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## MEMBER NEWS

Sadly our August meeting opened with all present standing in thought and prayer for Laura Trollip and family on the recent passing of Eric - he will be missed.

On a happier note, welcome to new members Norman Maurice and John Thompson who will be inducted at our September 7 meeting.

## BIRTHDAY BOYS

September sees - even if I say so myself (Ed) - a rather exclusive group celebrating birthdays: Zoltan de Rosner ~ 15<sup>th</sup>; Iain Jenkins #1 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> and Ronald Seymour ~ 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Q:** What do you call a snowman with a suntan? (answer on next page)

## MONTHLY DRAW

Ding dong dell, Augusts' swindle board winnnah was Colin Bell. Well done lad!

## FASCINATING FACTS

- The thick thatched roofs of olde English homes were the sanctuary of household pets on cold nights. When it rained, however, the straw became slippery causing the animals to slide down off the roof - hence the saying *"It's raining cats and dogs."*

## DOC PROBE - AGING TRUE OR FALSE

**Forgetfulness is part of the aging process:** False. While memory-related diseases are more common amongst the elderly, they are not inevitable.

**Depression and anxiety can also cause memory problems:** True. To help, try keeping your mind agile and fit by developing a new hobby or skill.

**Constipation becomes more common with age:** True. Note however that eating high-fibre foods, including plenty of fruit and vegetables, drinking water and regular daily exercise helps prevent the problem. Go less than three times per week and you should consult your doctor.

## REPORT BACK

For some reason - possibly because President Peter Brittain was not there?!? ... ("while the cat's away, ..." sort of thing) attendance at the August meeting was just over 40%; quite well down from our usual 60% average. Perhaps just a bad hair day?! Hope you're now all feeling much more gregarious.

## ON THE POSITIVE SIDE

- Reporter interviewina a 104-year-old woman: *"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?"* "No peer pressure." She replied.
- My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
- Always Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Ladies luncheon** - The day/date is Friday, 18 September. The place; Yellow wood Nursery, Pennington. The price; R60/head. Put your names on the list and treat the love of your life to a gastronomic delight!

**'Toti Probus Family visit** - We, with our better-halves, have been invited to attend a 'Toti meeting and bring 'n braai on Friday, 25 September, after the Thursday public holiday. Start time is 09h30 and for those wishing to attend, a list will do the rounds at our Sept. 7 meeting. Sounds fun!

**Annual KZN Probus Mangrove Swamp Braai** - October 8 from 10h00 - Well worth the trip if you haven't yet been.

**KZN Probus Golf Day** - possibly at Kloof CC. List to go around at our Sept. 7 meeting to gauge level of interest.

**A:** A puddle.

## NEXT MEETING

Iain Jenkins II reveals 'all' during a 'Getting-2-know-U' session at our September 7 meeting. Be interesting to hear his deepest, darkest secrets, so be there.



**LAST LAUGH** - with thanks to Ken Horn

A man's just settled into his window seat on a plane when another man sits in the aisle seat and puts his black Labrador on the seat between them. With a quizzical look, the first man asks why the dog is allowed on the plane.

*"I'm a Drug Enforcement Agency officer", explains the second man, and the canine is a 'Sniffer dog'. "His name is Smithy and he's the best there is. Once we get airborne I'll show you."* he says.

As the plane levels out the agent tells Smithy to *"Search!"*

Smithy jumps down, walks along the aisle, and sits very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds before returning and putting one paw on the agent's arm.

*"Good boy", says the agent. Turning to the man he says: "That woman is in possession of marijuana, so I'm making a note of her seat number and the authorities will apprehend her when we land."*

*"Say, that's pretty neat."* replies the first man.

Once again, the agent sends Smithy to down the aisles. The Lab sniffs about, sits beside a man for a few seconds, returns to his seat and this time, he places TWO paws on the agent's arm.

*"That man is carrying cocaine", says the agent, "so again, I'm making note of his seat number for the police."*

*"This is great!!"* exudes his seat mate.

The agent then tells Smithy to 'search' again.

Smithy walks up and down the aisles for a little while, sits down for a moment and then comes racing back to the agent, jumps into the middle seat and proceeds to crap all over the place.

Amazed, the first man asks: *"What's going on?"*

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Nervously the agent replies: *"He's just found a bomb!"*

## C U AT OUR SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING