Just then one of his friends, Gavin van Rooy, arrived back on the scene. He had realise that they hadn't seen, heard or helped Gerrit for some time, and rode back to find him. Now unless you have ever been in a similar situation, you will not know how difficult it is to ride when your confidence in your own ability has gone, and you are so bone tired that even lifting a finger to wipe a drop of sweat off your brow before it drops into your eye and stings the crap out of it is an impossible task. That's the point Gerrit had reached. Anyway, although for them the story still had a few hours to run, Gavin got Gerrit's bike back on its wheels and pointing in the right direction, shared some water with him, lied to him that they only had a short way to go and it was pretty easy, and coaxed him home with a combination of praise, cajoling, lies, and some swearing. Gerrit rose to the occasion as well. From somewhere he dug deep and got himself going, and grimly followed Gavin back to the resort. Only when he got back did they tell him he had completed one of the most difficult routes! Although his wasn't the only story like this he was given a special prize at the prize giving in recognition of all the riders who tackled the mountain trails and pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones and completed routes they would normally not have attempted. This is really what the GS Trophy weekend is all about. Riding these unbelievably capable motorcycles in tough conditions, enjoying pushing the envelope with old and new friends. Enjoying the camaraderie of fellow riders, and at the end of the day relaxing with a cold one and sharing wonderful experiences in this beautiful country we live in The pictures are all about the GS Trophy, a series of team challenges, riding slowly around cones, blindfolded riding, carrying your bike over a big tree and several other interesting exercises devised by the riding academy. Very entertaining to watch. 24





