

GRC ISLAND

SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

Dear Valued Shareholder

The start of the Festive Season is once again upon us, which means we are almost at the end of another year and it is newsletter time again. We hope that you get the opportunity to really rest and spend quality time with your loved ones in the month ahead and that you enter the New Year refreshed, filled with renewed strength and ready for the next chapter of your life. For now let's get into the latest Resort developments.



KINDLY TAKE NOTE:

We are currently experiencing Level 3 water restrictions. Here are our top tips to conserve water:

- Take a short shower, rather than a bath;
- Close the tap while you brush your teeth or shave;
- best of all, use a glass of water so that you can control the amount of water you use;
- Only flush the toilet when necessary and reuse your towels to save water.

Remember Go Slow on the H2O!



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

It was a significant year at GRC Island – from attaining Silver Crown status and moving Reception to Baywater Village, to the numerous other developments along the way. Regrettably, not all the events of the year were good ones...

In June of this year, **fires raged through Knysna**, destroying trees, homes and bringing much harm to the legendary area of the Garden Route. Thankfully, Sedgefield and GRC Island were spared and didn't suffer any damage. We did however feel the need to donate blankets and linen to our "neighbours", who were not as fortunate as we were.

It is very important to **GRC Island to assist people in need** and where possible offer assistance. So whether we assist our "neighbours" by supplying them with items like blankets and the like or give towards a cause – we do so, because **we care**. For this reason, GRC Island's Resort Manager, Sharon Dryling arranged to give funds to the Season for Senior's Campaign.

African Blessings, a Non-Profit and Public Benefit Company ran a three-month campaign, called Season for Seniors, during the last few months of the year. There are elderly people in the communities that African Blessings serves, who are truly in need of basic items – items, which we see as everyday essentials (toothpaste, soap, toothbrush etc.) and often take for granted. But for these needy folk, they are true blessings and would significantly impact their quality of life this Festive Season. The majority of these elderly people are bitterly poor, forgotten and ignored; and many have not been fortunate enough to ever receive a gift. And for this reason, we decided to donate towards Season for Seniors. To read more about this campaign and African Blessings visit: www.africanblessings.co.za



Season for Seniors 2016

Knysna Fires



FROM BEYOND THE RESORT BORDERS BACK TO YOUR HOME- SWEET-HOME



Crafts at Baywater



Mlink Glass Studio

GRC Island strives to deliver the best and the friendliest service to all of our guests.

We set ourselves high standards, attempt not to overlook anything and actively seek ways to improve the Resort. We value our cherished Shareholders' feedback and where possible take any and all requests on board. For this reason, we identified several areas that needed attention.

Firstly, we repaired two soakaways at the Units ensuring that the systems run smoothly and effectively. We then identified four fences at the Units that were in need of repairing. We fixed these up and now they are as good as new. And finally we purchased new curtains for the Units. Some of the Units have already had the new curtains installed; the rest will progressively receive their curtains. We have plans for the New Year to ensure that the Units remain your home-sweet-home; but we will give the scoop in 2018.

A Blast from the Past

Over the years fashion and style changes; this is certainly true for home and Resort décor, as well as bedding. We thought what better way to celebrate where we are now, than looking back at where we've come from.

So here is a photo flashback from then (2005-2011) and now (2017):



Then



Now



FROM THEN (2005-2011) AND NOW (2017)



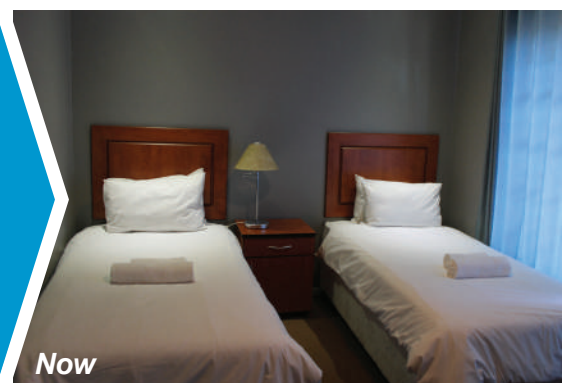
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GRC ISLAND'S PUMPKIN AND HONEY PIE



Mmmm...the Festive Season is often known for delicious meals shared with loved ones; from braais to just-out-the-oven masterpieces – a foodie's dream. GRC Island thought we would share one of our Festive Season favourites that could just as easily be served alongside your favourite braai items, as it could with a full-on Sunday roast. So without further ado, allow us to share our pumpkin pie recipe with you.

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. cake flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ cup of sugar
- 3 cups of pumpkin, cooked and pureed
- ½ cup of cream
- 3 free ranged eggs, lightly whisked
- ½ cup of honey
- ¼ cup of butter, softened

How Do You Make This Yumminess:

1. Preheat the oven to 160 °C.
2. In a large bowl, sift together the cake flour, salt and cinnamon.
3. Pour in the sugar and combine.
4. Add the pumpkin puree and mix in well.
5. Combine the honey, eggs and cream and lightly beat. Add the cream mix to the pumpkin mix and stir, until well-combined and smooth.
6. Pour the honey pumpkin mixture into a baking dish that has been lightly sprayed with non-stick spray. Pop in the oven and bake for 40 minutes or until the top is slightly golden.

Best served hot.



GRC ISLAND'S SUGAR-SUGAR SWEET AS CANDY SCRUB

Remember the popular song "Sugar, honey honey...You are my candy girl, you got me wantin' you... Aww, honey, sugar sugar...You are my candy girl, whoa-oh, you got me wantin' you" by The Archies (or Wilson Picket)?

Well, who can forget it – no matter your age, there is something nostalgic about this song or any song that is your family's favourite. And we thought - what better way to celebrate a loved one this Festive Season, than to make them a sugar scrub based on the sweet yesteryear memories that this song or your special family song, brings back for you.

What You Need:

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Oil
(Almond, Olive or Coconut Work Best)
- 1/2 Teaspoon Vitamin E Oil
- 1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 15 Drops Lavender Essential Oil

Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together.
You may add more or less oil to your liking.
2. Store in an airtight container or jar (just remember there are no preservatives in the mix; so use it within two months).
3. Tip: why not personalise the jar/container – write and stick a personalised label on it, decorate with a ribbon or place dried lavender on it and stick it down with tape.
4. And now "armed" with this sweet gift and the sweet memories... you get the satisfaction of seeing someone you love, smile when you present them with **GRC ISLAND'S Sugar-Sugar Sweet as Candy Scrub!**



Tell us why you love GRC Island

What are the best things about the Resort? What do you love the most?

Tell us YOUR GRC Island story and you could be featured in a future newsletter. Email us your stories, favourite recipes and/or pictures to: yourresortstory@oaks.co.za

WHY GRC ISLAND?

There are so many reasons to love GRC Island. From your home-away-from-home Unit that holds so many wonderful family memories, to all the amazing fun on your doorstep at Baywater Village and of course, the friendly and familiar faces of our Staff, welcoming you to your slice of Garden Route paradise. A big reason that GRC Island is also so loved and cherished is its ideal location, within the Garden Route and its proximity to popular attractions ...

Gericke's Point remains one of the guests' favourites, with the highest fossil dunes in RSA. For guests that are up for it, there is a spectacular four kilometre hike to the pinnacle and back; this is the perfect vantage point to see the beautiful and matchless surrounds – the ocean, the dolphins and whales and the lush greenery. During low tide a whole new world is exposed, as smaller tidal pools reveal all kinds of wonderful sea creatures; larger pools are perfect for swimming and snorkelling – so pack in your goggles and flippers, with your "cozzie" and towel.

For fun of a different variety Benguela Brasserie & Restaurant offers wine tasting on the Lake – enjoy a scenic boat trip, taking in all the matchless views as the sun sets over the Garden Route. The price of the cruise on the Lady Giselle Pontoon Boat includes a tasting of five of Benguela Cove Wines. The trip can be booked every Saturday and Sunday but the Restaurant is open throughout the week. For delicious food in a beautiful lakeside setting - whether for dinner, lunch or breakfast – Benguela Brasserie & Restaurant

has a growing reputation as one of the leading Garden Route Restaurants and is particularly popular for its imaginative and varied menu.

One of the biggest Garden Route gems is the Scarab Craft Market – one of the longest running Craft Markets in the area. Visit Scarab Market on Saturday mornings and find handmade crafts and art by some of the finest creative folk in the country. One of GRC Island's favourites is Mlink Glass Studio at Scarab Village – owned by Tariro Mutenure. Tariro, a very talented glass blower started his own business,

after he was retrenched earlier this year. Tariro creates the most exquisite glass jewellery and home-ware items. All of this and loads more is available to guests, just down the N2 at Scarab Art & Craft Village, Sedgfield.

With GRC Island's ideal location, the friendly Resort Staff that spoil you on special days and special occasions and always offer friendly greetings with big bright smiles, as well as the fact that time spent with us means time spent with your loved ones – what's not to love at GRC?



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please note that our VRS Head Office will be closed from the 18th of December 2017 to the 2nd of January 2018. We will return for business as usual on Wednesday, 03 January 2018. From 18 to 20 December there will be a skeleton staff available to deal with urgent enquiries; however we do expect high call volumes and ask that you please contact us before then for general enquiries.

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. For alternative payment arrangements, please contact Property Admin: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za.

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 them. Please contact Property Admin at: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za.

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 2018 calendar available on the following link: www.vrsonline.co.za/HTML/documents/GRCIslandCalendar2018.pdf.

UNTIL 2018

We have come to the end of another newsletter and are almost at the end of an amazing year. May you have an extremely blessed Festive Season and may you enter the New Year with renewed energy, vigour, hope and peace. On behalf of GRC Island and VRS, thank you for another wonderful year. Until we speak again, remember: "Another fresh New Year is here ... another year to live! To banish worry, doubt, and fear, to love and laugh and give! This bright New Year is given you to live each day with zest ... to daily grow and try your best! You have the opportunity to right your wrongs, to seek and spread peace and sing more joyful songs."

Season's Greetings

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