

## November Lunch @ Hard Rock



**Carpe Diem  
Carl**

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**Lower  
South Coast  
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## Chocks Away

Their hands are shaking ever so slightly; they will fly again in the morning.

When the winds of change are blowing  
Some people build walls.  
And some build windmills.

### Medical

Those in need of chronic medicine are informed that chronic medicines are obtainable from Potchefstroom. The new member to contact if you have any problem is Graham Berriman no. 0848175171 or grayberri@vodamail.co.za and our branch is prepared to help in payment time difficulties.

### Membership

All those who need to pay SAAFA LSC fees please pay into ABSA Savings Account Margate No. 9052293827.

### Weal And Woe

Jean Wridgeway passed away  
Dorothea Broom passed away on 10th October  
RIP Dorothea and Jean

### Lunches

The Octobers luncheon was held at Cafe Munroe on 3rd.  
The November luncheon was at High Rock on Sunday 5th November  
The December luncheon will be at Sappers Glenn, Friday 1st December

## A Century And Still Batting

Congratulations to Karl Wentzel who turned 100 on 3rd November.

## Members Abroad

Two of our branch members are visiting the shores of Great Britain. Kerry Collier is there now on a job of caring and Terry Volker on school reunion

### **Launch Of Book By Air Vice Marshall Hugh Slatter Former Zimbabwean Air Force Chief Of Staff**

Hugh Slatter was a Squadron Leader and helicopter pilot in the Rhodesian Air Force when he was nominated to attend the South African Air Force's Air Staff Course no 12 from 28 February to 6 October 1972 at the Air Force College. Fellow SAAF course members were inter-alia Dan Zeeman, Pierre Gouws, Dries van der Lith, Marty van der Linde, Blondie Cilliers, Julius Kriel and Daantjie Retief. After successfully completing the course he was seconded to the SAAF and posted to Langebaanweg and later to AFB Durban. During his stint at AFB Durban, the current national president of the SAAFA, Hugh Paine, got married and Hugh Slatter was part of the guard of honour at the wedding.

On completion of his tour in the SAAF he returned to the Rhodesian Air Force, where he had a successful career eventually ending up as the Chief of Staff with the rank of Air Vice Marshal in the then Zimbabwe Air Force. During the early hours of 25 July 1982, an act of sabotage took place at Thornhill, Zimbabwe's main airbase when a series of explosions left several fighter aircraft destroyed and many others severely damaged. Six officers, including Hugh Slatter, were accused of cooperating with the saboteurs and were duly arrested. Two weeks later, after being held incommunicado, they were said to have confessed. They were held in custody for nearly nine months before appearing in court on sabotage charges. During the lengthy court case it soon became

evident that their confessions were made after being subjected to severe torture, and they were acquitted on all charges. However on his release, Hugh was immediately taken to Harare Airport and deported to England.

From England with the assistance of a USA senator he and his family made their way to the United States and here he obtained employment with General Electric Aviation, the manufacturers of Boeing aircraft engines. At General Electric he followed a very successful second career retiring a few years ago as one of their executives. He now lives on the Pacific coast in the state of Oregon.

Hugh has now written a book about his life experiences called "Pilot, Prisoner, Patriot". The book was launched a few weeks ago by a South African publisher called Ex Montibus Media. Details of the book are available on their website [www.exmontibusmedia.co.za](http://www.exmontibusmedia.co.za) and can also be ordered from the publisher via their website. All the proceeds of the book will be donated to Military Veterans organisations in South Africa and the United States.

## Octobers Lunch @ Bowling Club

