

## Chirps from the Chair

'n Nuwe jaar, nuwe komitee, nuwe nuusbrieff, nuwe petrolprys, nuwe politieke party!

The new Committee's first meeting took place on 24 February. At this meeting everyone that had been elected, or volunteered to serve on the Committee, undertook to give it their all this year. The old faces bring experience and the new faces ensure that fresh energy is injected into the Club.

Ek wil hierdie geleentheid gebruik om julle voor te stel aan die nuwe Komitee.

Gys Kleyn is ons Vice-Chairman en is ook in beheer van 'Driver Training'. (Bestuurdersopleiding sou net nie reg geklink het nie!) Goeie terugvoering is gekry van 2008 se 'Driver Training' wat deur Gys behartig is en ek dink ons nuwe lede is in baie goeie hande!

Ingrid Stavast is in charge of Finances and also Socials that will be held from time to time. It serves to be mentioned that Ingrid has been a member on the Committee for ages and our thanks must go out to her for her tireless efforts. You can be assured that the Socials will not only be Bring-and-Braais!

Geoff Sampson is ons nuwe 'Run Co-ordinator' (ek weet nie eers wat dit in Afrikaans is nie!) Geoff is brand new to the position and to the Club. From the feedback that he has given at the first meeting, we can look forward to new and exciting runs and a lot of energy coming from him. All planned runs will be published in the Newsletter and I would like to urge you to make a note of them in advance and diarize the dates.

Braddon McClelland remains our WebMaster and will continue to look after our Website. I don't know about the rest of you, but Braddon is the only member I know of who is NOT Technically Challenged like me. For those of you that have the ability and have visited the website, I am sure you would have seen the sterling job that Braddon has done. We look forward to many new and exciting additions. Please remember that the site is not filled by Braddon, but by the contributions of the members.

Salome Shaw is ons nuwe Sekretaresse en sal in beheer wees van alle Administratiewe take. Salome het ge-'volunteer' vir die posisie en ek wil vir haar dankie sê daarvoor. Salome is al betrokke in die Klub vir so lank as wat ek kan onthou en haar ondervinding en kennis gaan 'n groot hulp wees.

Carlo Heydenreich is our new Newsletter Editor. I think you will agree that the new-look Bush Telegraph looks great and from the numerous emails that have been going around from Carlo, it is clear that he has decided to take the BushTelegraph to new heights.

Vir die vorige Komitee wil ek net dankie sê vir die harde werk wat hulle ingesit het. We will not be re-inventing the wheel, but rather continuing with the good work that the previous Committees have done.

Ons eerste prioriteit as Komitee sal wees om die Ledelys op datum te kry. Ons wil vra dat almal hulle besonderhede op die Ledelys nagaan en ons laat weet as daar enige veranderinge is en of iemand uitgelaat is.

Enough chirps from me. Please note the upcoming runs, socials, etc. and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Deon Strydom  
Chairman