

The Seven Seas Tattler Issue 6.06 – November 2022



Hello Seven Seas members (and to those to whom this is copied!).

This is the month in which we remember Armistice day. We include an article. There are two rugby features one involving a club member. Read about the plans for the SAS Assegai to become a museum, try out a recipe and enjoy the crossword puzzle!

As usual we are happy to receive comments and contributions - jonathanagolding@gmail.com

Club Manager's Report

Congratulation to our 100 Club Winners for October 2022

Mrs C Law-Brown : R300

Mr J London : R300

Lt E Noble (Ret) : R300

Mr A Colingridge : R1000

We wish the following members a very Happy Birthday. May the year ahead be filled with good health and happiness. For our usual bit of fun we note some historic events and dates.

Lt G.M. Munro – 02 November / **Howard Hughes's "Spruce Goose" (flying boat) flies in 1947.**

Mr P.G. Horwill – 08 November / Doc Holliday–gunslinger, gambler, and occasional dentist–dies from tuberculosis in 1887.

Mr A.J. Ritchie. – 10 November / WWI novel “All Quiet on the Western Front” is published in 1928.

S Lt J.R. Potgieter – 12 November / An early American astronomer, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower (the first) from a ship off the Florida Keys 1799.

Cdr M.G. Jardine (Ret) – 13 November / 1925 Initial experiments on the body of Egyptian King, Tutankhamen, conclude he is a fifteen year old boy.

Capt K.B. Wise (Ret) – 14 November / Apollo 12, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida in 1969.

Mrs A. Stannard – 16 November / “The Sound of Music” premieres on Broadway 1959.

Mr D.C. Le Roux – 18 November / On November 18, 1916, British Commander in Chief Sir Douglas Haig calls a halt to his army’s offensive near the Somme River in north-western France.

Mr K.Q. Taylor – 18 November / The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty is signed. It established the Panama Canal Zone and construction of the Panama Canal, allowing the U.S. to maintain exclusive rights to the Panama Canal 1903.

S Lt B.E.J. Klocke (Ret) – 20 November / 1947 Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten.

Lt R.C. Maydon (Ret) – 21 November / In 1980, Millions tune in to find out who shot J.R.

Mr E. Potgieter – 22 November / 1963 President John F. Kennedy is assassinated.

Mr C. Jackson – 22 November / 1990 Margaret Thatcher, the first female prime minister in British history, announces her resignation after 11 years.

Mr W.E. Eiserman – 23 November / In 1936 the first issue of the pictorial magazine Life is published.

Cdr R.W. Henderson (Ret) – 27 November / In 1940 the actor and martial-arts expert Bruce Lee is born in San Francisco, California.

Lt L. Van Blommestein – 28 November / 1582, William Shakespeare, 18, and Anne Hathaway, 26, pay a 40-pound bond for their marriage license in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mr P.F. Welgemoed – 29 November / The British rock band Pink Floyd released their 11th studio album, The Wall 1979.

R Adm (JG) A.A. Cole (Ret) – 29 November / 1789 The Groote Kerk pulpit, sculpted by Anton Anreith, is inaugurated in Cape Town.

Mr S. Bothma – 29 November/ Enos, a 5-year-old chimpanzee, is launched aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 satellite. He orbited the Earth twice making him the first U.S. animal to orbit the Earth 1961

Capt J.F. Gower – 30 November / 1886 Once a hall for operettas, pantomime, political meetings and vaudeville, the Folies Bergère in Paris introduces an elaborate revue featuring women in sensational costumes.

Mrs A. Palmer – 30 November / 1874 Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, is born at Blenheim Palace.

The following new members are welcomed to our club. May their stay be long and rewarding!

Chaplain Alwyn Smit resides in Da Gama Park and currently serves in the SA Navy as a Naval Chaplain.

Cdr David Wolfaardt (SANR) married to Anita and resides in Murdock Valley. Dave is employed as a Senior Manager at the South African Maritime Training Association (SAMTRA).

Mr Pieter Coetzer married to Liesel and resides in Harbour Heights Close. Pieter is a Master Mariner currently employed as a Senior Manager at SAMTRA.

Mr T. Allan married to Liezelle and resides in Hout Bay. Terry is employed as a Senior Manager by Professional Yachtmaster Training Cape (PYT) and is part of the SAMTRA/PYT Team.

Mr Sheldon Gumbrill resides in Simon's Town and is employed as a Senior Manager at SAMTRA.

Mr Marcel Du Toit and partner Kathleen Mc Keown resides in Gay Road Simon's Town. Marcel has worked as a senior Investment Banker and is now the CEO of his own Company.

Mr Thomas Wirth married to Bridgette and resides in Queens Road Simon's Town. Thomas, who has 12 years' experience as a personal trainer, is currently a Partner in the Company Gym Concepts.

Aye, Glen

Oktober Beerfest

On Saturday 22nd October the club hosted a very successful Oktober beerfest.

A well-planned and executed function that entailed making use of the carpark (despite the elements!) as well as the Club House. Credit must go to the organisers, Shawn and Lesley Wright, Owen Phuhl, and Glen Marlow for a great event.

Traditional Oktoberfest "drinking music" was on the big screen in the Club and downstairs an additional music outlet entertained those that opted to be outdoors with the on-tap Noon Gun beer station. As an extra bonus, live Oktoberfest music was provided by a two-piece band - Wolf and Alwyn. The festive Oktoberfest atmosphere and the traditional food ensured that the guests received good value for their money, with the last patrons leaving the Club after 21:00.

As always, no event can succeed without those folk in the background that ensure that all things run smoothly! A special thanks go to Fran and her ladies that prepared the food and served it in the snooker room.



Furthermore, the support of the patrons that attended this bumper-filled event is appreciated and certainly kept our barmen very busy. The lucky draws and raffle prizes also added to the festive spirit at the Club. All in all a very well-attended and executed event.

Some more photographs below:



False Bay Rugby Club emulates the achievement of fifty Years Ago! - And pays homage to the men from yesteryear!

Tattler - This article was kindly written and supplied by Jon Harris, a very good prop forward in his day and a long time servant of the Rugby Club. Thanks Jon!

Tattler - Can you spot the Seven Seas connection? (The smiley one with the trophy!)

Exactly fifty years to the day after their crowning as Grand Challenge 1972 winners, members of that victorious team were guests of honour at False Bay RFC's Annual Awards Dinner, recently held at Moyo at Kirstenbosch.

Particularly poignant was the celebration of False Bay's crowning as Super League A 2022 Champions, secured with a resounding victory over arch rivals, Durbanville-Bellville at the Danie Craven Stadium a fortnight earlier.



The Bay, established in 1929, had endured a topsy-turvy ride until the Sixties, one mixed with success and failure, moving house almost like nomads during that period. Their birthplace, Muizenberg, gave way to many transfers which included Liesbeeck Park, Wynberg Soccer Club on Rosemead Avenue (an ill-fitting stay indeed as the two sporting cultures clashed), Plumstead and then their move to Constantia Sports Centre in 1971, where the Club came into its own.

In the amateur days, Universities were closed clubs, housing bone fide students only and once graduated, players were forced to join open clubs.

The Bay was a popular next-phase destination for former UCT students, which gained momentum as the club's residential status settled. The pinnacle of their existence was reached in 1972 when they were crowned Grand Challenge Champions on 30 September. It was one day short of fifty years before the coming together of Thabo Ngcongco's victorious SLA2022 champions and their 1972 heroes, eleven of whom were in attendance at the Dinner.

Your own Denzil le Roux, together with surviving and available member of that squad including John le Roux, Gus Enderstein, Clive Jordaan, Derryck Allen, Richard Nurse, Des Newton, Mike English, Dave Bairstow and Jeff Ilsey were guests of honour at the event. They were awarded Honorary Vice President status and revelled in the spirit of the evening, one in which they were revered and shown the due respect of the current membership base, all of whom were aware of the role these warriors played in the history of False Bay RFC.

An integral part of the ethos of the modern Bay player is that they are custodians of the jersey, with the stated aim adding value to that shirt before they pass it on. The respect for their predecessors was palpable and heart-warming to see, as they shared time together, including the obligatory photo session, to the delight of the "72ers".

For decades the '72 Grand Challenge win stood alone as a league highlight of the Club's achievements. In 2016, False Bay won the Super League A and then in 2017, they were crowned Gold Cup Winners, SA's Club Rugby

Championship. The 2022 SLA title was especially special considering what had happened in the previous four years, particularly Covid-19.

It also marked the end of an era as coach Johnno van der Walt and his assistant, Ryan Williams took leave of their roles after ten extremely successful years. They leave an honourable legacy and sound structures to continue their success.

Thabo Ngcongco's warriors of the Twenties will be standard bearers for the popular Constantia club. They are all too aware of what came before them, and were blessed to have met a handful of those heroes of yore.



Tattler - Congratulations to "the Bay" for winning the trophy and this great recognition of the old-time warriors. May there be many more titles in their future.

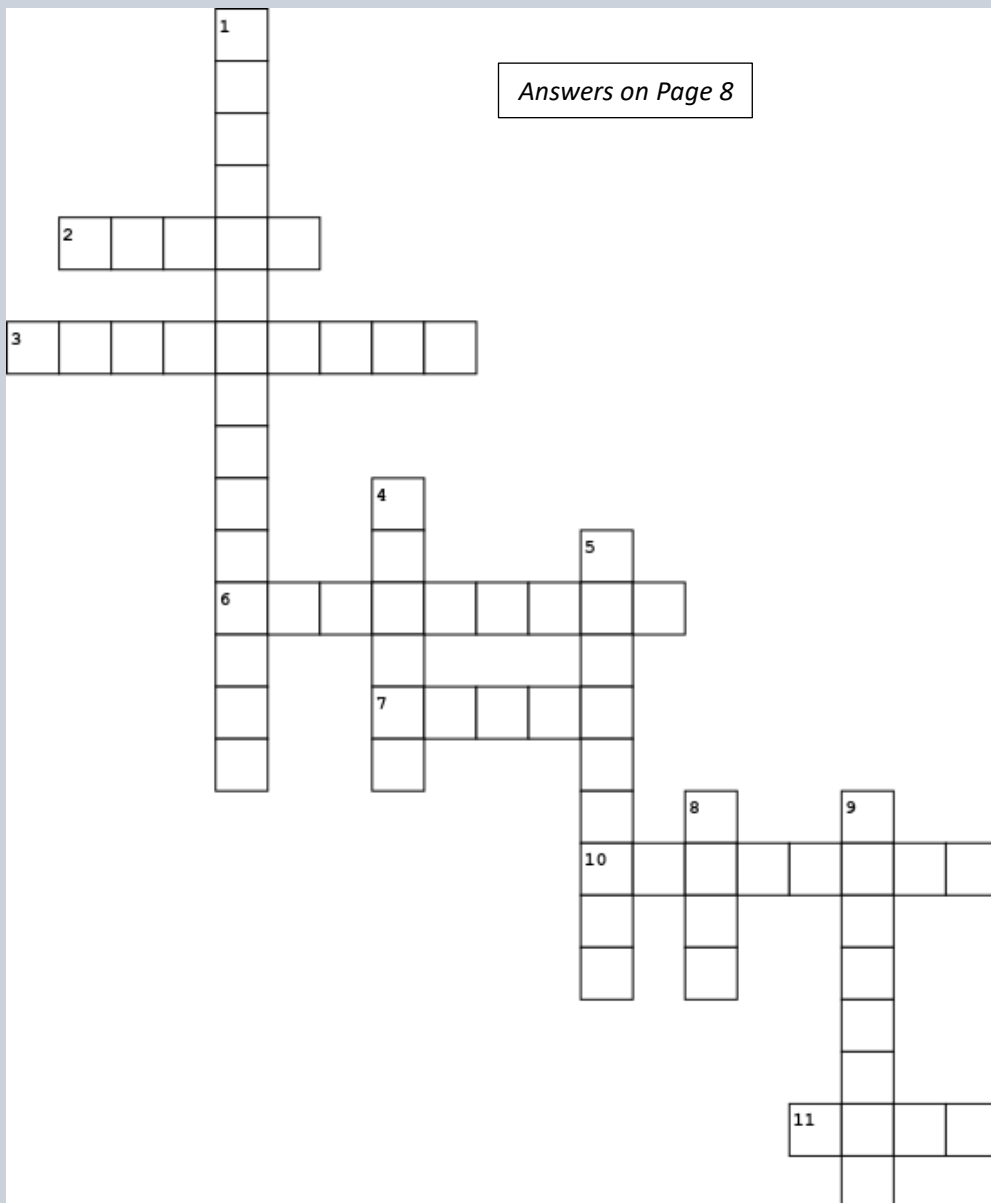
Quiz 12 October

Another successful quiz was held on the 12th of October. Erik McKenzie, wife and daughter won by a single point!

One set of questions was all about "**Theatre**". Here they are: (Answers on Page 8)

- 1) Who wrote the longest running London West End show ever?
- 2) "The lady doth protest too much, methinks." is from which play? MacBeth? Hamlet? King Lear?
- 3) Who did Meatloaf play in The Rocky Horror Picture Show? Freddy, Eddie, Teddy or Jerry?
- 4) Who is the phantom in Phantom of the Opera?
- 5) Who composed the music for "Cats"?
- 6) A 2003 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by Winnie Holzman. It is based on the 1995 Gregory Maguire novel?
- 7) Riff is the leader of the Jets. Tony used to be. Maria is the "Juliet", Anita is Maria's best friend. Main characters in which Musical? West Side Story, Carousel, Guys and Dolls)
- 8) From which play? "It were a grief so brief to part with thee. Farewell."
- 9) (Patrick Barlow) Modelled after the 1915 book and famous Hitchcock film of the same title, Barlows version of The xx Steps becomes a comedy mostly from the ridiculous requirements it puts on the actors. How many steps?
- 10) This play by Arthur Miller is regarded as one of the best ever.: "Salem, Massachusetts, 1682 — Local minister Reverend Parris has summoned witchcraft expert Reverend John Hale to his house to examine his unconscious and unresponsive daughter Betty" is the start of the synopsis. Which play - Death of a Salesman? A view from the Bridge? The Crucible?

Tattler Crossword – “About the Navy”



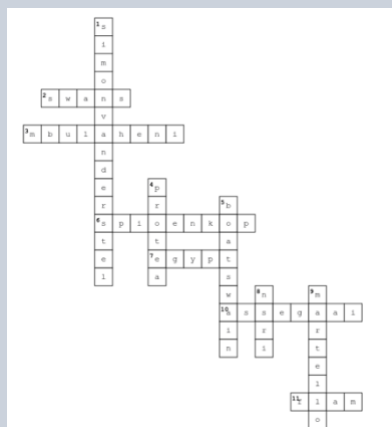
Across

2. South African Women's Auxiliary Naval Service
3. 1st Women Rear-Admiral of SA Navy appointed in 2020
6. Name of the third of four Valour-Class Frigates in the SA Navy
7. Country with the Largest Navy in Africa
10. Latest vessel from the South African fleet to become a museum
11. Nickname of Vice Admiral James Johnson

Down

1. Simonstown is named after this person
4. National flower and minesweeper during the 2nd World War
5. Officer in charge of ships maintenance and equipment
8. Volunteer organisation based at Station 10 in the Simonstown Harbour
9. Tower that is part of the SANDF Museum in Simonstown

- 1) Agatha Christie - The Mousetrap
- 2) Hamlet
- 3) Eddie
- 4) Erik
- 5) Andrew Lloyd Webber
- 6) Wicked
- 7) West Side Story
- 8) Romeo and Juliet
- 9) 39
- 10) The Crucible



According to Yevmenov, the Admiralty Shipyard is about to complete the maritime trials of the submarine in the Baltic Sea. At present, the sub has returned to the shipyard to undergo "final examinations and finishing works as part of preparations for signing of the acceptance act," he said.

The Ufa is the fourth submarine of its family built for the Pacific Fleet. Its keel was laid down in November 2019. Project 636.3 submarines (Improved Kilo by NATO classification) are the third generation of diesel-electric submarines which are the most noiseless in the world. They develop underwater speed of 20 knots, submerge to 300 meters and have the cruising capacity of 45 days. The crew comprises 52 men, the underwater displacement is close to four thousand tons. They carry Kalibr missiles to strike at surface (3M-54 and 3M-541) and ground targets (cruise missiles 3M-14) and have new electronic equipment.

Local Maritime News – Preservation of Submarine SAS Assegai as a Museum of Technology

Source: ASG Project Brochure

Tattler - A very exciting project in which some members of the Seven Seas Club are very active.



An extract from the Project Brochure explains "The South African Navy has since decided to retain the submarine as a static museum item, under the ownership of the SA Navy Museum but managed and operated as part of the Naval Heritage Trust (NHT). The task of preparing the boat and placing it in a suitable "out of water" exhibition position was given to a volunteer group acting as a sub-committee of the NHT."

Arne Sonderland has supplied documents - you can click on them to view the detail.

[ASG Project Brochure 27 Jul 22 Version 9b AGS.pdf](#)

[PROSPECTUS - THE PRESERVATION OF THE SUBMARINE SAS ASSEGAI AS A MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY 3.pdf](#)

Driving the project are:

Chairperson: Rear Admiral Hanno Teuteberg (Ret)

Co-Chair: Rear Admiral (JG) Digby Thomson (Ret)

NHT: Rear Admiral (JG) Arnè Söderlund (Ret)

Project Engineer: Rear Admiral (JG) Kevin Watson (Ret)

Tattler - I am sure both Digby and Arne would be happy to provide insights!

Naval Battle – Battle of Port Royal (161 years ago in November 1861)

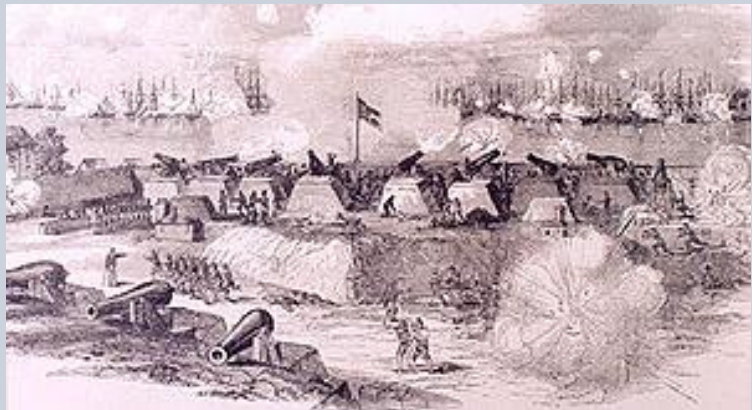
Source: Wikipedia

The Battle of Port Royal was one of the earliest amphibious operations of the American Civil War, in which a United States Navy fleet and United States Army expeditionary force captured Port Royal Sound, South Carolina, between Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina, on November 7, 1861. The sound was guarded by two forts on opposite sides of the entrance, Fort Walker on Hilton Head Island to the south and Fort Beauregard on Phillip's Island to the north. A small force of four gunboats supported the forts, but did not materially affect the battle.

The attacking force assembled outside of the sound beginning on November 3 after being battered by a storm during their journey down the coast. Because of losses in the storm, the army was not able to land, so the battle was reduced to a contest between ship-based guns and those on shore.

The fleet moved to the attack on November 7, after more delays caused by the weather during which additional troops were brought into Fort Walker. Flag Officer Samuel F. Du Pont ordered his ships to keep moving in an elliptical path, bombarding Fort Walker on one leg and Fort Beauregard on the other; the tactic had recently been used effectively at the Battle of Hatteras Inlet. His plan soon broke down, however, and most ships took enfilading positions that exploited a weakness in Fort Walker. The Confederate gunboats put in a token appearance, but fled up a nearby creek when challenged. Early in the afternoon, most of the guns in the fort were out of action, and the soldiers manning them fled to the rear. A landing party from the flagship took possession of the fort.

Despite the heavy volume of fire, loss of life on both sides was low, at least by standards set later during the American Civil War. Only eight were killed in the fleet and eleven on shore, with four other Southerners missing. Total casualties came to less than 100.



Have a look at the YouTube video. Click on the image below.



Armistice Day/Remembrance Day

Source: Wikipedia/ <https://www.history.com/news/world-war-i-armistice>

The 11th November marks the anniversary of the end of the "Great War" (WWI)

Armistice descends from Latin sistere, meaning "to come to a stand" or "to cause to stand or stop," combined with arma, meaning "weapons." An armistice, therefore, is literally a cessation of arms.

Having been given 72 hours to agree to Allied demands, Germany signs the armistice. Supreme Allied Commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch orders that all hostilities on the Western Front cease at 11 a.m. Paris time.



Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, at 5:45 am for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.



Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiègne. The Armistice with Germany was agreed to come into effect at 11am to allow time for the news to reach combatants.

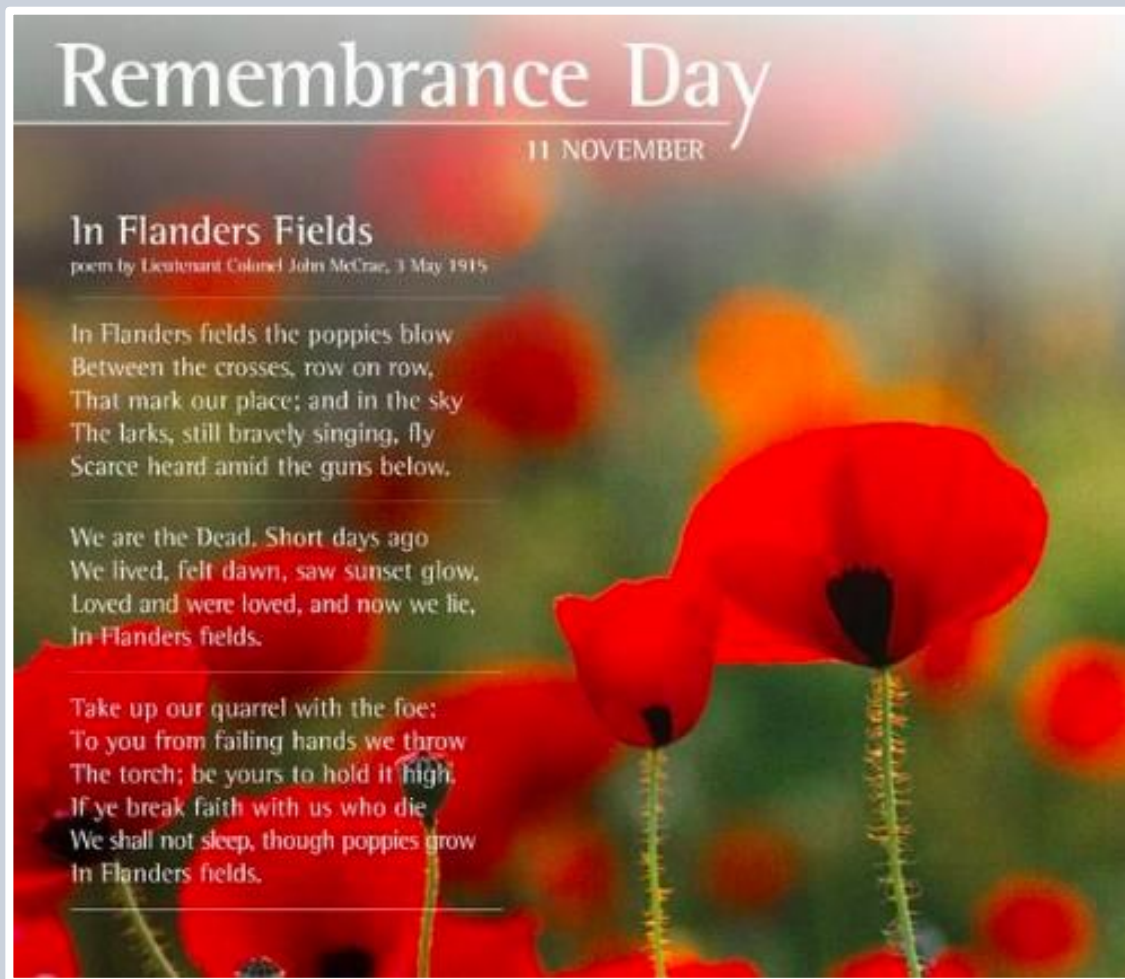
The six-hour delay between the armistice signing and World War I's official end cost the lives of nearly 3,000 soldiers, including one American in the war's final minute.

"While two German machine gun squads manning a roadblock counted down the war's remaining minutes, they saw a shadowy figure materialize out of the fog. As shots rang out, Gunther threw himself on the ground but continued to crawl forward through the mud.

The Germans kept watch on the American soldier who suddenly rose to his feet and charged toward the machine-gun nest with his fixed bayonet. Gunther's comrades yelled at him to stop as did the bewildered Germans in broken English. Didn't he know the war was minutes from its end? If he heard the pleas, Gunther ignored them. A five-round burst from a German gun struck Gunther in the left temple. He died instantly. His body collapsed in the mud. The time was 10:59 a.m."

The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

The 11th of this month is also known as "Poppy Day" and Remembrance day.



The Remembrance Day symbolism of the poppy started with a poem written by a World War I brigade surgeon who was struck by the sight of the red flowers growing on a ravaged battlefield.

Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on broken ground, McCrae wrote a poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he channelled the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies. Published in *Punch* magazine in late 1915, the poem would be used at countless memorial ceremonies, and became one of the most famous works of art to emerge from the Great War. Its fame had spread far and wide by the time McCrae himself died, from pneumonia and meningitis, in January 1918.

John McCrae in uniform. (Credit: Public Domain)



Editorial

Picture of the Month



(courtesy stock.adobe.com)

Rugby

Tattler - In November we examine those that wore the number 9 jersey.

Views on this role, the scrum half, vary. Some see the role tailored for the nasty little "chirper"! At the other end of the spectrum is the view that the entire game of rugger revolves around this role/individual. As someone who attempted to play scrum-half for many years, I guess it is a mixture.

That he plays a major role in dictating the way the game is played is beyond doubt. He certainly gets his hands on the ball more frequently than any other position. Pass, snipe or kick? The game plan is executed to a large degree based on the decision making of the 9 and while many would regard the number 10 as the "general", the fly-half can only play this role if the scrummie allows it!

So who were the best ever in this position? Looking at the "Ruck" website, they rank nines as follows (in ascending order):

- 10) Fourie du Preez (SA)
- 9) Terry Holmes (Wales)
- 8) Justin Marshall (NZ)
- 7) Augustin Pichot (Arg)
- 6) Will Genia (Aus)
- 5) Matt Dawson (Eng)
- 4) Nick Farr-Jones (Aus)
- 3) George Gregan (Aus)
- 2) Gareth Edwards (Wales)
- 1) Joost van der Westhuizen (SA)

Much food for thought and debate. Only one Kiwi! I am sure the Irish and Scots are not overly impressed either! The Frogs, neither. So, who, is unlucky to not be on the list?

The Scot, Gary Armstrong was excellent as was the Aussie, Ken Catchpole. In more recent time, some would most definitely consider Irishman Conor Murray and the French genius Antoine du Pont, winner of the world player of the year. And from New Zealand? In recent times we have arguably the best passer in the game, Aaron Smith.

Tattler - Who makes your top 10? Personally, mine looks as follows:

- 10) Antoine du Pont
- 9) Conor Murray
- 8) Augustin Pichot
- 7) Will Genia
- 6) Nick Farr-Jones
- 5) Joost van der Westhuizen
- 4) Aaron Smith
- 3) George Gregan
- 2) Fourie du Preez
- 1) Gareth Edwards



Tattler - Watch the video by clicking on the picture of Gareth above to see his skill in action. Not only do I rate him as top in his position, I also believe he was one of the best, if not the very best rugby players ever. Strength, pace, passing skills, game management, he had it all.

My top five

Joost van der Westhuizen/Aaron Smith/George Gregan/ Fourie du Preez/Gareth Edwards



Tattler - What were you listening to 50 years ago? Maybe it was one of these? Click and enjoy!



Tattler – Did you know?

Ladybirds have rampant STDs due to their promiscuity.

There are 122 languages spoken in India.

Almost all mammals have seven cervical (neck) vertebrae. The only exceptions are sloths and manatees.

There are more than 7,600 Islands in the Philippines

This month in History

50 years ago – November 1972

General

3 Nov - A group of 132 sailors on board the USS Constellation, began what has been described as "the first mass mutiny in the history of the U.S. Navy". The men refused to leave the mess deck in protest over announcements, the day before, that 250 black sailors would be discharged, six of them less than honourably, and demanded to meet with ship Captain J.D. Ward. The next day, the men disobeyed a direct order to report to the flight deck, and on November 9, the men refused orders to return to the ship while in San Diego. None of the sailors were ever arrested. Some were discharged early, and most were reassigned to shore duty.

4 Nov - The CIA spy ship Glomar Explorer was launched on its first voyage. Although the 170-member crew was ostensibly conducting mining exploration on the ocean floor, the ship's true mission was to attempt recovery of the contents of a Soviet submarine that had sunk on April 11, 1968.

7 Nov - In the U.S. presidential election, 1972, Richard M. Nixon won re-election by a landslide over Democrat George S. McGovern, winning the electoral votes of all states except for Massachusetts. Nixon had 47,168,710 votes to McGovern's 29,173,222 and 520 of the 537 possible electoral votes.

18 Nov - The USS Sanctuary became the first U.S. Navy ship to transport women sailors assigned to sea duty, with 40 enlisted women and 30 nurses assigned to work with the 480 men. The recommissioning of the ship was carried out as "part of a pilot program to evaluate the utilization of women for shipboard duty."

30 Nov - As the "Cod War" between fishing trawlers in the North Atlantic Ocean escalated, the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home announced that Royal Navy ships would be stationed to protect British trawlers off the coast of Iceland.

Sport

Tattler - This month we stick to news with a local flavour.

4 Nov - The South African Gazelles (R.Carlson (J.Snyman), C.Fourie, P.Cronje, F.du Toit, A.Swartz; D.Snyman, B.Borgen, J.van Aswegen (capt.), M.du Plessis, J.Verster; [K.de](#) Klerk, J.Kritzinger, J.le Roux, H.Reyneke, J.van Jaarsveld. lost to Argentina (D.Morgan; A: Altberg, R.Matarazzo, A: Travaglini, E.Morgan; H.Porta, A.Etchegaray (capt.); J.Wittman, H.Miguens, J.Cariacedo; J.Fernández, A.Anthony; F.Insúa, R.Handley, R.Foster) by 18 to 16.

11 - 13 Nov - Natal drew with Rhodesia. This match saw batsmen like Barry Richards, Arthur Short and Andre Bruyns facing the bowling of Mike Proctor, Robin Jackman, Jackie du Preez and Paddy Clift. It also saw Rhodesian batsmen Benckenstein, Fletcher, Carlstein and Davison facing van der Bijl, Trimbourn and Henwood. The match was drawn, Richards scored 197 before Robin Jackman bowled him, and Andre Bruyns got a ton. Jackman took 6 wickets in the match.

21 Nov - Legendary Light-heavyweight world champion Bob Foster challenged Ali for his NABF heavyweight championship at The Sahara Tahoe Hotel in Stateline, Nevada.

Two years earlier, Foster had challenged WBC & WBA unified world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, for his titles in Detroit, only to be knocked out in the first minute of the 2nd round. On this occasion, Foster was knocked down four times in the 5th, twice in the 7th, and for the count in the 8th when referee Mills Lane completed the count at 0:40 of the round. Locals will remember Foster's controversial victories over our own Pierre Fourie.

Music



Movies



Slim pickings on the movie front this month however, Orson Welles who took the lead role in “The Man Who Came To Dinner” does make for some interesting reading. Of the film, Welles himself said it was terrible, he was terrible in it and no-one could ever be good in it.

Orson Welles, in full George Orson Welles, (born May 6, 1915, Kenosha, Wisconsin, U.S.—died October 10, 1985, Los Angeles, California), American motion-picture actor, director, producer, and writer.

Welles was born to a mother, Beatrice Ives, who was a concert pianist and a crack rifle shot, and a father, Richard Welles, who was an inventor and a businessman. Welles was a child prodigy, adept at the piano and violin, acting, drawing, painting, and writing verse; he also entertained his friends by performing magic tricks and staging mini productions of William Shakespeare’s plays. He was also a brilliant magician.

Despite his family's affluence, Welles encountered hardship in childhood. His father, who made a fortune as the inventor of a popular bicycle lamp, became an alcoholic and stopped working. Welles’s parents separated when he was four years old, and his mother died when he was nine. After his mother's death, Welles ceased pursuing music. It was decided that he would spend the summer with the Watson family at a private art colony. There, he played and became friends with the children of the Aga Khan, including the 12-year-old Prince Aly Khan (years later, they successively married Rita Hayworth).

In 1926 Welles entered the exclusive Todd School in Woodstock, Illinois. There his gifts found fertile ground, and he dazzled the teachers and students with stagings of both modern and classical plays. His father died in 1930, and Welles became the ward of a family friend, Chicago doctor Maurice Bernstein. In 1931 he graduated

from Todd, but, instead of attending college, he studied briefly at the Art Institute of Chicago before traveling to Dublin, where he successfully auditioned at the Gate Theatre.

Welles remained in Ireland for a year, acting with the company at the Abbey Theatre as well as at the Gate; he also designed sets, wrote a newspaper column, and began directing plays. In 1932 Welles left Dublin and tried to get work on the stages of London and New York; unsuccessful, he instead travelled for a year in Morocco and Spain. In 1933 he returned to the United States. He made his New York debut as Tybalt in Cornell's production of *Romeo and Juliet* in December 1934. At the same time, Welles was making inroads in radio. His radio career began early in 1934 with an excerpt from *Panic*. They attained national notoriety with



a program based on H.G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds*; the performance on October 30, using the format of a simulated news broadcast narrated by Welles, announced an attack on New Jersey by invaders from Mars. The national coverage that resulted from his theatre and radio work brought Welles's name before Hollywood. In 1939 he signed an extraordinary contract that guaranteed him near-total autonomy and final cut on any film he made. [Click on the image above to listen to him discuss this in an interview.](#)

Citizen Kane (1941) is arguably the greatest movie ever to come out of Hollywood, and it is surely one of the most-impressive debuts by any director. Welles spent the rest of 1943 making two radio series, entertaining American troops fighting in World War II with a touring magic show with the assistance of Rita Hayworth (whom he married), Marlene Dietrich, Cotten, and Moorehead, giving speeches on behalf of the war effort, and even substituting for Jack Benny on his radio show.

Welles would spend much of the next 25 years in Europe. Welles accepted many film acting assignments in England, France, and Italy. He then returned to Hollywood for the first time in 10 years to make what is considered one of his finest, and most personal, films. *Touch of Evil* (1958) was based on a detective novel by Whit Masterson. Welles took its plot about a crooked police chief and embroidered it with themes close to his heart—guilt and redemption, situational ethics versus absolute morality, relative versus utter evil—and some of his most-dazzling camera work.

Quotes - "If you want a happy ending, that depends, of course, on where you stop your story."

History 100 Years ago - November 1922

4 Nov - British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discovered the entrance to the Tomb of Tutankhamun near Al-Uqsar (Luxor) in southern Egypt.

14 Nov - The British Broadcasting Corporation delivered the first radio news report in the United Kingdom.

15 Nov - The United Kingdom general election was held for the House of Commons. While the Conservatives of PM Bonar Law lost 35 seats and the Labour Party of Leader of the Opposition J. R. Clynes gained 85, the Conservatives retained a majority, with 344 of the 615 seats in Commons. Among those who lost seats were long time MP Winston Churchill (who lost his Dundee seat to E. D. Morel, and science fiction author H. G. Wells, who had run for the London University constituency seat and lost to Dr. Sydney Russell-Wells.

16 Nov - Benito Mussolini made his first speech as Prime Minister to the Italian Chamber of Deputies, flaunting his power and intimidating his political opponents by saying, "I could have had a tremendous complete victory, but I did not want it. I have imposed on myself certain limitations".

28 Nov - In Greece, all former cabinet officers and army officials convicted of high treason in the Trial of the Six were executed. (Tattler - they didn't mess around in those days!)

Colette's Kitchen

There is nothing quite like the smell of freshly baked bread!

This recipe is known as “Oumie Bread” in my extended family. It gets baked across four continents! We baked 20 loaves once for my nephew’s wedding, my niece bakes 5 loaves a day for her farm lodge in Namibia and my mom “Oumie”, used to visit me in Johannesburg with a fresh loaf in her suitcase just in case I didn’t have time to bake.

There is something else. There is no “scientific or chemical evidence” for this but my mom has always claimed that shop bread gives her a belly ache and this bread does not. I have shared it with a few folks, my mom in law for one, who makes the same claim.

We love it. It makes divine toast. It is a non-negotiable part of a snoek braai, served with butter and “korrel-konfyt”(grape jam).

Oumie Bread

Makes 1 loaf. Can easily double up for 2 loaves.

We always use the green packet of Anchor Yeast (not the purple one).

500 grams white all-purpose flour or white bread flour
1 teaspoon of sugar
2 teaspoons of salt
1 packet of Anchor instant yeast
450ml of warm water

Mix it all together nicely using a knife and cutting motion. The dough is quite “wet” but don’t worry. She did suggest once that the lack of heavy kneading could be the reason for the absence of the belly ache!

Cover with a damp tea towel in a warmish spot to double in size. About an hour. Cut it back down with a knife and place into a greased (spray & cook) loaf tin. Allow to rise again.

Place in a pre-heated oven (180 degrees Celsius) for about an hour.

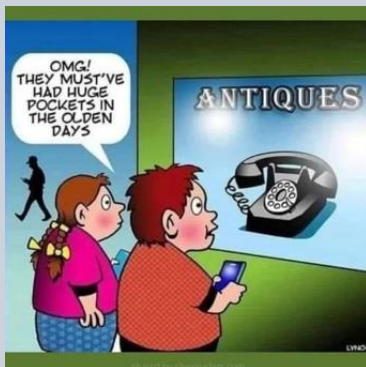
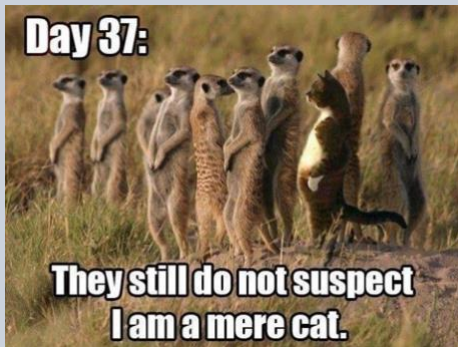
Remove from the oven. Place the loaf tin on a cooling rack and allow to cool/rest in the tin for about 15 minutes. Remove from the loaf tin and place bread directly on the cooling rack until ready to slice.

We would love to share your favourites too. Send your submissions directly to Colettepatience@gmail.com.

Yours in the kitchen



Tattler – Laughs



Friendship among Women:

A woman didn't come home one night. The next morning she told her husband that she had slept over at a friend's house. The man called his wife's 10 best Friends. None of them knew anything about it.

Friendship among Men:

A man didn't come home one night. The next morning he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's House. The woman called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight confirmed that he had slept over, and two said he was still there.

Pun Gems

- "No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery".
- "I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now".
- "I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness".
- "I saw an ad for burial plots, but that's the last thing I need".
- "If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price".
- "Police were summoned to a day-care centre where a three-year old was resisting a rest".
- "Prison is just one word for you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence".
- "A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail".
- "I did a menial job at a pizza parlour. I kneaded the dough".
- "England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool".
- "French pancakes give me the crepes".
- "Did you hear about the pyromaniac yoga teacher who was convicted of asana"?
- "This girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore".
- "When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble".
- "What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled".
- "Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who could not control her pupils?"
- "I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me".
- "Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end".
- "When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stair".
- "When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye. But then it grew on her."

Tattler - That's it for another month. Keep well and stay safe!