

SANDY PLACE

SHAREHOLDER

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018



Dear Valued Shareholder

We have shared another glorious year with you. Another year of incredible family holidays, everlasting memories and general feel-good moments at Sandy Place. A year bursting with adventures into the Wetland Park, of building sandcastles on the beaches, and adrenaline from fishing off the coast, a stone's throw from the Resort. What a year it has been! Before we launch into the Festive Season, and wrap up the year 2018 with a big bow, we pause to catch you up on all that has been happening at your Sandy home.

Change is as good as a Sandy holiday...

Daily, weekly and monthly, areas are reviewed to see how we can make this slice of paradise better for your family, and better for you. This can be anything from a corner in a room that needs some TLC, to a massive undertaking, such as repainting the Resort in its entirety. Take a peek and see how many of these changes you notice on your next visit!

Before we delve into the Resort itself, we would like to have a moment to announce our stunning new uniforms! The **new colour for 2018** and moving into the new year, is **"Navy Sea"** blue, with brilliant white trim. This new, fresh look will be replacing the **"Sky Blue"** from yester-year.

The Sandy Place Team aren't the only ones who have received an updated look...



Bright blue skies and sunny warm weather

make the days at the Resort even lovelier, and with the sun out in full force we thought it best to pour some love into our gardens with brand new pots, an array of plants, and trimmings, to fill these spaces to the brim. We've also taken care of the kids by refitting a new trampoline cover and safety padding. Now kiddies can bounce to their heart's content!



- St Lucia Birds -



- Sandy Place Gardens -



- Sandy Place Trampoline -



- Sandy Place Water Supply System -



In with bright, clean greens and out with cold hues... We recently spent painstaking time and great care to scrub the Resort from top-to-toe to remove all of the moss, which has been growing along our walls and in-between the paving. Once the moss was removed, we commenced with conducting annual maintenance. Due to the Resort's location, this maintenance was needed, as the Resort does stand a fair amount of battering by the elements. This included plastering and painting areas that were in need of some TLC.



Some maintenance work on our water supply system has resulted in the water supply to each individual unit being drastically improved. Our Resort water supply feeding system was linked from the storage tanks and then between each unit. The upgrade included the introduction of a new link, to link the water supply to the opposite section of the Resort, resulting in improved flow of water supply and increased pressure to each unit. You can now enjoy better showers, bubbly baths, and easily foam up your dishes in the kitchen sink.



Before we head indoors and into your home-away-from-home unit, we need to spend a minute in the Games Room. Not too long ago you would find a PlayStation console here. Well, it has served for long enough and was recently replaced with a new gaming console, which is a fun throw-back to the days of tokens and Arcade games! This new console has a selection of 964 Arcade Classics, so parents: it's time to challenge the kids!

Not only does the Games Room have a new console, but we've also stocked up on some family-fun board games to be enjoyed together on those cooler, rainy days. Family night can now echo with laughter and fun games like: Jenga, Finger Board, 30 Seconds and Dominoes.

Once a fun game has been selected you can head indoors to decide who the family victor is and while you are there you may notice a few welcome changes...



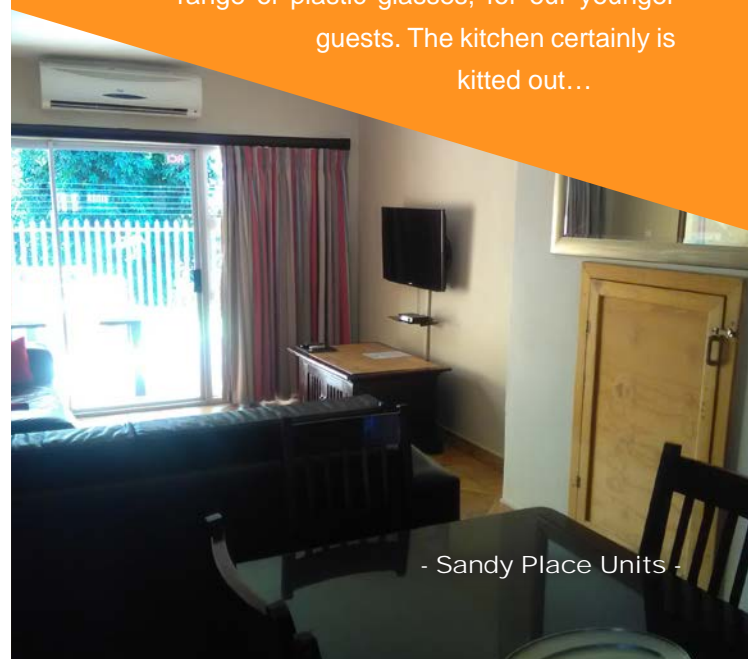
So much has happened in the units and we don't even know where to start! Some exciting news that needs to be shared: our complimentary soaps, room mist and shower gel have been redressed in a fresh new look and feature the great and fresh smell of lemongrass. These items are complimentary upon arrival in each unit, but do not get replaced during a guest's stay; they *"tide"* you over until you have a moment to pop to the nearby shops. And as a bonus – they are biodegradable.



Head into the lounge and notice that we are currently in the process of replacing the television distribution network, as well as providing each television set with HDMI cables to enhance the picture quality. These updates will be completed before the end of the year. The DSTV Decoders are being upgraded to newer sets as well. Just another note on decoders; should you wish to bring your personal decoder along, please let us know before your arrival. That way we can prepare for any technical requirements your decoder may have. Everything is now set for you to enjoy great movies and series together over a bowl of spiced, fresh popcorn!



Heading into the kitchen to refill that popcorn bowl? Watch the kernels heat and pop in the new microwave. Each unit received a brand new microwave in time for the Festive Season. Not only can you thoroughly warm and prep foods in this new microwave, these can also be paired with a refreshing drink from our new whiskey glasses and range of plastic glasses, for our younger guests. The kitchen certainly is kitted out...



- Sandy Place Units -

- New Staircase Railings -



A Round of Applause Please...

Sandy Place is honoured to have been a part of the RCI OSCAS Ceremony of 2018 and received the 5th runner up placement for Silver Crown Small Resort of the Year. Sandy Place was once again awarded Silver Crown Status and will be gunning to achieve greatness at the next Ceremony!



COLOURING-IN
COMPETITION
WINNER

JUNE 2018



Don't forget to grab
a copy!

Our team is always on the look-out for new and exciting ways to bring activities and events to you as our Valued Shareholder. We've come up with a fun little programme to get you started and give you butterflies when you arrive at your home-away-from-home. Our Holiday Check-In Programme is a great way to learn a bit more about the area, record your favourite memories from your holiday and enjoy some fun colouring-in or crosswords with the kids!

Speaking of fun activities – we recently hosted a colouring-in competition. Children could enter the draw by submitting one of the check-in programme colouring-in pages. One of our lovely smiling guests won with her precious underwater artistic piece.

Each Check-In Programme also includes a photo frame for you and your family to capture great holiday memories together! Simply insert a photo from the beach, or doing something fun, write a snippet about your Sandy Place experience and keep it as a memento of your days with us. These can even be gifted to another family member!

We don't want to spoil all the fun, so be sure to enquire for your programme when next checking-in!

Lastly, for now, a couple of things have been updated and changed in the units in general.

Emergency lights have been installed across the Resort in aid of minimising visual impairments during power failures. The hand rails in all our units have also been removed, and replaced with slimmer, better grip rails to easily use for support when ascending or descending staircases. It is our intention to provide all of our guests with the most secure, and safe environment we can, so that every holiday is stress-free and blissful.

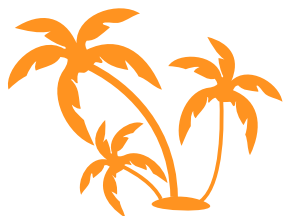
Tell us all about it...

We love hearing all about your fantastic experiences, seeing your wonderful photos and watching awesome videos! We would love for you to share your seaside chilling, deep-sea diving, estuary adventures and out on the town moments with us.

Simply email your favourite memories and photos to us at yourresortstory@oaks.co.za and you could be featured in an upcoming Newsletter!

- St Lucia Birds -

Good Times.
Great People.
Better Memories.



This year has flown by, but not before we collected our fair share of celebration and happy moments on the Resort. There is so much to do in the surrounding area; **deep-sea fishing** on a boat lulling along on the waves, taking a stroll hand-in-hand along the shore as the sun sets and the surf kisses your feet, enjoying melting ice-cream during the summer as a family and so much more. But sometimes you do not have to venture far to create special moments like these...

Mother's Day at Sandy Place was as special as ever, as our team carefully thought out and planned the gifts they would receive. Each mommy, ma and mum were gifted with a potted "**ChrysanthemUM**" and made their selection from an array of colours as large as a rainbow. These beautiful flowers symbolise optimism and joy and were named by the Greeks as, "**golden flower**". Our mothers surely are golden and they were all glowing on this special day.

The Man, the Myth, the Legend. Sandy Place definitely did not forget about all the great dads who visited us on Father's Day. Upon check-in these heroes received a hearty welcome and got to choose their very own Mega-Mug. They can now enjoy a hot beverage cosied up in Winter, or snuggled with the family for movie night with hot chocolate. This is a gift which keeps on giving!

Speaking of caring gifts... **Spring Day** was a scorcher here along the coast and we welcomed the warm weather, and our guests with a tasty treat – pineapples! Upon entering the Resort, visitors were greeted with bright yellow, bulging St. Lucian pineapples at Reception. These delicious treats were gobbled up and enjoyed across the Resort. Pineapples are traditionally recognised as an expression of "**welcome**" and symbolise intangibles which are synonymous with this word: warmth, friendship and hospitality.

From one tasty treat to other delicious eats, we celebrated National Braai Day with great South African spirit! We wanted our guests to send smoke signals into the sky and treated each unit to a special welcome pack. These packages included: a braai spice, a braai recipe and matches – "**everything you need for a great braai with the family.**"



- Deep Sea Fishing -



- Mother's Day -



- Father's Day -



- Spring Day -



Elephant Coast Fresh Fish Tacos



We just cannot get enough of the Elephant Coast's local, fresh seafood – and being on the beach is the perfect place to enjoy a great-tasting meal.

You will need:

To Marinade –

Extra Virgin Olive Oil, to Coat
Fresh Lime Juice, to Coat
Light Soy Sauce, to Coat

To Season –

1 Tsp Chilli Flakes
1 Tsp Paprika Powder
1 Tsp Cumin Powder
1 Tsp Garlic Powder
1 Tsp Onion Powder
1 Tbsp Brown Sugar
Salt and Pepper, to Taste

To Assemble –

Fresh or Store-Bought Fish Fillets
Oil for Frying
1 Packet of Soft Tortillas
½ Cabbage, Shredded
1 Red Onion, Sliced
1 Pineapple, Cubed
½ Cucumber, Skinless and Cubed
1 Punnet Fresh Parsley
Sriracha Chilli Sauce /
Any Hot Sauce

Method:

Mix the marinade ingredients together in a large bowl, and coat the fish fillets in it. Cover with Glad wrap, or transfer to a Ziploc bag and leave in the fridge for 30 minutes. If fish is left in marinade too long it will turn mushy; so keep an eye on it.

While the fish is marinating, prepare the vegetables. Create texture and interest by slicing the cabbage and red onion; and chopping the cucumber and pineapple into small cubes. Dice the parsley and set aside to serve later.

In a small bowl, mix together the spices to make a seasoning rub. Remove the fish fillets from the marinade, and pat semi-dry. They would have absorbed all the flavour from the marinade. Season the fish with the spice rub prepped earlier and make sure every bit of fish is well seasoned. In a hot pan, add enough oil to sear the fish fillets so the spices caramelize on the surface and keep turning until cooked through. Remove from the heat immediately to avoid overcooking, or the fish will dry out.

To serve: warm your soft tortillas, and drizzle with spicy Sriracha/ Hot Sauce. Place a fillet of fish, along with the vegetable salsa and a sprinkling of diced parsley.

Squeeze some fresh lime juice
over the top. Enjoy!



Let's get out and about!

Many of our Valued Shareholders will agree that Sandy Place is all about: location! The Resort is wonderfully positioned near a wealth of exciting adventures and beautiful sightseeing destinations. We've picked a few which are definitely worth adding to your next Sandy Place itinerary.

The Hluhluwe Game Reserve is one of the largest nature reserves in South Africa and encompasses 96000 hectares of land, full of interesting critters, large game and fascinating plant life. This rich ecosystem is a great experience for the whole family to enjoy. Try one of their day trips, or double-down and try their **"Bush and Boat"** tour – coasting through the Hluhluwe Game Reserve before taking a ride through iSimangaliso Wetland Park.



- Hluhluwe Game Reserve -

Fine white sand stretches along the shore at Cape Vidal and the blue waters, and lazy waves are extremely inviting. This beach is a family paradise and relaxing days boogie-boarding in the surf, building sandcastles, and playing volleyball are all wonderful ways to enjoy quality time together. Snorkelling in this area is very accessible and gives you a unique perspective on coast life, so be sure to pack your snorkel and masks!

Maphelane Dune, shrouded in lush vegetation, is the second highest vegetated sand dune in the world; second only to Fraiser Island, Brisbane, Australia. It towers over the coastal waters at 183m above sea level and is protected as part of the Maphelane Nature Reserve. The park boasts a self-guided hike known as the Umphafa Trail and visitors can try their hand at spear and deep-sea fishing here. This is a must for avid bird-watchers, as approximately 200 species of bird have been recorded in this rich biome.

Just as their slogan says' **"Once you're hooked, there's no turning back."** Wave Dancer Fishing Charters is a fisherman/woman's dream for great deep-sea fishing and excursions. Barend Verster, licensed skipper and owner of Wave Dancer Fishing Charters has 15 years of experience and knowledge regarding the St. Lucia fishing grounds, and specialises in custom fishing trips. Be sure to enjoy one of their excursions, or simply head to their restaurant in town for local fresh seafood and an authentic atmosphere.

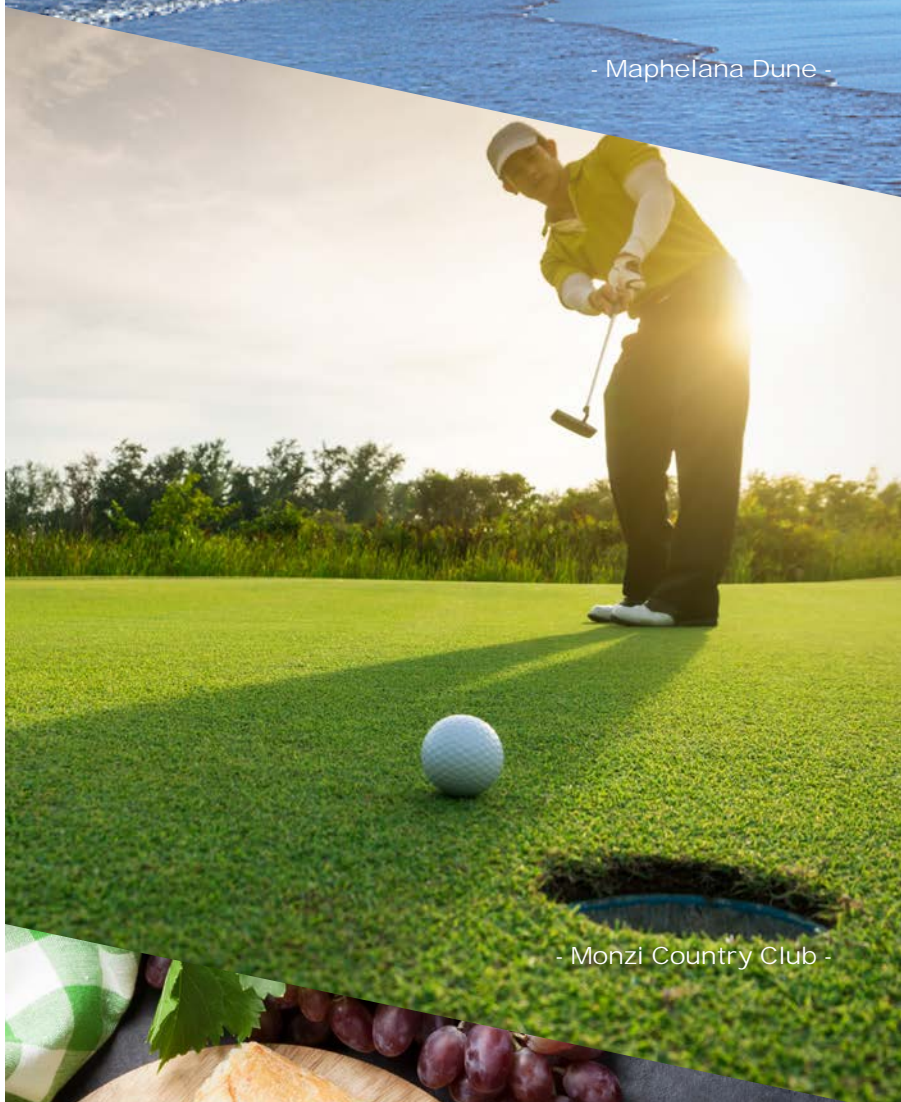
Monzi Country Club is situated 10km outside of St. Lucia and displays rolling green lawns shaded by a variety of indigenous trees (which are all labelled, should you be interested). Visitors can bring their own golf clubs, or rent a set from Monzi Golf Club, where golf carts and caddies are available, to make your golfing experience the best one yet. Within the Monzi area, you can also visit the Maywood Nursery for their selection of Tillandsia, incredible air plants, as well as an assortment of Bromeliads.

Cane Cutters Bird Park is also a stone's throw away for guests to admire their aviaries and bird life. Before you head back to your home-away-from-home for the evening, be sure to finish off your Monzi experience with a cheese tour at Chané Cheese Farm. Their delicatessen has a lovely selection of homemade cheeses and jams for sale.

If you're looking for a day to just unwind poolside and not even leave the Resort, then stop by our very own Little Library! Sandy Place has its own mini library where guests can loan a hardcopy book to read and enjoy outdoors in the sun or in the quiet of their home-away-from-home unit. This library is made up of pre-loved books from guests who have visited Sandy Place, so please feel free to pop an interesting read onto the shelf before you depart, or sign your book donation with a note for the next reader.



- Maphelana Dune -



- Monzi Country Club -



- Chané Cheese Farm -



- Hluhluwe Game -

Important Notices

ANNUAL CLOSURE NOTICE LET THE COUNTDOWN TO THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN!

Please note that VRS Head Office will be taking a break from 17 December 2018 to 03 January 2019. We will return for business as usual on Friday, 04 January 2019. From 18 to 19 December there will be a skeleton staff available to deal with urgent enquiries from 08:00 until 15:00, 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 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:

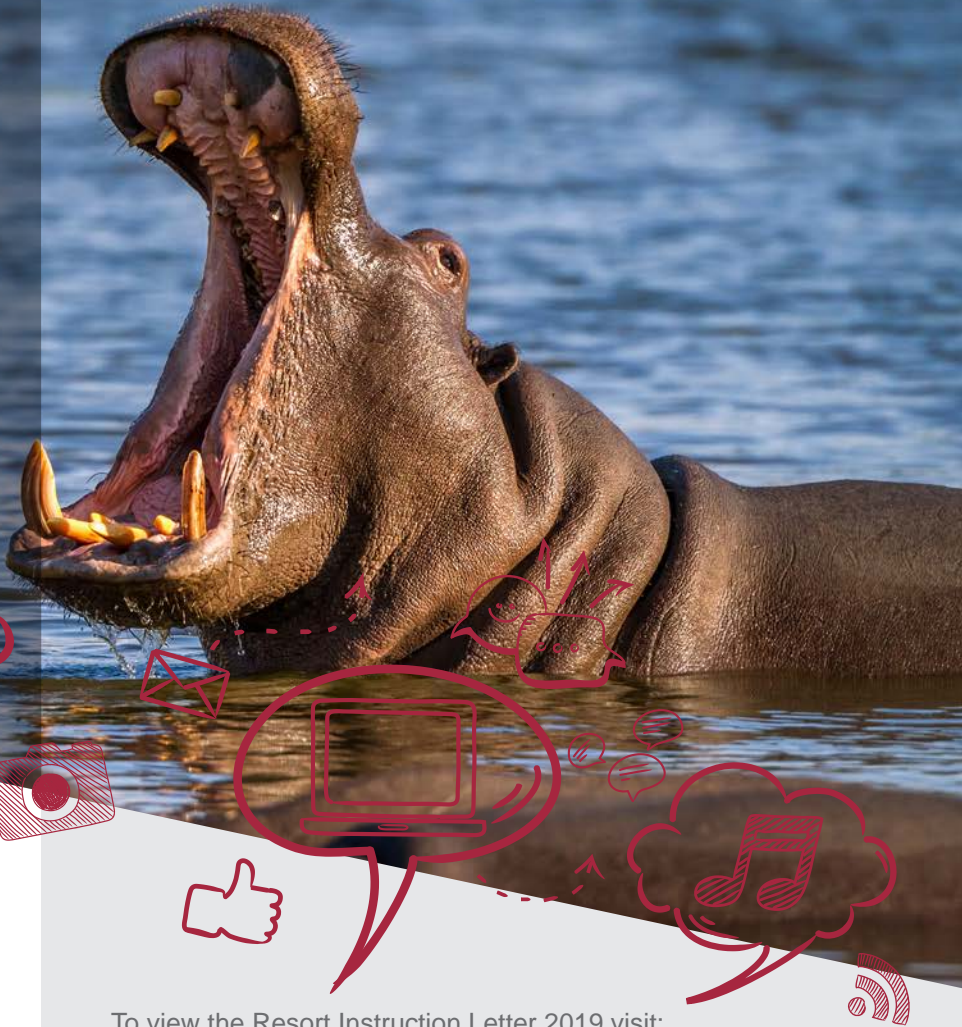
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Occupation Dates:

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 2019 calendar available on the following link:

<https://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2019/calendar/SandyPlaceCalendar2019.pdf>



To view the Resort Instruction Letter 2019 visit:

<https://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2019/instruction/SandyPlaceInstructionLetter-2019.pdf>

VRS Website:

Be sure to take a look at our website with a dedicated owner's page for our Valued Shareholders where you can download Calendars, Instruction Letters and Use Agreements. An exciting feature has launched too!



VRS Options:

We've secured you a multitude of available destinations through some of our partners to give you more holiday options. Visit **www.vrs.co.za**, click on **Resort Shareholders** and select VRS Options Info to find out more.



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Preparing for the holidays...

We are so looking forward to the Festive Season and the lovely celebrations which will occur between family and friends. As we dot the i's and cross the t's of our holiday cards, we wish you all a lovely Festive Season and sign off simply with;
“Make each day your masterpiece.” – John Wooden.

Season's Greetings!

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