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Meet Sheet, Jan to Jun 2010

Date	Meet Description	Contact Details	Grade
1 - 3 Jan	New Year's Hike to Tarn Cave, spend 2 nights there. Relaxed easy hiking. Lots to do, such as climb the Devil's Knuckles, swimming, suntanning, explore the plentiful yet untapped bouldering potential in the area, plus stunning photographic opportunities. If sufficient interest we can hike up on 31 Dec and make 3 nights of it, including a New Year's Eve party	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	3 - 5
9-Jan	Cliff Rescue Practice, Venue is Monteseel unless advised otherwise	Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	Rescue
16 - 17 Jan	Eagle Rock Climbing Weekend. Pleasant camping and great climbing on sport or trad. Game viewing from your mountain bike.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	2 - 5
22 - 24 Jan	Mooihoek meet: Our farm is ideal for walking, birding, swimming in crystal clear rivers, mountain biking, lots of trad climbing potential. Beautiful grasslands, with indigenous forests. No electricity, tap-water, phone reception! Come join me on the last wonderfully unspoilt places in this country. Its near Paul Pietersburg (on the border between KZN and Mpumalanga).	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949	2 - 5
28-Jan	KZN Bouldering League, please contact leader for venue	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
29-Jan	Friday afternoon/evening Full Moon Night Climbing at Monteseel	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949	5
30 -31 Jan	Injasuthi Hike - Hike to Lower Injasuthi Cave and return via Marble Baths and Grindstone Caves	Steve Cooke, 082 554 4883	3
31-Jan	Dry Mouthed Guild : The DMG is all about pushing your grade on trad. Look out for email announcements of the venue or contact the meet leaders. This event is traditionally followed by a Wet Mouthed Guild meeting in the nearest pub.	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949, Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	5
6 - 7 Feb	Swinburne meet: I will happily spend Saturday morning doing a Compact Beginner Sport Climbing course for beginners coming along - but let me know in advance! Bring your friends and family and come spend the weekend with us!	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949	2 - 5
11-Feb	KZN Bouldering League (SANCF certified competition) , please contact leader for venue	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
13 - 14 Feb	Weekend meet to Cambalala Hut. Mountain-bike Mike's Pass and the Jeep Track. Hikers can climb Organ Pipes, Tuthumi or even Cleft Peak as a day walk.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	2 - 5
14-Feb	Trad climbing at Boothill. Long steep routes, many in 17 to 23 grade range. Potential for a stunning multi-pitch traverse - come open it. Start at first light. I can email you an extended route guide .	Bruce Tomalin, Bruce.tomalin@mondigroup.co.za 0722241128.	5
20-Feb	Rescue training exercise in conjunction with SAAF, Monteseel. Alternative date is 27 Feb	Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	Rescue
21-Feb	Bouldering at Umgeni Valley, come and explore the new bouldering area. Beginners, hikers and spectators are welcome. Enjoy a fantastic day in the Umgeni Valley Reserve	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	2 - 5
25-Feb	KZN Bouldering League (SANCF certified competition) , please contact leader for venue	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
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5 - 7 March	Rory Lowther Memorial Challenge, Swinburne. A great weekend that takes the form of a climbing competition. You can climb, run or walk various routes to amass as many points as possible.	enter and find info online at www.rorylowther.co.za	5
6 - 7 March	Weekend Hike up the Mzimkulu pipeline (a rock formation) to Fun Cave with the possibility to hike up Mzimkulu Pass.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	3

6 -7 March	Cambalala Work Meet	Clem Robins, 031 701 6810 (h), 082 771 2514 (cell)	1 - 3
11-Mar	KZN Bouldering League (SANCF certified competition) , please contact leader for venue	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
14-Mar	Rock-climbing at Boot Hill	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
20 - 22 March	Highmoor - Mkomazi Wilderness -Kamberg. 3 day hike taking in some unspoilt wilderness and seldom visited San paintings. Tents required.	Steve Cooke, 082 554 4883	4
20-22 March	High traverse in the Mweni area. Ascending Rockeries Pass and traversing south to return via Ntonjelane Pass, taking in an ascent (the easy way) of the North Peak en-route.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	4
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8-Apr	KZN Bouldering League (SANCF certified competition) , please contact leader for venue	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
10 - 11 April	Hike the Bell Traverse. If there is sufficient interest we will do a partial walk-in on the Friday to give time to climb the Bell or the Mitre	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	4 - 5
10 - 11 April	Wilson's Cave in Drakensberg Garden area, exploring	Clem Robins, 031 701 6810 (h), 082 771 2514 (cell)	3
18-Apr	Bouldering at Umgeni Valley, training for the national final. Beginners, hikers and spectators are welcome. Enjoy a fantastic day in the Umgeni Valley Reserve	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	1 - 5
24 April - 2 May	Travel to Namibia to climb the Spitzkoppe and as many surrounding peaks as possible. You will need passport and some large water containers for desert camping.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731 (cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	2 - 5
23 - 27 April	Easter Escarpment hike from Duart Castle (Lotheni) to Bushmansnek. Passports necessary	Tod Collins, tcollins@isat.co.za, 033-7011092 (w), 033-7011122 (h), 083-3501662	4
24 - 27 April	National Bouldering League Final in Gauteng (SANCF certified competition)	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5
24-27 April	Climb the North Peak Frontal route on the Saddle - A very serious Drakensberg peak, get yourself a team and join us for the climb, or come along for the hike, we could do with company and would love to have cave-sitters	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949	3 - 5
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29 Apr - 01 May	Rescue training exercise in conjunction with SAAF in Himeville Area	Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	Rescue
1 - 2 May	Cambalala Work Meet	Clem Robins, 031 701 6810 (h), 082 771 2514 (cell)	2
8 - 9 May	Family Weekend. Camping at Cobham Nature Reserve. A number of easy and scenic day walks from this venue. Bring your mountain bikes as well. Children welcome	Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	1 -2
15 - 16 May	Hiking Trip to Whyte's Cave taking in some San rock art en-route.	Margaret Brown, 082 055 2143	3
15-May	Wave Cave re-bolting day. First time bolters welcome, training will be given	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	5

22 - 23 May	Drakensberg Escarpment Traverse : Ascend Organ Pipes or Tuthumi Pass, overnight in Roland's Cave and return via Tlanyaku Pass and the Didima valley. You need to be very fit for this hike.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731(cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	4
29 - 30 May	Bushman's Nek Traverse : Hike to Tarn Cave, traverse under the Devil's Knuckles and return via Lammergeier Cave	Steve Cooke, 082 554 4883	3
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5-Jun	Cliff Rescue Practice. Venue to be announced, possibly combined with the Sani Ice Climbing meet, subject to ice conditions.	Gavin Raubenheimer - 082 990 5876 - gavin@peakhigh.co.za	Rescue
5 - 6 June	Sani Pass Iceclimbing Meet . The opening meet of the 2010 ice season. Passports essential. The trip is subject to suitable ice conditions	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731(cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	5
12 - 13 June	Exploration Trip to Hela-Hela: Trad climbing, mountain biking, hiking; suitable for families	For info contact Dave Drummond, 084 607 0818, DaveD@ssi.co.za	1 - 5
12 - 13 June	Schoongesicht Cave in Didima Valley, exploring	Clem Robins, 031 701 6810 (h), 082 771 2514 (cell)	
16 - 20 June	Ice-climbing at Giant's Castle.	James Voortman 031 763 5000 (h) , 082 466 1731(cell), jamesv@icon.co.za	5
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June School Holidays	Early warning June/July: Escape the WC crowds, come camping and trad climbing on sea cliffs of Morgans Bay. Learn to jam! The energetic can use Mbay as a base to visit Hogsback, Fort Fordyce, Alicedale - all with first rate sport, trad + bouldering. Book camp site at Double Mouth on 043-7424450. "	Bruce Tomalin, Bruce.tomalin@mondigroup.co.za 0722241128. C ya there.	1 - 5
July Camp	Advance notice : JulyCamp is usually held during the first 2 weeks of July but you need to book beforehand. The camp will be held in the Bushman's Nek area this year, giving potential for some climbs and hikes in the Southern Berg	Rikki Abbot Cell 082 538 5389, Tel 033 330 3921, Fax 033 330 8412, e-mail rikki.abbott@dae.kzntl.gov.za	2 - 5
Mt Kenya	Advance Notice : A trip to climb Nelion and Batian on Mt Kenya is being planned. Hikers and climbers are both welcome. If planning to climb, you need to have a climbing partner. For dates and further info, contact the meet leader to get onto the mailing list	Hannelie Morris, 084 486 2949	4 - 5
UPDATES : This meetsheet is periodically updated on the club's website. Be sure to check http://kzn.mcsa.org.za/meetsheet.pdf for the latest revisions			
First Wed monthly	Slide Shows at Berea Rovers, Durban , 7:30pm - see newsletters for details. Slides of recent trips may be brought along to show informally afterwards	Eric Penman - 0768679972	Social
Last Wed monthly	Slide Shows at CROSSWAYS, Pietermaritzburg , 7:30pm - see newsletters for details. Slides of recent trips may be shown informally afterwards. Note we are no longer meeting at the Hilton Hotel	Ian Bailey - 083 269 6201 - ian.bailey@umgeni.co.za	Social
Grading of meets: - 1. Suitable for whole family 2 . Easy Hiking 3. Serious Hike 4. Very Strenuous Hike 5. Rock Climbing			
Where a Berg or other climbing meet has been allocated a grade 1 or 2 or 3 as well as the usual 5, this means that non-climbers are most welcome as hikers on the meet. When unable to take their meet, the meet leader should have contact details of a backup leader. Check the newsletter and website for changes and for details of new meets which may be added.			
Impromptu meets may be arranged at short notice. The details will be distributed by e mail, on the web site and in the newsletter if there is time. Information about meet changes and slide shows will be distributed in the same way. If anyone is going on an impromptu trip and would like to open it to other MCSA members please e mail me at jamesv@icon.co.za or phone me on 082 466 1731 or ask any other committee member to circulate the details.			
Slide shows:- If you know of someone who has interesting slides to show on hiking, climbing or travelling please Contact Ian Bailey 083 269 6201, or Eric Penman - 076 867 9972			