



## Sudwala Chalets

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# SUDWALA LODGE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

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### Dear Valued Shareholder

How can it possibly be the end of the year? It feels like we were just toasting the halfway mark of 2016 with a hot chocolate topped with mini-marshmallows and discussing the uniqueness of the South African winter. And yet, here we are in the last month of the year and at the start of the Festive Season. While you enjoy summer in all its splendour, allow us to give you an update on the latest developments at your slice of Sudwala paradise, share an awesome recipe, as well as a homemade gift idea with you. But first, let's give you the lowdown on what's been up at Sudwala the second half of the year...

## BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT ON THE LATEST AND GREATEST AT SUDWALA LODGE

Close your eyes... imagine you arrive at Sudwala Lodge's Entrance. You see the palm trees "waving" you a friendly hello in the breeze, the cheerful security guards usher you in with a "Welcome to Sudwala Lodge. Welcome Home!" ... And you get that comforting feeling, knowing that you and your loved ones are on the brink of making memories that you will laugh about, and cherish, through the telling and retelling of stories around supper tables, braais and cups of coffee for years to come. You drive to Reception, receive the familiar hospitable check-in and dash off to your home-sweet-home Unit. You are hardly unpacked and the kids are already in their bathing suits or hiking shoes and you crack open a cold one and bask in the essence of Sudwala Lodge; the essence of your slice of paradise. This scenario isn't hard to imagine and that is largely because Sudwala is the place where your heart lies.

We see you as an extension of the family and as such, we would like to keep you in the loop of things. With that said, we would like to officially welcome several new staff members, as well as congratulate two on their promotion. **We offer a Sudwala warm welcome to Johan and Natasha Lamprecht as General Manager and Assistant Resort Manager (respectively), Amy Laity as Sudwala's Front Office Manager and Jake Smith as the new Le Fera Food and Beverage Manager.**

Welcome ladies and gents; we are certain that with your respective teams, you'll take Sudwala Lodge to higher heights. We would like to congratulate Lucky Mathebula on his promotion to Operations Supervisor, and Aubrey van Rooyen on his promotion to Maintenance Supervisor. Well done gents; we are certain that if you keep up your passion and hard work that this will only be the beginning of your journey to greatness.

**ON THE TOPIC OF GREATNESS... IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR SUDWALA AND MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. LET'S GET INTO THE DETAILS...**





We understand the time you spend with us is very important, not only because it's your yearly tradition but because it's a set time of year where you get to catch up on some family fun and quality time. For this reason, we'll always do what we can to ensure that Sudwala Lodge remains your favourite place. So what changes can you expect on your next visit? Let's start off with the changes for the younger guests – **a wonderful wooden jungle gym has been erected at the deck of Le Fera Restaurant**. Why don't you treat the family to a milkshake, burger and fries and allow the little ones time to enjoy this super fun facility? If they love the slide, "swing bridge", "fireman's pole" and "tyre climb", they'll also be "ga-ga" about the new inflatable waterslide – yes, that's right a waterslide! Likewise, something exciting and meeting the younger guests' stamp of approval is the newly established kiddies' entertainment programme. Get the kids excited and inspired because they'll be transforming recycled items into "masterpieces" and so much more.



But what about the older guests you may ask? Do not fret; we are also establishing an entertainment programme suitable for all ages – so get geared up, there'll be fun for the whole family! On the topics of fun and family... how about some words from the fun, family man – Fred Flintstone: "Don't toy with me Barney". An odd quote you may think ... not when you find out our new Resort theme. **Sudwala Lodge was inspired by the neighbouring Sudwala Caves (and caveman motif) and decided to introduce a new theme – THE FLINTSTONES!** This has already been well-received by guests of all ages. Can someone say a Sudwala "yabba dabba doo"!



Imagine toasting marshmallows or braai'ing "stok-bread" around an open fire. The laughter and banter of your loved ones resounding in your ears, as well as the ribbiting of frogs in the distance and the stridulating of beetles as the sun sets – it's moments like these that you realise what truly matters in life. Sudwala now has a dedicated space where this imagining can be a reality – a **fire pit/boma/braai area** has been established in the region of Le Fera. We can't wait to share a cold one with you at our boma and raise our glasses to the wonderful year Sudwala has had.



Do you remember that we mentioned we were working on our irrigation system and that the beautiful Resort gardens would progressively be landscaped? While we certainly are making progress, both of these projects are still ongoing; we'll update you in the New Year. In the meantime, don't miss the work we've done so far. Like the work done to fix sandy patches on the resort grounds, which have been spruced up with wood chips and are looking great. Also, the picnic area we mentioned before, has now been established – what a "hit" this is with the guests. This spot is certainly perfect for weddings or proposals. Speaking of which, September was certainly an interesting month at Sudwala – we hosted a 200 guest wedding, helped one lucky guest propose to his soulmate and spoilt a couple that honeymooned with us – oh and this was in one weekend! We guess it must just be the Sudwala awesomeness and magic that stirs up so much love.

## CHRISTMAS AT LE FERA

Le Fera Restaurant has some mouth-watering Festive Season meals planned - don't miss out! **Check out the Christmas Buffet Menu now at [www.sudwalalodge.com/resort\\_facilities.html](http://www.sudwalalodge.com/resort_facilities.html) and don't forget to book to avoid disappointment.**



Earlier in 2016, we introduced **Bird Feeding areas** at Block 200. This was a smashing success and we decided to expand this project to other Blocks and regions in the coming year. This offers bird watchers the wonderful opportunity to spot and enjoy the sights of the magnificent birds of Sudwala. Don't forget to let us know what you have spotted and share pics with us on the Sudwala Facebook page!



Moving onto a different winged critter – riddle me this, riddle me that, who's afraid of a little endangered bat? Like so many areas in beautiful South Africa, Sudwala is home to wonderful nocturnal creatures, more commonly known as bats. These bats are extremely beneficial to humans and help maintain balance in our delicate ecosystem. Sadly, the bats that call Sudwala Lodge (and the rest of South Africa) home are on the endangered species list; and if these flying creatures die out, it will negatively affect our environment and our lives. To ensure the bats have their own home-sweet-home without disturbing yours, **we've introduced a bat hotel at the Resort and will establish more in the future.** For now, why don't we take some bat advice: "trust your senses, spend time just hanging around, enjoy the night life and remember sometimes you just have to wing it".



As you may recall, we announced the establishment of a greenhouse earlier in the year. Well, this area has been nurtured into a **small nursery**, and we are expanding! By propagating from existing plants on the Resort property, we'll keep growing, cultivating and developing this project – we'll keep you (com)posted in the coming year!

We will continue to identify areas, where needed and where possible, to personalise and adapt the facilities to ensure that you only have the best stay possible with us.

# SUDWALA'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 Pickett)? 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 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 tsp Vitamin E Oil
- 1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 15 Drops Lavender Essential Oil

## Instructions:

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together. You may add more or less oil to your liking.

Store in an air tight container or jar (just remember there are no preservatives in the mix; so use it within two months).

*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.*

**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 Sudwala's Sugar-Sugar Sweet as Candy Scrub!**

## THE BEST OF TIMES, WITH THE BEST OF PEOPLE

There is just something so special about your home-away-from home. From memories of making a whirlpool in the Resort swimming pool, having a toasted sarmie at Le Fera Restaurant, going exploring on the Sudwala Hiking Trail, sitting around a braai, listening to the chirps and twitters of the birds ... to having a picnic next to the Houtbosloop River, listening to the tranquil sounds of it running its course...Laughing until your stomach hurts during the fun activities planned by our recreation team or when dad or "insert your goofiest family member" belly flops into the pool. Eating an ice-cream in the sun ... seeing the kids make new friends and looking on as they slip and slide down the new waterslide... wriggling your toes in lush green grass and the sound of the breeze blowing through the palm trees... yes, there is something so spectacularly special about your Sudwala holiday place and the treasure chest of your family's memories. Cheers to the best of times, with the best of people!



## SUDWALA'S JALAPENO POPPER POTATO SALAD

Sometimes it is fun to give an old classic dish, a yummy twist. This is a slightly different take on the traditional potato salad – the perfect side to a family braai. If a bit of heat isn't to your liking, just leave the chilli off and to the side, then each guest can scoop and add the desired amount of kick to their portion.

### Ingredients:

- 1.5 kg potatoes, scrubbed and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 250 g block cream cheese, room temperature
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ cup chopped pickled jalapeno peppers
- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 cup of grated cheddar (or preferred cheese)
- Pack of bacon, cooked, crispy and chopped (for a vegetarian variety, substitute with parmesan shavings/slices of grilled brinjal/sliced peppers)
- 1 fresh jalapeno, thinly sliced



## SUDWALA'S JALAPENO POPPER POTATO SALAD CONT.

### Instructions:

- Place potatoes in a medium saucepan and cover with water. Add 1 teaspoon salt and bring to a boil and then simmer until soft, about 10-15 minutes. Drain well. Let cool so that they are still warm (not hot) when "building" the salad.
- In a large bowl, stir together cream cheese, mayonnaise, garlic powder, and pepper. Don't worry if the cream cheese isn't completely smooth.
- Stir potatoes into the cream cheese mixture along with pickled jalapenos, onion, cheese, and bacon.
- Check for seasoning and add salt if desired.
- Sprinkle fresh jalapeno slices on top (or set aside for guests to spoon on their own). Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve.



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## MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME!

“THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE THE PEOPLE WE LOVE, THE PLACES WE VISIT AND THE MEMORIES WE MAKE ALONG THE WAY.”

Family – where life begins, and love never ends, the gift that lasts forever and not the most important thing – but everything. Yes, family is precious and the moments that eventually become cherished memories are priceless. Sudwala Lodge is so proud to be your home-away-from-home, the facilitator and host of your family's annual family tradition and your slice of paradise. You work incredibly hard throughout the year and deserve to, at least one week a year, kick up your feet and enjoy your family. We look forward to your next visit with us and being the place you relax, take a breather and make the most unforgettable memories.

## SALA KAHLE, HAMBA KAHLE, TOTSIENS AND TOODLE-OO

Here we find ourselves in the last month of the year and what a spectacular year it was for Sudwala – from being in the top five in the Silver Crown Resort of the Year category and achieving Silver Crown status, to all the awesome moments in between. We hope you have a very blessed Festive Season and a remarkable New Year. Before we go, we would like to leave you with one final thought: "Starting this month, why not forget what's gone, appreciate what still remains and look forward to what's coming next?"

Warm regards

*Marjorie Forssman*  
RHS - Managing Director

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**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).

**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 2017 calendar available on the following link: [www.sudwalalodge.com/docs/SudwalaLodgeCalendar2017.pdf](http://www.sudwalalodge.com/docs/SudwalaLodgeCalendar2017.pdf)

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