



NEWSLETTER



FROM THE CHAIR

TFFC – April 2008 Newsletter

Hi all,

As I sit and write to you early in March I cannot help wondering where the year has gone. The festive season seems only yesterday, and that I know for a fact because the 2kgs that I picked up are still there so it cannot be March already.

I spent an extended time with my enlarged family at the farm between Christmas and New Year – something I have not done for years. It brought back memories of “kids” - Gareth and Kerry, now 17 and 15, climbing around in the haystacks and rummaging through the coal piles.



The farm was looking great – both the waters and the house. There has been a lot of rain with all the dams looking in great shape, some a little weedier than others. It



seems as though we always have something to complain about – too much or too little water, not enough weed to shelter and feed the fish, or too much weed making casting from our favorite spot on the bank a little trickier.

At the AGM in October 07, the committee was re-elected for the 2007/08 year. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts and support during last year, and am sure that the members join me in thanking them for giving of their time to ensure that the farm remains a refuge from the real world for us all. The committee for the 2007/08 year is:

Kevin Knight – Chairman
Sheila Brittain – Secretary and booking officer
Vic Dean - House manager
Hugh Dean - Web master
Stephen Meyer – News-letter complier and editor
Michelle Ziemons – Events manager

Just a reminder that the farm is a shared facility, and as such, I appeal to you to show consideration for those with whom you share the farm on the week-end and for those who will use it the week-end to come.

Cheers

Kevin



Piscatorially Speaking

Fishing & Dams

Fishery report: 7 April 2008

It has been an unusually wet summer and autumn. When I visited Middelpunt last week all the marshlands were sopping wet with water gushing through the overflows of every dam. All this bodes well for the rest of the year as dams will be full well into the Spring.

Shortly before Easter we stocked with 200 kg rainbows with another 100 kg on April 2 and this will be followed by yet another 100 kg before the long weekend of early May. Nobody should complain that our dams are under-stocked. Just be aware that the weed has flourished in these conditions so leave your sinking lines behind and stick to intermediate or floating lines. If you want to get your fly down rather attach a fast sinking leader to your floating line.

We will address the weed problem at the

Editorial

I spent a wonderful weekend with my family at the Farm recently and was again reminded at what a privilege we have in enjoying the farm.

I went out one night to make some photos and was blessed with a sighting of a Honey badger on the road to dam one.

However, with privilege goes responsibility and I have been asked to remind you to:

1. Take your rubbish off the Farm at the end of your stay.

2. Don't bring Fluffy (or your version of Fluffy) on to the farm - that means shareholders as well as members.

*For those who don't know Fluffy its your +#@.\$***

pet.

3. Pay your liability to the Maids to the Weekend Warden at the beginning of your stay not at the end.

4. Your kids speak volumes about you. Make sure that their behaviour is considerate to those also staying at the farm. And to those whose children are grown up - and those without children, cut them some slack, they are kids after all!



5. Nobody (yes, NOBODY) is permitted to drive on the farm apart from taking gear or having a picnic at Dam 3.

6. Please turn off the lights when they are working and you don't need them.

7. The Kitchen is for all guests so keep it tidy please and stack the dishes in the sink after your meal.

end of winter when the water levels have dropped a bit but in the meantime there are plenty of channels and holes in the weedbeds of even the most weeded dams like 3.

Regards

Peter

DOES ANYBODY KNOW?



I recently visited and photographed the little cemetery on the way to dam 7. I wondered who the residents were and what their lives were like? If anyone has any information please let me know and we will publish their story in the next newsletter.

I am sure that you will agree that the cottage is looking great. Its condition is a testament to the efforts of a few members and Shareholders and deserve our thanks. So Thank you, you know who you are.



Fare well and Tight Lines.

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