

# SANDY PLACE

## SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



### Dear Valued Shareholder

Our journey into the year 2019 began with a bang and launched Sandy Place, your favourite little coastal town Resort, into months of fun-filled adventures; we've been welcoming guests to the sunny Elephant Coast with wide smiles and delighting in seeing our families return from the beach with flip-flop tans and sandy toes. By the time it's time to wave goodbye to loaded cars after a week or so of bliss, fun and creating everlasting memories we are happy to see refreshed and happy faces take their leave until their next week with us. We've enjoyed these precious moments, and more, and cannot wait to share all the fantastic details with you, our Valued Shareholders.

### The Latest and Greatest

**“Creating an environment for everlasting holiday memories”** – these are the words we live by. In light of our motto, the Sandy Place team have been identifying and targeting different corners of the Resort to continue to provide you with a holiday location fit for the best.

Starting with the ‘*top hat*’ of the Resort, Sandy Place’s **roof** has seen many moons, bright sunny days and some rather rainy spells; and so the decision has been made to repaint it. The roof will be changing tone from traditional terracotta to sultry charcoal; a fresh new look for your favourite Resort. It will be a long process to ensure that every inch of the roof receives the required care; the project is scheduled to reach completion in 2020.

Moving on to what the roof protects... our cosy units have enjoyed some special attention and are looking spick-and-span! Guests’ faces are sure to ‘*illuminate*’ with happiness as a result of the **various lighting fixtures** which have been added throughout the Resort.



- Sandy Place's Roof Gets Repainted -



- Fun in the Sun -



- St Lucia Bird Life -



## Kiddies' Play Room Makeover

In with bright, clean greens and out with cold hues... Each kitchen has seen the replacement of the fluorescent lighting with LED light fixtures, to create a brighter space and save on energy consumption. Over at D Block, our team was made aware of how the bathroom configurations prevented sufficient light from reaching the toilet areas; this has been resolved with the installation of an additional bathroom light.

The well-lit units seem not only to invite guests back to their units... We know you love the critters and creatures which surround the Resort but we understand that as much as you do, you perhaps do not want to spend every waking moment walking on tiptoe to avoid treading on them, and after all they belong in the great outdoors! For this reason, all unit **doors** were fitted with a **weather guard strip** on the base of the doors to close the gap from the floor. This process took months of hard work from a dedicated team, as each door was fitted expertly. This prevents smaller creatures entering the units, and as an added bonus eliminates drafts; so visitors can sleep easy and stay warm on those chillier coastal evenings.

Last, but by no means least – A-Block visitors will notice that **privacy screens** and **quaint picket fencing** have been installed at the units. Shareholders previously mentioned that they felt their private spaces were easily and frequently intruded on by other guests using the braai areas as a shortcut on their way to their own units. The new screens and fencing ensures that Shareholders will not be disturbed by other blissfully unaware guests and can enjoy a peaceful, relaxing vacation with us.

Onwards to fun times and children's laughter... **our Kiddies' Play Room has received a makeover!** Gone is the fad of the Despicable Me Minions; **Moana and Maui are here** – they've even brought **Hei-Hei the chicken** with them. This fresh look sings in tune with the coastal vibe of Sandy Place and brings the beach indoors for those moody, rainy days.

Staying with the younger guests a moment longer... not only were the walls redone to please them, but there have been several additions to the **Games Room** for the older kids as well. Several replacements have been made since the bustling Festive Season; the **billiards** table received a new green overlay and is looking fresh and great, and the **table tennis** table was replaced with a new one – perfect and ready for you to battle it out to see who the latest family champion is. After several Shareholder suggestions we decided to move the **dart board outdoors**. Now, there is more space for onlookers to safely cheer participants on and players to nail those bulls-eyes. Reception has also upped the fun factor for families! We purchased **additional board games**; now you and the family can switch off the TV and gather together for some quality family time.

Our team still has a multitude of projects, big and small, planned to take your Sandy vacation to the next level; including **sunbather's umbrellas**, a **jungle gym** and more! Stay tuned for your next Newsletter to find out all about them.



- Sandy Place Privacy Screens -



- Sandy Place Games Room Upgrades -















## Something Fishy

To all our avid fishermen, you will be delighted to hear that the area has been experiencing exceptional fishing as a result of increased activity in the waters.

**The Natal Snoek and Shad/Elf species have made a visit during their migration runs following the sardine population, and anglers have been landing catches, “cast for cast”, using artificial lures.**

A quick recap on the catches documented this year by visitors:



SPECIES / DIFFICULTY	WHEN TO CATCH
 <b>Natal Snoek</b> 	Low Tide • Shallow Reefs • During Feeding Frenzy • Early Morning or Late Afternoon
 <b>Kingfish</b> 	Warmer Months • During Sardine Run • Off Shore (Near Natural Structures)
 <b>Bonitos</b> 	Off Shore (Larger Fish) • Pier (Smaller Fish) • Sardine or Anchovy Bait • Early Morning • Warmer Months
 <b>Tuna</b> 	Live Bait • Open Waters • Near Surface • Cooler Months • Early Morning or Cloudy Days (Lower Light)
 <b>Sailfish</b> 	Low Tide • Shallow Reefs • During Feeding Frenzy • Early Morning or Late Afternoon

*As per all our fishing charter friends all Billfish caught are released.*

**Tell us** all about your awesome fishing experience and send us your photos: [yourresortstory@vrs.co.za](mailto:yourresortstory@vrs.co.za)



## Reaching Goals!

The 31st Annual RCI OSCAS Ceremony was held, to celebrate the frontrunners in the timeshare industry, in March of this year, and Sandy Place featured again! Our little Resort placed in the **3rd Runner-Up position for Silver Crown Resort of the Year**, boasting a score of 4.5 out of 5! This is a magnificent achievement! A big round of applause must go to the dedicated On-site and Off-site Teams that ensure that Sandy Place gets such high scores!





*The Tractor Factor*

**Big Wheels for Big Dreams**

African Blessings needs you to help them raise enough money to purchase an agricultural-use tractor and slasher to better maintain the grassy areas on the Farm, and to provide our children with a safe environment where they can play and enjoy the sunshine.

Please consider donating to this campaign.  
*Small change makes a big difference!*

**Account Name:** African Blessings **Bank:** First National Bank  
**Branch Code:** 250655 **Account Number:** 62065437355  
**Reference:** The Tractor Factor



# Make More Memories

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## Fun in the Sun; Making Memories

Days spent lounging by the pool with a good book, casting a fishing line into the blue waters of the sea, or building a family sandcastle are all very special.

At Sandy Place we take it up a notch by making fun days and holidays special, too!

The **Festive Season** was very memorable and we all had a wonderful time! Guests flocked to the Resort and were eager to explore the surrounding areas. Sandy Place Reception welcomed them all with **wrist-band gifts** and St. Lucia offered impeccable weather throughout the month. Families returned to the Resort after **a day at the beach** covered head-to-toe in sand, happy to relax and unwind in their cosy units. Fishermen and women laughed and shared stories of their incredible deep **sea fishing trips** with our Receptionists, and still other guests raved about their encounters on **game drives** through **iSimangaliso Wetland Park**. December was certainly jam-packed with making holiday memories!

From the Festive times to February... Guests arrived to the sight of love as we completely transformed the Resort for **Valentine's Day**. Our cherished Shareholders were all ushered into a decorated Reception; which was decked with hearts, and received themed photo frames in which to place memories of loved ones and friends from the day. Finally, on the fuzzy-feeling morning of Valentine's Day, each unit received a precious succulent pot plant with a card reading, "I'm a succ-er for you."

Moving away from the Resort and into the cool **Elephant Coast** waters... **Fishing and beach vibes are a big part of Sandy Place's culture**; so much so that we keep a daily updated weather and tide table display in Reception for all of our guests. Pop into Reception to find out which are the best days to visit the beach while staying at the Resort, or to better plan your fishing trip.



- Wrist-band Gifts -



- iSimangaliso Wetland Park -



- Valentine's Day -



- Deep Sea Fishing Trip -





## A Great Big Welcome to Herbie

In January of this year a heartfelt goodbye was said from the uShaka Sea World team to Herbie, a rescued and rehabilitated Loggerhead Turtle. Herbie was rescued off the coast of Durban in 2003, approximately 8 years old and tangled in shark nets. After a long and steady recovery process she soon became part of the conservation efforts in educating visitors at uShaka. Recently though, Herbie began laying unfertile eggs on her enclosures beach; an indication that she is ready to breed and re-enter the wild.

Herbie, now aged 24, was fitted with a tracker for scientists to monitor her behaviour and understand more of the species and waded into the coastal waters at iSamangaliso Wetland Park for her new journey. Herbie's satellite tag will enable researchers to track her migration routes through the water and document if she returns to iSamangaliso to lay eggs; a huge hope for the team.



[Photo: iSimangaliso Wetland Park Website]

Of the seven species of turtle found in the ocean, five are present at iSamangaliso, making it an important site for conservation and education around this pre-historic creature. Unfortunately, due to predation, pollution in the waters, overharvesting for turtle shell and vehicles on beaches acting as a deterrent for turtles to come to shore and lay eggs, have made turtles critically endangered.

Herbie is a beacon of hope for the species and we hope to welcome her back to our shores in the near future with the start of the next turtle generation. To watch Herbie's release, please visit: <https://isimangaliso.com/newsflash/isimangaliso-welcomes-herbie-the-loggerhead-turtle/>



- Another Species Found at iSamangaliso -



### Oh Fudge!

## Microwave Brownie Mugs

Easy, simple, fudgy, warm chocolate; what more could you need from a delicious winter dessert? Sometimes, on those stormy or moody coastal days when the air feels damp on your skin and fuzzy socks are all that keep your toes warm, a little “hug in a mug” is just what you need to lift your spirits – and this is that perfect single-serving bite!

### You will need:

- 3 Tbsps. Cake Flour
- 1 Tbsp. Sugar
- 2 Tbsps. Cocoa Powder
- 1/8 Tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 Pinch of Salt
- 3 Tbsps. Olive or Canola Oil
- 3 Tbsps. Tepid Water
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla Essence
- 2 Tsp. Chocolate Chips/ Chocolate Chopped in Pieces
- 2 Tsp. Chopped Nuts
- 1 Scoop Vanilla Ice-Cream

### Method:

Spoon all of the dry ingredients into a large mug and mix well; be sure to break up any clumps of powder. Carefully, add the wet ingredients and stir into the mixture. Sprinkle in the chocolate chips and stir a little – we don't want all that gooeyness to sink to the bottom!

Pop your mug into the microwave and set the timer for one and a half minutes – you want the batter to be cooked through but not dried out! This step is dependent on the power setting of the microwave so keep an eye on it.

Remove the mug brownie from the oven and allow time to cool. Be careful! The mug will be hot to the touch. Sprinkle over some chopped nuts and serve as is, or with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream – yum!



## Important Notices

### Closure Notices:

Please note that our VRS Head Office will be closed on the following days:

**17 June 2019, we will return for business as usual on Tuesday, 18 June 2019.**

**09 August 2019, we will return for business as usual on Monday, 12 August 2019.**

**23 and 24 September 2019, we will return for business as usual on Wednesday, 25 September 2019.**

### 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@vrs.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@vrs.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:

**[propertyadmin@vrs.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@vrs.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.

### 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.

### Resort Calendars and Resort Instruction Letters:

Please refer to the 2019 Calendar and instruction letter available on the following links:

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

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

The second half of the year is set to be a stunner and every moment spent with you, and all the moments still to come, are priceless. These are the moments of happiness and of forging everlasting holiday memories. A quick glance back at the months gone by put hope in our hearts for the experiences the year still holds. We look forward to the holidays ahead, jam-packed with fishing trips, sunny beach days and lazy afternoons spent at the pool, to make your holidays an experience, and a treasure to cherish. *"Seas" the day, and year ahead!*

Warm Regards

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