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**NEWS Annual General Meeting**

18th of June at Namibia Scientific Society at 19h00

We would like to motivate all members to attend! We would really love to share the happenings throughout the last year in NEWS with our most valued supporters! We would not be able to do anything without you! Please join us!

**Please Note: Vacancy still not filled!**

**VACANCY:** EVENTS COORDINATOR.
Arranging monthly talks and other events requires some time and energy, more than our present Committee member Andre Mulder can afford. This will bring you in touch with interesting people, help you find out about projects that are underway, and keep you current with environmental topics. **Interested in helping?** Please contact the NEWS Chairperson, John Pallett, 081 2402528

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NEWS still wants YOU to post your pictures and interesting observations of wildlife and Namibia’s fantastic biodiversity. As well as interesting facts and environmental issues that interest you! There is lots of wildlife and interesting stuff out there - please share it! Visit our Facebook page at: https://facebook.com/pages/Namibian-Environment-Wildlife-Society-News/

Windhoek needs you to save water and electricity!!

Windhoek needs all of us to become more conscious of our water and electricity usage! Namibia is already a dry country and with the already less than average rainfall this year we will be running low on water! Please make use of all water saving practices in your homes and businesses alike!

With the current electricity crises in the countries surrounding Namibia, City of Windhoek has stressed the importance of cutting our electricity usage in peak hours! All businesses should be role models when it comes to saving electricity, as far as possible.

**Human Wildlife Conflict Talk** with large carnivores on commercial farms in Namibia:

**By Nikki Rust**

Human-wildlife conflict threatens the livelihoods of farmers and the lives of carnivores in Namibia. There have been many ways suggested to deal with this problem and yet recently there are more instances of conflict now than in the last few generations. For my PhD research, I spent nearly a year living on a livestock farm close to Osire, where I wanted to learn about why this problem still persists and what can be done to improve the situation.

After interviewing over 130 farmers, farm workers, conservationists and government officials and spending countless hours working on farms with livestock, I began to realise that the problem is not quite as simple as carnivores eating livestock and farmers then killing carnivores.

**NEWS membership cards Please Remember...**


NEWS members can now officially look forward to various discount rates offered by the following organisations:

- **Levo Tours** - 25% discount on dolphin cruises in Walvis Bay and sightseeing trips to Sandwich Harbour
- **Eco Marine Kayaking** - 15% discount on kayak cruises in Walvis Bay
- **Felix Unite** - 15% discount on canoe trips on the Orange River and 10% discount on accommodation
- **Toktokkie Trails** - 5% discount on desert hiking trails on the NamibRand Nature Reserve [SADC members further qualify for 50% discount, effectively bring discount for NEWS members to 55%]
- **Dusternbrook** - up to 20% discount (depending on season, etc.) on accommodation and activities.
- **Impalila Island Lodge** - 25% discount
- **Caprivi Houseboat Safaris** – 10% discount
• Ghaub - 20% discount of the applicable accommodation rates whenever they book directly with us, which can be done through our website or direct with Mika at 067-240188. We have also built very comfortable camping sites (with electricity, lights, private bathrooms and lawns) and offer a range of activities including farm drives and a visit to our caves. Our birdlife, variety of trees and game certainly add to the magnificent scenery of the area.

• Huab Lodge offers a 20% discount on a fully inclusive basis which includes accommodation, all meals (with wine/beer/soft drinks with dinner) and activities, but exclude laundry, bar and therapeutic treatment/massages. a) Reservations for only one night should be avoided; b) Reservations can only be made for all days fully inclusive OR the first day dinner, bed and breakfast and the rest of the time fully inclusive; and c) Reservations for longer than three days will be handled on an individual basis for consideration of a higher discount rate and/or other additional benefits for those days above three days.

To qualify for these discounts NEWS members would have to mention this at the time of booking and present the membership card to the above mentioned organizations as proof on arrival. We trust that NEWS members would make use of these discounts offered and envisage increasing such offers in the near future.

Reference: http://namibia-adventure-tours.com/e-tour-n003-namibia-south-west.htm
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