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**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NO-TILL CLUB OF KZN
to be held on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 09h30 at ATKV Drakensville, KZN**

Dear Member, Friend of No-till and Conservation-minded Agriculturalist

We invite all of the above to join us in an AGM that will give direction to the Committee and also food for thought to those attending.

Admission will be free for paid up members. For those who would like to join us, the cost will be R100.00 per person.

PLEASE – PLEASE! In order to arrange catering for the correct number of people wishing to attend the AGM, we need you to RSVP by 4 February 2015 by emailing:

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The No-Till Club's Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 11 February 2015 from 09h30 at **ATKV Drakensville**, near Bergville.

The decision was taken to move the AGM from being part of the annual conference for practical reasons so as to allow more time and constructive meeting.

The No-Till Club Committee has worked hard to promote No-Till Conservation Agriculture in not only KZN, but also in other parts of the country; the attendance of delegates from all over South Africa and Africa has been a hallmark of the interest shown in the agricultural communities wanting to embrace an environmentally friendly and sustainable practice of agriculture. Over the past three years we have averaged 250 delegates, with 2014 topping 343, indicating the interest shown in **GREEN AGRICULTURE**.

As you are a valued member of the club or you just want to be a friend of the Club may I take this opportunity to encourage you to make a special effort to attend this year's AGM?

We need members to give us the mandate required to carry on with our mission statement objectives.

This AGM is to take the form of a farmer's day of cover crop information and encouragement to make a difference and stay in business.

Proposed programme for the day

- Agricultural economist Dr Philip Theunissen will look at the future of agriculture in South Africa pertaining to the growth expected in the population of South Africa over the next 20 years and the related possibilities.
- Agricultural engineer Ruhan Theunissen will discuss a benchmarking programme the Club is hoping to facilitate: *"If you do not measure it you cannot manage it"*
- Chartered accountant Steve Colenbrander asks the questions:
"Is accounting relevant?
Should you be looking at the bottom line or your bank balance?"
- Inspection and discussion of some species that can be used as summer cover crops.

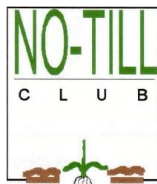
In order for The No-Till Club to make the impact we need to, please as a member or prospective member, or just to come and listened to three top speakers, we would appreciate your effort to join us, not only to gain information but that we build a sound membership/association that will give the Committee not only moral support but encouragement in our efforts to advance the adoption of No-Till Conservation Agriculture.

Regards

Richard Findlay

No-Till Club of KwaZulu-Natal

Manage your farm as a business!
Take responsibility for your resources!
"If you do not measure you cannot improve!"



Farming requires passion, motivation to conserve by taking responsibility for the natural resources allotted to you. Then sustainability will follow!

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VENUE: ATKV Drakensville

DATE: 11 FEBRUARY 2015 at 09h30

No-till farmers can make a difference and play a big role in correcting climate change!

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COME AND "REAP" FROM TOP SPEAKERS!**



Dr Philip Theunissen matriculated at Wolmaransstad High School in 1976 and after his military service obtained a B.Com degree at the North West University. He started his career in 1983 as an economist with the

South African Agricultural Union (now Agri-SA); he was appointed as agricultural economist at Free State Co-operative four years later. He was financial manager at a farming company in Paarl before he started his own accounting practice in 1991 in Bethlehem.

As a part-time tutor for Technicon SA, his subject was computer software for farm management. He lectured Business Management part-time in a technical college, and he was involved in developing correspondence courses for farmers regarding financial recordkeeping, tax and marketing.

He does full financial record keeping for farmers in his practice, covers succession planning, farm management, machinery management, enterprise budgeting, cash flow analysis and

agriculture economical comparisons as part of his regular consultations. His honour's dissertation is titled "Issues in the financing of first time farmers", a master's dissertation titled "The efficiency of agricultural co-operatives in South Africa as suppliers of production finance to farmers" and a doctoral thesis titled "Financial norms for mixed farming enterprises in the Eastern Free State". When the opportunity arose in 2005, he enrolled as part of the first group of students for the post graduate Master's degree in forensic accounting at the North West University.

Dr Theunissen, a freelance journalist's articles have appeared in columns in almost every agricultural publication in South Africa. In 1993, he was SA Journalist of the Year. In 2001 he was awarded best article for the year in SA Grain for his article "When must a farmer quit?"



He has been guest speaker at several agricultural functions and participates in agricultural radio and television programmes.

Ruhan Theunissen, born 4 November 1986 and grew up in Bethlehem, Eastern Free State. Matriculated in 2004 at High School Witteberg in Bethlehem Studied at the North-West University, Potchefstroom and obtained a Bachelors and Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Worked in the energy management sector for three years and specialised in the measurement and verification of energy related data.

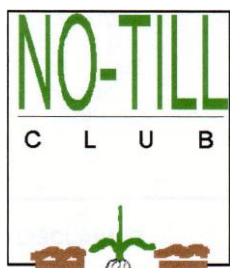
Always had a passion for farming and decided to change career to farming in May 2013. He is part of the



Steve Colenbrander, born in Nongoma, KwaZulu-Natal, speaks English and converses fluently in Afrikaans and Zulu. Matriculated and Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg in 1978. After military service he obtained a B.Com (Economics and Agricultural Economics) in 1983 from the University of KZN, and B.Compt (Honours) in Accounting from UNISA in 1989. He qualified in 1990 as a Chartered Accountant (CA) with the South African Institute of Chartered Accounts (SAICA).

Steve is the Founder member of Colenbrander Incorporated (April 2000). Colenbrander Inc employ over 90 employees and provide the following services: audit, tax, advisory, insurance, recruitment, forensic and information technology.

Steve has been instrumental and involved with clients who have built up businesses from Nil to over R1 billion turnover. As a Chartered Accountant he is directly involved in all phases of business, namely: marketing, strategic planning, cash flow management, asset management and turnaround strategies."



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IN DIE HERSTEL VAN KLIMAATS-VERANDERINGE**

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DIE ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING VAN DIE NO-TILL KLUB VAN KZN

wat gehou sal word op Woensdag 11 Februarie 2015 om 09:30 by ATKV Drakensville, KZN

REGISTRATION FORM REGISTRASIEVORM

PLEASE – PLEASE! / ASSEBLIEF - ASSEBLIEF!

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**Ten einde spyseniering te reël vir die korrekte aantal mense wat graag die AJV sal wil
bywoon, benodig ons u RSVP
by/teen**

4 February 2015

by emailing/ deur middel van 'n e-pos aan:

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