

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2016 *SINCE 1988!*

Dear All,

Winter is certainly here in Mpumalanga (The place of the Rising Sun) although the lowest recorded temperature was about 5% which some of you around the world may laugh at? Unexpectedly we had rain one night that settled the dust only, but allowed the world to have that after rain fresh smell. Day temperatures are around 22 degrees which is great.

We are very busy, with regrettably, a turn around on orders of about 4 weeks and longer for big orders. The South African market is very quiet despite the attraction of foreign tourists . The tourist industry is showing signs of recovering from “Ebola” and a “Visa” issue. This change was brought about by the weak Rand! Foreign Tourists increased by 18.7% in the 1st three months, compared to the same period last year. Tsogo Sun Hotels achieved a 12 % rise in full year profits!

Our employees have blown us away with all their own designs. Inge has been acting as the New Design Developer, as part of our skills development programme for our employees. As usual we plan a new supplement in August.

The new tableware - Salad Servers - are attracting good attention and so is the “Essential Earth Copper Farm Style” sets, which we are now allowed to sell. The latter comes wrapped in black tissue paper in a black cotton bag.

We recovered some “Dream Believe Achieve” bangles from a delinquent account and I am offering them to you at R20.00 each while stocks last. Hurry, there are still about 100 left!

The Comrades Marathon lived up to it's expectations! South Africans won both male and female races with David Gumede breaking the record for the 96km race in a time of 5hrs and 18 minutes. Certainly a machine !

We spent an exciting hour with Kathleen from African Dream in the UK, who kindly brought our workers some English football tops. Enock who is a staunch “Man United” fan, was lucky to get a “Man United” top. Dominic came with her as he has bought her little company and hopefully will sell for us. I must add the excitement this brought to our staff!!! ---- thank you.

We have had a very busy visitor's month and the month started off with 60 ladies from the local Agriculture Society - we managed with Rottcher's Winery to have a wine tasting for them which they thoroughly enjoyed.

To all you wonderful Fathers - a very Happy Fathers Day.!!!

MICHAEL

