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Three Excellent Meals At The Yul's Beach Bar

THE CHRISTMAS season generally tends to induce trouser tightening and belts moving out a commensurate notch and so it was for your food correspondent or "Mr. Blobby" as he is now referred to by Mrs. Noshier.

Over the past Yuletide we rather fittingly enjoyed three meals at Yul's Beach Bar or Aquadrom, as it is also known.

Why so many visits?

Well I recall arriving in Mombasa many moons ago and asking where one could have a decent meal on the beach.

Answer came there one: Yul's.

Surely I said, there must be more than one good restaurant on the beach?

But no, I am now a disciple of the perceived wisdom that Yul's is No. 1 in the sun.

Following his normal summer months closure, Yul has returned with a vengeance and with a new and larger menu.

The restaurant is more comfortable with "Ramboo" furniture and he has launched a whole range of heart stopping ice creams.

But to get down to specifics, what did we enjoy?

Well all of it really.

For those pretending to be healthy there is a good range of salads and the Chef's Special is a complete meal in itself.

For the children the fish goujons and chicken nuggets always hit the spot from the starters section and the mushrooms in dill sauce are the particular favourite of Mrs. Noshier.

Yul is of course rightly famous for his pizzas all of which are unfailingly good, crispy and fast.

And if anyone can tell me how the "Namenos" got its name I'll give them a coconut.

But then again the boneless chicken tikka with Nan has become a virtual Sunday lunch staple with us.

And on those days when all you really want is a huge dose of all things naughty the cheese burger and chips is a dream.

Special Report by **NOSHER**

This is particularly effective if someone has persuaded you to drink more grappa or tequila than is normally considered necessary the previous night.

Then again Yul can turn out a very restorative 'Bloody Mary' when in need.

Try the deep fried calamari if

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN at the Shimba Rain Forest Lodge where executive chef David Lohasa is seen cutting a special 'End of the Year' party cake for youngsters and staff. Also present were Nyali Beach Hotel general manager Mohamed Hersi and Shimba Rain Forest Lodge manager Mrs. Rahab Livu. PHOTO - TITUS MUSAU

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'BIG' CHRISTMAS FOR BLOCK HOTELS



Nyali Beach Hotel general manager Mohamed Hersi (left) is seen presenting Shimba Rain Forest Lodge executive chef David Lohasa with a 'Gold Award' during the Block Hotels annual staff 'Gold Star' award ceremonies. Looking on (right) is Shimba Rain Forest Lodge manager Mrs. Rahab Livu.

PHOTO - TITUS MUSAU

Excellent Meals At The Yul's Beach Bar

FROM FRONT PAGE you want to sample a fresh delight (by the way did you hear of the man in the Chinese restaurant who said to the waiter: "this squid is rubbery", and the waiter replied: "thank you very much").

Nyali Beach Hotel senior managers display some of the exotic outfits expected to feature strongly in this year's 'Nyali Fiesta' celebrations being held at the hotel from December 31st. They are (from left) Jackie Mate, Victor Onyango, Silvester Mbandi, Ranju Nathan, and (lower, from left) Rosemary Njuguna and Cynthia Mwel.



PHOTO - TITUS MUSAU

I digress. But for me one of Yul's most consistently excellent dishes is the peppered steak. Indeed consistency is the secret of Yul's success. Any regulars at the restaurant will know that Yul and his wife are there seemingly 24/7 keeping an eagle eye on both patrons and the excellent and attentive service brigade.

ICE CREAMS
And so to finish, if you stunted on the mains go right to the ice cream display cabinet and indulge yourself; there is a goldmine, a cornucopia indeed a veritable plethora of flavours almost literally to die for. Eat it there or take it away, but do try it and then top the whole thing off with a cappuccino, gaze out to the Indian Ocean and if you are not tempted to turn your hand at jet ski antics, just sit back and let your belt out another notch.

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MY PRECIOUS VOTE ...
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This time round they promise to deliver what they have failed to do. The public gets caught in this leadership euphoria to an extent that they fail to realise how crucial their votes count.

Such elected men and women have suddenly risen to a poverty ridden society and they now want to make a change.

Despair is when people vote for the same unproductive leaders just because they speak eloquently with their tongues and cash.

Despair is when we choose leaders who dont have good heads on their shoulders.

Considering their headless condition, we are not surprised when they lack noses to sample the hazardous odour culminating from decomposing garbage piling up in Mombasa streets.

They have no eyes so they turn a blind eye on potentially dangerous matters e.g Nyal bridge still has no working street lights!

It is like driving into a tunnel!
They have no ears to listen to genuine concerns.

But oh yes, surprisingly they do have big mouths to eat more and more at taxpayers expense and to utter empty promises and disturbing rhetoric.

Your vote is your voice, if you use it unwisely you should expect to relish in this viscous circle of poverty.

Certainly, my precious vote will not go to politicians who have worked hard to make Mombasa City what it is today ... a city by name not by deeds.

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NEED FOR A RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Re: Proposal to form a Mombasa Residents Association.
In a recent copy of Coastweek - December 06-12, a M. Mohamedali wrote on the above topic - I would like to get his contact and let him know about what we are doing on the same theme.
It would be nice to combine forces to rid our city of this harassment.
Mary Stevens, Mombasa. Stevens@britishcouncil.or.ke

'Fundis' Rescue Lost Cat

On Saturday morning Shida Taru was passing a very deep hole (approx. 30 ft) in the Bombolulu area, when he heard a cat crying from the bottom the hole.
He looked in and could just make out the shape of a small cat at the bottom of the hole.
Some passers by said that the cat had been in the hole for one week.
He immediately made his way to KSPCA Bamburi who came to the site of the deep hole.
After discussions with some of the local people, some well equipment was borrowed from a local 'fundi' Andrew Mwangi.

Former Game Warden Recalls A Famous Liangulu Tribesman

With ref: *The Liangulu Tribe*: James Willson, who is a good friend and who now runs Southern Palms hotel was a professional hunter at one time with Bateleur Safaris.

I had the notoriety as game warden of naming an associate for poaching a lesser kudu in Masongalani - 32 years ago!

The lesser kudu was then protected at that location.

Later, both James and I worked for Abercrombie and Kent and James was the first camp manager of Kichwa Tembo Camp in the Masai Mara in 1976.

The definitive work on the Waliangulu is by Dr. Carlos de Amelía da Cruz who now lives in Lorca, Spain.

Denis Houllman's book, *The Elephant People* on the Waliangulu who are also known as the Watha, is good, but sketchy.

As for the Wasanya, they can now only be found in the Boni and Dodori forests north of Lamu.

One has to drive along the Kiunga Road to reach them.

The Boni people, equally, are hunters and gatherers, but again a dying breed like the Ndorobo.

Your reader should contact Dr. Da Cruz whose email address is - angeladacruz@solinternet.es

Dr. Da Cruz's work is about 1500 pages long, I believe it is

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still in manuscript form, but I may be wrong as it was due to be published anytime.

Many years ago, he and I ran a safari company out of Nairobi known as "African Bushtrails".

In 1978 we set up a lodge on the Uaso Nyiro River, which is today, the Samburu Serena Lodge.

I know that Dr. Da Cruz has written and researched a lot on the Waliangulu.

The greatest of the Waliangulu hunters was Abakuna Gumundi.

In Ian Parker's book, *The Ivory Crisis* there is a good photograph of Abakuna.

I followed his tracks for several days in an area East of Tsavo East National Park, between Sala Gate and Vitengeni.

He was always ahead of us even when I had equally wily trackers from his clan and working with me in the dead of night.

Guyo Barissa was one dependable and courageous

Miangulu on my staff in those days but despite our combined efforts to arrest this great ivory poacher, we never did succeed, albeit at one time we were less than half an hour from where he was!

Years later I dramatised his life in *The Lost Wilderness* and the chapter I wrote is simply entitled, "Abakuna".

In his last years, he was killed by a hippo at Shirango, along the Voi River, just out of Tsavo National Park.

I think a brief mention of his death was reported in the newspapers.

Those of us still alive today and who have lived through those exciting times, may apply be called "The Lost Generation", as Gertrude Stein was wont to say of Hemingway and his pals.

It is indeed a lost and a forgotten era.

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Kenyan Cricket Stars Subhash Modi And Hitesh Modi Make It Into The Record Books

Father Subhash Modi (Kenya International Cricket Umpire) and son Hitesh Modi created a record and made history on 15th. August, 2001 when both father and son featured in the one day international cricket match between Kenya and West Indies in Nairobi at the Simba Union.

The match referee was Gundappa Vishvanath (India) and other umpire with Subhash Modi was D. Orchard from South Africa.

Both father and son also represented Kenya in the last world cup and commonwealth games.

Subhash Modi has been umpiring in Kenya for just over 20 years and has maintained his dignity and creditability in Umpiring at the National, Provincial and International Level.

Wisden the 'Bible of cricket' has confirmed this record to us at www.cricketsafari.com and Wisden will put this record in their 2003 almanack.

Philip Bailey from Cricinfo, 'the home of cricket on the internet', has also verified this record.

Both statisticians offered that the closest anyone came to this record was Joe Hardstaff senior of England (a Test player himself) who was taken off the Test-umpires panel in England in the late 1930s when his son Joe

junior became a Test contender. These are indeed golden moments and glory for Kenya, Kenyan Cricket and the Modi family.

It is high time Kenyan cricketer's got honoured on a worldwide platform.

Congratulations to the Modis from cricketsafari and wanaich!

Ragit Varia, Manchester, United Kingdom.

Pritesh Desai, Hong Kong
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"Oh Julie, what could ever extinguish this burning desire I have for you!"



"Watch out! He is a very fast bowler."



"Are you in one of your moods again, dear?"



"Its a letter for me dear - may I open it?"

MERRY CHRISTMAS



"They suggest that he take up running - as nobody gets out of school faster than he does!"



"My husband is a man of rare gifts - he seldom gives them."



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Clever Cop Trails Cold-Blooded Killers!

WE ALL know that the sweetness of a rose is offset by the thorns that one must bear with it.

So it is with life itself, where everything good is always balanced with 'thorns' or **Kaante** as seen at the **NYALI CINEMAX** this week.

In a simultaneous release with Mumbai, innovative Directors Sanjay Gupta and Raju Patel (better known as the erstwhile son of Sharad Patel of *The Rise And Fall of Idi Amin* fame) enjoined with British Nandi Communications have brought you a fast and furious film in which the suspense is as lethal as a dose of cyanide.

The trio have gone one up by casting a motley of characters with angry 'old' man Amitabh Bachchan, angry 'young' man Sanjay Dutt, body builder Sunil Shetty, chikna hero of yesterday Kumar Gaurav (no one has had to guts to cast him in a film for a long, long time), singer turned actor Lucky Ali and action director Mahesh Manj-rekar (golden locks and all) as a group of bandits.

Needless to say the combination of this group has given the film an extra dimension and makes it truly worthwhile.

They are all cold-blooded killers and total strangers to each other, but get together to plan a robbery which seems like a piece of cake.

Everything is worked out to the finest detail and each dreams of laughing his way to the bank.

But, as in all good things, there is a thorn in their life (more likely their side) - one of them is a cop who wants to catch them red-handed.

Now the cat and mouse game begins as each one tries to figure out who the traitor amongst them is.

They have to find out before their times runs out or all will be facing long prison terms.

The nail-biting climax will have you asking yourself 'which one is it?'

Hep music in the film is by Anand Raj Anand.

Another super release to mark this festive season at **NYALI CINEMAX** will be **K-19: The Widowmaker** starring Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Joss Ackland, J. J. Field and Lex Shrapnel.

The story is inspired by an actual event that occurred in 1961 when a Soviet sub carrying nuclear warheads malfunctioned and a large number of lives were lost due to an

avoidable accident. Russian Captain Alexi Vostrikov (Ford) is ordered to take command of a nuclear missile submarine K-19 at the peak of the Cold War.

At that time, it was very important between the Americans and the Russians who was on top in the world of espionage and war games.

Neither would give an inch and each wanted to be superior to the other in all matters.

Thus when Captain Vostrikov is given charge of this faulty submarine, he is given a signed death warrant not only for himself but his entire crew all in the cause of one-upmanship.

Out at sea, the good Captain realises what follies are being committed by his superiors and knows that one small accident could start a nuclear war between the two countries, even at the cost of their lives.

He must now decide between to honour to country and responsibility towards the lives of his crew.

What will he choose - see for yourself at **NYALI CINEMAX** this week.

Running simultaneously will be **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**, the sequel to the stupendously successful first Harry Potter film.

A slightly older Daniel Radcliffe and his friends Emma Watson and Rupert Grint return to the school of wizardry to even more hair raising adventures than the last time.

Flying cars (not broomsticks) and strange creatures will fill the screen with their astounding computer generated graphics giving one and all a real treat.

For the adults who missed the absolutely hilarious Jimi Mistry as **The Guru**, you have one more chance on Tuesday.

Also starring are Heather Graham, Marisa Tomei and Sanjeev Bhaskar.

IZABELLA SCORUPCO AND GERARD BUTLER

Another science fiction, this time with fire breathing dragons, **Reign of Fire** will be screened also for one show only on Tuesday.

This really 'hot' film stars Christian Bale, Matthew McConaughey, Izabella Scorupco, Gerard Butler and Alexander Siddig.

Denzel Washington has definitely made his mark as **John Q** (also on Tuesday for one show) as recent polls have

shown. This film which shows him as an ordinary parent who is forced seen on Wednesday and Thursday at **KENYA CINEMA**.

Twenty Four Years' Ago

Coastweek, December 15-21, 1978:

ASSISTANT MINISTER of Tourism and Wildlife **Clement Lubembe** told the annual general meeting of the Kenya Hotel Keepers and Caterers Association that it was essential to maintain international standards to sustain growth in the tourist industry, reported Neta Peal.

He was accompanied by Coast Fisheries Director **Norbert Odera**, Coast Tourism officer **Clement Nyamongo**, and the Domestic and Hotelworkers' Union Coast Area secretary **Joseph Omolo**; he also apologised for the absence of Tourism Minister **Mathews Ogutu**.

'Jesus Opens Nyali Disco' headlined a tongue-in-cheek story about Spanish musician **Jesus Marrodan** who was completing the new 'Hole In The Wall' nightspot at Mombasa's Nyali Beach Hotel. 'Make No Mistake My Fur Is Fake' was the lapel badge worn by **Lady Michaela Denis** reported Nairobi correspondent Ivor Davis, who noted that this world famous conservationist (now resident in Mombasa) while supporting the Government's recent ban on hunting insisted "(To make the hunting ban effective) a crackdown is needed on illegal sales of ivory and elephant hair to prevent further poaching".

Mukesh Rajani was to manage a talented 18-strong Mombasa Sports Club Cricket team on a 25-day tour of India, assisted by **Manhar Shah**, captain **Kirit Doshi** and vice captain **Fakru Babla**.

Mwai Karani was the popular winner of the 'Jamhuri Day' Tournament hosted at Nyali Golf and Country Club, reported columnist 'Centi Kumi'. 'Best Lady' was **Frances Cook** and 'Best Gross' **Paddy Rainsford**.

KENYA Cinema was showing Walt Disney's 'Jungle Book', NAAZ the new re-release of 'Gone With The Wind', REGAL 'The Sweeney' and at CHOX it was Hema Malini and Dharmendra in 'Raja Jani'.

Letter writers included **Rainer Bornof**, **Samwel Hamisi**, **David Hurd**, **Juma Mwayana** and Coast horticultural expert **Brian Perkins**.

to take some drastic action for the sake of his beloved son also stars Robert Duvall, Anne Heche, James Woods and Eddie Griffin.

Rishtey carries on this week at **KENYA CINEMA** with Anil Kapoor, Karishma Kapoor and Shilpa Shetty.

A heart rending story of how a young father and his son are torn between society and their feelings for the one they love.

Jimi Mistry is on the rampage at the **KENYA CINEMA** as well with Heather Graham, Marisa Tomei and Sanjeev Bhaskar.

This film is strictly for adults only as it has some pretty graphic scenes and language.

Cameron Diaz is still **The Sweetest Thing** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

She plays a woman who does not believe in love yet when she finds it cannot accept it for what it is.

Vin Diesel is **XXX** the super hero with an attitude as can be

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THIS WEEK ON TAMARIND DHOW

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It was their first visit to Kenya and their marriage on board a traditional dhow, which had been converted into an elegant 'Floating Restaurant' is something they will never forget.

The crew of the famous Tamarind Dhow went out of their way to make it so decorating the walkway to the jetty and dhow with palm frond and bougainvillea, while the Resident Band played the 'Wedding March' as they approached.

On board Janet was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

Afterwards they joined others for the Dinner Cruise and under a moonlit sky enjoyed King Prawns and the Seafood Speciality, also champagne - a gift from the Tamarind Dhow.

They shared their wedding cake with guests and said on disembarking 'thank you so much for making our wedding so wonderful'.

They were staying at Severin Sea Lodge having booked their holiday through FIRST CHOICE with UTC looking after their ground arrangements.



Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Janet Holmes.

JAFFERY JUNIOR ACADEMY GIRLS SHINE!



Rizwana Rashid (left) seen with Ayman Merali, Priyanka Budheo and Sajida Ladak. Jaffery Junior Academy dominated the Lions Peace Poster Contest 2002, organized by the Lions Club of Mombasa Pwani. 24 Jaffery entries dominated the Contest of which the following were outstanding: -1. Priyanka Budheo 1st Prize: Now sent for district level. Kshs. 2,000/= 2. Ayman Merali 211(1 Prize: Kshs. 1,500/= 3. Sajida Ladak 3rd Prize: Kshs. 1,000/= 4. Rizwana Rashid consolation prize. Priyanka Budheo's poster has qualified to go for the District Level. If she wins at the District level she will qualify for the International Level. All the best to Priyanka Budheo.

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FROM FRONT PAGE for its entertainment programme having played hosts to established performers such as **The Lost Boys, Koffi Olomide, Awilo Longomba** and **Brenda Fassie** amongst

others. Kenyan artists who have established a niche in the industry have also performed in **Mamba** and this always serves as a positive footnote for them. These include **Red-san, Nameless, Gidi Gidi** and

Maji Maji, Esir, Mr. Lenny J., just to name but a few.

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BIG PUBLICITY BOOST FOR KENYA TOURISM

Switzerland's 'Hotelplan' Bring Tourists On Round Africa Trip

Over 40 elegantly attired and well adorned Maasai armed with spears was the awesome welcome awaiting 175 tourists and a Swiss TV crew on their arrival at Mombasa's Moi International Airport on a 'Round Africa' Tour.

They lined the staircase from the air-bridge chanting traditional folk songs.

Also there to greet them were Hotelplan's Resident Manager Mombasa, **Fabrizio Barile** and his team, also Suresh Raman Managing Director, Somak Travel Ltd, Nairobi, S.B. Savana, Somak's General Manager, Coast, plus team-mates providing the ground services for the group.

The tour, the first of its kind, was organised by a leading tour operator which ranks second in the whole of Switzerland.

Hotelplan, which is about 70 years old, has a long standing love of Kenya sending tourists here for the last 35/ 40 years.

The 'Round Africa' Tour was its way of doing something special to help revive tourism in countries which had, for various reasons, been suffering a drop in the number of holidaymakers.

Hotelplan's history records that Kenya was one of its first and most important destinations.

The two week tour, commencing in Zurich, Switzerland took them to Morocco, Cape Town, Mauritius, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) with three nights/ four days in Kenya, then on to Luxor, Egypt, before returning home.

On board the Boeing 767 Balair charter were 160 tourists and a 15 strong Swiss National TV crew filming places of interest for the TV programme called 'Rondo Mondo' featuring various travel destinations in the world.

It is shown at a prime time - a Saturday evening Hotelplan is hoping it will give a tremendous boost to tourism in these countries.

In Kenya, the TV team's particular interest was on the environmental award winning **Haller Park**, Bamburi and of interviewing Dr Rene Haller, an Agronomist from Switzerland who turned an unsightly, disused quarry into a virtual 'Garden of Eden'.

RENE HALLER

It was formerly known as the **Bamburi Nature Trail** and re-named 'Haller Park' in his honour and has received worldwide recognition by leading environmentalists.

En-route to the car park at Moi International Airport there was refreshment midway with a huge table filled with floral decorated **Madafu** (coconut juice) to drink before embarking on the four waiting air-conditioned Somak coaches to take them to **Travellers Tiwi Beach Hotel** on the South Coast to spend three nights.

As they departed, the Amboseli Maasai Dancers from Mtwaipa, together with the Somak team, plus airport workers, bid them farewell with all the passengers smiling and waving back.

Among them was **Claus Niederer**, Chief Executive Officer, Hotelplan International Travel Organisation which covers not only Switzerland, but Holland, France, Italy and the

UK. At the Coast these Swiss tourists went on a 'City Tour' of historic Mombasa Island, also on safari to Kenya's largest game park - Tsavo Staying one night at either Voi Lodge, **Kambi ya Tarhi** or **Voi Wildlife Lodge**.

It entailed a tremendous amount of organisation which went off like clockwork earning praise from Mr. Niederer who, in an interview, said 'you need the best professional people to handle such things as transportation.

'We are still foreigners here so depend very much on local expertise.

'Kenya is a prominent tourist destination and we have regular flights coming here so it is important we have a good company looking after our ground arrangements.

'I think we are really blessed by having a very good one - Somak - and I am very happy about it.'

Waiting at Travellers, Tiwi, to greet them all was Suresh Sofat, Chairman of Somak Travel Limited who also has a long history of helping boost tourism to Kenya.

Somak is one of the leading destination management companies in East Africa providing ground services to major overseas tour operators.

Mr Niederer also explained that the 'Round Africa' tour covered traditional and well-known destinations where tourism had declined over the past few years.

He said 'I think Kenya's popularity is returning and we hope there will be a good demand for holidays here this winter season'.

However, he noted that with a forthcoming General Election and the economy in poor shape some tourists might find these reasons enough to look around for somewhere else to go this winter season'.

Referring to the 'beautiful reception' accorded them at Moi International Airport, Mr Niederer said 'if I had received something like that when I first came to Kenya I would have returned every year'.

Adding 'I would like them to do it every time now.'

Explained Hotelplan's Resident Manager, Mombasa, **Fabrizio Barile** 'Hotelplan was the first tour operator to start bringing Swiss tourists here on package holidays by chartered aircraft some 35-40 years ago.

'They first stopped at Cairo and then Nairobi.

'In those early days Hotelplan's sole destination in Kenya was Malindi to which they travelled by road staying at the Blue Marlin and Lawford's hotels.'

Declared Mr Barile 'Kenya's popularity as a tourist destination is returning with many appreciating a beach/ safari holiday here has so much more to offer than the Caribbean.

Bookings are being received for the Winter Season and we are optimistic.

He concluded by mentioning that the 'Round Africa' tour had seen the inauguration of the 252-seat Boeing 767 which had joined the **Balair** fleet in July this year.

The 'Round Africa' group had a fantastic time - all very impressed with Kenya and the friendliness of her people.

On their departure from Moi International Airport something

unique happened - the unveiling of the name 'Rondo Mondo' on the side of the **Balair** Boeing 767 chartered by **Daniel Fohler**, Presenter of this TV programme.

After the big welcome the 'Round Africa' tour received on their arrival at Mombasa's Moi International Airport it was decided to do the plane naming ceremony there instead of Egypt.

Before departing **Hotelplan** and **Somak** conveyed their appreciation for the great assistance given by the Airport Manager, **John Mugo**, to this group.



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Good Kingfish And Barracuda Catches Account For Much Of The Action This Week Off Mtwapa Waters

The Open Boat and Christmas Hamper competitions were fished in Mtwapa waters last Sunday, and kingfish and barracuda brought in most of the points for the winners.

In the Christmas Hamper event, first place was taken by Hafiz Mangaji's boat, **Maverick**, with Hershil Rawal and Daniel Shah on the rods.

Daniel caught two kingfish and Hershil got one, and they also boated two barracuda and six five-finger jack.

The Open Boat section was won by Steve Davidson and Maxime Plakhtenko in **Sufuria**, with a barracuda of 11.2 kilos which brought Steve the biggest fish prize.

Second in both competitions was Nigel Spencer in his open Sesse canoe, **Tengesi**, with a catch of two kingfish, the bigger one bringing him a prize for the second-biggest fish.

Another small boat took third

place in both, **Flycatcher** fished by Paul Rossiter, Neil Reed and crewman Ngumbao, with a catch of one kingfish.

Ngumbao spent most of his day sewing up wolf-herring baits and so qualified for crew prizes as well as team prizes, taking second and third place.

Maintaining his recent form, four-year-old Alexander Haller came first in the Juniors, with a bluefin trevally.

He was fishing in an all-junior team on **Sensation** with his brother Nicholas and Shasa Thornton, who both got Junior prizes too although they didn't catch anything.

First place for crew prizes in the Christmas Hamper was won by Kahindi of **Maverick**, and first in the Open Boat by Kazungu of

Tengesi.

Kingfish got the upper hand over the **Samvuke** team of James Adcock, Kevin Nally and Richard Bacon, with a score of two to one.

Meaning two kingfish were lost and one boated, the one being caught by Kevin, while Richard got a small trevally.

Another kingfish turned the tables on the Mousley family in **Baobab**, getting them fined for misidentifying it as a wahoo.

It was good to have the Kilifi boats in the competition, though, **Baobab** being joined by **Cold Shoulder** with the Bowles father-and-son team.

True to the spirit of the Open Boat competition, weather and sea conditions were expansive, with a wide open feeling that was in tune with the Christmas spirit of generosity.

The sky was immensely big and very blue, with high clouds building white over the land.

And the ocean was calm so that you could see a long way, to the far-off horizon.

But the sea's mood was not as generous as its looks and for the most part it held the fish tight-fisted to itself.

Those fish that were caught resulted from hours of persistence, hard work and skill.

Sailfish pulled the veil of the sea over themselves and stayed in seclusion, while marlin maintained such a low profile they dropped out of consideration.

But tugging it out when the fishing gets difficult is what makes the rewards more golden, and seasoned Mtwapa anglers are as tough as strips of old salt

cod.

Some people received their rewards in the days before the competitions.

Two of them were Italian fishermen, Luigi Offeddu and Paulo from Milano, fishing in Eligio Battaia's boat,

TT.

They were beyond the periphery of Mtwapa waters just off the navigation buoys marking the Kilindi shipping channel when they saw a happy sight.

Two sailfish were jumping on the landward side of the last buoy, in shallow water where canoe fishermen had set their nets.

So **TT** slipped between the nets and hooked them both.

OPERA DUET

Both men had their rods in the gimballs at the same time, with both reels screeching to the sailfishes' runs, a fine operatic duet.

Then came the muscular rod work, the two rods going up and down like two conductor's batons.

And surely some rich Italian vocabulary rolled out across the ocean in tune with the reels' orchestral accompaniment.

Both fish were brought to the boat, Paulo's was released and Luigi's boated, weighing thirty kilos.

The day before the competitions, Paul Rossiter caught two good-sized kingfish and a barracuda.

On the same day, Kevin Nally got a barracuda and Richard Bacon a kingfish while fishing on James Adcock's boat **Vuma**.

Earlier in the week they had been on James' Sesse canoe **Samvuke** when a manta ray as big as a carpet passed under the boat, upside down, all white.

It was the second one of the week to pass under **Samvuke**, another one having done so when Martin Meissner was on board.

This second one was too late to avoid, and the delta-wing giant snagged one of the hooks and went off with Richard's line, which fortunately soon parted.

A broken line is one thing but a broken heart is a quite different kettle of kippers, and one fishing heart was broken in Mtwapa waters during the week.

But before that, a note on approaching competitions in the new year.

The next one is the **Mtwapa Cup and Kilifi-Mtwapa match** combined, on 12th January.

Following that, on 9th February will be the **Mercury Classic**, with the top prize a Mercury or Mariner outboard engine.

And so back to the tragic tale of the broken heart.

The fair maiden in question was Katrina Nichol, one whose affections have recently turned strongly to fishing, who has indeed perhaps loved not wisely but too well.

Last week the particular object

of these affections was a sailfish that she hooked while fishing on **Ontos** with Rob Jessop and John Webb.

The fish took a lure on a thirty pound line and the reel turned soprano while the line sliced away into the sea.

Then its bill and head appeared a long way off in the waves, and it shook itself about but did not jump.

Katrina had her own stick work to do, winding the reel handle as she lowered the rod.

And all the time she had her heart and all her hopes set on catching this fish, the first sailfish of her lifetime, her one true love.

But at the eleventh hour her hopes were dashed as the fish came up just near the boat and shook its head again and set itself free of her affections.

Her actual words at this nadir of her life were:

"It was worse than being dumped by a bloke."

Not quite the poetic cadences of grand Italian opera, but the honesty of a heart laid bare, a fishing person's heart no less, the truest kind of heart there is.

And rumour has it that then her eyes dropped tears as fast as the Arabian trees their medicinal gum.

She might take comfort from recent scientific research which has found that the heart of the humble zebra fish needs no gum to fix it.

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Tiger Sharks: Two At A Time!

Tournament fishing is all about catching fish quickly, and one can't get much faster than bringing them in two at a time.

Joe Matthews, from England, fishing on **Tina** at Malindi, had a double hooked bonito on the downrigger, when a strike ran the line out, and the fisherman started hauling on the rod.

Deep in the ocean below him, a tiger shark had cut the bait in half and hooked itself on one of the hooks.

The other half of the bait, with the second hook, must have been swinging free outside the shark's mouth, and one of his mates, seeing a free meal, swallowed it, hooking itself on the other hook.

Both sharks were then battled to the boat, where they were cut free and released - an unusual fishing story worth a few beers at the bar later!

Lamu was the scene of the annual **Master's Tag and Release Tournament**.

Sailfish only, all fish released, 10 kg line, the boat stationary after hookup and the fight timed, this is a test of skill for master fishermen, as many of these sail are 'tagged' in under three minutes!

Over a hundred fish were raised by eight fishermen on three boats, with **Little Toot** coming out the winner with 41 fish raised, 23 hooked and 17 'tagged and released'. Mike Kirkland being the top angler scoring eight, Nils Korschen second with five and Henry Baronet third with four.

Great fishing indeed!

Back at Malindi, Henry Henley organized an informal **Fly Fishing Tournament**, with both experienced flyrodders and beginners taking part in this

difficult branch of the sport.

Six rods fished four boats, and five sail were tagged and released from the 54 sail raised and cast at, a score indicative of how elusive the prey are with this complex style of fishing.

Henry himself was top angler with two, so he carried forward the prize he had donated to next year.

Mark Allen got one fish, struck just 15 minutes before lines out, while novices Ninian Lewis and Nigel Dundas both had the thrill of scoring their first sail on fly, well done them!

Had Vivaldi been a fisherman, living on the East African coast a few centuries ago, the world would have been robbed of half of one of its greatest pieces of music, as here we have only two seasons, and they are governed by the two opposing trade winds.

The **kusi**, the south-east wind which blows hard day and night, bringing rough seas, and rain, which starts around late March, and the **kaskazi**, or north-east wind, with calm mornings, strong breezes from nine am till dusk, then calmer nights, ushering in the dry weather and hotter temperatures from December till March again.

So the change has come, and the north winds are blowing, good news not only for the kite-boarder swooping round the bay at Watamu but also for fishermen, as this is the signal which triggers the annual migration which sends marlin into our waters and those that hunt them to their boats.

Last Saturday from Malindi the **Alistair Paul Trust**

competition was held, and was hailed as a great success socially, enjoyed by all, though the fish were not cooperating.

The crew on **Tarka** placed first, with a tiger shark, and three sailfish were caught, with Alex Hunter, on holiday from running the Sand River camp in the vast Selous Gamepark in Tanzania catching a sail on the smallest boat.

From Ocean Sports, thirteen shark were recorded last week, **AlleyCat** leading with eight tiger shark, estimated between 100 and 350 kgs, and a couple of silvertip, while **Pussycat** had two tigers.

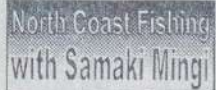
These sharks were all released, putting this stable in the forerunners for the Anton Shark release prize, five hundred sterling pounds presented by Ryan Cornelius.

Number thirteen was less lucky. Weighed in on **Tarka**.

Releasing sharks is fast becoming popular amongst fishermen, and we hope more clients will persuade their skippers to follow the 'release' ethic, and see less of these endangered warriors of our oceans hanging as discoloured slabs on the gantry.

It is also disappointing that the crew on one professional boat were seen to remove a sailfish from the water after 'tagging', holding it aloft in the boat for photographs then tossing it casually back into the sea.

This is common in the Americas, but Kenya captains should be more professional - this is **NOT** how to release and revive billfish.



Charles Njonjo Launches 'Dee Dee's Coffee House' On Mombasa Moi Avenue

NEW PROJECT FROM GURDEV SINGH BIRDI

ON MONDAY, (December 9) no one could have been happier than **Gurdev Singh Birdi** when his great friend, **Charles Njonjo**, whom he has known for some 35 years, officially opened his restaurant - **Dee Dee's Coffee House** on Mombasa's Moi Avenue (opposite Jubilee Insurance Building).

At a 'Pavement Ceremony' attended by government officers, leaders and members of the Sikh community, also many friends from here and abroad, Charles Njonjo, who is Chairman of the Managing Trustees, Kenya Wildlife Service, told Gurdev:

'I wish your restaurant every success.'

Then, after cutting the red ribbon across the door, was immediately confronted by an iced cake stating:

'Thank you Charles Njonjo for opening our restaurant.'

He promptly cut it feeding Gurdev, the Provincial Commissioner, Coast, **Samuel Lino** and Provincial Police Officer, **Peter Eregae** with the first slices.

Among the restaurant's many brilliant wall murals, mainly of the Old Town and Old Port, is one of two Lions with a message saying:

'Thanks Mr. Charles Njonjo and K.W.S. for taking care of us.'

'That's why we are alive today.'

The opening ceremony had commenced with the presentation of gifts, mainly large paintings, by a very talented artist, **Issa Mbgla**, responsible for all the excellent wall murals inside.

Issa was among the recipients of a gift from **Dee Dee's Coffee House**, presented with congratulations by the Guest of Honour, Charles Njonjo.

Receiving one of Issa's beautiful paintings was Charles Njonjo presented by **Surjit Singh Sagoo**, Chairman of the Siri Guru.

Singh Sabha, Mombasa. Among the guests were the Hon. Consul for Austria, **Tibor Gaal** and Mrs. **Allison Jaus**, a well-known Dairy Farmer in Kilifi who assists in whatever way she can to help those who live in despair of leading a normal and happy life.

It is thanks to Allison that **Sidi Kazungu** from Shariani, Kilifi, is presently receiving first-class medical treatment in the U.K. to repair her badly damaged face after falling into a fire during an epileptic fit.

It is with Allison's daughter, **Tracy**, that Sidi is staying.

Both went out in getting assistance for Sidi who has now undergone ten operations in the UK with more to follow.

She is being well cared for and lives in hope of returning to Kenya and not having people running away screaming on seeing her face.

Gurdev Singh Birdi is among those who gave great help to Sidi and her mother who struggled so hard to get help for her daughter.

They had no money for expensive medical treatment.

Also among the guests were **Mr. and Mrs. Mirco Sutter**, hoteliers from Switzerland.

Mr. Sutter is a former General Manager of **Severin Sea Lodge**, Bamburi, and was one of the recipients of a delightful painting, his being of a dhow.

Gurdev is a man of many parts.

He is a Water Engineer by profession and 38 years ago established Model Construction (K) Ltd.

Believing in diversification he also became a farmer and restaurateur.

He has The Country Farm at Kikambala and is helping the community by running a primary school for 500 children there.

He also has **Dee Dee Investments** and **Dee Dee Spice Shop** at Shanzu, his latest venture being **Dee Dee's Coffee House** on Moi Avenue, Mombasa.

He is a member of APDK, Coast and Rotary Club of Kilindini.

Gurdev is also well remembered as being the project Chairman of the Kilifi County Council from 1992-7.

He explained that the name 'DEE DEE' was given to him by a great friend, the late **Bruce Mackenzie** and a former Minister for Agriculture.

'A full report of the official opening follows next week.'



CHARLES NJONJO cuts the red ribbon across the door and declares Dee Dee's Coffee House officially open. Third right is Gurdev Singh Birdi, its proud owner.

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*
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OR
Cannelloni Ricotta e Spinacci

*
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*
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IL CORSARO RISTORANTE

Vegetarian Menu

Welcome Cocktail

*
Fungi alla Crema (Mushrooms in Cream)

*
Verdure alla Griglia (Grilled Vegetables)

Cheese Platter with Focaccia

(CHOOSE 2)

*
Crespelle Vegetariana (Pancakes filled with vegetables in tomato sauce)

*
Ravioli Ricotta e Spinacci

*
Tagliatelle ai funghi (with Mushroom sauce)

(CHOOSE 2)

*
Tiramisu

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IL CORSARO RISTORANTE

New Year's Eve Menu

Welcome Cocktail

Ostriche Fresche di Kilifi (Fresh Kilifi Oysters) and Insalata di Polipo (Octopus Salad)

OR
Prosciutto e Melone (Parma Ham with Melon) and Verdure Grigliate (Grilled Vegetables)

*
Crespelle al Granchio (Crab filled Pancakes)

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Just three and a half hours by road from either Mombasa or Nairobi it remains one of the 'crown jewels' in the treasure trove of Kenya's richest tourist attractions.

From the Mtito Ande gate it is a fascinating 30-kilometre drive through dry scrub country to the Lodge.

Located on a ridge that commands magnificent sweeping views of the Chyulu Hills at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, Kilaguni was the first safari lodge ever to be built in a National Park.

It was opened in 1962 and has been under Serena management since December 1999.

We first stayed there in July 1967 and just like all other visitors Kilaguni has always continued to occupy a special place in our hearts.

It remains one of Kenya's best known and loved destinations - and the custodian of one of the most beautiful and prolific natural paradises on earth.

In 1967 they had just finished the swimming pool and the lodge boasted 36 double rooms.

The tariff then was a steep K Shs 150 per day double with private bath. For meals we paid seven shillings for breakfast and fifteen for lunch and dinner.



which gush out of the ground to provide beautiful pools, framed by lush palms and tamarinds.

Hippo have selected the springs as a main nursery and can usually be seen poking their noses above the surface every few minutes to breathe and snort.

The clear water fails to hide their ghost-like forms from the visitor and his camera, and a special stage has been built to make it possible to obtain good pictures without difficulty or danger.

For visitors who wish to watch hippo, crocodile, fish and other aquatic life, a glass-sided chamber has been installed at the edge of the clear pools.

CHYULU HILLS

Fish are always visible from this tank and with luck hippo may be seen walking, slow motion, on the river bottom.

Lizards, colourful birds, monkeys, shacodiles and many other small animals also regard the neighbourhood of the springs as their home.

Tsavo West covers a huge area of 7000 sq km and is mainly dry bush country.

A system of well-made roads gives access to most parts of Tsavo West.

The Chyulu Hills is a very new range of volcanic hills, one of which 'Shaleni' is probably little more than a century old.

When formed these hills sent down lava flows into the northern section of the Park.

These are now frozen but still impressive flows can be seen from the road to the Chyulu Gate.

The Tsavo contains more than 60 kinds of mammals, varying from the elephant and buffalo to the tiny rock hyrax.

Numerous species of birds have also been identified in the park.

During our visit we spent one sun set searching out across the 'Roaring Frogs', a precipitous rise over looking a valley leading into the Ngula hills.

On just a short ninety-minute drive out and around the lodge we saw buffalo, elephant, giraffe, eland, zebra and much bird life, including the ubiquitous vulture guinea fowl.

One final point - there is a (fairly) new system of entry to Kenya National Parks, which involves obtaining a 'Smart Card' from the Kenya Wildlife Service offices in Mombasa, Nairobi or Nakuru.

At first it seems rather clumsy and bureaucratic, but it may mean that some of your money actually does end up in preserving/promoting our wild life.

Throughout our visit we found all K.W.S. staff helpful, very friendly and knowledgeable about both the park and much of its wild life.

BOOKING DETAILS

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Today Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge has 56 recently refurbished bedrooms and five spanking new luxury suites - with names like **Mutandia, Dik**

Dik, Chyulu and Mzima

It boasts the star cuisine, champagne breakfast, bird and nature walks, barbecue bush dinners, a modern conference centre, and even a massage and beauty treatment facility.

And... The tariff in keeping with these delicious times, is now listed in U.S. dollars!

Taking its name from a Kamba word meaning 'young man', Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge is located in the middle of the world-renowned Tsavo National Park - an area covering 20,720 square kilometres that boasts a huge variety of game.

Activities include game drives, excursions to Mzima Springs, with its crystal clear water welling up from volcanic rocks and its hippos and crocodiles.

A major attraction is the splendid verandah, on which visitors can sit all day and watch big and small game of all kinds coming to drink at water holes in front of the lodge.

KILIMANJARO

The verandah looks over the Di Turesh Valley and up to Mount Kilimanjaro, framed on the right by the Chyulu Hills, and on the left by the Ngula Range, and smaller volcanic features.

As one would expect the 'Serena' management experience is visible and manifest in the excellent service, the exotic decor and fully functioning facilities.

One heart-warming touch is a large photo portrait near the main reception area of the late Kenyan President, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, complete with fly whisk and looking out over a view to the lodge verandah.

It is the sort of relaxed image taken by one of the likes of the late Mohamed Amin, or perhaps Azhar Choudhery, Shashi Vasani, possibly Azim

and completely captures the charisma of this warm and wonderful man in these extravagant surroundings.

During our brief stay we enjoyed the courteous hospitality of assistant manager **Gregory Wabuge** and the delicious cuisine of chef **Daniel Kores** and sous chef **Munyambo Nzioka**.

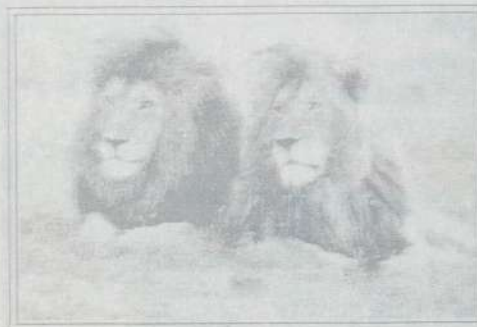
Every five course meal was mouth watering and memorable - the magnificent buffet, a sumptuous spread of local and international delicacies, and such a great variety of fresh and crisp fruit and perfectly prepared vegetables.

Gregory showed us around

The suites deserve special mention, beautifully finished in local wood, lavishly furnished in turn-of-the-century 'safari' style and sporting 21st bathroom fittings, they each enjoy spectacular views across the African landscape leading up to (in the far distance) snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro.

They are so well organised and provided for that one could easily forgo the out door safaris and simply spend the whole visit wrapped in the comfort and luxury of this splendid setting.

However, another attraction, undoubtedly is Serena's 'Bird and Nature Walk' drive to the lodge and escorted by local



the 100 pax **Chyulu Conference Centre** which is regularly booked out by the likes of UNICEF, DANIDA, K.P.B.L., Coca Cola Africa, Electoral Commission of Kenya and the City Bank.

What is especially convenient is that the lodge is barely an hour by air from either Nairobi or Mombasa, with guests being driven just two minutes from the airstrip to their rooms.

expert naturalist **John Ahalo**, who can point some of the birds, flowers, indigenous trees and small animals which abound in the Park.

Only fifteen kilometres from the lodge is Mzima Springs, one of the Tsavo's greatest spectacles.

There, the dry valley of arid lava stands in parched contrast to the millions of litres of crystal, sparkling water

PHOTOS - TOP Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge, LEFT chef Daniel Kores with assistant manager Gregory Wabuge, CENTRE Serena lions watching the Tsavo tourists.





Kenya Commercial Bank Ukunda branch manager Azzan Mohamed (left) is seen handing over a generous donation to showground committee chairman Ali Jamal (right). Looking on are KCB community service officer Kenneth Maganga and Teens Watch Centre's official Paul Masumba.

KENYA COMMERCIAL BANK MAKE GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS DIANI YOUTH PROJECT

KENYA Commercial Bank Ukunda through its 'Community Service Week' programme has made a generous donation to Teens Watch Centre, Diani.

Project co-ordinator **Cosmus W. Mama** reports:

"Led by the KCB Ukunda manager **Azzan Mohamed** and community champion **Kenneth Maganga** they brought us a huge 1,900 litres water tank and foodstuffs worth ksh 45,800/-"

In their speech the community champion emphasized that the bank will continually endeavour to help the less fortunate members of the society.

He also noted that the bank had

seen the need to assist our organisation so as to empower us to be able to rehabilitate drug addicts and make them worthwhile members of our society.

"Teens watch rehabilitation centre is a community based organisation located in Diani/ Ukunda our objective is reaching out to teens and children on the issues of drug use/ abuse and HTV/AIDS, the ultimate goal being behaviour change," said Mr. Mama.

"This Christmas season our centre has organised a Christmas treat party for the whole month of December, we shall host three hundred children

in every division of Kwale District."

Tiwi location has over nine hundred and seventy-five orphans and Ukunda has over three-hundred and fifty orphans, this has been revealed through a base line survey.

The main aim of the treat will be not only to feed them but to give them advice and help them make positive choices in their future endeavours, as regards HIV/ AIDS and drug abuse.

• For further information contact: Project co-ordinator Mr. **Cosmus W. Mama**, Teens Watch Centre P.O.Box 5650, Diani, Tel: **0722 927334**

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Mr Aloys is seen at UTC talking to some Driver/ Guides about the tread of a tyre and the need to check tyre pressures before each safari.

He told them that Firestone tyres are made specifically to cater for Kenyan roads they will be driven over.

"They are not only locally manufactured in Kenya but tested here" he said.

Mr Aloys also suggested to UTC the use of the **Bridgestone 650-14** tyre instead of the CV 2000.

Commented **Ali Mirza**, UTC's Fleet Operations Manager, Coast "it has been arranged with Firestone that we will test and evaluate this new tyre

"If we feel it will perform better, then UTC will be using them as the safety of the tourists we carry is of paramount importance."



Firestone's Customer Service Engineer, **Aloys Walaga**, is seen at UTC's Coast HQ explaining to some Driver/ Guides the importance of ensuring tyre pressures are checked before leaving. Looking on (from left) are **Rishard Khamis; Salim Bakabe; Shee Yusuf; Amani Nassir; Nawab Abbas; Khalid Mohamed and Thamis Hassan**. On left of **Aloys Walaga** is **Lenox Mwalimu**, who looks after tyre and service at UTC. On right are **Ali Mirza**, Fleet Operations Manager, Coast and **Jitendra Rajani**, Chief Accountant, Coast.



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Even before the curtain went up on "**Babes In The Wood**" the atmosphere was alive with expectation.

Much of this was due to the foot-tapping hip-swinging music provided by Philippe Zimmerman and the **Men** (and woman!) **Of Steel**.

When the curtain went up on **Pauline Groom's** stunning scenery with the people of Nottingham making merry in colourful costume, the stage was literally set for an evening of enchantment.

Mole and Wart (**Mike Hughes** and **Jim Wild**) complete with fright wigs got things off to a good start with their tomfoolery in the prologue.

The babes (**Rahila Khan** and **Jay Dave**) were suitably cute and mischievous.

Bruce Copeland as their Nurse was a splendidly raucous dame who milked the script for every laugh he/she could get.

And there were many. In fact all the lead players

found laughter throughout the pantomime.

There was **Geoff Weeks** for instance who obviously thoroughly enjoyed being the babes' wicked "nunky" the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Then there was his evil sidekick the witch **Nausea Nightshade** (**Simi Kiran**).

Never have such elegant hands weaved a wicked spell quite so eloquently.

Robin Hood and **Maid Marion** (**Sally Fothergill-Misbah** and **Pauline Groom**) both beautifully garbed, provided the romantic touch with an especially moving duet.

The rest of Robin's motley crew were well represented by **Little John** (**Ed Kooyman**) a light footed **Friar Tuck** (**John Chalwin**) and **Will Scarlet** (**Areez Ramji**).

Julian Fay was "A stranger" who turned out to be none other than **King Richard**.

Then of course there were the **Nyali Singers** themselves without whom none of this would have been possible.

Good news travels fast.

The first night was only half full, but from then onwards the audiences flocked to

"The Mombasa Academy" to see "**Babes In The Wood**".

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There were 50 exhibitors coming from far and wide to sell their wonderful array of gift items, paintings and foodstuffs.

Over 700 people attended the event and lots of children took part in the many activities on offer over the two days.

Santa Claus put in an appearance on both days and seemed to enjoy himself immensely, he even had a go on the Bouncy Castle.

The three Charities, **A.C.T.S.** (Assist a Child to School), **KSPCA** (Kenya Society for the Protection and Care of Animals,) and **Rafiki's** (Mombasa Hospital League of Friends) all benefited to the tune of Ksh 91,550 each which is a wonderful boost for all of them just before Christmas.

All of these charities work extremely hard to benefit the Mombasa community.

Many thanks go to everyone who participate, helped, donated raffle prizes or just attended.

A big thank you to **Denys Swart**, the General Manager of Whitesands Hotel who hosted the event, and to his operations Manager **David Gachuru** who made sure things ran smoothly over both days.

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KILULU QUIZ

The following are the Winners of the recent Kilulu Quiz:

1st: **Philip Hechle, Nairobi** - 88 out of 90
2nd: **Geraldine Tucker, Nairobi** - 87,
3rd: **Tove Hussein, Nairobi** - 87,
4th: **Joan Beeston, Malindi** - 86,
5th: **Diana Cook, Malindi** - 86

The corrected forms are being returned to the competitors. However, if anyone is interested to see the answers these are on view at the A.C.T.S. shop at Ratna.

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Mombasas größtes künstliches Riffprojekt

BUCCANEER DIVING und die Schwestergesellschaft **Buccaneer Wrecks** beschlossen, in Zusammenarbeit mit dem **Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)** mit einem außer Dienst gesetzten Schiff an der Nordküste von Mombasa ein künstliches Riff zu kreieren.

Die 75 m lange für Viehtransporte verwendete **M.V. Dania** wurde am Sonntag, den 27. Oktober vor der Bamburi Beach versenkt.

Es war ein großer Erfolg und es wird gehofft, dass **M.V. Dania** Mombasa dazu verhilft, auf die Liste der umweltfreundlichen Touristen-Destinationen aufgenommen zu werden.

Ausführliche Studien haben bewiesen, dass künstliche Riffe sich zu erstaunlichen Lebensräumen entwickeln für alle Arten von Meereslebewesen und sich nach einer gewissen Zeit kaum von natürlichen Korallenbänken unterscheiden.

Die Errichtung künstlicher Riffe wird weltweit gefördert und ist eine Notwendigkeit in Anbetracht der katastrophalen Zerstörung von Korallenriffen durch menschliche Aktivitäten und klimatische Vorgänge.

M.V. Dania sollte ursprünglich am Freitag, den 11. Oktober versenkt werden, aber wegen schlechter Wetterverhältnisse an diesem Tag beschloss **Buccaneer Wrecks**, die Operation auf Sonntag, den 27. Oktober zu verschieben.

Das Wetter war ideal und um 05.30 Uhr begann Bergungskapitän **Amin Bahero** **M.V. Dania** für ihre letzte Reise vorzubereiten.

Das **Buccaneer Wrecks** Team erhielt kurz vor 07.00 Uhr die Erlaubnis, die **Comarco** Basis zu verlassen, wo **M.V. Dania** das letzte Jahr verbracht hatte, damit ausführliche Vorbereitungsarbeiten vorgenommen werden konnten.

Dann wurde **M.V. Dania** zu dem vom **KWS** ausgewählten Bestimmungsort geschleppt, 50 Meter außerhalb des natürlichen Riffs vor der Bamburi Beach.

Kapitän Bahero begann um

11.00 Uhr, Wasser in den Rumpf des Schiffes zu pumpen; dreißig Minuten später wurden die Stöpsel in den vorher gebohrten Löchern durch den Druck des eindringenden Wassers herausgedrückt und **M.V. Dania** sank langsam in die Tiefe.

Um 12.32 Uhr neigte sie sich nach backbord, aber als immer

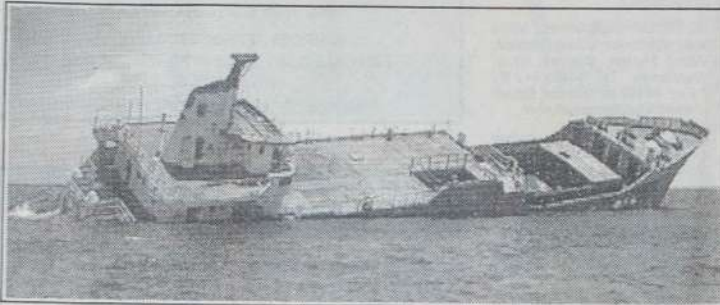
mehr Wasser eindrang, stellte sie sich wieder auf und um 13.05 Uhr verschwand sie innerhalb von Minuten in ihrem nassen Grab.

Die Taucher von **Buccaneer Wrecks** folgten dem Wrack nach zwanzig Minuten auf den Meeresgrund und fanden das Schiff in 30 Meter Tiefe in perfekter Lage aufrecht stehend in nordsüdlicher Richtung.

Am Montag besuchten die **Buccaneer** Taucher,

stationiert im **Whitesands Hotel** und im **Voyager Resort** wiederum **M.V. Dania** und fanden zu ihrer großen Zufriedenheit heraus, dass das Wrack bereits von mehreren Fischen, unter anderem Sardinen und Remora, inspiziert und bewohnt wurde.

Die verschiedenen Routen, um am Wrack zu tauchen, werden je nach Schwierigkeitsgrad mit farbigen Bojen markiert, die auch zur Bootsbefestigung dienen.



13.05 Uhr: M.V. Dania verschwindet innerhalb weniger Minuten in ihrem nassen Grab vor dem Bamburi Riff.

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Das Grundstück wird zur Zeit vermessen und der Tourism Trust Fund hat sich bereit erklärt, nach Mombasa zu kommen, um das Land zu besichtigen und zu ermitteln, was zu tun ist, damit der Nordküsten Tourismusmarkt ein Erfolg wird.

Der Beach Operators Relocation Trust bedankte sich bei der Baobab Farm und bei der Zementfabrik für ihre Unterstützung und Zusammenarbeit, wodurch dieser Nordküsten Tourismusmarkt ermöglicht wird.

BORT war es bisher nicht gelungen, für diesen Zweck Land von der Regierung zu erhalten, vor allem, weil die Grundstücke in Privatbesitz sind und sich für einen Markt nicht eignen würden.

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Auf jedem wurden bereits Toiletten gebaut, der Boden eingeebnet und Tore errichtet; auf einem gibt es einen Musterkiosk zur Nachahmung.

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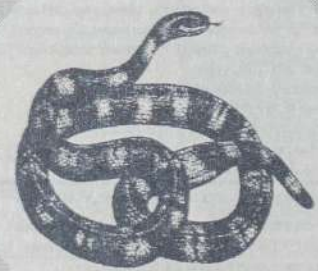
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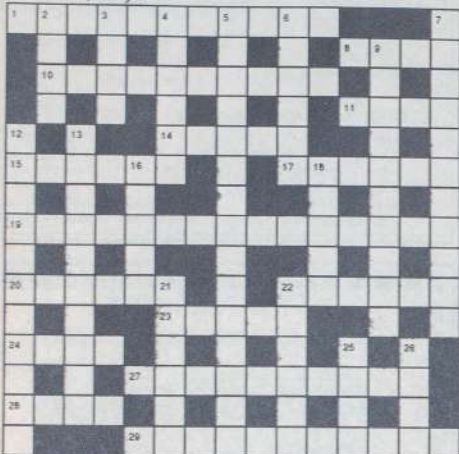
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CROSSWORD NO. 600

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS:

1. Something done by pupils gets the cane, possibly [11]
8. Perhaps early part of recess [4]
10. Object to strike in one of the services? [6-4]
11. 1 game? [4]
14. Tend to take union's direction [5]
15. Fall again, being careless [6]
17. Hinders printing of foreign poems [6]
19. Does Thomson gain a lot out of music? [9-6]
20. Out with string ensemble, recording [6]
22. The cricketer on the hearth? [6]
23. A sound curtain appears to answer the purpose [5]
24. Fly back with pungency [4]
27. Hiawatha's driver for practising one's swing? [6,4]
28. River smell, say? [4]
29. Shows formality to a certain degree, about retiring from court [4,7]

DOWN:

2. The artist of Gettysburg [4]
3. Gives amusement to a large number, making money [4]
4. Rules for guides going round Gateshead [6]
5. Charitable revel organised by old comedian [6,9]
6. Visited valley with airman climber [6]
7. One lobster was distributed among the servants [5,6]
9. Support chief officer and arrange advertising, perhaps? [10]
12. Forewarning before space traveller carries it in ascent [11]
13. Meaning a direction to church of some consequence? [10]
16. Exhibition of oils alone [5]
18. Wear certain lines after some hesitation [5]
21. Mount horse to catch bird [6]
22. Flier, about fifty, appears to shrink back [6]
25. Fruit in the best position? [4]
26. Skillful, as Adamson said [4]

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 599

ACROSS: 8. TALISMAN, 9. HOOKER, 10. STUDIO, 11. IMMODEST, 12. SOLO, 13. TIGER SHARK, 15. HOPPING, 18. SCAMPER, 18. HEARTS EASE, 19. ELAN, 20. STUDIOUS, 22. TIDLED, 23. EDISON, 24. EMOTIONS
DOWN: 1. BARTHOLOMEW TIDE, 2. BIRDS OF PARADISE, 3. IMPORTUNES, 4. INNINGS, 5. SHAM, 6. LORD CHAMBERLAIN, 7. LESSER CELANDINE, 14. RECREATION, 17. TAPSTER, 21. OWNS.

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Twenty students from Mombasa Academy and Seacrest School in Diani once again got together for an action packed weekend of sport last month.

Starting with hours fun on the waterslides at Pirates, and finishing with a pool party and barbeque at Mombasa Academy, the students and staff involved had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Seacrest students stayed at the Reef Hotel and one afternoon involved games in the lovely pool there, followed by beach games.

Of course, the weekend could not pass without the 'fillest sandcastle' competition, in which a clear winner had not emerged until the last second, when the top collapsed!

The staff and students thank Pirates and the Reef Hotel for the use of their facilities, and roll on Mombasa Academy's weekend at Seacrest next term.

Cadets Enjoy Fun Sail Down To Port Reitz

The second **December Monthly Mug**, supported by the regular crowd took the boats out to Green and Red Cable buoys, beyond the Likoni ferry, at the request of Barry Mitchell who wanted to stretch his legs.

The conditions were perfect with a light, but steady, easterly breeze.

Although there were two Lasers in the race, only Ishilia, Marylyn Barnes started on the first start as Omar Mbithi, Chanzo was still rigging his boat and only just got afloat in time to start with the faster boats.

Tally-Ho! Barry Mitchell and Mandy Dane is always the first to make the break away from the fleet as she and Into the Blue, Aslam Kasmani and Peter Mwangi are the faster boats - but the ensuing 420s - Bunkeroo sailed by Edward Omondi and Steve Ogada and Stothert and Pitt, Harold Otieno and Kevin Mwandau.

All was well until half way through the race when a large orange ship appeared on the scene, delaying the two lead boats, Ishilia and Tally-Ho! who until then had been battling it out to stay in the lead.

The rest of the fleet managed to avoid any hold ups.

As the sun set the wind dropped allowing the lead boats to finish in good wind with Tally-Ho!, Barry Mitchell/ Mandy Dane taking line honours and first place, 2nd Ishilia, 3rd Bunkeroo,

4th Chanzo, 5th Into the Blue, 6th Stothert & Pitt.

It is beginning to look like Barry and Mandy will romp home with this month's mug once more having secured two first places.

The annual **Cadet Trophy** was sailed on Tuesday afternoon - four races in Toppers off scratch handicaps.

It was good to see the small as well as the larger cadets turn out for this event in a Force Three which is certainly an advantage for the bigger folk with no quarter given on the handicap for smaller guys.

It was a hard fought race, everyone battling it out to the end, but after four races the results worked out to be exactly the same as the first race!

But who was to know that would be the outcome.

Kevin Mwandau in Coca Cola and Harold Otieno in PEM Lady Barrister, although too old to enter, turned up to sail, helping to show the new comers to racing how best to get round the course.

The race between these two excellent Topper sailors was a tie.

1st overall was Matt Clark in Bamburi Cement, 2nd Teddy Ndaru in Rolls Royce, 3rd Kevin Omondi - Stanray I, 4th Javed Jiwaji - DHE Free Willy, 5th Dan Cripwell - Freight Forwarders, 6th Frances Scott - The Merry Mariner, 7th Jack Coupland - Stanray II, 8th Peter Scott - WEC Rotterdam, 9th and very well sailed for two little guys in their first real race - Brian Harding and Arjun Sondhi in Wainanchi Marine.

At this level of sailing it is often he who can keep out of trouble on the start line who will triumph as other novices can mess each other up.

If you have a bad start, then it is an uphill fight to climb back through the fleet.

The biggest lesson to learn is not to sit on the line shouting the rules about your right of way, but just to find a space and start. Well done everyone.

Nearly all of you are young enough to compete next year again.

The cadets were out again in force on Saturday once more, with a perfect tide and wind state.

The exercise was to pick up a buoy and man overboard drill.

However they were not allowed to throw people off their boats, but plastic cans which littered the whole harbour as helms failed to pluck their can out of the water, or ran straight over the top of them - thank heavens they were not real people.

Those who listened carefully and mastered the skill were able to go off and free sail while the rest of the fleet continued to drown their 'man'.

This is definitely an area that needs working on further.

The group had to sustain yet more theory as they reach the end of the assessment period, with some still to take the written test.

Brian Harding in Freight Forwarders tried repeatedly to recover his man, and had Steve Ogada demonstrate how to do it on the water for him.

Sam Wysock-Wright in WEC Rotterdam would have had a man with a dislocated arm if he were let lose on a real man, but finally managed to approach his can having taken the speed off.

Edmund Scott, DHE Free Willy recovered his man quickly and went off to pick up to a mooring.

Patrick Ooko in Stanray I and Frances Scott in The Merry Mariner are both still developing a safe technique as is Joseph Kahindi in Bamburi Cement.

Jack Coupland in Stanray II and Peter Scott in Rolls Royce both had 'men' safely on board and so practised approaching the rescue boat in a controlled manner - makes those on board watch out for their heads.

Babu Muckiin Coca Cola managed to recover his man eventually, after Harold Otieno went to demonstrate the method, while Sam Bartlett, PEM Lady Barrister, Murtaza Bhujwala, Wainainchi Marine's Trophy Sieger and Khadija Bhujwala, Barnaby are still have some practicing to do.

Kevin Mwandau and Javed Jiwaji in Stothert & Pitt were enjoying the winds so much they they did not work too hard on man overboard drill and will have to stop having fun and work on the essentials next week!

It was good to see Javed getting some spinnaker practice having an old hand like Kevin to work

with. There was no racing on Sunday but picnic sail to Shimba Hills, postponed at the request of the Muslims who were fasting when it was unfortunately scheduled during Ramadan.

Four boats set off lead by Michael Smewing and Aslam Kasmani in Umeme - the aged Lightening and the most suitable boat for the occasion as she could carry the cool box!

Stothert & Pitt, Kevin Mwandau/ Harold Otieno, Cat's Paw - Andy Burnard/ Sha Khan and KeNza - Omar Mbithi/ Steve Ogada left half an hour later but were hard pushed to catch the

Lightening as she tramped off with her huge spinnaker billowing in the Force 2/3 breeze.

Kumi na Tatu - Marylyn and Samantha Barnes departed much later as Samantha failed to report for duty in time, flying in 24 hours late from the UK and straight out onto the water.

The fresh breeze and beautiful sunshine was a huge change to the bad weather - fog, two degrees and snow - that she had left behind.

It was a relaxed and fun sail

down to Port Reitz, left at the end with the Shimba Hill escarpment as the back drop.

We know this would have been a favourite sail of Phil Jones had he still been in Kenya.

Umeme stopped and anchored when it started to become shallow, while Cat's Paw continued on until the fish traps stretched out from each side of the river, almost meeting in the middle.

The boats tied up to Umeme where a roast chicken and three vegetables was being carved and served by Michael Smewing, together with other bitings being shared out.

After an hour's break the boats cast off, Umeme up-anchored and the fleet left for a two to three hour beat back to the Club, it all depending on the speed of your boat and seriousness of your sailing.

The fleet passed over a breeding ground of huge white jelly fish, then turned out into Port Reitz to find large waves and a brisk breeze.

After turning at Flora the beat turned into a fetch and the boats speed home on the last leg.

Although not quite reaching their target of Shimba Hills, it was nevertheless a very enjoyable sail.

Sailing Notes with SEA BREEZE

Rangers Demolish Nyumba Stars FC

FROM BACK PAGE Amir Kombo sent the goalie sprawling helplessly on the turf in the 12th minute. Kennedy Makhoka's spectacular shot outside the box in the 16th minute caught the goalie napping.

Khalid Mzee clawed one back for Kwa shee in the 22nd minute after connecting a free kick from Mwinyi Hamisi. Golie Hassan miscalculated a back - heeled kick by Michael Ngure in the 33rd minute for the third goal.

Kwa Shee were awarded a penalty after Julia Ami was brought down inside the box in the 49th minute. All converted from the spot. Micky Boys play Flat Rangers in the second semi-finals on Sunday



GUY HACKWELL (Centre) one of the winners of Mombasa Round Table No. 3 Charity Scramble in aid of Mombasa Secondary School for the physically handicapped at Nyali Golf & Country Club receives his prize from Moses Obonyo (Chairman of NG&CC). Looking on is Henry Ndoro - Headmaster of Mombasa Secondary School. They raised Shs.175,000/-. Also the winning team donated Shs.25,000/-.

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COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

IN THE following hand Declarer missed a chance to deceive East.

How can the Declarer steer the defence away from the winning strategy?

Dealer: SOUTH Neither side 'Vulnerable' **BIDDING**

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
ONE DIAMOND	PASS	ONE SPADE	TWO HEARTS
TWO SPADES	PASS	THREE SPADES	PASS
THREE 'NO TRUMPS	PASS	PASS	PASS

West led the Eight of Hearts to East's Ace and South followed low. Happy about holding two Hearts Stoppers.

East knew about two Hearts Stoppers with South so he switched to the Four of Clubs and that spell defeat.

West's King beat Declarer's Knave, a Club was returned to East's Ace, felling Declarer's Queen and the defence

NORTH				
♠	A	K	Q	7
♥	7	4	3	
♦	K	8	2	
♣	6	3	2	

WEST				
♠	9	6	4	3
♥	8			
♦	10	5	3	
♣	K	10	9	7

EAST				
♠	J	2		
♥	A	J	10	9
♦	9	4		
♣	A	8	4	

cashied three further tricks in the suit to defeat the contract by two.

Declarer should have dropped the Queen of Hearts under the Ace, sacrificing a Heart trick in order to make a Heart continuation more attractive to East.

SOUTH				
♠	10	8	5	
♥	K	Q	5	
♦	A	Q	J	7
♣	Q	J		

Declarer would then have emerged with 10 tricks (provided he plays Spades before Diamonds to allow him to unblock the suit when the Knave falls doubleton).

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Robert Mambo Shows 'Terrific' Performance!

ROBERT MAMBO, a Coast Stars Football Club midfielder, skippered the Kenya national team - Harambee Stars - to a well-deserved 3-2 victory over Tanzania national team - Kilimanjaro Stars - during the final match of the East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup played at Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza last weekend.

Mambo was made Harambee Stars captain and proved beyond reasonable doubt that without players from the Coast, our Kenya national team cannot do well in any international assignment.

The selection of Mambo as the Harambee Stars captain, boosted the morale of the players for the Coastal star handled them well.

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Soccer Scene with
Abdurrehman Shami



Flat Rangers FC Demolish Debutants 'Nyumba Stars'

Experience triumphed over sensation when former champions Flat Rangers demolished debutants Nyumba Stars in a pulsating Reproductive Health Care Soccer match at Kwa Mwanza Grounds on Thursday, writes SUMBA BWIRE.

Centre forward Stephen Maina sent the corrugated sheet manufacturers into early celebration in the 15th minute following a botched off-side trap.

Rangers fought back and drew level in the 22nd minute through Raphael Okello for a dead locked 1-1 draw at breather.

Rangers came back smoking in the second half and stretched the lead in the 54th minute through Jerald Mutta. Robert Matano rubbed salt into Nyumba's wound in the 81st minute from a header.

Ruthless aristocrats from Kwa- Mwanza Cambodia 501

went on rampage and massacred hapless Allidina stars in a one sided match on saturday.

Allidina, a rag-tag team from the outer fringes of foot ball's empire appeared like a bunch of Kindergatten School boys, perplexed and confused.

Mwadime Ali, George Ouma and Keneth Otieno scored a doubled each to make Allidina's qualification a fargone conclusion.

Rajab Said opened the flood gates in 15th minute.

Serial scorer Mwadime Ali stretched the lead through a block buster in the 27th and 34th minute.

Overlapping Libero George Ouma scored the fourth goal in the 42nd minute and capped celebration in style by puffing a cigar on the terraces.

Diminutive mid-field magician Keneth Otieno converted a free kick in the 52nd minute for the fifth goal.

Skipper Jimmy Charo headed home a corner in the 67th minute for the sixth goal.

George Ouma hit a rebound in the 78th minute for the seventh goal. Keneth Otieno completed the amazing goal burst in the 88th minute.

Moments later the final whistle blew and Allidina sluck back home with their tails coiled between their legs.

Cambodia 501 hosts Brikani sportiff at their slaughter house in a nail biting semi-final on Saturday.

Poor goal keeping cost Kwashie Brothers qualification when they went down to Micky Boys on Sunday.

Kwashie could have as well played without a goal keeper.

Their Keeper Juma Hassan stood static like an idol in the goal and appeared to be suffering from a hangover after the month long Ramadhan Fasting period.

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MOMBASA BOWLS CELEBRATE DR. RASIK PATEL TROPHY 2002

The Dr. Rasik Patel Trophy was played on the weekend 7th/8th December 2002. It was played to celebrate Dr. Rasik Patel's birthday.

Dr. Rasik Patel is a regular and very dedicated bowler. Unfortunately, Dr. Rasik Patel himself the sponsor, could not take part as he fell sick on the same day.

It was four teams of Rinks playing against each other.

On the first day, the team of Raman Patel, Rasila Shah, Hamida Waljee and Lata Shah won on the last short against the team of C. C. Shah, Deepa Mukhopadya and M. K. Mumjee.

The team of Kirti Chhaniyara, Aftab Mohamedbhai, Sakina Mamujee and Natubhai Nathwani had easily won against the team of K. P. Shah, Kusum Patel and Aziz Chaudry.

On the second day, the hottest Sunday, Raman Patel's team won both games and C. C. Shah's team winning against Kirti Chhaniyara's team.

Finally it was Raman Patel's team the clear winner of the competition with C. C. Shah's team as runners-up.

After the game Dr. Rasik Patel entertained the players with delicious food and drinks on the green.

The Captain of the section wished him a very Happy Birthday and good health.

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MOMBASA, December 20 - 26, 2002

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SATURDAY High Water - 3.50 m. at 04.59 hrs. (4.59 a.m.) and 2.86 m. at 17.28 hrs. (5.28 p.m.). Low Water - 0.27 m. at 11.19 hrs. (11.19 p.m.) and 0.57 m. at 23.11 hrs. (11.11 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.48 m. at 05.33 hrs. (5.33 a.m.) and 2.86 m. at 18.04 hrs. (6.04 p.m.). Low Water - 0.30 m. at 11.54 hrs. (11.54 a.m.) and 0.60 m. at 23.48 hrs. (11.48 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.41 m. at 06.09 hrs. (6.09 a.m.) and 2.83 m. at 18.40 hrs. (6.40 p.m.). Low Water - 0.36 m. at 12.30 hrs. (12.30 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 3.29 m. at 06.49 hrs. (6.49 a.m.) and 2.80 m. at 19.24 hrs. (7.24 p.m.). Low Water - 0.68 m. at 00.27 hrs (12.27 a.m.) and 0.46 m. at 13.10 hrs (1.10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.11 m. at 07.32 hrs (7.32 a.m.) and 2.75 m. at 20.13 hrs. (8.13 p.m.). Low Water - 0.80 m. at 01.12 hrs (1.12 a.m.) and 0.59 m. at 13.55 hrs (1.55 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 2.89 m. at 08.24 hrs (8.24 a.m.) and 2.73 m. at 21.13 hrs (9.13 p.m.). Low Water - 0.95 m. at 02.04 hrs (2.04 a.m.) and 0.73 m. at 14.44 hrs (2.44 p.m.).

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