

BIG WIN FRIDAY

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To win this week's fantastic prizes, simply SMS the tag word identified next to the prize you fancy **AND YOUR FULL NAME** to 33963. SMSs are charged at R1.50 and winners will be contacted telephonically. Lines close tonight at 11pm.

Previous winners: : R3000 shopping voucher: Fawzia Kathrada, Derrick Williams, Billy James, Kevin Carolan, Stacey Willcock. Crown of the Russian Ballet: Shannon Bowles, Martin Prince Hennessy, Ronald Bessinger, J.A Badot, Malcolm Murray. Sedgwick's Tasting: Marvin Hoskins, Beverly Dias, Martin Prince Hennessy, Anthony Ansell, Jenny Bosch, Reena Needhi, Jen Badot, Pauline Altern, Elizabeth Wills, Jill Dary, Sharon Emerich.

RULES: The editor's decision is final. SMSs are charged at R1.50. Independent Newspapers staff and their immediate families are not eligible to enter. Winners will be contacted telephonically. Terms and conditions apply.

IT'S ROYAL SHOW TIME

KwaZulu-Natal's largest "city meets country" annual mixed event, the Pietermaritzburg Royal Show, opens its gates from May 23 to May 31. This year's exciting programme will bring together the very best of entertainment, agriculture, attractions and fine food. Tune in and rev up to rock with some of the best in South African music - Gangs of ballet, Fire Tree, Prime Circle, Watershed, Undivided Roots, Carla Both and Steve Hofmeyr. The Royal Hindvani Bollywood Extravaganza will shine with a host of top-class musicians, comedians, radio personalities and dancers. For classical connoisseurs, The Royal Symphony: At the Movies, will feature a selection of film favourites. KZN Philharmonic Orchestra music director Daniel Walshaw will direct the orchestra and soloists for this exciting performance. Wrapping things up on the final day of the show, June 1, is the hugely popular Ukhozi Fm concert. The Mercury Festival of Fine Living hall promises to serve up the best in quality dining, decor and leisure delights infused with ideas on what's hot in the world of innovative kitchen technologies. Whether it is livestock exhibits or cooking demonstrations, the Royal show's 13 exhibitions halls and 350 trade stands will offer something new and unique for all ages. For more information: www.royalshow.co.za

Five readers will each win four tickets to the Royal Show.

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WONDERFUL WOOD

Well known for their distinctive, clean-line, crafted hardwood furniture, Homewood also makes a range of environmentally friendly "smalls". Available from their furniture showrooms in Umhlanga Ridge, the Midlands, Kramerville (Johannesburg), and selected retailers, these little works of art showcase the beautiful grains of the kiasat, oak and teak woods used in furniture production. Each "smalls" product contributes to Homewood's sustainable use of forest products. Long lasting, blade-friendly and treated with food-safe oils, every home should have at least one. The range includes various sized bread, butcher and chopping boards, trays, pizza boards and paddles, knife blocks, book ends and biltong slicers.

Five readers will each win an oval slicing board.



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FISHY BUSINESS

The Fish & Chip Co. is renowned for the freshest food at its finest. From the land and the sea to the plate, delicious, nutritious and totally natural. The Fish & Chip Co. is positioned as one of the fastest growing fish takeaway fast food businesses in the country, with over 300 outlets countrywide. Since its establishment as a franchising concept in 2009, the group has seen exceptional growth and continues to dominate the market.

Ten readers will each win a R200 meal voucher.



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HORSING AROUND

"If you can win a horse's trust and make the horse do what you want it to do willingly, then you have learned how to achieve that with people." In Yolanda Sing's workshop she uses horses (no riding is done) to teach crucial people skills. She will present her workshop on May 22 and 23 at the farm of the Coastal Horse Care Centre in Cato Ridge, KZN. She has presented this workshop to university business schools, companies and organisations in South Africa, Britain (where it was voted best training programme in 2012), Dubai and Kenya. Delegates from companies such as Woolworths, Coca Cola, Toyota, and Sasol have described the workshop as a life-changing experience which helped them develop their people skills to become better leaders and managers. An Emotional Intelligence (EQ) profile for each delegate is included in the workshop.

Two readers will each win tickets to the workshop, valued at R5 300 per delegate.

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PARLEZ-VOUZ FRANCAIS?

If you've always wanted to learn to speak French, a language which is widely spoken throughout Africa, then this is your chance. Alliance Francaise in Windermere Road, Durban, is the perfect place to hone your French-speaking skills. The Alliance Française de Durban, open since 1936 for French classes and now offering IsiZulu, is giving away 40 hours of free French training to the lucky winner who will choose a flexible formula personalised for his/her needs and lifestyle.
www.alliance.org.za

One reader will win a one-month course (40 hours), valued at R2 400.

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