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**NEWSLETTER – 2008 FIRST QUARTER**

**Foreward**

All too soon we wake up to find that one quarter of the year has almost passed by and hopefully the unbearable hot and humid weather with it. This past quarter has been too hot to do anything spectacular and we hope to see regenerated energy in each of us as autumn takes over and we move slowly into winter. I'll never complain about the cold weather, not here in Durban.

Larry

**From Oom Ben**

With the first quarter of 2008 passing by so quickly, before we know it we'll again be planning for Christmas (*Oom Ben has great foresight!*)

The new year did, unfortunately, not get off on a good note with the tragic passing of some of our valued members. In passing, let us spend a few quiet moments as we remember –  
Christopher Rudman

Bella Mulder

Stuart Howard and his sister Dianne. Dianne was Albert Firmani's fiancé.

Cuan Zeiler, son of Greg Zeiler. Grandson of Buddy Zeiler

On behalf of myself and the Committee, and I am sure all the members included, our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families.

We also had the bad experience of fish dying in the bay and all along the silt canal. To say the least, it was not a pleasant sight.

Added to all of this we had the port expansion hanging over our heads and to top it all (and ongoing) the trucking problem with all the "couldn't give a damn" drivers.

Now for a little good news!

- The bay and silt canal problems seem to be something of the past and fish are once again in abundance all over and are begging to be caught.
- The envisaged port expansion in the Bayhead area has been put on hold indefinitely as Transnet now looks at other options.
- The truck congestion may soon be a thing of the past as rapid progress is being made on the new truck park area. As you will have seen, the road leading to the Clubs has also been tarred etc. so things are definitely looking up again.

At this stage I would like to congratulate all the teams and winners of the **2007** trips competitions. To all who did not make it, please don't give up! Try and try again, your day will come. And most of all, remember, without you, there would be no competition. Your participation in these events is appreciated and encourages others to participate and be part of the fun.

Please also encourage the juniors to join the trips. There is a noticeable big shortage of boys and girls in the junior category. And it doesn't end here, we also have a shortage of ladies. I have a feeling the men are deliberately leaving the ladies at home in case they, the ladies, outfish/outshine their better (other) half. Come on ladies, show the men how it should be done!

Efforts are being made to once again get a Wednesday evening fishing competition going whereby all fishing is done from the shore area in front of the club. This is also to encourage the young ones, uncles and aunts, and friends to fish. If you don't know how to cast, make a trace or bait up, this is the time to start as there will always be someone willing to help you. Do come along even if only to braai, cook a potjie, visit Overwind or jump into the pool. I can assure you its great fun and a lovely mid-week break. You never know, there may also be prizes to be won.

Tight lines!!!

Oom Ben.

### **Boat inspections**

From the Commodore and the Surveyors, a great “**Thank you**” to everyone who brought in a boat for the annual inspection. Some owners were a little upset when their vessel did not make the grade but it must be remembered the inspections are carried out annually to ensure **you** are safe in the water. As and when the Maritime regulations are changed/amended, the surveyors have to, at their expense and in their own time, attend refresher courses to ensure they are duly qualified to undertake the said inspections. In general, boats were in a good shape this year, please maintain the standard.

And whilst on the subject of inspections, negotiations are underway for this annual event to be done only in the month of January each year. Don't despair, if this materialises, all surveyors will be on duty from say 07:30 to 16:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Once a final decision has been reached FAC News will be first to inform you.

The new tariffs for all inspections from here onwards is as follows –

Class B, C, D and E	R300.00 plus R130.00 for Portnet
Class R	R250.00 plus R130.00 for Portnet

### **Portnet licences**

A friendly reminder to all owners, **PLEASE** collect your 2008 Portnet licence disc from the club from about 25 March . . . . . THIS YEAR!

A special **appeal** is made to all persons who had their vessels surveyed during the course of 2007, ie, from March to December. These owners are reminded that their Annual Boat Survey Certificate of Fitness is valid for one year **BUT your Portnet licence expires every year on 31 March. For all the owners who have not completed a Portnet renewal, get to the Club as a matter of urgency and get this legal issue sorted out poste-haste.**

At this stage the Portnet renewal costs R130.00

And to all skippers, the Border Patrol will be checking on the validity of your Portnet licence – get it and keep it on board. If you are caught, Border Police will report the offence to the club, and you will be suspended from launching for a period of 3 months.

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*The English laaitie and the Boere laaitie were talking about their forefathers.  
“My grandfather was tapped on the shoulder with a sword by the King of England, and he became a Knight of the British Empire” says the English laaitie.  
“That’s nothing” says the little Boerseun. “My oupa was tapped on the head with a knopkierie by Shaka Zulu, and he became an angel!”*

## **Safety**

In a recent incident at the club a boat and trailer broke loose whilst launching and the rig sped uncontrolled down the slipway into the water. Fortunately, and very lucky for the owner, no-one was on the slipway at the time otherwise there may have been a nasty accident where someone could have suffered a serious injury and assets could have been badly damaged. **As a result hereof, an *appeal* is made to all boating members to properly secure your trailer with safety chains to the tow vehicle when launching and retrieving a boat of any class.**

## **Trips**

So far we have had 2 trips, one on 20 January and one on 17 February 2008. Not too many fish the first time out but some lovely fish were caught on 20 February. 32 Teams took part on 20 January. Reg Gerber took the heaviest fish, that being a spotted grunter of 3.93kg. Ann Skinner once again took the ladies prize with a 1.2kg spotted grunter. Storm Allanson captured the junior prize with a 1.8kg spotted grunter. The concealed weight went to Frans Meuwese with another 2.52kg spotted grunter. So much for 20 January.

On 17 February we saw 75 anglers in 33 teams in the water and the results were as follows –

Heaviest fish – a whopping 5kg grunter to Frans Meuwese  
Ladies prize to lovely Karen Torgius with a 1.65kg grunter  
Junior prize went to Robert Allanson with a 1.25 spotted grunter, and the  
Concealed weight went to Colin Roper with a 1.2kg grunter.

And let us all thank Charmaine van Staden for being at the club to conduct the weigh in for each of the trips.

For the next few months our trips are scheduled as follows :  
20 April, 4 May, 15 June, 13 July, 3 August, 14 September, 12 October,  
9 November and lastly 7 December 2008

## **Fun , fun, FUN**

Yeh, lets have some fun. Cuda camp – end of April!  
Camp over from Friday to Monday (and for the oldies, you may recall that's how the weekend goes (Dear hearts and gentle people)). Overwind bar facilities will be open, have a braai, make a potjie or try your hand at a lekker "pot bread" or beer-bread. What about a beer-chicken on a weber?  
Music will be supplied.  
And if you have any time on your hands, try fishing.

## **From the Treasurer**

Thanks to everyone who paid their annual subs and levies promptly. The time has come to finalise our accounts – the end of February was D-day.  
Please check the notice board for a list of defaulters and if your name appears on the list, kindly contact me on 083 791 2600 so that we can resolve the error. Please have your receipt number handy to clarify proof of payment, and, if you paid electronically, proof of this payment is needed to reconcile against your bank account.  
Karen Torgius

### **From the Secretary**

A special request to all members – have we got your correct address and phone number? If you think the club may not have your correct details, I shall be most grateful if you will forward to the club, your correct address and contact details. For anyone that moves home, please give the club your new details as soon as you move. This can be done by mail or to the club email address, [info@fac.org.za](mailto:info@fac.org.za)

Charmaine Anderson

### **Garages and Parking**

If your name is on any of the waiting lists for a garage or parking and you no longer have a boat, please advise the club as soon as possible so that the club waiting list can be properly maintained. This will be most appreciated.

### **The kitchen**

We have seen a few changes in recent times and were just getting used to Johan and Michelle when they had to say goodbye. Johan managed to secure a good job in Rustenburg which meant he and Michelle had to move to greener pastures as soon as possible – that was at the beginning of February. Good luck to Johan and Michelle.

But our loss is also our gain and we have a very talented super chef in the kitchen. I have found Janice to be very charming, capable and willing to be of service to the club from the kitchen. There is definitely a bigger variety on the menu and the food is very tasty, delicious to say the least. If you have not been to the club for a meal since Janice took over, you are missing out, sorry!

Once again, my Friday night hideaway. But be warned! The Friday night suppers are being better attended and if you snooze, you loose. Good food goes fast. And at present there is also some good rugby on the big screen, so get down here and enjoy the atmosphere. Overwind is also open so have a drink with your supper and then spend time with Audrey and whoever is sitting around.

See you Friday night!

And whilst on the subject of food, have you tried Saturday morning breakfast? Have a break, have a breakfast at FAC. And then of course there is still Sunday when the kitchen is open from 8 to 2. Come and have lunch at the club where I can assure you, you do get value for money!

On a more serious kitchen note – the kitchen is not being well supported over weekends and it costs Janice time and money to be at the club every weekend. Once again, I **appeal** to all members, please support the kitchen over weekends. Bring a relative, bring a friend, bring an enemy, but make an effort to support the club kitchen. Cheers!

Larry

### **Fynnland Angling Club**

Our club! But how did it all start? That's the big question.

An **appeal** is made to all members to come forward with whatever information you may have, in writing or photos and even hearsay is accepted. Where did it all start, by whom, in what year? We need to start somewhere because WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION each year and especially on those BIG years.

Contact me on 031 465 7957 or 083 286 2169 and we can arrange for an interview so that I can put pen to paper. Thank you.

Larry Ridgway

## **KZN Light Tackle Boat Angling Association**

All FAC boat owners are automatically affiliated to the KZNLTBAA once their boat has been inspected and passed at FAC. This applies to one person only, ie the registered boat owner and is valid only for the year of inspection.

Any other FAC member wishing to join the KZNLTBAA need to pay the annual affiliation fee of R60.00

Once affiliated to KZNLTBAA you are entitled to individual rankings in the following facets, namely;

1. Bay and Estuary – these competitions are held in Durban bay and are fished on the same days and times as the FAC monthly trips
2. Offshore – these competitions occur 7 times throughout the year with controlled launches through the Harbour mouth
3. Fresh water – these are fished in various dams over 4 weekends (8 rounds) normally during the summer months.

Once you have been on the ranking list/s for 2 years, you qualify for selection for KZN colours to represent your province at the various inter-provincial tournaments. As a KZNLTBAA affiliated member you are also entitled to claim KZN and SA angling records. With regards to appearing on the aforementioned list/s and/or claiming KZN and SA angling records, KZNLTBAA fishing rules must be adhered to – 4kg I.G.F.A. rated line only, 500 grams minimum weight size for species, etc. A copy of these rules are obtainable from Oom Ben.

Over and above this, all affiliated members are entitled to form a team to fish in any/all of the above facets, with a maximum of three members per team for Bay and Estuary and two members per team for Offshore and Freshwater. There is an annual charge of R100.00 per team member to cover the costs of trophies etc which are presented at the yearly prize giving. These monies must be paid by the end of January or before the next competition if a member affiliates during the year.

Affiliated members are kept updated on events, competitions results etc. by forwarding their email address to KZNLTBAA whereby you are added to the mailing list. A monthly meeting also takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at the KZNLTBAA clubhouse at 7pm and all members are welcome to attend.

For further information on any of the above you can contact the Chairman of the KZNLTBAA - Mike Allanson on 083 661 3528 or email him at [MichaelA@spoonet.co.za](mailto:MichaelA@spoonet.co.za).

## **COC Course**

As this news is being typed, there is a COC course from 17 to 19 March 2008.

The Club may host a COC course on 17, 18 and 19 April 2008 but you will have to watch the notice boards for this one.

For all new members, this is an easy way to get to know your way on the water and will serve you well when you decide to book and write your Skippers.

And speaking of skippers, let us all be aware of the amended Maritime Act, Act 57 of 1951 that was amended in August 2007 and further amended on 5 December 2007. In terms of the Act, everyone **will** be required to have a skippers ticket as from August 2008 but we are not sure how this will be enforced. However, everyone is encouraged to make the necessary enquiries regarding the process to be followed in order to obtain your skippers before August 2008. First and foremost, we will be dealing with category “R” (bay and inland waters) - if you do not have a category “R” skippers, and you are desirous of getting one before August 2008, please advise Ben or myself so we can start with some of the legal aspects. As and when we become aware of any new developments, FAC News will

be first to update you, but in the meantime, keep your ears open and a sharp lookout on the club notice boards.

Larry Ridgway

### **Members – friends – family**

At the time of writing Audrey is in hospital and I am sure that each and every one of us would like to extend our best wishes to Audrey for a speedy recovery and may the Lord give her the strength to carry on from day to day. Our special wishes are also conveyed to Lewis and the family. May the Lord grant you the strength to take care of Audrey in this difficult time.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery also go to Jeff Mitchell who is recuperating after surgery. And to G-Ann, may the Lord give you the strength and wisdom to take care of Jeff during this time and then forever.

And then we also had Eugene in hospital for an operation on 12 March – here's hoping you too will have a speedy recovery.

Our condolences to the Daw family – Greg's mother in law passed away on 5/12/2007 after suffering a fatal stroke/heart attack.

On his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, young Nicolas Daw became the proud father of Tyla and made Greg and Loretta proud grandparents. Congratulations to the family and especially Tyla's mom, Kelly.

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*The ou oomie comes out of the doctor's room, holding some pills in his hand and looking very upset.*

*"What's the matter?" asks his old friend.*

*"The doctor says I've got to take these pills for the rest of my life."*

*"So?" says the old friend, "we all have to take pills every day."*

*"Ja" says the oomie, "but the doctor only gave me four"*

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### **Wanted**

A Mitchell 489 main shaft required as a matter of urgency. Do you have one, either spare or on an otherwise damaged reel. Please contact Larry Ridgway on 031 465 7957 or 083 286 2169.

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