



Mount Amanzi

## MOUNT AMANZI NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

### Dear Shareholder

We cannot believe that we find ourselves in the midst of summer and the start of the Festive Season. It feels like only yesterday that we were throwing marshmallows in our hot chocolate and sporting scarves and jerseys. But here we find ourselves... while you enjoy everything that makes summer spectacular, allow us to update you on everything that has taken place at your Mount "Amazing", give you a yummy recipe and provide you with a "Mount-Amazing" fabulous gift idea. First order of business – what's been happening at your slice of "Amanzi" paradise...?

## Mount "Amazing" Exclusive Update

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT ARRIVING AT YOUR HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME?

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT YOU REACH THE RESORT ENTRANCE AND THAT FEELING OF COMFORT, EASE AND ANTICIPATION SETTLE IN YOUR HEART –YOU KNOW YOU ARE AT THE BRINK OF MAKING A BANK FULL OF MAGNIFICENT MEMORIES WITH THE FAMILY.

You make your way to the Chalets, hop out of the car, like a flash of lightning unpack and bask in everything you love about Mount Amanzi. Oh yes, there is certainly something spectacular about your little slice of paradise, the place where your heart lies... the treasure chest of many wonderful moments that will eventually become stories told around braais, supper tables and the like, for generations to come. So let's dive into the latest developments.



# Home-Sweet-Home Chalet



**The Chalet is the place where your loved ones come together to braai, spend exclusive family time with each other and make memories to be cherished.**

It is one of the main reasons Mount Amanzi is the place where your heart lies and it is exactly for this reason that we develop this area on an ongoing basis. So what has been happening the latter half of the year at your home-away-from-home?

Do you remember in the mid-year update, we mentioned that the Five-Bedroom Chalets had carpets installed in the lounges? Well, we are happy to inform you that all Units have brand new carpets in the lounges; this is looking great, provides a pop of colour and adds a feeling of cosiness to the space. From the lounges to the bathrooms – all Chalets have new bath sheets, which have already been well-received by our cherished guests. Staying in this area...we are progressively replacing all shower curtains with more durable and modern, fixed shower panels.



## Developments Further Afield



**This year we spent a lot of time and energy developing and looking after the beautiful nature surrounding the Resort. We continue to plant more trees, label existing ones and educate guests about the ins and outs of all the plants and critters that reside at Mount Amanzi. So let's expand on what we have completed so far ...**

Earlier this year Mount Amanzi identified regions where soil erosion was occurring at the Resort. We can now happily report that all problem areas were effectively dealt with. A particular example of where erosion has been successfully addressed is at the Moepel Dam area; this space has actually received a fair bit of attention in general. Recently a beautiful paved walkway has been established in this region, allowing guests to stroll along and bask in the essence of Mount Amanzi – picture nature, peace, fun, and family. Likewise, the space in front of the Chalets at Moepel Dam has seen some change – grass has been planted for the younger guests to play on, the area was tidied up a bit and the plants trimmed back, allowing guests staying at these Units, a beautiful glimpse of the mountain in all of its splendour.

**Close your eyes and imagine the following... you are headed towards the river on the newly pathed walkway; the footpath is surrounded by tufts of green grass that stretches into a large beautiful lawn...**

You make your way to the river banks, you see the majestic Magalies Mountain, the river meandering by, the birds nesting along the edges of the water. The flowing river resounds in your ears, a breeze rustles through the plants and trees, the birds chirp, tweet and call and all the while you hear the familiar chatter and banter of your loved ones in the background. It is in this instant you realise that the most significant times in life are the small, nameless moments you spend smiling with the people that matter the most to you. This scene is easy to imagine... perhaps it is because Mount Amanzi is so near and dear to your heart and with it the view of the mountain and river. To maximise on this special view and due to the river banks popularity, we have established picnic benches in this area – the ideal spot to laze with the family, celebrating what really matters in life – each other.



## Keep Calm and Spa On!



The Mount Amanzi Spa continues to grow, expand and get increasingly popular.

We invite you to come relax, rejuvenate, breathe, refresh, enjoy, nourish and renew your body and mind. You work incredibly hard and truly deserve to treat yourself to a thorough pampering session. And while you are at it... don't miss the exclusive, luxury TheraNaka™ and TheraVine™ products that have been introduced at the Resort; with this launch, comes all kinds of new signature and "must-try" treatments – unique, relaxing and awaiting your arrival. To ensure you have a decadent and well-deserved pampering session the next time you visit, phone: 012 381 5400 and book your exclusive Mount Amanzi Spa treatment today!

## Developments on the Wing



Someone once said "To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles," and we tend to agree with this.

It is for this reason (as mentioned before) that we really attempt to champion the nature surrounding Mount Amanzi and this includes celebrating the critters and creatures that call us home. So we have established bat hotels for our fellow nocturnal flying, insect catchers (bats); owl nests for the "strigiform" night-time solitary birds (or for the owls) and erected bird feeders all over the Resort for the beautiful winged creatures (or for the birds). Don't forget to check these newly established features out, the next time you visit.



## But Wait... There's More!



Most of our guests have fond memories of the Mount Amanzi Games Room.

Whether you love to challenge loved ones to a game of pool, table tennis, darts, and foosball or prefer to battle it out over an Xbox game – there are always good times to be had in the Games Room. So what are your special stories? Perhaps one time you ... sunk all the balls in a row, or hit the bullseye like a champ or "slammed" your way to victory or "insert" your unique story here... We can just imagine the fun you have had here. Anyway, we decided to make this area more comfortable for guests by adding a synthetic, grass carpet to the Games Room. Guests have already given this latest development a thumbs-up.



## And finally...



The final development we would like to share with you is that Mount Amanzi has its own compost heap!

This has been created under the close supervision of our Garden Manager. We will keep you (com)posted on where this fertiliser will be used.

We understand that your vacation with us isn't just another getaway. It is something you cherish... your yearly tradition and the place where you can spend that craved quality time with your loved ones. It is exactly for this reason that we will ensure that Mount Amanzi remains your slice of paradise and will do so by continually identifying areas of improvement and where possible implementing strategies for change. But don't worry, as always we will keep you posted.



# MOUNT AMAZING'S SUGAR-SUGAR SWEET AS CANDY SCRUB

Remember the popular song “Sugar, honey honey...You are my candy girl, you got me wantin' you...Aww, honey, sugar sugar...You are my candy girl, whoa-oh, you got me wantin' you” by The Archies (or Wilson Pickett)?

Well, who can forget it – no matter your age, there is something nostalgic about this song or any song that is your family's favourite and that reminds you of your Mount Amanzi stay. And we thought - what better way to celebrate a loved one than to make them a sugar scrub based on the sweet yesteryear memories that this song or your special family song, brings back for you.

## What You Need:

1 Cup Sugar

1/2 Cup Oil (Almond, Olive or Coconut Work Best)

1/2 Teaspoon Vitamin E Oil

1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract



## Instructions:

- Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together. You may add more or less oil to your liking.
- Store in an air tight container or jar (just remember there are no preservatives in the mix; so use it within two months).

*Tip: why not personalise the jar/container – write and stick a personalised label on it, decorate with a ribbon or place dried lavender on it and stick it down with tape.*

And now “armed” with this sweet gift and the sweet memories... you get the satisfaction of seeing someone you love, smile when you present them with Mount Amazing's Sugar-Sugar Sweet as Candy Scrub!

## FOR FUNS SAKE

“One of the best feelings in life is laughing with a loved one and realising halfway through how much you enjoy their existence.”

At Mount Amanzi we aim to facilitate fun and create opportunities where you experience many shared laughs with loved ones. Our wonderful Entertainment Programme is always a highlight for our guests and we continue to add more fun to the mix. We also boast with more permanent fixtures that our guests love, like Jukskei, giant darts, croquet and garden pick up sticks. For those interested in our slithering counterparts, the educational Snake Show is a hit (peak seasons) and the Outdoor Stargazing grows ever the more popular as time goes by. Of course, there are the magnificent guided nature hikes that you and the family can go on and explore the Mount “Amazing” magic or order the freshly baked bread from the Shop and take it to the new picnic tables at the river – just think warm bread, farm butter and delicious thick homemade jam. The list of fun at the Resort is endless. What matters most is that you only have the best time, at the best place with the best people.



# MOUNT AMANZI'S NO-BAKE CHEWY SQUARES

In the words of Winnie the Pooh: "What can be more important than a little something to eat" and with that something sweet...

Mount Amanzi would love to share one of our simple yet absolutely delicious treats with you. It's easy to make, no-bake and something yummy to serve your loved ones the next time you are together for a braai.

## INGREDIENTS:

- 453 g Pack of Oreos
- 5 Cups Large Marshmallows
- 4 Tablespoons Butter



## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Crush Oreos manually or in a food processor.
2. Melt marshmallows and butter in microwave until puffed – about one and a half to two minutes.
3. Remove and pour in ground Oreo Cookies.
4. Stir to combine, then transfer to a foil lined 8×8 inch (about 20×20 centimetre) baking pan. Let it set for about ten minutes. Then remove bars from pan with edges of foil and cut into squares (should make about nine squares).



# MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

*“Family isn’t the most important thing – it’s everything.”*

Vacations are a vital time to relax, rejuvenate and refocus on what is most important in life... away from the everyday hustle and bustle where homework, cooking, cleaning, providing for and paying bills take up so much of our time and attention.

Vacations are an opportunity for you to create a legacy of happy memories that you can leave your family –long after the holiday is over. Moments, pictures, laughs you can look back on and cherish when the kids (or even grandkids) are no longer in school, under your roof and under your care.

This period goes by so quickly and in an instant it will be over– this is exactly why your week at Mount Amanzi is so important. It is at least one guaranteed week in the year that you set aside to celebrate your loved ones, relax and recharge. We are proud to be your yearly family tradition, the facilitator of good times and the place where your heart lies. We can't wait until you next visit!



## TA-TA, SO LONG... FAREWELL

It has been a truly memorable year for Mount “Amazing”... from achieving Silver Crown status, to the numerous upgrades and the remarkable moments in between. We would like to wish you a magnificent Festive Season and all the best for the New Year. Just before we say our final goodbye... we would like to leave you with a concluding thought “A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot, and realise just how blessed you are.”

Warm regards

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## Don't miss out on our festive season meals!

Old Kitchen Restaurant has some mouth-watering Festive Season meals planned - don't miss out! Check out the Christmas Menu now at: [www.mountamanzi.co.za/facilities\\_onsite.php](http://www.mountamanzi.co.za/facilities_onsite.php) and don't forget to book to avoid disappointment.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Checking in procedures:** In the interest of safety, security and ensuring that only confirmed guests are allowed access to the resort, you will be required to produce both the reservation confirmation / guest certificate and your ID, and also to complete the indemnity form when checking into the resort.

**Guest certificates:** In the event that you are allowing a guest to occupy your timeshare week, the guest must be in possession of a valid Guest Certificate which is obtainable from Head Office prior to the guest's arrival.

**Levy payments:** Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. (This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.)

**Spacebanking and rentals:** Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process same. Please contact Property Admin at: [propertyadmin@oaks.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@oaks.co.za).

**Communication:** To enable us to communicate effectively, please ensure that you keep us updated regarding your current contact details, and most importantly, your email address.

**Occupation dates:** Please note that resort calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2017 calendar available on the following link:  
<http://mountamanzi.co.za/MountAmanziCalendar2017.pdf>

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