



SALMV WESKUS TAK  
SAAFA WESKUS BRANCH

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Na 'n lekker breek oor Desember en Januarie het die Weskus Tak van die SA Lugmagvereniging weer in Februarie 2011 met aktiwiteite begin. Die jaar is afgeskop met die Algemene Jaarvergadering by die Offisiere Menasie te LMB Langebaanweg. Tydens dié vergadering het Bart Hauptfleisch as Voorsitter en Gibbs Gerber as Tesourier die tuig neergelê na sewe jaar in die stoele. Die leisels is oorhandig aan Frans Labuschagne as Voorsitter, Rob Sproul as Onder-Voorsitter en Marian Strydom as Tesourier. Ons is almal oortuig dat die Tak nuwe hoogtes sal bereik onder dié span se leiding. Voorspoed!!!

Now who is this guy Frans  
Labuschagne ?

Frans J Labuschagne was born in 1950 and matriculated from Alberton High School ("Hy is 'n Vaalie") in 1967. He joined the SAAF and qualified as a pilot on Impalas in 1969. He then studied at the Military Academy and in 1972 obtained his B Mil degree. He completed the Senior Command and Staff Course in 1985 and the Joint Staff Course in 1994.

Lappies, as he is known, qualified as a flying instructor and served on a number of flying units during his career. The most important being FTS Dunnottar on Harvards, FTS Langebaanweg on Impalas, 85 Combat FS at AFB Pietersburg on Impalas and 24 Sqn at AFB Waterkloof on Buccaneers.



Frans (Lappies) Labuschagne



Harvards along the West Coast. Can you remember those days in the late 60's ?

Frans proved himself as a leader and was appointed as OC of 24 Sqn as well as FTS Langebaanweg during his service in the SAAF. He also served in Washington DC as an Attaché for 3½ years. During his career he also served in a number of staff posts at Air Force Headquarters and ended his career as the General Officer Commanding of the Air Command (2IC of the Air Force). He retired on 31 December 2006 and settled in Dwarskersbos with his wife Irene. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Frans joined the Pretoria Branch of SAAFA in the late nineties. After retiring, he and Irene became members of the Weskus Branch. He has been actively involved in the activities of the branch and has served as Deputy Chairman as well as the Branch Medical Representative.

I think we are in very good hands.  
All the best Lappies !

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The motto of the Weskus Branch

**YOUNG AT HEART**  
Slightly older  
in other places.

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2 MAART 2011

Een van die gewildste geleenthede op die Tak se kalender is sekerlik die Visbraai by die SA Vloot se kaai in Saldanhaabaai. Soos gewoonlik het die beproefde span van Chippie, Marian Warner en Beatrix die ete vir die aand voorberei en weer eens was dit watertand lekker. Braai snoek en engelvis met gebakte patats en roosterkoeke. Waar wil mens nou beter?



Chippy, Johan en Warner maak roosterkoeke.

Daar is vergader, gesmul aan die lekker Weskuskos en sommer net lekker "gesocialize". Dankie aan die organiseerders vir 'n besonder aangename byeenkoms.



"Sit die Mammies teen die Mure"

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William Shakespear

6 APRIL 2011

"Lekka by die See" restaurant at Club Mykonos was the venue for the monthly Branch meeting. Besides the usual meeting where Lappies informed us of any issues of note in SAAFA, we also had a splendid petanque competition. The grass area at the restaurant was not exactly in the same condition as the tennis courts of Wimbledon, but it served us well for the purpose we required.



Fanie, Kotie and Irene showing their "balls".

Teams of two competed against each other. Eventually, after the quarter and semi-finals the final was fiercely contested between Frans and Ronel vs Warner and Rassie. The outcome was a draw which was a true reflection of the good competitive spirit of the evening.



The final four contesting the position of their boules.

The staff of the restaurant served a good meal at very reasonable prices and all had a most relaxing evening. Thanks to Gibbs, Ronel and Les for the arrangements.



## The Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. It enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at R12,000 per month.

My grandmother started walking five kilometres a day when she was 60. Now she is 97 years old and we don't know where the hell she is.

I joined a health club last year and spent about R4,000. I haven't lost a kg. Apparently you have to go there.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country walking, running or cycling, start with a small country.

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5 MEI 2011

Dié byeenkoms was veronderstel om 'n rolbalaand onder spreiligte by LMB Langebaanweg se rolbalklub te wees. Baie nodige en welkome reën het egter verhoed dat dit realiseer. Rob Sproul, Ondervoorsitter, het die geleentheid in die klubhuis benut om die Tak se hoof fondsinsameling-projek vir die jaar aan die lede te verduidelik. Die groot prys, 'n gratis naweek in 'n kalifa by Klub Mykonos. Almal se entoesiastiese betrokkenheid word gevra. "Komaan, doen jou ding!" Daar is verder lekker saam gekuier en die ete geniet. Dankie Rassie, Patsy, Jannie en Anita.



Rob aan die woord

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"Try not to be a man of success, but a man of value."

Albert Einstein

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## What Love Means

Some professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds. "What does Love mean?"

Rebecca - age 8

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she could not bend over and paint her toe nails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even after he too got arthritis. That's love."

Terri - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Chrissy - age 6

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Danny - age 7

"Love is when my Mommy makes coffee for my Daddy and takes a sip before giving it to him, just to make sure it tastes ok."

Bobby - age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas when you stop opening presents and just listen"

Nikka - age 6

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with someone you hate."

Mary-Anne - age 4

"Love is when your puppy licks your face, even after you have left him alone all day."

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said,

"Nothing, I just helped him cry"



Die ou sal verskoon word as hy dalk 'n kras woord gebruik het.

1 JUNE 2011

It was Bingo en Pancake evening held at the Officers Mess AFB Langebaanweg. Johan, Issie, Mossie en Doreth made all the arrangements and the mess personnel prepared the food. Frans gave feedback on his attendance of the SAAFA Congress in Pretoria. He congratulated Bart on being appointed "Country Vice President" and handed him his applicable nametag.

Rob was the Bingo announcer for the ten rounds of Bingo. Everyone was anxious to hear their numbers to be read out so as to win one of the ten prizes available. In between there was a break for the dinner of pancakes with different fillings. The grand prize of the evening, expensive perfume, was won by Doreth, but she kindly gave it to our eldest member, Cathy Akersten. A wonderful gesture, Doreth! A great evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the organisers and the Mess personnel as well as to Rob for running the show.



Rob Sproul, the Bingo announcer.

### Jare gelede in die Bos – 'n ware storie

Die gebeure speel af oor die grens in vyandige gebied. 'n Groepie Suid Afrikaners was op 'n vliegveld ontplooi. Op 'n middag het twee RSA helikopters by die vliegveld aangekom. Die RSA bevelvoerder het besef daar is té min kos vir almal in voorraad. Hy versoek toe een van sy personeel (ons noem hom Piet) om 'n voertuig te neem en suid van die vliegveld 'n wildsbok vir aandete te gaan skiet. Piet en 'n paar mense vertrek toe om te jag voor sonder. Piet het suid begin, maar noord van die vliegveld opgeëindig waar hy geweet het wild is. Daar was egter ook vyandelike magte in daardie gebied. Gedurende die rit vra iemand wat sou gebeur indien hul kontak maak of vasval. Piet sê toe die helikopters sou hul kom haal. Tot hul skok kom hul toe agter dat die een helikopter vlieënier asook beide vluginieurs saam op die jagtog was en dat hul geen radio by hul gehad het nie.

Terwyl hul deur die sand tussen die bosse ry breek die vering van die voertuig. Die skade is bepaal en daar is besluit om die jag te stop en terug te keer vliegvelde toe, maar teen 'n slakkepas met die mankolieke voertuig. Dié terugtog het deur die nag geduur en hul het met sonsopkoms, sonder 'n bok, by die vliegveld aangekom. Die bevelvoerder was daar om hul te ontmoet en vanselfsprekend nie baie gelukkig nie. Hy besluit toe op die volgende straf vir die groep.

- Die twee helikopter vluginieurs moes die voertuig op 'n oop area in die hittige son herstel sonder enige water.
- Piet moes in die son op aandag staan en 'n onuitputbare hoeveelheid bier een vir een "down".
- Die helikopter vlieënier moes eenkant in die skadu op 'n gemakstoel sit en koppie vir koppie Engelse tee drink op tipiese Engelse wyse met sy pinkie in die lug.

Die herstel van die voertuig het 'n paar uur geduur. Piet en die helikopter vlieënier moes vir solank die herstel duur hul bier en tee drink. Hul verskeie vesoeke om toilet toe te gaan het op dowe ore geval wat meegebring het dat hul daar waar hul gestaan en sit het, ten aanskoue van almal in die kamp, water afgeslaan het. 'n Ervaring wat almal nie gou sou vergeet nie.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

The following members were the raffle winners at the meetings for the first half of the year. Congratulations!!

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| 2 February 2011 | - Fanie Wagener     |
| 2 March 2011    | - Rob Sproul        |
| 6 April 2011    | - Marian Strydom    |
| 5 May 2011      | - Kotie Wagener     |
| 1 June 2011     | - Irene Labuschagne |