



# News

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## Editor's Voice

**Welcome!**

**This is our new look newsletter. It contains the same crappie content... just juiced up a bit.**

**The Crappie content will remain your responsibility, the layout, mine.**

**So, if you have any contributions at all, ramblings, lies and even plagiarism will be gladly accepted.**

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## The Freudian Slip

You will notice that our esteemed Chair has called me the "newsletter complier" (sic) Those who know me know that I have been called mean, bad tempered and full of it, but compliant? Never!  
Ed.

## FROM THE CHAIR

Hi all,

Well despite all of our best intentions, by the time you read this news letter, I am sure that the majority of us will have broken most, if not all, of our New Years' resolutions.

That aside, I hope that you all had a wonderful rest over the holidays and that all those

E-mails that built up while you were away have been either binned or satisfactorily resolved.

I went to the farm during the middle of December and it was looking absolutely wonderful – both the waters and the house. There seems to have been a reasonable amount of rain with all the dams, except 2 & 5, looking in great shape. Hopefully, these 2 dams, and in particularly number 5, will fill up prior to the onset of winter.

At the AGM in October 06, a new committee was elected for the 2006/07 year. I would like to thank the new members of the committee in advance for the work that they will carry out, and the old members for their continued effort and support. The committee members for the 2006/07 year are:

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



On a sad note, Ron Plasket passed away in January. Ron had been a member since 1993, and was a regular at the farm and our annual get together. Our thoughts go to Helen, children and grand children in their time of sorrow.

In conclusion, I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year and please remember:

Use the farm as often as possible – it's yours to enjoy.

Cheers  
Kevin

be more temperate so take advantage of this change.

Fishing results for the current season (our season runs June to May) are promising. Average size at the moment is over 900g and all the dams have produced well.

Those who have visited the farm recently will know that it has been quite dry compared with Gauteng but 3, 4 and 7 are full and on the eastern side the levels have risen appreciably and we luckily have February ahead which

is usually a good rain month. Dam 5 which we drained in

September has a long way to go still but it has enough water for a light stocking in autumn.

Tight lines, Peter

## PISCATORIALLY SPEAKING

January and February are great months for swimming, hiking or birding at Middelpunt but certainly the worst if you are planning some trout fishing. Water temperatures are normally too high and even if you are lucky to catch something it is not a good idea to practice catch and release as few survive. For this reason we cease stocking in mid December and restart in mid-March when the water starts to cool. By April when we have two long weekends the stocking programme will be in full swing again and you can expect good sport right through autumn and winter.

Global warming means that our fishing will become increasingly difficult in summer but our winters will



## FAMILY FUNCTION

**Michelle is in the process of putting a family day together.**

**The venue and dates will be finalised shortly but will be at some water and will involve the three f's (not those 3 f's Kevin!) Fishing, Food, & Fun. The venue will provide the fishing, you will provide the food and together we'll provide the fun.**

**Look out for the details shortly.**

## OOPS

The esteemed committee managed (with panache, I might add) to get the members to ratify the wrong increase in membership fees for this year. I will make no attempt to explain the details as there is not enough paper in SAPPI to record the explanation given to me.

Suffice to say that subscription is R300 per month with a R20 Levy, giving a total of R320.00 per month, not R330.00 per month as was ratified.

Those of you who reconcile your bank accounts will have noticed that the first debit order was R330.00, the second R310.00 and from now on will be R320.00.

I trust that this explanation suffices. If not, take it up with your favourite committee member, but, please, exclude me. I know diddley. Ed.



## The WWW

The new Web site is being built and in our next issue we'll tell you how to use it!

(Ed Note: Ya, I don't know how to @#!?@ing log on either)

## What's on the Committee's mind:

- **We have included a copy of the rules to remind us all of what the appropriate behaviours are. Please have a look, but more appropriately, abide by them!**
- **We have spent a lot of our money on**

**the upgrade of the house, please treat it with respect. Never the less accidents happen and we have provided an incident book at the house to record things that are broken or need maintenance. Please use it.**

- **Take your garbage with you at the end of your stay!**
- **It would seem that we are short of fridge space and therefore the Committee has decided to acquire another fridge in the next month or so.**



## REMEMBER

- Fly fishing only.
- Record your catch.
- Only catch your limit.
- Keep your muddy boots out!
- Take your rubbish Home!
- Pay the Help when you arrive.

## 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.  
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 Newsletter.
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 to Dam 3 only.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Accommodation must be reserved through the Booking Officer:  

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

Campers, Caravanners and Day Visitors must also notify the Booking Officer of intended visits.
10. Members are allowed one guest or guest party per month. A fee of R75.00 per day (or part of a day) will be charged for each guest rod and a fee of R200 will be charged for the guest room on a week-end from Friday or Saturday to Sunday. During the week a fee of R100 per night will be charged for the guest room from Sunday night to Thursday night. A maximum of one guest room may be booked. No guests allowed on long weekends unless sharing or unless there is accommodation spare.  
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.
11. 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.
12. When at the farm, please refer any problems, suggestions or maintenance issues to the Weekend Warden - and wear your Membership Card.