

## Rietspruitdam Rally Weekend: 19 to 21 January 2024

Rietspruitdam Recreational Resort was such a lovely surprise to everyone. Beautiful gardens, shady stands, well-maintained lawns and immaculate ablution facilities! And then, of course, the dam – not smelly at all. It offered the ideal backdrop for a successful camping venue.

Friday started a bit windy, but everyone managed to settle in for the Meet & Greet at 5 pm on an open lawn patch in full shade behind large willow trees.



Karel welcomed the motorhomers, all 26 of them, especially Pieter and Erina Schutte with their 75th rally, a great achievement! Congratulations, Pieterina, who are always positive and great companions at the rallies.

The fishing competition started at 7 am on Saturday morning on a windless day. A lot of rods were entered and the fish really played their part, with more than 30 fish being caught. The prize for the largest fish (3.423kg) went to one of our younger participants, Christiaan, grandson of Alan Boucher. Congratulations on that great catch! Anneke Fourie won the prize for the heaviest bag, clocking a staggering 4.45kg bag.

It was a fun event, even for the non-fishermen, who was entertained by the beautiful scenery and excitement at the dam shores! Don't forget the camaraderie of the ladies, who all helped to keep the throats wet with tea and coffee, and of course, rusks and biscuits to round it all off!



At sunset we had a lovely communal braai, which was well attended and enjoyed under clear skies and great companionship. The resort arranged ten tables with table cloths, which contributed to a comfortable, relaxing dinner under the open skies.



All agreed that it was a day well spent and relaxing, and went to bed to be up and about again for Sunday morning.

Sunday morning devotion was lead by Jay Bezuidenhout, which was followed by the Chairman's Tea.



The following persons were congratulated on their birthdays:

Hennie Möller, Elbie Stols, Elsabé van Dalen, Alan Boucher and his grandson.



The winners of the fishing competition received their certificates and the entrance fees were split between the winners. JP also won a prize for catching ZERO fish!



The wooden spoon was presented up-side to Erina for her enjoyment of all the full-size mirrors in the showers!!



Tea and eats concluded the rally, which will be a memorable event for everyone. This venue will certainly become a regular camping resort on the future planning of MCSA Northvaal.

