

The Ulysses Association of S.A.

The Far East Chapter:

President's Report for the 2018 Biking Year.

Yes it has come around again, that time of year where we must be preparing for the Annual General Meeting and the President Report for the activities over the past 12 months.

I want to start with thanking you the members for the opportunity and faith that you had in me to elect me as the President (still agree with the original style of Chairman) of this great Chapter. I was very fortunate to have a great committee to assist me with the running of the Chapter. Yes I know I made mistakes but one can only learn from mistakes.

I feel that our one run a month seems to work, and with splitting it up for one month on a Saturday and one month on a Sunday helps to ensure that all members are catered for.

This year unfortunately saw our members involved in one or two accidents, fortunately they were not serious accidents, motorcycles and vehicles can be repaired or replaced, but a life cannot be replaced. It is thanks to your awareness and courteous riding and driving skills that we did not have any serious or fatal accidents, and as the saying goes, and wish for you to keep it as we go further, "keep the rubber on the road".

The National AGM held at Goudini Spa in Worcester in May 2018 which co-incided with the National Rally was attended by the committee. The Bi-annual Meeting which was held at Clarens during November was also attended by myself and Nic, here I would like to thank John and Elsabe for offering up their time to accompany us to the meeting.

The Committee Members also attended all the E.P.C. Monthly Meetings. Here again I would like to thank Rita and Nic for all their time that they offered up to be able to attend these meetings.

It is with a happy heart that I can report that the Finances of the Chapter is fairly stable. No major fund raising events were held, yet the Sale of Food and the Honest Box, at club braais, did help to fill the "pockets" of the Chapter to a certain degree.

During the Year with YOUR help (you the Members) the Chapter was able to make a number of small donations to National for assistance with the organising of the National Rally, we also made a donation to the Schriever family after the loss of our late member Hugo.

On that topic, this was the first year since 2015 that we lost a member of our Chapter, I want to thank each member who sent a sympathetic word of condolence to the Schriever family and to those who were able to attend his wake, it doesn't sound like much, but it makes a real difference to the family members to see how loved the person was, so thank you once again for that.

Membership numbers in the Chapter remained fairly constant, we gained two new members namely Phillip and Charmaine Truter, and I would like to welcome them to the Chapter. The Chapter is also very fortunate to have a new "appy" in Shayna Ballard. I would like to again welcome her, and we really hope that she sticks with it and waits to get her full patch. As a club we must realise that we

need young blood to show interest or Ulysses South Africa may not survive, and it is the dedication of the under 40's that is going to help Ulysses South Africa to grow

We were fortunate enough to have our National Committee come and visit us at our club house, for the first time since the chapter was established in 2006. I want to again thank all the members for availing themselves for the visit, we received a lot of compliments from the National Committee regarding our family-like unit and the hospitality we showed to the National Committee, you all deserve a pat on the back for this.

The chapter members attended various rallies, day jols, self organised runs and breakfast runs during the year. It is indeed an honour to be associated with all of you flying our colours at the various events. Not once did I receive a report of bad behaviour regarding any member of our chapter.

Once again our Year End Function was a highlight for the year, and it is only possible because of the members. It is always nice to see that regardless of whether you have or have not been to a Year End before, you all just jump in and start helping where possible. This was the hottest weekend we have ever experienced at Udolpho and it is the most I have ever seen the pool utilized, but regardless of the heat the chefs stuck it out in the kitchen to ensure we had a wonderful Saturday Night dinner. I believe all who attended enjoyed the weekend and it was all thanks to the members' assistance that made it such a great weekend.

In closing I would like to thank YOU all for all your participation in the activities of the Chapter and I hope that the New President and his Committee will receive the same dedication as you have given me.

Warren Kennedy.

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