

# BEL-FLY NEWS

Official newsletter of the Belfast Fly Fishing Association

*“THE WATERS, THE FISH, THE BEST”*

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*Dear Bel-fly Readers*

*Will these warmer, sunny days be the start of Spring? Most people reckon that this was the coldest Winter in a long, long time but the daffodils are already blooming and the blossoms are starting to show!*

*We, here in Belfast, are gearing up for the Spring Fly Fishing Festival to be held on October 15th. The date had been moved this year to the closest full moon weekend, in order to include a 'Night Fishing Competition' in our program. Last year's night fishing was a great success and we received many requests to keep it in our competition program. However many of you have also expressed the fact that travelling to the competitions is becoming an expense you can not all afford, hence the decision to combine the two competitions on a suitable weekend, which also coincides with the AGM.*

*We hope this will lead to a very good turn out this year especially as there will be cash prizes as well as other prizes and goodies for all entrants. Let us try and grow this event back to what it used to be when we used to have 100+ fishermen (and ladies) fishing from the banks.*

*We also appeal to those of you that have access to a notice board (at shopping centres, offices or large companies) to assist us by posting our poster (attached) for the Festival in October. Please help us to advertise as much as possible.*

*For those of you that do not enjoy competitions come for a great days fishing. Dams 6, 7 and Longridge (members' dam) have all been stocked and there are plenty of big ones still swimming around. This past weekend one of our youngest fisherman, 5 year old Jacaline Bean, caught her first trout and she will be entering the next competition as well as the Ladies competition in 2012.*

*November will most probably see our annual bass day, to clear the dams of these nuisance fish.*

*The committee has another work-day at the dams planned for Saturday, October the 8<sup>th</sup>, to get the dams ready for the Festival competitions. Some of you have mentioned in the past that you would be interested in helping at one of these work-days, so please feel free to join them then. The plan is to work on the jetty at dam 6 to stabilise it and all help will be welcomed.*

*Come let us all get back out on the waters, the more people seen fishing the more will join in with the fun and thrill of that big catch.*

*See you soon.*

*Regards*

*From Your committee.*

## JACK FROST 2011 – JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>

This years' event was again held at Longridge Farm under bright but cool conditions. Frost overnight kept things traditional for us, and encouraged the owner of the farm, Dave Hepworth, to light a roaring log fire which gave a false impression of warmth for those whose senses were still slightly fuzzy from over enthusiastic briefings and team talks the previous evening.

Nowhere was this more apparent than with the team from The Pig & Pickle, led by Doug Smith. Mr. Smith had carried on strategizing right through the night and didn't go to bed before coming to the dam, which possibly explains his scores! Their team, 'Chemically unbalanced', was one man short which gave us a field of 23 competitors.

The morning fishing session was difficult with windy conditions making the drawn pin positions very mixed. Those on the dam wall were casting into a brisk and uneven wind whilst those on the opposite side had some small shelter from the hill behind them. The changes every 40 minutes helped to give everyone a reasonably fair share of the good and not so good places. Three fish were caught in the morning session, giving Team Nemic an early lead.

The shooting disciplines gave some startling results, with 4 competitors getting 4 out of 5 clays, and one (Sakkie from Waterfast team) getting a perfect 5. The silhouette target shooting also saw some brilliant marksmanship with Team NDAC having three guys scoring the maximum -5 bugs each.

The afternoon fishing session saw very similar conditions, but with a little more enthusiasm from the fish. Nine fish were caught, with 3 anglers getting 2 fish each. The skill came through in the end then. Tellingly the Visagie brothers both caught a pair. Since the Jack Frost is a fishing tournament with added disciplines, not an all-rounder event, the total length of the fish caught is a major scoring factor, and this carried Team Nemic through after a mediocre performance from them in the Bow Shooting and Ninja Star Throwing. Sakkie from Waterfast team and Jacques Coetzee from Old Millers both put in very good performances in the Ninja Star Throwing – what do they get up to in their spare time??

The long bow shooting always proves more difficult than it looks on TV, and points here were a rarity. Ruccus demonstrated from 30 yards, then our competitors moved forward to take their shots from 10 yards. Ruccus also gave a demonstration after the competitors finished. Gerhard asked him to see how fast he could fire 3 arrows into the target whilst Gerhard did the same. Ruccus put 3 in the target before Gerhard had his second arrow on the bow!

As a separate little event, competitors had a chance to cast like Dougall in that advert – you know the one that ends with "Give That Man A Bells". The challenge was to hook a set of keys (on an extra large key ring) from a table 6 metre away. In typical fairground style this was "Three goes for a tenner". After eighteen attempts by the punters, the 'Bells' was still safe. Then Heini Visagie said "I'll have one more go but it doesn't count". And of course Murphy made a late entrance – Heini managed to get the keys to hand but Murphy's Law saved the club the bottle of Bells that was on offer.

Results of our competition were –

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1ST	TEAM NEMIC	266
2ND	NDAC	240
3RD	NUMMIES	165
4TH	CHEMICALLY UNBALANCED	146
5TH	WATERFAST	112
6TH	OLD MILLERS	91

*Longest bag – Gerhard Visagie 160cm*

*Longest fish – Edwin Freeman 45cm*

*Most ridiculous fish – Basil van Loggenberg with a Bass of 9cm*

*May we say a big 'Thank You' to David Hepworth for the use of Longridge Farm and facilities, Magda, Janet & Johan for catering and organising, Ruccus for providing bows and arrows and assisting with the bow shooting, Kevin Harvey for ninja stars and a lot of backroom work, all those who provided guns, ammo and clays etc. and of course the competitors whose infectious humor and enthusiasm made it such a great day.*

***We look forward to seeing you all next time!!***

*Allan Groves*

### **MPUMALANGA FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION**

*Here are the results of the recent held Provincial trials and I am glad to announce the first MFFA senior teams:*

*The A team is as follows:*

- 1. Lyle Smith*
- 2. Patrick O'Brien*
- 3. Alison O'Brien*
- 4. Mark v d Riet (Curamus)*
- 5. Dominik Nicolaus*

*The B team are:*

- 1. Duggie Wessels (Curamus)*
- 2. Johan Crouse (Curamus)*
- 3. André du Plessis (Not Available)*
- 4. Johannes Lie*
- 5. Jannie Bornmann*

*Congratulations to these anglers and especially to the Lady and the Junior who showed the seniors how it is done. Also a special mention of the Curamus anglers who despite their disadvantage showed the rest of us what they can do.*

*Regards*

*Lyle Smith – Chairman: MFFA*

### **That is not my job!!**

*This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.*

*There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.*

*Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!*

### **SUBS**

***Please note that yearly subscriptions were due from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011!***

*A reminder to pensioners 60 years & older of the 30% discount!*

# 2011/2012 ANNUAL SUBS RENEWAL.

**BFFA P O Box 799, BELFAST 1100. Email: bffa@lantic.net**

**Banking details for direct transfers:**

**ABSA Belfast, BFFA Cheque account no. 750 149 960**

**(Fax deposit slip to: 086 502 9280 with Member number as reference)**

**SUBS:**

* Registration Fee – New members	R 100-00
* Adult Member	R 400-00
* Spouse	R 270-00
* Juniors and Full-time Students ( If part of Family Membership).	R 230-00
* Juniors <u>ONLY</u> . ( If <u>NOT</u> part of Family Membership).	R 250-00
* Country Member (Outside 400 km radius of Belfast)	R 250-00
* Yearly Rod Fee (per person) Optional	R 400-00

***PENSIONERS: 60 YEARS AND OLDER GET 30% DISCOUNT***

**Provincial Licence NB: MUST be a Mpumalanga Prov. Lic. @ R 20 p. p. 16 Years of Age and OLDER. NB; Prov. Licences will be issued by the B.F.F.A., if payment is included. You MUST sign it on receipt thereof. If you already have a valid Provincial Licence please enter number and expiry date.....**

**(NO Member Card will be issued without a VALID Provincial Licence number, if 16 years or older)NB: Member Cards will NOT be POSTED and are to be collected at the Office.**

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## FORM OF PROXY

I, The **UNDERSIGNED**, being a fully **PAID-UP** Member of the **B.F.F.A.**, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint .....

( Only PAID-UP Members may be nominated as PROXY ) or failing him the **CHAIRMAN** of the meeting, as my **PROXY**, to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the **B.F.F.A.**, to be held at 16H00 on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011, at **BELFAST**.

**Signed this** ..... day of ..... **2011**

**NAME:** ..... **MEMBER N° :** .....

**SIGNATURE:** .....

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## NOMINATION FORM

This serves to confirm that I am available to serve on the Committee for the 2011/2012 Season, in the Capacity of..... (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Member, etc.)

**NAME:** ..... **MEMBER N° :** .....

**SIGNATURE:** ..... **DATE:** .....

**PROPOSER;** **NAME:** ..... **MEMBER N° :** .....

**SIGNATURE:** ..... **DATE:** .....

**SECONDER;** **NAME:** ..... **MEMBER N° :** .....

**SIGNATURE:** ..... **DATE:** .....

1. Only FULLY PAID-UP Members as at 14/10/2011 may be nominated for the Committee.
2. Nominee's will be expected to ACTIVELY take part in ALL and ANY activities of the **B.F.F.A.** and would have to be able to attend the meetings of the Committee, which are scheduled to suit the majority.
3. Committee Members are not only expected to participate in the decision making of the Committee, but must also be prepared to **PARTAKE** in the management of the **B.F.F.A.** and the waters under it's control.
4. Nominations to be posted/faxed to the Secretary and to be RECEIVED by him, **NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE** the **A.G.M** (at closing on 30/09/2011).