



The Midway News

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1. Chairman's Report

Chairman Report for the April 2024 meeting

In April we had our annual New Talent competition. Everyone did a marvellous job. We took some time to explain and indicate what could be improved and what we liked.

Hardus placed first, with Heinrich in second place. They will be our representatives for 2024.

I saw a news clip that indicated we are in for a warmer than usual winter. I will play it safe and hide my figs and other sensitive trees just for in case.

If you need advice on winter prep for your collection, don't hesitate to ask at the next meeting.

We also worked a bit on carving. With Jonathan transforming a Juniper into a masterpiece.

Jonathan features in the Kibon magazine. That is a great honour. At the next meeting be sure to congratulate him.

Stay safe, keep calm and water your trees.

Pieter Bosch
Chairman



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2. Club news

Our next meeting will be on 18 May 2024. Everyone is welcome.

Please bring your favourite trees for the show table. We will be looking at Accent plants and how to use them in a Bonsai display.

As usual we will be meeting from **12h00** to work on our own trees.

The talk and workshop will start at **14h00**.

If you have a favourite topic that you want us to cover let me know and I will pass it on.

Workshops are active participation events. Some preparation might be need. Details will be released in the Newsletter and WhatsApp group.

Program for 2024:

20 January – Root over Rock. Prepare trees and Rocks. Bring old projects.

17 April – Groups, Forests and Saikei.

16 April – Mames and NOSE Trees.

20 April - New Talent and Carving

18 May – Accent plants

15 June – Soil and Substrate

29 June - **BRAT** at Heckers Nursey (New Talent competition)

20 July – Fertilizers with Arnold

17 Aug – Repotting and Pot Selection

31 Aug - **BRAT** at MBS (TOP10)

21 September – Spekbome and NOSE trees

19 October – Show Preparation

8 Nov to 10 Nov – **ABC6** Stellenbosch Town Hall

16 Nov – Indigenous Trees

30 Nov - **BRAT** at UBS.

Membership fees

R320.00 for Single

R480.00 for Family

You can pay into the Club Account, state your name as reference to:

FnB

Heinrich Crystal

Account No: 63021469689

Branch: 250063



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3. April's meeting: New Talent and Carving

The first pictures will focus on Hardus and the transformation of his juniper.
Hardus Before





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Hardus after.





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Hardus working on his tree.





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Hardus with a job well done.





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Heinrich with his before picture.

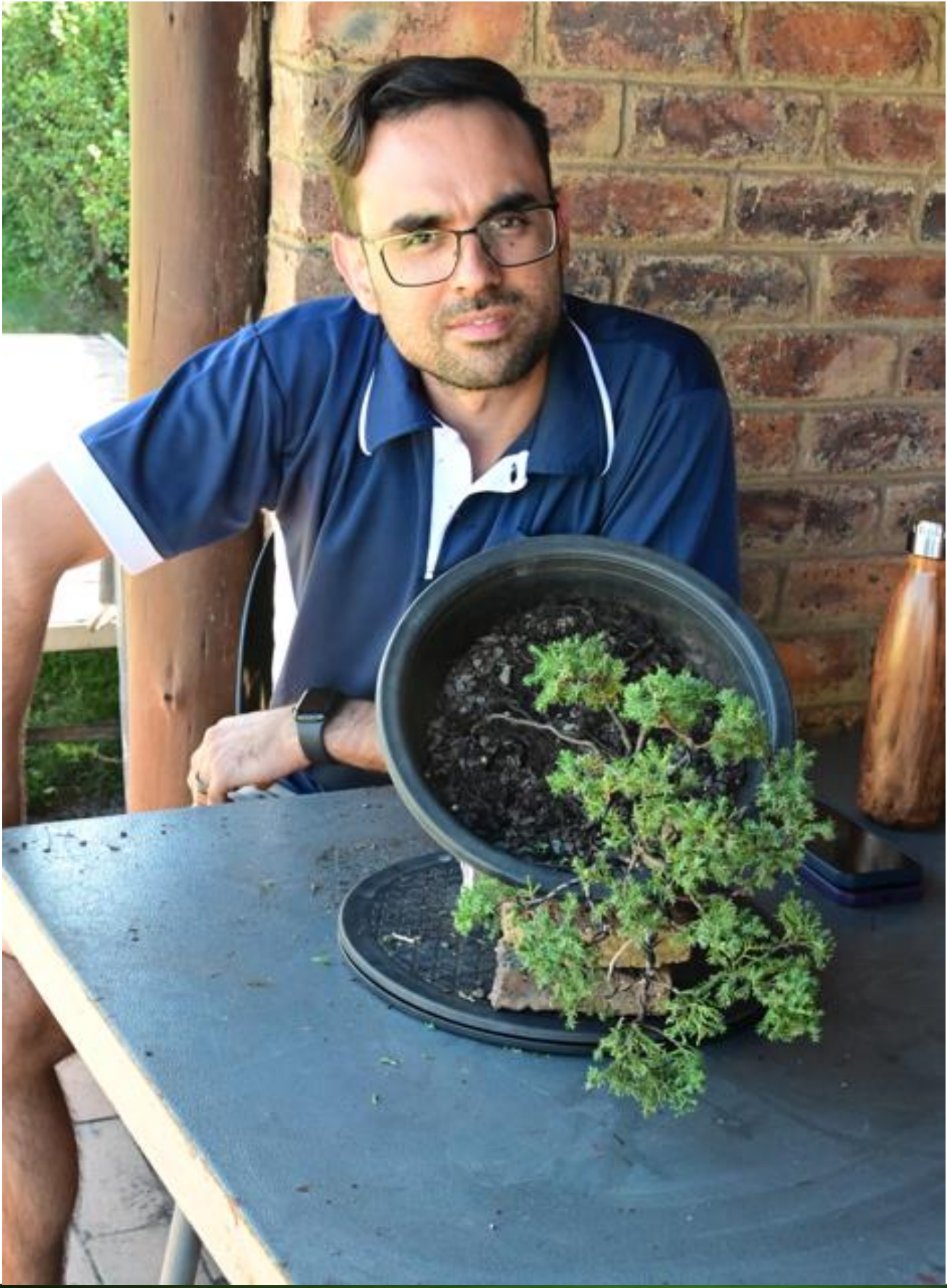




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Heinrich with his after picture.





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Heinrich – after view





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Focus Heinrich, focus.





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Mari - Before.





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Mari - After.





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Focus.





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Desire with a before picture..





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After.





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Good job. Keep it up..





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Piet with a before picture..

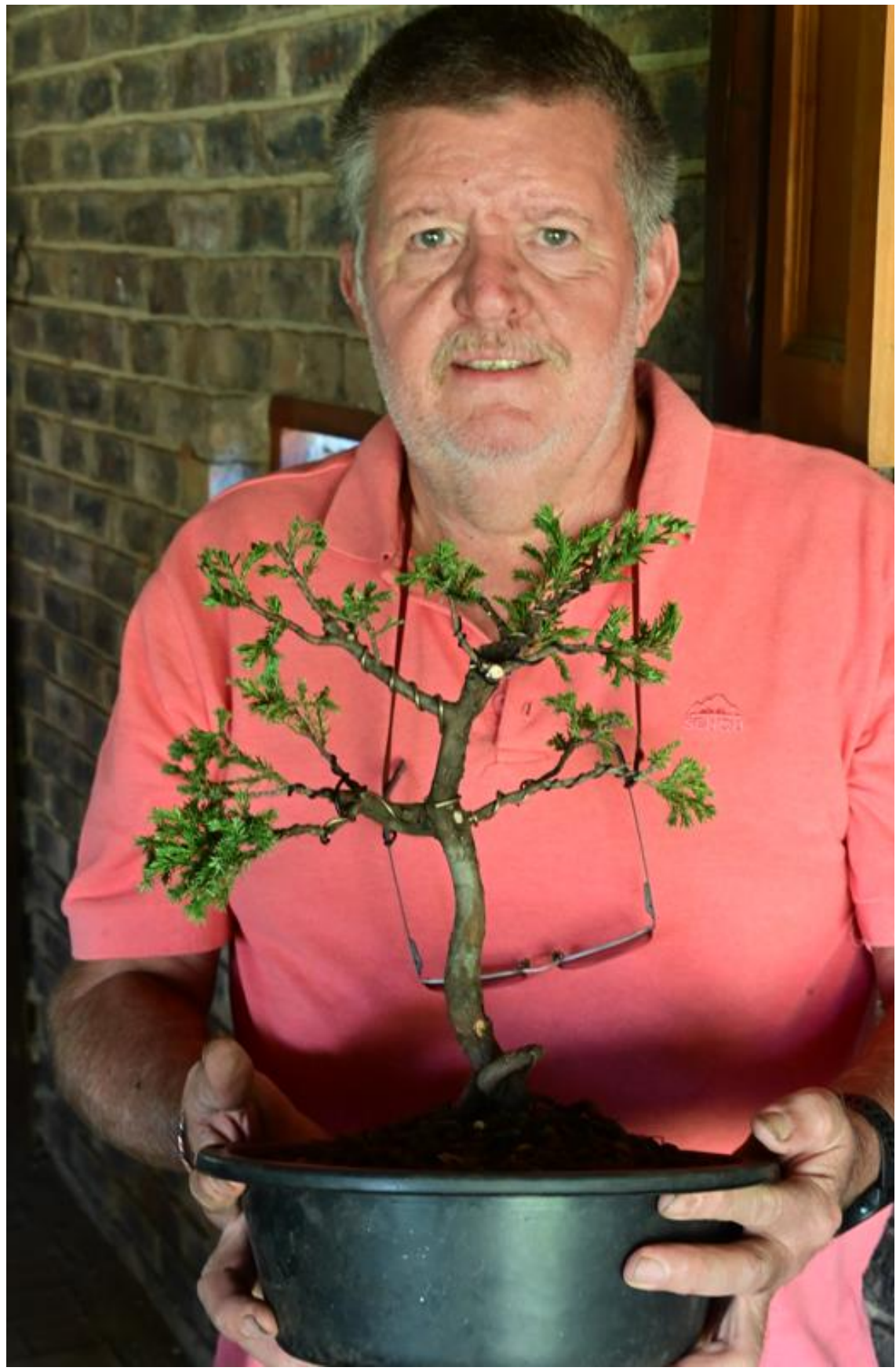




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Piet after..





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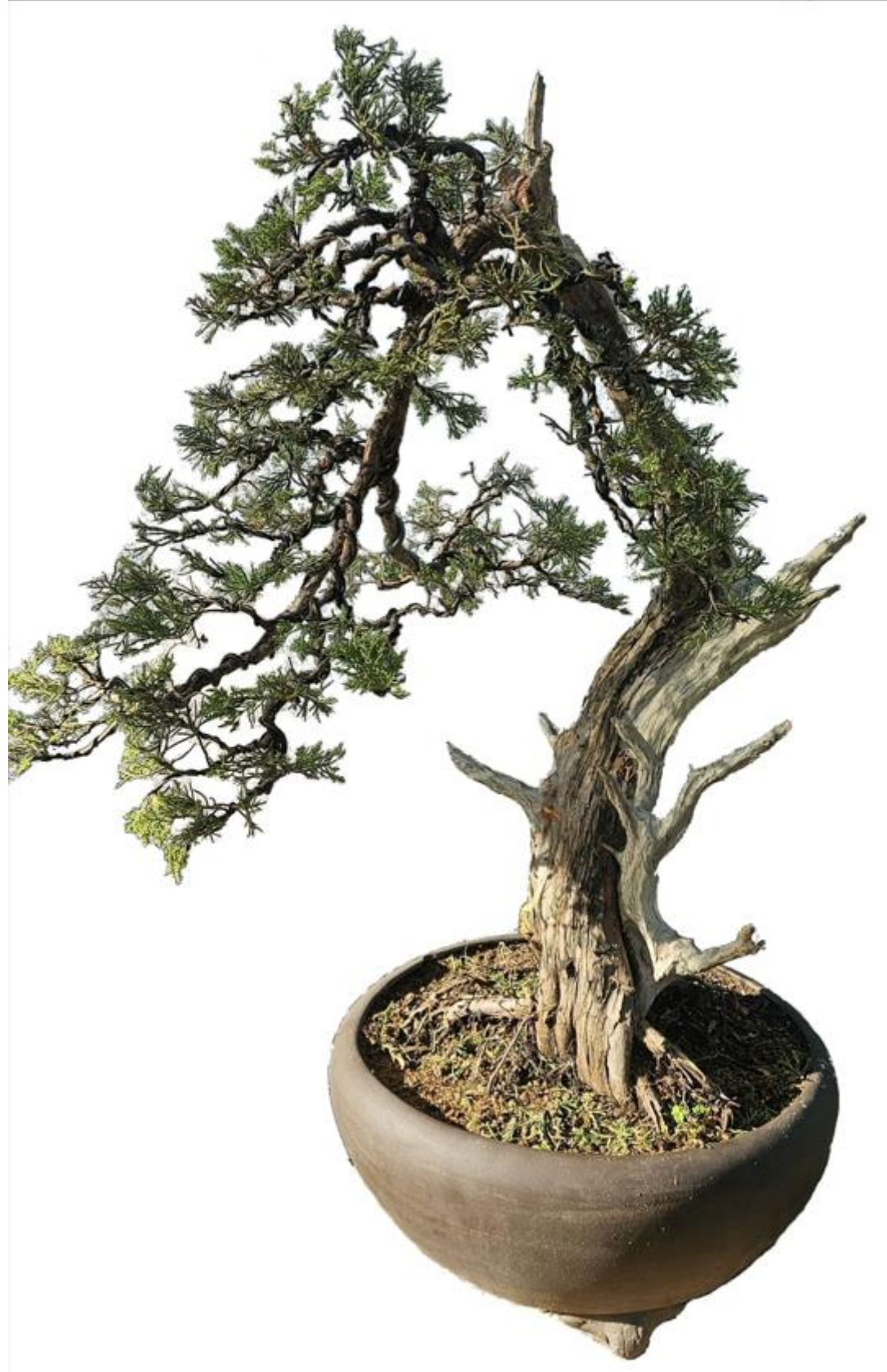
Jonathan worked on this Juniper. This is a before view.





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Jonathan - after. What a fantastic transformation





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Love the profile.





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Jonathan carving his Juniper.



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Richard was working on a few Junipers too.





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BRAT OPEN DAY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THE

29TH OF JUNE 2024

FOR THE BRAT OPEN DAY



Venue: Heckers Garden Centre
1 Kirschner Rd,
Westwood AH,
Boksburg,
1459

Cost: R60 p/p

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

- 08:45 – 09:15 Registration & Placing of trees for competition and exhibition
- 09:00 – 12:00 New talent competition
- 09:15 – 09:30 Welcome
- 09:30 – 10:00 AGM
- 10:00 – 11:00 Preparing for and show your trees (*Vorster Fourie*)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Shohin & Mame styles (*Hennie Reyneke*)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Break – Judging of trees
- 12:30 – 13:00 Maintenance of bonsai tools (*Bruce Carter*)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Make your own concrete pots (*Tola Smit*)
- 14:00 – 14:15 Prize giving
- 14:15 – 14:30 Acknowledgements and farewells

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(Eats and drinks available at the restaurant on the premises)





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The Ma in Bonsai

gap, space, pause



8-10 November 2024

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5. Editor's letter

Below: Jonathan with some hands-on carving with a satisfying crunch.



I hope you have enjoyed this month's issue of the Midway News.
If you have any questions or comments, please contact me directly.

If you want to show off a few of your trees in the Newsletter, please send some picture to me. Thanks for the pictures Gina and Arnold.

Pieter Bosch