Greetings all,
We are now well into the New Year and time has started to fly as usual. The Committee of the Natal Midlands Branch of the BSAP Association would like to take this opportunity to wish you all everything of the best for 2012.

Herewith are a few events we have organized for the next couple of months, and look forward to seeing you there.

**Sunday 26th February 2012 - 11:30 onwards:** - Race day Bring and Braai at Scottsville Race Course.
This event is kindly organized by Peter and Jean Reynolds, and has been a very successful annual occasion for many years now. We are normally allocated the one and only shady tree on the Race Course infield, gas cooking facilities are provided, and all you need to bring is your own food, drinks, garden chairs and maybe a garden umbrella. If you wish to place a bet or two the Tote is nearby, but you can also just opt to choose a horse at no cost just for the fun of it.

Unlike other get-togethers, there is plenty of time to sit and chat with old friends that you may not have seen for a while, and you free to come and go as you like. There is a small parking fee to have the privilege of parking your car near the "Lone Tree," You don't have to book, just turn up, we hope to see you there.

PS. For those inclined, the facilities of the Golden Horse Casino are just across the track via a tunnel.

**Monday 9th April 2012 - 12:00 onwards:** - Amberglen Easter Monday "Family Day" Lunch.
This has been a very successful lunch organized by Steven and Marion Stevens for many years. We have been able to arrange a lunch which is normally served to residents at a cost of +/- R40.00 per head. Bring your own drinks, and enjoy a wonderful day overlooking the dam and beautiful gardens. The serenity of the place is worth the trip alone.

Please contact Steve or Marion Stevens (033-2394276) and book your place, and bear in mind that the branch have to pay for your lunch if you don't turn up, so let us know in good time if you cannot make it, or make arrangements to pay. **Bookings close on Monday the 2nd of April 2012.**

**Sunday 27th of May 2012 – 11:30 onwards:** - Bring and Braai at Howick Lions Club
Bring your own food, but we are required to support the Lions Club Bar, which is very reasonable. This is also a wonderful venue, where you can sit under the trees with suitable shelter if it rains. Again no booking is required and the costs are kept to a minimum.

**Sunday 22nd July 2012 – 11:30 onwards:** - Inchanga Day Bring and Braai – With Natal Branch
This is a joint function, held annually with the Natal Branch, we used to play cricket, then we moved to bowls, then darts, now we only eat and drink lots of beer, so come along and enjoy yourselves. More news closer to the time.
Death: Alexander George Millar ‘Alex’ 9455
Glenn Seymour-Hill advises, with regret, the death of Alex Millar on 6 February 2012 in Canada. Alex joined the BSA Police August 1975 and served most of his service in the Support Unit. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife, Jenny, family and friends, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Death: Lionel Ludvig ‘Lummy’ Lumholst-Smith (aka Lumoltz) 3385
Alistair Black advises, with regret, the death of Lummy Lumholst-Smith on 16 January 2012 in Cumbria, United Kingdom. Lummy, who was brought up in Norway, joined the BSA Police May 1934 and fell in with the likes of Arthur Baden-Powell (3383), who was to inherit the title Lord from his famous father, and Frank Barfoot (3342), later Commissioner of Police. After a few years on remote district stations, Lummy served most of his service in the Criminal Investigation Department, Salisbury. He may have been one of the few officers involved in the early start of the XB section (intelligence) of the CID, and also served in Immigration, which then fell under the control of the CID. He retired in August 1956, with the rank of Detective Chief Inspector. Lummy joined the Rhodesian Grain Marketing Board, where he served for many years. He was an active member of the Mashonaland Branch, before returning to Norway, and later a member of the UK Branch, when he eventually settled in Cumbia, United Kingdom. Lummy was born on 12 March 1912, and would have reached his 100th year this year. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and friends, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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