

Greetings everybody --- The first meeting at our new venue went very well – a useful talk on the need to hold records, that then was followed by a discussion --- what type, their format, reasons why with examples shown.

1. **General & Committee Meetings for October :**

Note NEW VENUE ~ the next general & committee meetings will be held at our new venue of the “**Petone Community House**” **6 Britannia Street, Petone** on Monday 28th October 2013 [Labour Day] at **7.30pm sharp** and after the General meeting, the committee will meet for a very short meeting.

As this meeting will be held on the Monday of Labour Day weekend, and as we are unable to change our meeting date because of other organisations commitments using the Community House, our meeting will take the form of an open format, as traditionally attending member numbers can be up or down.

The subject will be “How I started in the hobby”--- come and share how you started in the bird fancy; it is often an enlightening avenue on other member’s methods, reasons why they do things, other species that they have kept etc.

2. **Membership Subs:**

Enclosed with your newsletter is a Membership Subs renewal form, which has the special 75th Jubilee rate built in as per the AGM decision.

Please complete the form and return it along with your remittance to our Treasurer [Phyllis Pogson: 137 Moohan St, Wainuiomata]

Please ensure that if you have an email address it is added to the form otherwise you could not get your newsletters.

3. **40’s Club results:**

In case you missed it, this will be our last 40s club for this year, the results for August were 1st: No 7 Rex, 2nd No 6 unsold & 3rd No 4 Saty.

4. **Club Xmas Dinner:**

As in past years the club will shout members & their partners Christmas dinner, to wind up the Club’s year .

It is intended to hold it on Saturday 7th December at 6.30pm --- venue to be finalised still, however put a circle around that date on your calendar so you don’t forget ----- venue details in next months Newsletter.

5. **Indication of Interest sort --- for seed top-up :**

An indication from members is sort for those interested on a seed top-up; end of November/early December

Please contact Phyllis on Ph: 564 6098 or Graham on Ph: 938 0346 soonest

6. **Club Xmas Hamper Raffle:**

The club will hold its annual club Christmas Hampers raffle, the raffle books should be in your hands very shortly [Ian is the organiser] Please make every effort to sell them, at \$2.00 for a book of 5 or 50cents per ticket, they are not very hard to sell --- where can you get a hamper for \$350 & \$150 for 50cents now days? ---- so please help us to help you the members.

7. **A new product:**

With this newsletter there is an article on a product that has come onto the market, it is obtainable from Don [see his phone number at the end of article on page 2 or if you have a Year book you can get his home address or email address] ----

See you at the new venue on the evening of Labour Day

Cheers, Graham

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Recommended dosage rates for animals and livestock

CANARIES, BUDGIES etc.	1 LEVEL TEASPOON TO 1KG. SEED
Adult Cats	1 teaspoon per day
Puppies	1/2 to 1 teaspoon p/day dependent upon size and breed
Small Dogs under 15kg	1 teaspoon per day
Medium Dogs 15kg – 35kg	1 tablespoon per day
Large Dogs over 35 - 50kg	2 tablespoons per day
Giant Dogs 50kg +	2 heaped tablespoons + per day
Cattle, Dairy Cows, Pigs	2% of dry feed ration per day
Chickens, Pheasants, Quail	5% mixed in feed per day
Goats, Sheep, Alpacas, Llamas	2% in grain per day
Horses, Ponies, Donkeys	1/2 to 1 cup in daily ration
Zoo animals	2% in daily feed
Two legged mammals	1 heaped tablespoons + per day

How Diatomaceous Earth Works ~

Diatomaceous Earth or Fossil Shell Flour are the fossilised remains of one-celled plants (phytoplankton) called diatoms that are mined in Nevada from the South Western region of the USA.

Examined under a microscope and magnified 7000x these tiny diatoms appear as spiny honeycombs or tiny cheese-grater like cylinders. These microscopic cylinders are extremely hard and sharp.

On the hardness scale, diamonds are 9, DE is 7, insect- exo-skeletons are typically rated at 3.

The tiny particles of the sharp and hard DE stick to the insect, abrasively rub through and serrate their epicuticle and joints, absorb their bodily fluids and they die of dehydration. This process is purely mechanical not chemical. As such there is no build up or chemical residue, the insect cannot build up immunity or become tolerant to it.

There is no plant or livestock with-holding period for human consumption.

DE is a desiccant. It absorbs moisture – some six times its own weight.

Despite Fossil Shell Flour having a debilitating and eventual fatal effect on bugs and insects it does not harm its warm blooded host and has no negative impact on mammals.

Poultry, Pets and Livestock can be dusted or brushed in DE as a chemical free aid to rid themselves of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, mites and lice.

As well as external parasites it also has positive benefits on internal parasitic control for poultry, farm animals, domestic pets and equestrian applications. The hard and sharp honeycombs of the DE lacerate internal worms to which they release their grip on the intestinal walls and get passed out with the rest of the waste.

In addition to this beneficial impact on internal parasites DE cleanses and almost ‘polishes’ the colon and intestinal passages at the same time. This polishing effect removes excess mucus and bad bacterial build-ups internally which may have occurred over time. This provides a greater ability to digest and absorb the feed nutrients being provided.

Diatomaceous Earth deposit is 89 - 95 % amorphous silica. As well as being very high in silica percentage and also contains 15 essential trace minerals including phosphorous, selenium, calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, copper, zinc and iron.

Silica is the most plentiful element on earth, following oxygen; but there are very few foods that contain an adequate amount to supply the quantity your body needs. Silica is crucial to bones, tendons, skin, cartilage and blood vessels. Silica is even located in the blood itself and important organs such as the liver, heart, and lungs.

Mixed with your animals normal feed it promotes improved health, well-being, vitality and productivity when used on a daily basis.

As well as the trace minerals, Fossil Shell Flour particles are negatively charged which is somewhat uncommon in the elemental world. Heavy metals, bacteria and viruses, pesticides and drug residues, E-Coli are typically positively charged. As the tiny particles of DE sweep through the digestive tract they attract or draw in the positively charged nasty’s, capture them within their framework and consequentially pass them out as waste.

Regular consumers of Diatomaceous Earth report a range of potential improvements in the areas of nails/hoofs, coat/hair, skin, general immunity, arthritis, colitis, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, weight loss, improved sleep, increased energy, general well-being and health.

Diatomaceous Earth Precautions

It is recommended to exercise caution and using a mask especially when applying heavy applications and working with volume to avoid an excess of inhalation.

Avoid getting DE in the eyes of yourself, your animals and livestock. DE is drying to the eyes, so be aware of wind direction.

DE can be drying to your skin, hands, and feet, similarly to your pets. If you suffer from dry skin you may consider using gloves when handling.

Some two legged mammals have the potential to experience a healing crisis (detox reaction) when beginning DE consumption. If this occurs, reduce the dose, increase in slow increments until RDA is reached.

The latest Fed newsletter advises that a local Auckland Vet has Diatomaceous Earth for sale at 200g for around \$25 - -- We are selling ONE KILO for the same price plus P/P at \$5. Cheers Don. Ph: (06) 843 6260