

## COMMODORE REPORT 2018

2018 has been an exciting and very active year.

1<sup>st</sup> of all the Committee engaged the services of Natasha Caple to do the extension drawings of the Clubhouse over the tent area; after a lot of debate and discussions the Committee has decided that the roof should be built as a slab so that in the future the top can be used as a deck.

The estimates on this project are on the plus side of Two Million Rands, therefore we are going to have to raise in excess of a Million Rand if we are going to go ahead.

The nomadic tent we have outside came to the end of its life and after lots of considerations were taken into account we purchased a new tent.

The Club again this year has been hectic as for keeping up the maintenance of the building with also keeping in mind in spending that extensions are a probability in the future.

The good news is that we have been told that the lease has been extended to 9 years and 11 months, although we don't have this in writing yet.

We have had no staffing changes this year other than to welcome Jolanda to our fold as bar lady, who I think most of you have already met.

Since introducing the buzzer system we still have ten permanent members of staff; most of them over 15 years of service.

The electronic equipment being so close to the ocean is really expensive in maintaining even though it is covered by insurance. If you take the majority of it ± R300,000.00 worth of electronic equipment on hand.

Thanks to Clive Lynch from C & D Maintenance we have replaced the Tuckshop window, the freezer room door and the front doors; which have really enhanced the appearance of the building.

Although we had beach steps made; unfortunately the ocean again made claim to them and now in planning process what we are going to do to gain access to the beach.

The swimming pool and garden areas are well maintained by Phillip along with his other duties of maintaining the building. Our biggest expenses in the garden area is the pool water, electricity and chemicals but mostly the constant repairing of the creepy crawly damaged by our young swimmers.

All we ask is that the parents please assist by supervising their children and ask them to respect our property and protect it from vandalism.

We had a very successful competition season this year with the Junior Nationals, Gamefish Nationals, interclub and bonanza. The bonanza being one of our most successful we have had so far. We thank all our sponsor especially Mr Clean and GR5; Leon and Wesley Uys for their support in this competition making them our biggest sponsors. We are more than likely going to have a boat with motors as our 1<sup>st</sup> prize for next year. We once again ask our members to go out and try and get us as many sponsors as they can in these difficult times. We also want to thank all our sponsors local and upcountry for their continued support.

Our Juniors have done extremely well this year, Bevan Taljaard being top Juinor Angler with Raydon Basson, Owen Barclay, Pietie Bodenstein and Gregory Botha bringing up the rear and who have years to look ahead in Junior Angling.

The bar has been a bit on the quiet side this year which we all know is due to the economy, one of the problems we have had is with our suppliers increasing their prices more than once and not giving us any prior warning. We thank Gary and Jolanda for keeping the drinks flowing and listening to all the customer problems as well as abuse.

We have had a bad year regarding the Launch ramp and once again thanks to Piet Bodenstein, Elmar Basson, Carl Gutzeit, Kevin Smith and PJ Botha for their help in repairing the ramp. We ask you not to give fish to the local boat cleaners as they are being sold on the road and the money used for drugs and alcohol. The worst of it is that the media and public comment that we are over fishing and this will definitely affect the quota limitations regulated by DAFF in the future. Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club's moto has always been "If you kill it, eat it or leave it in the ocean". Also after cleaning your boat please get the boat cleaners to remove the mess before you leave.

The Club this year has spent about R 8,000.00 in gate fees to stop non-towing vehicles getting into the base during season time. We ask you to please respect this as when you have a boat you would like to be able to park your boat and wouldn't be able to do so due to inconsiderate drivers.

A big thank you to all our staff from Admin to Cleaners, we know at all times you have our wonderful Club at heart; Brenda, Marietjie, Victoria and the kitchen ladies, also to Roz Diedericks, Fiona Dela Hunt and Michelle who always assist during competitions.

I would also like to thank my Committee for all their hard work in making this year good for the Club.

The Club will be closed on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December and the 1<sup>st</sup> January for safety reasons.

May you all have a super Christmas and a prosperous New Year.