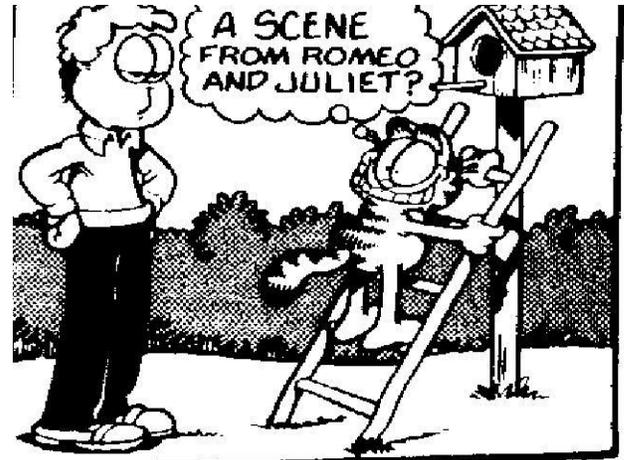
Karel regressed to infancy at the sound of his mother's voice, and I quote, "MammmMA" said in the blubbing monotone of a babe just learning to speak. And the Doctors family is keeping close tabs on him.

We spoke to a couple of people who were involved in the SANAE project. Very interesting and educational to say the least.

Broadcasting rights do apply. All tapes made should be instantly destroyed, unless being used to blackmail individuals that made marriage proposals on the air.

### **FILM FESTIVAL.**

Held on Sunday evening the 20th, we were all astonished that we could sit through and enjoy a 'fliiek' filled with the bizarre interruptions that can only be produced by an old 16 mm projector. It all started with a zany cartoon followed by the feature film "Wackiest boat in the Navy". The evening was concluded with a video that actually had an ending. Thanks to the fine selection by our own Movie Man, James, who does not always get it quite right.



### **MID-WINTER OLYMPICS.**

This has been a rather on going affair. Started with the Marathon on the 18th of June at 16h30.

#### **Marathon**

The 'exposure' received by the competitors was truly 'chilling'. Duncan started the event with flare gun in hand. This was also symbolic of the Olympic Flame and used to ensure 100% participation. Needless to say Duncan came in last.

#### **Heli-deck Dash**

Karel won this event. Quoting a spectator, "Man, he streaked away. He left the others staring at his behind."

#### **Pogo-stick**

Andre' took this without challenge. Spade in hand he did not leap ahead at first. He had to dig deep to ensure his victory. He commented later that the first bounce really shocked him, however the frequency of the vibrations carried him along.

### **Tap-dancing**

When all was said and done and the OBS lid was on the floor. Nothing could stop Duncan tapping into the lead.

### **Pool**

Duncan showed great optimism in this section. Issuing a challenge in the bucket that everybody could take two shots for every one he took.

Andre' performed well earning the title of - Andre Side Pocket.

### **Pigs**

This event using two little rubber pigs as dices was a definite no hands, snorting achievement for Fanus 'Bosvark' Olivier.

There have been numerous delays due to adverse conditions (but nothing to do with the weather). To such an extent that most of the really active events had to be postponed indefinitely. Table tennis and dart results should follow within the year.

## **THE TEAM THEME**

"O Lord, it's hard to be humble,  
When we're perfect in every way.  
Can't wait to look in the mirror,  
Cause we get better looking each day.  
To know us is to love us,  
We must be funky young men.  
O Lord, it's hard to be humble,  
But we're doing the best that we can."

## **ALIEN COMUNIQUE' INTERCEPTED**

Thanks to a fine combined effort the following messages were intercepted and deciphered.

Alien - Forgetfulness Multiple Limbicuss - is being deported for leaving his, 8 holed, triple Y-fronted, underwear in the Earthling's water making device. (We discovered this Alien garment in 'Smella' when she stopped pumping.)

Certain members of the team have been acting strangely. And others bear scars that they cannot remember receiving. It now appears that Alien research and experiments have been performed on them and certain changes have been introduced.

They have changed their bright light communication system (Aurora Australis) to black. This is due to the

never asleep, always watchful, Conrad intercepting their color-coded messages.

They have launched the 'Mike Virus', far worse than the Y2K- Bug. The Mike Virus is slowly nibbling away at our software programs leaving its calling card. An empty folder called - MIKE -

They have planted a retro-communication bug in James's head, to be activated immediately on the consumption of a single glass of Sherry. (This clarifies why James speaks backwards when he drinks Sherry and only Sherry.)

They were totally confused after extracting the following message from Ryan's head. "Hi Mom. Enjoying myself here. Where am I?"

And Karel's melodious whistling over the HF Radio, when trying to draw the attention of the German and English radio operators, have left them totally baffled.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To our own secret agent James 00?  
Happy birthday buddy. Hope you had a good one.  
We eventually managed to decipher his birthday speech by playing it BACKWARDS.

"I can not wait for the Dirty Thirties. I am going to take Bloemfontein by storm. It will never be the same again. I am going to start 'James Lingo'. It will become the 12th official language."

## **ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES.**

*What became of the Maya?  
Where did the Inca go?  
Are you searching for Nirvana?*

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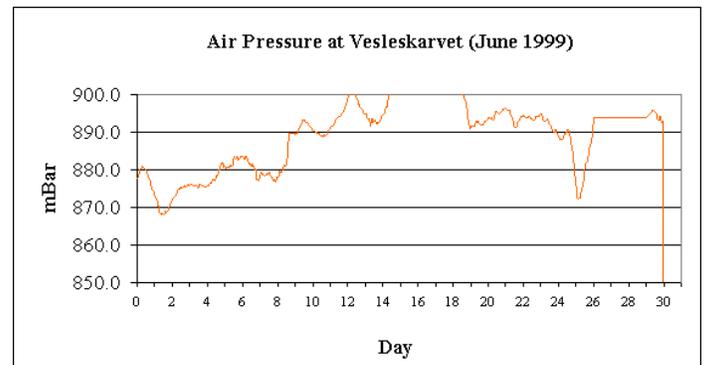
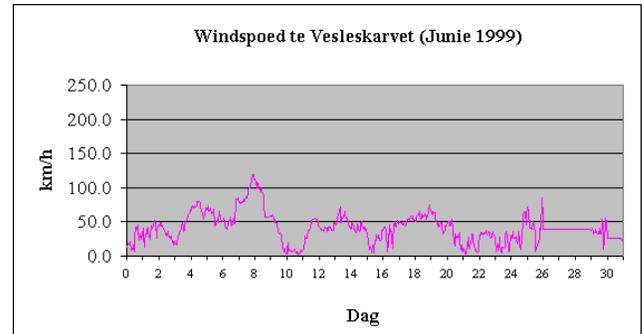
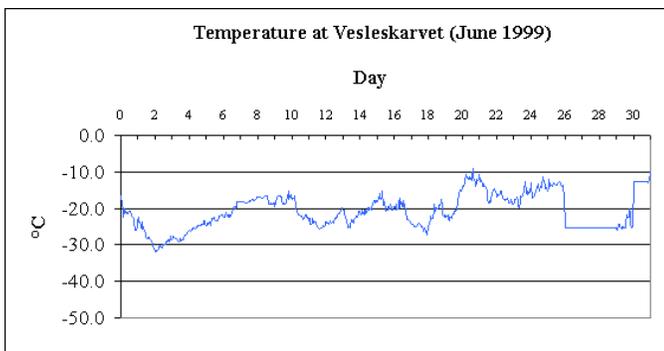


Ernest doing the Egyptian snow walk.

## The weather

Not too bad for a month. We experienced the highest pressures so far this year and possibly ever at Vesles (note that these are the actual pressures and not corrected for altitude - 848m). The flat region on the graphs between 26 and 29 June is due to a network server failure and we cannot remember all that well what the weather was like to fill it in manually. It was generally a very mild month.

	Minimum	Gemiddeld	Maksimum
Temperatuur	-32.1	-20.7	-8.5
Windspoed	0.0	42.0	137.7
Windrigting	0.2	137.0	359.8
Lugdruk	868.1	889.9	916.2



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