

Good day and greetings to all those little green fingered snippers and I trust your trees are not looking sad at this stage. Remember its winter time and the dry hot winds can be detrimental to your little trees. So remember to water them every day and do not let them dry out. Time for weeding, cleaning pots and cleaning and sharpening tools.

June Bonsai Kai meeting was held at the home of Koekie Labuschagne and for those of you that was not able to make it well you dipped out sadly on a wonderful experience. Not only the opportunity to walk through some of the most wonderful Bonsai in the country but to watch Koekie re pot a tree so it was pointing in the right direction. Thanks to Koekie for a very nice relaxing day and for the wonderful tea served afterwards. Kinda puts us all to shame. Koekie we love you. Well done.

This will be the last news letter from me as Chairman as the term of office is almost over and July sees the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at which a new Committee will be elected. The date is set for second Saturday in July and the notice will appear in the Observer. This will be held @ 5 Craylish Creek (my House) Meerensee and all are welcome. Old members, new members and intrested parties. Only paid up members can vote so get your subs in before the meeting which will be held @ 2pm (14.00 hrs) The main topic for the afternoon will be our major EXHIBITION in November 5th 6th and 7th November and Kas and Barry will be giving feed back on the four seasons and what we should be doing during each season.

The AGM will be followed by a bring and braai and a toast to the new members and the new year. Spouses all welcome. Everyone is invited to bring along their best tree, amature and senior, and prizes will be awarded for the best of each and the best runner up. (first and second amature or newest members and first and second in the senior class. Right, so clean shiny pots, weed free, good shape and style and presented as though you were exhibiting at the greatest bonsai exhibition ever.!!!!!! Stands, ornaments and accent plants allowed. Hope you have got that otherwise phone me on 083 441 3666.

Pots, tools, soil and stones along with mesh and wire still available and if you need anything that I have not got we will order it for you pronto. It is my intention to get a huge load on consignment for the Exhibition in November and everyone is asked or should it be "requested" to have some trees up for sale. You have got exactly 3 months so lets get cracking as people are always asking for trees. Then they want to buy a pot, and soil, and mesh and tools so it has a snowballing effect and can raise money for the Kai.

I shall be writing to our headliner for November Charles Ceronio and our very own headliner in his own right Barry Hugo. Always great to see Barry and we will ensure that each gets plenty of time to demonstrate. If I look at the wealth of knowledge we have had and still have in the Club we can really say we have gone from strength to strength. So take a bow everyone.

For your info two (2) great Bonsai books available at Bargain Books @ R99 THE BONSAI BIBLE with lots of references made to Carl Morrow Cape Town and containing loads of info. Secondly THE COMPLETE PRACTICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BONSAI with over 800 photographs. Great value and lots of info on indoor bonsai. I bought both so dont leave it too long before you visit Bargain Books at the Boardwalk.

Carol please can you get this out to all your connections and tell them all welcome. We want a strong club and I dont have to tell you there is strength in numbers.

Mark can you get something in the ZOB and the Fever re the AGM and perhaps a picture of a tree. 10th JULY @ 14.00 hrs.

Barry can we get together for a stock take next week so you can organise the financials statements.

Bert can you advise or forward this to Hendrik. Thank you. Anyone with a contact for Francois, Joy and Hennie

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the support you have given me over the past couple of years, its been tough going at times and sometimes we didnt agree about everything everytime but thats the beauty of democracy. The fact that the Club is strong and vibrant and financially on its feet is good enough for me.

As Malcolm wouls say "SEE YOU UNDER THE TREE" Liz