

To all
HMFC members



Herewith is the first edition of the HMFC newsletter. This newsletter will not necessarily be a regular monthly or bi-monthly one but rather a sporadic one. The aim of this is to keep all members of the club up to date on what is happening both within our club and at other clubs around us. If any of our members know of any events please let me know so that I can add them to our list of upcoming events.

The first item of good news is that although HMFC did not submit our 'Solo' rated pilots to SAMAA using the grandfather clause timeously, we have been in contact with the SAMAA and they have asked us to forward all those names that the committee feel should be awarded this rating through experience to them. This is in the process of being done. Please see the list below for all Solo ratings as forwarded to SAMAA, we will advise you all as soon as these have been verified by SAMAA. For more information on the SAMAA proficiency tests and what they mean visit www.samaa.co.za.

Unfortunately for all our novice pilots they will have to do their Solo test as soon as they are proficient enough. As we are a small club we also do not have enough Silver or higher rated pilots who can become club instructors and assist with judging 'Solo' tests. If there are any members who wish to do a proficiency test please contact Clive and we will try to assist where we can. There are many members who can fly much better than required in the solo test and we would encourage these pilots to attempt a higher rating.

Members name Proficiency Rating

Stuart	Allen	Novice
Michael	Dickinson	Novice
Trevor	Dickinson	Unknown
John	Dorse	Instructor
Brian	Jeffrey	Novice
Haden	Jacobs	Solo
Dave	Haines	Solo
Ray	Ladbrooke	Solo
Angus	Mclnnes	Solo
Clive	Mclnnes	Pylon Gold
Bill	Middleton	Solo
Chris	Middleton	Solo
Les	Mustard	Solo
Boet	Naude	Novice
Simon	Peckham	Solo
Frederick	Potgieter	Novice
Malcolm	Powell	Novice
Gavin	Scholtz	Novice
Arno	Van der Merwe	Unknown



SAMAA insurance.

Please would all members please ensure that they are fully paid up SAMAA members as this ensures that they are covered by the SAMAA insurance. HMFC is a SAMAA registered field and only SAMAA registered pilots are able to fly at HMFC.

There have also been some changes to the HMFC committee. John Dorse has resigned as Secretary / Treasurer and Ray Ladbrooke has also resigned as a committee member. To this end Clive will assist as Acting Secretary until the 2009 AGM. The committee has co-opted Boet Naude on to the committee as Acting treasurer also until the 2009 AGM. A big thank you to Boet for accepting to help us out here.

John has been on the committee for many years and deserves a big thank you for all that he has done over this time. It goes without saying that Gail has been a big part of that and also deserves a big thank you. Rays time on the committee has also not been an easy one – thanks to all of you.

Field and runway maintenance.

The Club mowers are now going to be split between the PMB and Howick members as follows. Clive will store the PMB mowers and these can be collected and returned from Clive's house on the day concerned. Clive stays in Hilton so is on the route to the field for all the PMB members. The PMB members will be responsible for the maintenance / cutting of the runway area. The Larger ride-on mower and an additional push mower will be kept at Stuart Allens house. Again these can be collected when necessary from Stuarts house. The Howick / outer areas members will be responsible for the maintenance of the Outfield areas. A big thank you to Stuart Allen for overhauling the ride-on mower. it is now up and running and I am sure most of you will have seen the huge benefit of having all the outer areas adjacent to the runway now cut too!

PLEASE NOTE - If any member is unable to cut the grass on the given day it is up to them to please swap their day with another member.

The PMB mowing roster is as follows:

As the PMB members will be using the push mowers they will also be entitled to R100.00 towards Labour on the day. Please note that you will need to bring your own labour with you. If you don't have access to labour consider teaming up with another member. Please would each member ensure that the filling of the mowers with petrol at the field is done by them personally to avoid damage to the mowers!

1. Saturday 6th December – Clive
2. Saturday 20th December – Angus
3. Saturday 3rd January – Simon
4. Saturday 17th January – Ray
5. Saturday 31st January – Brian
6. Saturday 14th February – Bill



7. Saturday 28th February – Les
8. Saturday 14th March – Chris
9. Saturday 28 March – John

The Howick Mowing team members are as follows and the roster is being organized by Stuart, please contact him for details.

1. Stuart Allen
2. Boet Naude
3. Fred Potgieter
4. Malcolm Powell
5. Gavin Scholtz
6. Trevor Dickinson

Upcoming events

1. As the Shongweni Model Flying club have a No-fly day at their field, on the 7th of December, we have invited them up to the Howick field for the day. This is also our regular braai day, so please support this and we hope to see some of the SMFC members there to join us for a ‘fly and braai day’
2. The HMFC Xmas function will be held on the 14th of December at the field. We encourage you to bring along all the family members. We will again arrange for a braai fire to be lit. Please RSVP to Clive before 8th December so that we can arrange salads / puddings etc. What we usually do is arrange for various members to bring puddings or salads for all to share. Please bring your own meat and drinks.

If anyone has any interesting articles or information they would like to share please feel free to email them to me at latitude@sai.co.za for inclusion in the next issue. We are also looking for useful hints and tips, any websites that you may have found useful etc.



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– please send me any items that you have for sale or to swap and I will add them to the next newsletter.

Website

Please visit www.hmfc.co.za

We are now the proud owners of our own website, I will do this as a trial run. It will be very simple as I am not a web page fundi but it will serve to inform our members and others of what is happening at HMFC. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Clive McInnes