

EASTERN BONSAI SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

Ole, Ole, Ole! Viva Espania. The Soccer World Cup has come and gone and well done to Spain. Well done to all South Africans who made this memorable occasion one to remember. To the sceptics, its time to say: "Yes, we can!" Lets build on the positive vibes and make for a better society.

I have stepped down as Chairman and Errol was voted in as our new Chairman. Barbara Vassard and Clive Kay have joined our Committee. Andre de Canha has resigned from the Committee because of business pressure.

Dave got our July meeting going with a slide presentation on his trip to Puerto Rico WBFF Convention in 2009, whilst Errol repotted the club maple. Included in Dave's slides were pictures of his visit to Pedro Morales' garden with beautiful tropical bonsai on display. Buttonwood (*Conocarpus esectus*) seems to be a favourite in Puerto Rico. It is widely distributed in tropical America, Carribean Islands and West Africa. It is primarily a coastal tree growing adjacent to mangroves. It was pointed out that the trees on display had much more foliage than we have on our bonsai.

It was astounding to see the root ball of the maple that was last repotted 2 years ago. The tree was literally being pushed out of its pot by the abundance of roots. What followed was very pleasing indeed : an interactive discussion between Errol and some members regarding some of the trees "faults" i.e. handlebar branches and a very straight right branch.

We kicked off our '100 Days to Show' programme with Alan telling us that we should select our trees we intend showing. Repot, prune and wire if necessary. Remember: each member to show at least one (1) tree.

NEW TALENT: I'm glad that Kappi's Tanuki tree has stimulated such (healthy?) debate regarding what is acceptable or not. The general consensus amongst our members is that one should work on your tree without any additional s i.e. **NO** moss, gravel, driftwood, potting, etc.

RUSTENBURG DIG – 4 SEPTEMBER 2010: We have a list of 18 members who intend coming on the dig. If you'd like to attend and have not put your name on the list, please inform me so that I can do so. There will be experienced members on hand to show you "How to go about finding SUITABLE material"

SHIRTS & BADGES: Lynn informs me that she has only 4 names for badges. Ideally, every member of EBS should wear our Club shirt and name badge to our meetings. It would be great at our Annual Show (October) where member of the public could spot a club member at a glance and approach them for assistance and info. Come on, let us be proud to be EBS members.

BRAT DAY : 31 JULY – WATERBERG BONSAI – NABOOMSPRUIT: Contact Hansie 082 820 4306 **(See attached document)** +/- 10 members intend attending. Contact fellow members and maybe share a vehicle and costs. REMEMBER: ITS FREE : ENTRANCE AND LUNCH.

ROSTERS: With a view of easing the workload on your Committee members, Barbara and Angela will be drawing up a Roster so that a few members can pitch up earlier (say 13h00) at our meeting and help to organise and set up (teas, library, hall, etc) and stay after the meeting to help clean up and pack away.

RAFFLES: Sadly, we had no contributions for our raffle table at our last meeting. Surely you have something you'd like to get rid of – an old pot, a tree you cant's seem to be getting anywhere with, rooted cuttings, saplings, old books, magazines, rocks, seeds, driftwood, etc. Lets make our raffle table exciting again so that every member buys at least ONE ticket. To help, Arthur has volunteered to



help spruce up your tree for the table. Bring your tree in to our meeting, leave it with Arthur to tidy up, wire, prune, etc and then it goes on the raffle table.

CLUB WORKSHOP: 12h00 – 14h00 outside meeting hall. Please bring your trees early to Club Workshop. I've noticed members getting upset when we do not "finish" their trees because the meeting is about to start. So, come early to avoid disappointment!

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Fees were due by the June meeting. If you haven't paid as yet, please do so NOW. Electronic transfer, bank deposit or pay at front desk. Please put your name as reference on your deposits.

WORKSHOPS: **ERROL** : 13 Buffalo Street, Gallo Manor, 14h00 - 3rd Saturday
TOMMY : 57 Eckstein Street, Observatory, 12h00 - 4th Saturday

WELCOME: To new member Dylan Prentice. I can already see that Dylan has a good eye for bonsai judging by the nursery material he bought to club workshop.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ruben and Trish Naiker on the birth of their beautiful baby boy YUDHISTHRA – which means "able to overcome adversity (Sanskrit) born 25 June 2010. I've been reliably told that he has his first bonsai already. Best wishes from all at EBS.

OUR PROGRAMME:

14 August ORG OXLEY : YAMADORI start to finish. Org will share his vast knowledge on Yamadori (collected trees). It is not to be missed especially to members who will be going on their first dig (hopefully of many) in Rustenburg in September. So bring along your Yamadori for Org to crit. Org has also made himself available to assist at the club workshop from 12h00.

11 September TOMMY – Driftwood and Phoenix grafting.

8/9/10 October ANNUAL SHOW

9 November ADRIAN – Literati

11 December Year-end PARTY (awaiting suggestions for programme)

Jan CECIL, KAPPI, GINA – New Talent.

If you have trees that were used as demonstration trees at Club, BRAT or Convention level, please inform me and perhaps bring them in to our next meeting. We'd like to showcase these trees at one of our future meetings. It would be great if you have a photographic record of its transformation: BEFORE & AFTER and its development over the years.

CREATIVITY & INNOVATION: this is what the Editor of Bonsai Today (# 63) had to say after Masahiko Kimura planted some junipers on driftwood : "If you look solely at the work that Kimura does here, it does not appear difficult, but what is really INNOVATIVE is the idea of doing something like this in the first place. Bonsai is a traditional art for which the techniques are inherited, but it is also a CREATIVE art. The work by Mr Kimura was born of the artists' ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT".

Kind regards
TOMMY

STOP PRESS: Got a call from a very excited Dave Wilson regarding my appeal for contributions for our raffle table. No, sorry Dave, but I simply can't put your mother-in-law on our raffle table.

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