

Berg River Shamrock Rally
15 – 16 March 2008

One can hardly keep track of the days, as they seem to fly past like hours just lately. Due to unforeseen circumstances this report was overlooked and the committee apologises to the marshals who put on a great weekend. “Erin Go Bragh!” The green people for the weekend were Elsabe and John Haycox, Bea and Denis Wilson with Graham and Sherylynne as junior marshals.

Friday had the marshals collecting the rally fees for the weekend. They then provided the most scrumptious rusks and coffee. The balance of the evening was then spent chatting with all old friends.

Saturday was family fun on the lawn. We had kids playing touch rugby with Fathers, done rather differently with balloons filled with water; we then went on to volleyball played in the same method. We also had some moving of pennies on a plate filled with flour, which left some faces looking rather white. Then the good old egg toss, this even saw Linda Gibson nearly concussed as Bea tried to crack an egg on her head, needless to say she just tried again and it did not take long before Linda’s hair was standing on end from the lovely sticky egg.

We then had the most delightful wine tasting sponsored by Simonsvlei in the hall. The poor chap from Simonsvlei hardly knew what he let himself in for when he conducted the tasting, and then fancy asking if he should open another bottle!! This was truly enjoyed by all the wine flies that attended.

We also had our very own **leprechaun** with his very own **shileylay** and you had to pay up if he touched you with it, but if you managed to catch him, you were taken to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and rewarded. Bernise managed to chase him round a dome tent for about 3 minutes before she ended up nearly having a heart attack and our kind **leprechaun** had a moment of sympathy and let her catch him.

Much later in the evening we were introduced to a game of dice that had something to do with bugs legs and eyes. Well, some of the team members were not at all capable of getting this whole co-ordination thing and moving of tables, so they left early. However, those who stayed had tons of fun and won some lovely prizes.

Sunday saw Linda Gibson providing Sunday school, which was followed by Chairman’s. Franco and Karin Gentle received their 10th National award and Bobby and Jenny Prins received their 75th national. We had new ralliers Riaan and Kim Van Zyl, (Clinton, don’t introduce them we know its your sister).

The fines master was the same little **leprechaun** - Douglas Morrison, who managed to fine even more unsuspecting souls, but the loose screw took its rightful place back with Clinton for trying to tell us all a story about being In the circus (send In the clowns, I believe is how the song goes) thank goodness we had John Haycox correcting the story line, Clinton you were a deserving recipient.