



MONATENG SAFARI LODGE

# Monateng Safari Lodge NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

## Dear Shareholder

We find ourselves midway through the year and what a memorable year it has already been for Monateng. We continue with our motto that success is the “sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out” and look forward to what the rest of 2016 holds for us. For now, it is our great pleasure to share the latest news and updates with you.

## MID-YEAR CATCH UP...

*“We imagine with all our mind. We believe with all our heart. We achieve with all our might.”*



Every year Monateng dreams big and achieves growth through commitment to excellence. This commitment was rewarded when we achieved Gold Crown status at this year’s prestigious, annual RCI OSCAS Awards Ceremony.

Gold Crown status is the highest grading a Resort can achieve and we are thankful to have retained this ranking once again. Ultimately, it comes down to making sure you, our valued Shareholder, only receive the best service, facilities and opportunity to create lasting memories with your loved ones.



Wine tasting with our Guests .....

## About Those Upgrades

**“Good better best. We never let it rest, until good is the better and the better, is the best.”**

Monateng believes that improving every year is essential and with that in mind, we would like to update you on the latest improvements and developments that have taken place at your home-away-from-home.

**Our Entrance is sporting two value-adding notice boards. The one board, Monateng uses to inform our cherished guests of the weekly weather forecast and the other is used to list the recreation programme for the week.** Another improvement designed to add value from the moment you arrive, is at Monateng’s Reception area, which now has a bench for our guests to relax and enjoy the surroundings while they are in the process of checking-in.

We understand that your week at your gem in the South African bushveld is so much more than just a holiday. It is an opportunity to create a bank full of memories with your loved ones, a place where you can appreciate the finer things in life, like the beautiful trees, bushes, birds and other Monateng critters and a place where you can unwind and remember what the truly important things in life are. Your chalet is an important part of all this. For this reason, we think of the big and the small things we can add to your unit, to make your stay even more remarkable.



**Speaking of things that add value - all chalets now have brand new white towels, amongst which are really nice bath sheets. Other additions to the chalets include measuring jugs for our budding “master chefs” and microwave-splatter-covers to ensure that the microwave remains clean, when heating up food.**

Monateng believes that it is very important for families to spend quality time together and have fun; it is for this reason that we upgraded the mini-golf-course. Now the family can truly be challenged and see who has what it takes to be the family adventure golf champion. We have also created a fish pond in this area - a lovely place to relax and take in every detail of the nature surrounding the Lodge.

**There is a saying that goes “happiness is being beside the pool”.** When you and the family go for a dose of happiness, you will see that Monateng has added some more comfortable pool loungers – the perfect place to catch some vitamin D.

## Love at First “Site”

**“Love at Monateng flows strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep.”**

Monateng is the kind of place that, once they have visited for the first time, our guests just want to come back again. The Lodge seems to occupy a special space in every guest’s heart. From the typical South African bushveld setting, the opportunity to have fun and create plenty of memories with the family, the excellent accommodation or “home”, being the place where your heart lies... to the amazing facilities and wildlife.

**Le Fera Restaurant is part of the love! Le Fera prides itself on serving hearty, fresh food – whether you like a delicious homemade pizza from our wood-fire pizza oven, a fresh salad, or the family favourite – a juicy burger, and more. We do incredibly yummy breakfasts with all the trimmings; so if you love a good homemade brekkie, come and tantalise your taste buds and start your day right.**

The Restaurant offers stunning views of the bushveld and a stunning outdoor wooden deck, which is the perfect place to enjoy a great meal and soak up the peace and tranquillity.

**Le Fera Shop is the perfect place for guests to get those “oops-I-forgot” items.** From charcoal and wood, to a selection of tinned goods and essentials; from yummy treats to delicious homemade jams and preserves – the Shop has got all this and more for you. Feel like salt and vinegar chips or a chocolate treat? Having an all-scream-for-ice-cream family moment? Or in need of some bug spray? Le Fera Shop is not only convenient; it stocks products with you in mind. So pop by, the next time you visit.

**We have created some brand new budget-friendly game drive packages!** Monateng and Le Fera understand that sticking to a family budget is very important and so, we’ve designed family packages with this in mind. Why? **Because, we love and appreciate you!** For two adults and three children under the age of 12 (max five), pay only – R350 for the Morning Drive, R300 for the Afternoon Drive and R400 for the Night Drive. We also have a pensioners package; payoff just R120 per couple, per drive!

There is something special about going on a drive. You get to see every detail of the bush up close; you hear every single sound – the call of the birds, the stridulating and humming of beetles, the “grunts” and “barks” of buck, the rustling of the leaves from the typically mild bushveld breeze ... the experience is matchless.

**Families also love our recreational programme. Our latest addition for our adult guests is a wine tasting.** They say a good wine starts with a smile and Monateng has certainly witnessed a fair few smiles since the initiation of this activity.

**Monateng also offers plenty of activities that can be enjoyed by the whole family – minute-to-win-it challenges, bushveld games, musical chairs, talent contests and night walks, to name a few of the fun things we plan.** We understand how important it is to you that your family have the best stay at your “gem” in the bushveld and with this in mind, we will continue to come up with creative entertainment programmes for the whole family to enjoy.



## HELP MONATENG DRIVE DREAMS

*“Charity begins at home but it shouldn’t stop there.”*



There is no doubt that we rise by lifting others up and Monateng loves to help the community as soon as a need arises. As a VRS Managed Resort, our particular focus is the Driving Dreams Campaign run by African Blessings, a non-profit company and public benefit organisation. **African Blessings aims to uplift South African communities and spread hope in this beautiful country of ours. They are running a campaign to raise funds for a 34-seater bus.** The bus will help to transport those involved in Foundations Farming Training initiatives, assist people in the community that need transport; deliver donated items to the community and its surroundings and transport Early Learning Centre children to and from excursions.

**You can help dreams come true! How:**

**“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get but from what we give.”**

Look out for the **Driving Dreams collection points** at Reception for a cash donation.

### **EFT donation:**

- Account Name: African Blessings
- Bank: FNB
- Branch Code: 250 655
- Account Number: 620 654 37 355
- Reference: Driving Dreams

# YOUR HAPPY PLACE

**“Home is more than a place; it’s a feeling.”**

There is nothing like your week at Monateng. An opportunity to laugh, make memories and enjoy the magnificent sunsets that the Lodge is famous for and of course there is having a sundowner, a braai and your favourite sides – potato salad, corn, and “braai-broodjies”. Monateng wants to share one of our exclusive recipes with you – so that your braai has a happy and sweet ending.



## BIG GOALS GET BIG RESULTS

**The Resort and Management** understand that a goal without a plan is just a dream. We have plans in place to give our valued shareholders only the best experience. Here’s a little insight into our philosophy:

### **Aim to please**

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

This motto already bore fruit in 2016 and we are very proud of the accomplishments achieved thus far, as well as eagerly anticipate great things in the future.

### **Don’t Be the Same, Be Better**

We consistently ensure that all our units, facilities and grounds are maintained and upgraded. We appreciate and value your feedback and wish to foster forever friendships with you at our weekly – Meet-and-Greets.

### **Make Sure That There Is No Place like Home**

We understand that home is where the heart is. With this in mind – all the plans, projects, upgrades and refurbishments undertaken are designed to ensure that you and your family have the best possible stay at your “home-away-from-home”.



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Checking in procedures:** In the interest of safety, security and ensuring that only confirmed guests are allowed access to the resort, you will be required to produce both the reservation confirmation / guest certificate and your ID, and also to complete the indemnity form when checking into the resort.

**Guest certificates:** In the event that you are allowing a guest to occupy your timeshare week, the guest must be in possession of a valid Guest Certificate which is obtainable from Head Office prior to the guest’s arrival.

**Levy payments:** Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. (This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.)

**Spacebanking and rentals:** Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process same. Please contact Property Admin at: [propertyadmin@oaks.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@oaks.co.za).

**Communication:** To enable us to communicate effectively, please ensure that you keep us updated regarding your current contact details, and most importantly, your email address.

**Occupation dates:** Please note that resort calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2016 calendar available on the following link:

<http://www.monateng.co.za/MonatengSafariLodgeCalendar2016.pdf>

### **In Closing**

As the unique South African winter settles in, we wish you all things warm, lovely and cosy. Until we speak again, we would like to leave you with a few words: “You have to take the good with the bad, smile when you are sad, love what you’ve got and remember what you had. Always forgive and for your own sake forget, learn from your mistakes but never regret, people change, things go wrong ... just remember life goes on.”

Warm regards

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## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Tin foil
- Sugar-cone or waffle ice-cream cone
- Your selection of toppings  
(the possibilities are endless)

### *Recommended toppings:*

*marshmallows,  
Rolos,  
nuts,  
crumbled cookies,  
nougat pieces,  
sliced banana,  
sprinkles,  
chocolate pieces,  
fudge and  
rice crispies.*

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1). Place desired toppings in the sugar-cone and wrap it completely in tin foil. Do this for every family member
- 2). Place the tin-foiled cones onto the braai grid for three to five minutes or until the toppings are gooey inside.
- 3). Best served: after a traditional South African braai and with your awesome family.

S'mores  
CAMPFIRE  
CONES

