

# CHARTWELL

# **COUNTRY ESTATES**

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

# ONLINE CCE AGM WHY AND WHAT TO DO

Due to our current situation with COVID-19 controlling the reality of our world right now, the CCE AGM meeting, which is due to be held in the next couple of weeks, will have to be held on an online platform. Fortunately, the new terms of our recently revised MOI allow for virtual meetings to take place using a virtual voting process. The AGM document pack which includes the minutes of our previous AGM, the Chairman's report, copy of the audited financials and other relevant documents will be loaded onto the CCE website for all registered CCE residents to access. In order for this process to be smooth and fully inclusive we need every CCE resident to register on our Chartwell website. Once you have registered and set your username and password you will have full access to all the documents, the voting process and other information that will be sent out from time to time.

As has previously been communicated, we will be cleaning up all of our CCE whatsapp groups in conjunction with the website registration process. In the interests of the safety and security of all CCE residents, we are on a drive to remove all unverified members of the various groups. For all of the above reasons, we appeal to every Chartwell landowner, resident and tenant to please go to our website and register.

The administrator of the website will then verify your registration. We

request that all residents register before the 20th of July, after which any non-registered group members will be removed from the groups.

#### STEP 1

#### **REGISTER ONLINE**

- 1 Go to the Chartwell website Prior to the AGM you will need https://chartwellcountryestate.co.za/ to submit proxy forms giving the
- 2 Fill in the relevant information.
- 3 Set your username and password.

#### STEP 2

#### **AGM**

- 1 When the AGM pack is loaded onto the website, you will receive a notification to be able to access the documents.
- 2 Go to the Chartwell website and download the AGM pack.

### AGM Pack will consist of:

The minutes of the previous AGM meeting.

The Chairman's report.

The proxy forms.

The director nomination forms. And other relevant documents.

- 3 Nominate people you would like to see as directors on the CCE Board (the submission dates for the nomination forms will be on the AGM notification.)
- 4 On the AGM date, the meeting will be held virtually through ZOOM, a link will be sent out before the start of the AGM meeting, where all the formalities will be dealt with.
- 5 There will be an online voting system put in place on the Chartwell website for voting purposes, which will also be sent out before the actual AGM meeting.

## TO BE ABLE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE

relevant person permission to act on your behalf.

THESE FORM WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE AGM MEETING.

We ask all residents to please adhere to the speed limits, stop signs and other road rules. The CCE would also like to encourage more residents to get out there and use our streets for walking, running and riding, but safety is paramount, so please join our Chartwell walking and running whatsapp groups. Contact Mark McClue on 081 262 9505 to be added.

## **Basic Chartwell road rules**

RESPECT every road user Most vulnerable road user has right of way.

## **SPEED LIMITS!**

Tar roads- Max 60 km/hr Dirt Roads- Max 40 km/hr When passing a horse rider- 10



# Aunty Maureen tells:

THE LION PARK (Portion 2 of the Farm Nietgedacht 535 JQ)

By Maureen Dalglish

It was sometime in the mid-1960s that two brothers, Barney and .Pincus (Pinky) Lakier, inherited from their father Gerson Lakier a large tract of land to the west of Chartwell and Farmall Agricultural Holdings.

Barney's plan was to live there and to farm fruit trees and cattle while Pinky originally intended to hold his portion as an investment. He was an advocate and his life was spent either in the Johannesburg High Court or at Innes Chambers just across the road. The original few lions that Pinky brought to the Lion Park must have either come from some circus or private farm but were certainly not related to the Kruger Park lions as was discovered many years later and this factor was most important as it provided an entirely different gene pool of lions.

Pinky Lakier built camps in a circle with a holding area in the centre and the portion of the farm he chose had some Blue Gum trees for shade. The 12 foot wire mesh fences and the farm gates that he originally installed were hopelessly inadequate and after some rain, or on moonlit nights, the lions would become rather active and would dig under the fences. The next step, for safety reasons, was to send the lions into their own night camps which had double and higher fences.

In those early days the roaring lions could be heard all over the valley and if anyone on horseback ventured near the place, the lions would rush up to the fences and roar ... very scary!

A young 13 year old boy named Eric worked for Pinky and he, Abel and Jeffrey ran the Park. Eric was blessed with a special "intuition" for his lions and over the years became very knowledgeable about them (albeit in a rather primitive way). He would know within a few days when a lioness was about to give birth and it was to him that everyone deferred when dealing with these lions.

Lions are naturally lazy, but also rather promiscuous, and so the camps had to be increased in size and number. Too many teenage lions could not stay together in one camp and then too many teenage lionesses could not tolerate each other either. Fighting often took place and injured lions would need veterinary attention. Dr David Russel from Bryanston, and then later his son, Dr Brett Russel, were the vets in atten. dance and they would only ever treat a lion if Eric was there to help.

A large square cage divided into four sections was built for this purpose and the injured lion would somehow have to be enticed and confined in one. of the small quarter sections. Eric would distract the lion with a piece of meat while the vet would either inject or dart the medicine.

Pinky, although a highly respected advocate, and very successful in his practice, was quite a cowboy at heart. He thoroughly enjoyed his wild Lion Park activities. His enthusiasm was contagious and soon his friends and colleagues donated ostriches, Mountain Zebras, Black Wildebeest, Springbok and Blesbok to his farm. He opened the Park to visitors at a nominal charge per car and people could drive through the farm area first and then through the four separate lion camps. There was no proper restaurant at first, only cool drinks for sale and a small

counter of curios.

Over the weekends and school holidays, families with children would pack a picnic basket and after driving through the park would picnic under the trees.

Slowly as the Lion Park became more popular, improvements were made and the night camps for the lions were electrified and made much safer. The restaurant and curio shop were enlarged and people were able to touch and hold a lion cub under supervision.

When Pinky Lakier passed away in 1998 his family decided to auction the property but felt, too, that ideally it should remain a Lion Park. It was fortunately bought by Rodney Fuhr, who had always been crazy about lions and who was a frequent visitor to the Park.

Rodney upgraded the Entrance, Restaurant and Entertainment areas as well as securing and enlarging the entire lion enclosures. In fact the Lion Park then became a big tourist attraction- but one problem always remained- it was not proper lion country, the lions had very little shade and any photograph taken with Blue Gum trees in the background looked wrong.

The Lion Park has now moved to Broederstroom and the 200 hectares of farmland has been bought by Cosmopolitan Homes and has been rezoned for a mixed use housing development. So sad in many ways but as the city expanded it was inevitable.

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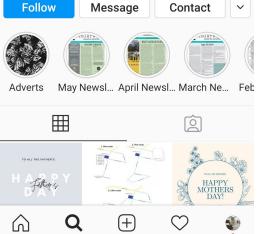
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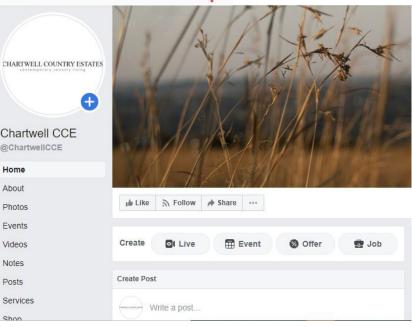


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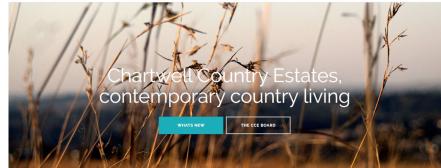
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