



NEWSLETTER



FROM THE CHAIR

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News-letter

Hi all,

It is with mixed emotions that I sit down to write this my last report for the news-letter as chairman of TFFC. I have been involved with the club since the late 80's and on the committee for 15 or so years with the last 10 as chairman – it is time for a new blood with new ideas. To this end, I will be standing down as chairman with effect from the AGM. I recall very clearly the night that Geoff Taylor asked me if I would take over from him as the chairman at the AGM in 1999. When I asked him the proverbial question – why me? – all he said was “you will maintain the ethos and not let anyone change the way we want it to be”. It was with this principle in mind that the committee approached Vic Dean to take over the chairmanship and I am please to announce that he has agreed to do so.



Well, when all is said and done, there have been many changes at the farm over my years as chairman – I hope most of them enhancements to your farm, and certainly in my opinion, have maintained it in the manner in which my predecessor had intended it to be. A few new dams, refurbished house, the no smoking rule, new furniture, and possibly the most feared of all – the scourge of the 20th century – electricity. I recall the lengthy debates that took place during committee meetings that turned brother against brother, farther against son, and yet made strange bedfellows of others. I hasten to add I could not have, and certainly do not claim to have, achieved these changes on my own. Quite the contrary, without the committee members who have worked and will continue to work tirelessly, none of the enhancements made over the years would have been achieved. It would be remiss of me not to single out Sheila, Peter and the shareholders. Sheila has been the booking officer, book-keeper, voice of both reason and dissension and general factotum over the years – thanks for your support, I really appreciated it. To Peter, whilst you and I have not always seen eye-to-eye – you have continuously ensured that the farm produces some of the best fishing, if not in the country, then certainly in the area – thank you. To the shareholders past and present – it has been an absolute pleasure working with you in the most open business rela-

tionship I have encountered. At the risk of repeating myself, I quote Geoff Taylor “maintain the ethos and not let anyone change the way we want it to be”.

Enough of the sentimental stuff and onto the serious business of fishing. The farm has weathered the winter well, with all dams being almost full and the weed in number 3 greatly reduced. I have no doubt that with good rains being predicted for the 2009/2010 summer, we are going to have a great season.

As stated in the previous news-letter, the corner on the veranda closest to the braai has been bricked off which will give the smokers somewhere to puff out of the house and out of the effects of the weather. Please use it and remember that there is no smoking allowed in the house under any circumstances.

Please remember to let us have any suggestions that you may have to enhance the house – all reasonable suggestions will be considered.

Lastly, as stated in more detail elsewhere in the news-letter, the AGM will take place at the Sandton Field and Study Centre on the 25th October. Unfortunately, due to a work commitment, I am unable to



Editorial

I am sure that all the members and Shareholders will join me in saying a big thank you for the years of service that he has given to the Club. And while we are about it I think a big thank you to Sheila is due. She has a thankless job and we take it for granted that everything runs smoothly with our bookings. Thanks Sheila!

Please give your support to Vic Dean as he takes over as Chairman, its a big job.

It's AGM Time again. Please join us at the sandton field and Study on Sunday 25th October. The Meeting will start PROMPTLY at 12 Noon. There are over R12,000 worth of prizes to be won together with the annual free subscription kindly donated by the shareholders so get there early.

There will be fires available for a bring and braai after the AGM. So bring your drinks and food.

Please also note that AGM time means looking for volunteers to serve on the committee, so please think about it and contact Shiela should you wish to serve on the committee and your name will be submitted for the vote.

Cheers and see you all at the AGM!

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attend for the first time in twenty odd years. Please support the AGM.

See you on the water.

Cheers
Kevin

PS: There are in excess of R12,000.00 worth of prizes to be won in the raffle at the AGM