



TFFC NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

TFFC – December 2008 Newsletter

Hi all,

Well despite all of our best intentions, I have no doubt that, with the odd exception, the vast majority of us never visited the farm as often in 2008 as we promised ourselves that we would.

We blamed a myriad of events, and made lame excuses like:

- The collapse of the world financial markets
- Oil reaching nearly \$150 a barrel
- The Rand dropping to over R11.00 to the \$1
- Georgia invading Russia
- America electing it's first black president

but the reality is that none of these lame excuses really wash s the farm is a place that we should use to combat what the rest of the world chooses to throw at us.

The rainfall seems too returned to some form of normality with good rains falling in early summer, and with good rains predicted for the remainder of the season, all bodes well for the remainder of the summer and well into 2009.



Seasons Greetings

At the AGM in October 08, the following committee members were elected for the 2008/ 09 year. I would like to thank the members of the committee in advance for the work that they will carry out, and for their support and hard work during the past year. The members of the 2008/09 year are:

Kevin Knight –
Chairman
Shelia Brittain – Sec-
retary and booking
officer

Vic Dean - House manager
Hugh Dean - Web master
Stephen Meyer - News letter complier and editor
Michelle Ziemons – Events manager

In addition, Cameron Steele and Mark Blamire have offered their services to the committee, which we will take advantage of early in the new year.

Editorial

I extend my good wishes to you all over the festive season. Please travel safely and enjoy the break, if you are taking one.

I have to say that my family thoroughly enjoyed the AGM this year. My thanks to Kevin for buying all the raffle prizes and to the shareholders for the venue and the R5,000 for the prizes. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that the Shareholder's do an extraordinary amount for the club.

Please note that at this time of year the water is particularly warm and the fish get incredibly stressed when caught. It is therefore imperative that great care should be exercised when returning fish. If there is any doubt please do not release the fish!

We have published a revised set of rules for the club following the AGM. Please take note particularly to the clauses that refer to guests, smoking and adult children of members.

*Regards,
Steve Meyer*



The committee has commenced with the analysis of the member survey that was carried in September / October 2008 and a number of proposals have, and will be. implemented during the year. Please remember that the overriding principle of the farm remains one of peace and quiet and haven to reflect and recharge (or for the more basic of us - just kill a few fish)

In conclusion, I wish you all well over the festive season and fishing good year.

Cheers
Kevin



PLEASE NOTE THE FARMHOUSE IS A NO SMOKING AREA WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

TFFC RULES

1. **Only conventional fly fishing tackle may be used and specifically barbless hook flies.**

Members should be in possession of a current Trout Licence - failure to do so could expose the Member to prosecution by the Provincial Nature Conservation Authorities.

TFFC supports Fosaf and encourages all members to join the Association. All new members applying to TFFC will be required to join Fosaf.

2. The Accommodation Register **must be completed on arrival** by all persons visiting the farm.
3. **The Fishing Record must be completed each day, by each person fishing, recording details of each fish killed and numbers of fish returned.**
4. The maximum daily bag limit is **6** fish per rod, or **10** per party, with a maximum of **2** fish per rod per dam. Fishing **must cease** on a dam once the bag limit of 2 is reached and for the day when the daily bag limit is reached
Special temporary limits may be applied to one or more of the dams from time to time and will be communicated via the Notice Board and/or by the News-letter.
5. All fish must be cleaned at the dam and the entrails returned to the water.
6. **No** dogs or shooting (without DTF Directors' permission) permitted on the property. **No** wild flowers may be picked. **No** driving to the dams except on work parties, or with Directors' permission, or to transport boats and equipment, including picnic/gas braai requisites, to Dam 3 only.

7. **Under no circumstances are fires to be started anywhere on the farm, with the exception of the braai facilities provided at the house.**

8. **Under no circumstances will smoking be allowed anywhere in the house.
Under no circumstances will the wearing of gumboots/waders be tolerated in the house.
Litter will not be tolerated and all bottles, cans, plastic or non bio-degradable refuse must be taken home with you and not left at the farm or in the veld. Litter includes cigarette ends.**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY TVS, RADIOS OR ELECTRIC HEATERS BE USED AT MIDDELPUNT.

9. Boat fishing, at own risk, on Dam 3 only. Float tubes or kick boats may be used on any Dam but bank anglers have right of way.
10. Accommodation must be reserved through the Booking Officer:

Sheila Brittain
(011) 477-5242 (Tel/Fax)
Office Hours Please – Monday to Friday

Please note that bookings may only be made up to 3 months in advance
If there is no accommodation available on the weekend of your choice, you may request the booking officer to place you on the waiting list and to notify you of any cancellations that may arise.
Day Visitors must also notify the Booking Officer of intended visits.

11. Members are allowed one guest or guest party per month.
Weekends are defined as Friday to Sunday or part thereof:
A fee of R500 will be charged which includes 1 or 2 nights, a maximum of 2 guest rods, a guest room if required and a maximum of 4 people per guest party. An additional fee of R250 is payable for each additional night.
Week days are defined as Sunday to Thursday:
A fee of R250 will be charged per night, a maximum of 2 guest rods, a guest room if required and a maximum of 4 people per guest party. An additional fee of R250 is payable for each additional night.
A fee of R125.00 will be charged per guest rod should guests only visit the farm for a day. No guests allowed on long week-ends unless sharing the members room or unless there is accommodation spare. Spare accommodation is defined as a spare room/s on the Monday of the week in which a long week-end falls. **IF A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FALLS ON A THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OR A MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THIS WILL BE DEEMED A LONG WEEK-END.**

Guest fees must be paid directly into the Bank Account No. 6204 4690106 of Dullstroom Trout Farm Ltd at FNB The Glen, Branch No. 25-96-05. The deposit slip must then be faxed to Sheila Brittain at Fax No. (011) 477-5242 **before the visit takes place.**

12. The domestic servants must be paid R4,00 per person per day or part of a day with a minimum of R4,00 per person per visit **Upon arrival**, this money is to be handed to the Weekend Warden, who will enter into the receipt book and give to the servants by noon on Saturday.

13. All members' children over the age of 21 are to become members in their own right or pay guest fees as stated above. The only exception to this rule is in respect of full time university or college students. In order to qualify for this concession the member must notify Sheila in writing by the 31st January annually, otherwise guest fees will be payable.
14. When at the farm, please enter any problems, suggestions or maintenance issues into the Maintenance Book situated in the shareholders block - and wear your Membership Card.

THANK YOU – TFFC COMMITTEE