



**Newsletter No 3 August 2000**

**Sorry Folks – due to unforeseen circumstances this newsletter is late.**

No emails of this newsletter will be sent – they are all being posted. By next time all should be back to normal.

**1. New Members:** we welcome the following new members:

Jacques van Greunen, Andoni Botha, Dennis Lincoln

The following members have **resigned:** Andrew & Janice Mills, Harald Joses, Louise Aarts, Robert Marais

**2. 1998 Journal:** has arrived. We request all members to please make an effort to collect theirs at a club evening or contact Uschi.

**3. Outstanding Subs for 2000.** This is the **last newsletter** that will be sent to members who have not paid their subs. Please make every effort to pay or contact a member of the committee.

**4. Meet Leaders :** please return completed meet leader's report and the first aid kit as soon as possible after a meet. If your meet did not take place, please still complete the return form.

**5. National Bolivia Meet 2000**

**Welcome back to this group. By all accounts it appears to have been most successful.**

#### **6. CONSERVATION CORNER**

As Arbor Week 2000 (September 1-8) approaches, why don't you look at planting a tree? And whilst you're out there buying one, buy one for a friend, or for your gardener or domestic to plant at home as well? Let's get involved in "greening" our land!

This year's nominated Trees of the Year are: The river or Saf-Saf Willow (*Salix mucronata*) and the Weeping Wattle (*Peltophorum Africanum*). Yes, a Wattle, but this one is indigenous to South Africa! Several butterflies breed on the tree and it is also home to the sap sucking insects known as spittle bugs, during certain times of the year!

Both these trees grow quite tall – 15m and 9m respectively, but hey, if you don't have space for a big tree, just plant a tree anyway!

THANK YOU – to those members and friends who turned up to help clean up Northcliff Hill. Every hour of participation with an extra pair of hands helped! THANKS.

#### **7. LAND AND ACCESS:**

**CAR BREAK-INS AT CALABASH parking.** Two incidents have been reported. Please take care and do not leave items in your car. Hide radios etc.

**DOME POOLS:** please note that the parking has been changed and is now the house of Mr & Mrs Jan van Staden. Please park at the east side of the house (i.e. to your left when you face the house driving up – follows signs) Beware of dogs and please be considerate and do not arrive or leave after dark, keep very quiet and respect the van Staden's privacy.

Please note that if you walk from Dome to Tonquani one trespasses on other landowners property. It is courtesy to request permission to do this and we ask that members find out what is required.

**PLEASE AT ALL TIMES HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AND SHOWIT ON REQUEST.** We have had complaints from landowners that people often claim they are members and are not.

**PLEASE DO NOT TAKE DOGS WITH YOU WHEN VISITING THE MAGALIESBERG OR FOR THAT MATTER ANY OTHER AREA UNLESS YOU ARE SURE THAT THIS PERMITTED.** There has been a complaint that dogs chased some cows with great concern to the owner.

If you see people with dogs in these areas please ask name and telephone number/address so that this can be followed up.

**KRANSKLOOF:** when visiting Kranskloof parking fees of R10 per car as well as a R2.00 per person is payable. This also applies at club meets. There is also a certain procedure to follow when visiting Kranskloof. Please phone Uschi for details. All money collected must be paid to her. Uschi will then periodically forward one cheque to the owner.

**WILGEPOORT:** contact Uschi for the latest access arrangements.

**WATERVAL BOVEN:** there have been reports of theft and 'muggings' Please take care.

**HELICOPTERS:** Once again an appeal to **report immediately** if you see any helicopter in the Magaliesberg. See May newsletter for details.

#### **GENERAL**

1. The Annual Dinner of the Mountain Club of South Africa will be held in Cape Town at the Vineyard Hotel on **28 October 2000. Tickets R100 pp.**

Contact Sonia Beard of Cape Town Section or Uschi for bookings.

2. **UKHAHLAMBA DRAKENBERGSLIDE SHOW:** - an audio-visual slide show. 4-9 September 2000, Rosebank Union Auditorium. Bookings at Computicket.