

GP DIARY

A QUICK LIVENER

IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, YOU WON'T MISS THESE...

28-30
AUG

COWAL HIGHLAND GATHERING

WHAT IT'S FOR: The biggest Highland Games Gathering of all: they've been tossing cabers and hurling hammers here since 1894.

WHERE IT'S AT: Dunoon, Scotland

WHY GP IS GOING: We like obscure sports, and we like Scotland. It's the home of golf, after all.



28 AUG -
1 SEPT

LOUISIANA SHRIMP & PETROLEUM FESTIVAL

WHAT IT'S FOR: The shrimpers of Morgan City first celebrated their Labour Day catch way back in 1936. The local oil industry joined the fun in '67.

A bizarre combo, to say the least.

WHERE IT'S AT: Morgan City, USA

WHY GP IS GOING: To honour our favourite movie character, Bubba Gump. If you don't know what we're on about, it's time you watched *Forrest Gump*.



SEPT

FLOWERS IN NAMAQUALAND

WHAT IT'S FOR: Namaqualand erupts with colour as spring comes rolling in and the flowers burst into life. Dates can't be guaranteed, but September is a good bet.

WHERE IT'S AT: The Northern Cape

WHY GP IS GOING: It's the only good excuse to drive from Nababep to Pofadder!



EUROPEAN MASTERS

WHAT IT'S FOR: One of the European Tour's most established events, the late summer trip to the Alps is always a highlight.

WHERE IT'S AT: Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland

WHY GP IS GOING: There will be some guys playing who have just missed out on Ryder Cup selection: we'd like to see how they handle the disappointment.

4-7
SEPT



RYDER CUP

WHAT IT'S FOR: Arguably the most anticipated weekend in golf, this will be the 37th time Europe and America take each other on in the highly charged biennial team competition.

WHERE IT'S AT: Valhalla, USA

WHY GP IS GOING: We wouldn't miss it for the world. It might not have anything to do with South Africa, but this contest usually throws up entertainment far better than any scriptwriter could manage.



19-21
SEPT

24-28
SEPT



HERMANUS WHALE FESTIVAL

WHAT IT'S FOR: A celebration of the southern right whales returning to Walker Bay, one of the world's top whale-viewing spots.

WHERE IT'S AT: Hermanus in the Western Cape. Once known, incidentally, as Hermanuspietersfontein.

WHY GP IS GOING: To hang around at the fish cook-off at the rustic Old Harbour. With any luck, someone might toss us some scraps.