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INTRODUCTION

The formation of a Conchological Society in South Africa has been long overdue. Not only is our coastline, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans with their two completely different faunas meet, a most interesting hunting ground for shell collectors, but there are also a great many shells which are typical for the southern part of Africa and which are not found anywhere else in the world. Then there is the fact that the great distances which exist between the various centres along the coast have always made it very difficult for shell collectors in this country to get to know each other and exchange information.

We must, therefore, thank Mrs. L. Kerr for taking the initiative and for calling several interested people together. This finally resulted in the holding of a public meeting in Cape Town on May 6th, 1958.

At this meeting, which was attended by approximately twenty-four people, "The Conchological Society of Southern Africa" was founded, a constitution accepted and office bearers elected. Further on in this Circular we will give more details about this.

At this point, we must stress however, that although the Society was founded here in Cape Town, this does not mean that it should only serve the Cape Peninsula and vicinity. We want it to cover the whole of Southern Africa, and members from anywhere in this territory will be welcome. Possibly when numbers warrant it, local branches may be formed holding their own meetings in different centres.

You will note from the constitution, a copy of which is attached, that the object of the Society is the study of shells in general and of South African Mollusca in particular. Therefore, anybody who is interested in land, freshwater or marine molluscs, both recent and fossil, will be welcome as a member, irrespective of whether their interests are scientific or of a more popular nature.

COUNCIL

At the Inaugural Meeting, which was held in Cape Town on May 6th, 1958, the following office bearers were elected:

Chairman:	Prof. J.H. Day
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. L. Kerr
Secretary:	Mr. C. Swaneveld
Treasurer:	Mr. J.N. Ackermann
Members:	Mrs. C.M. Ackermann Miss M.G. Kempthorne Mr. D.W.J. Ackermann

MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10th, 1958 at 8.00 PM in the Zoology department of the University of Cape Town in Rondebosch.

Mrs. L. Kerr will be in the Chair.

The business of this meeting will be as follows:

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Lecture by Prof. J.H. Day on: THE CLASSIFICATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN MARINE MOLLUSCS, illustrated with coloured slides.
3. Display of the classified collection of marine molluscs of the Department of Zoology of the University of Cape Town.
4. Display of some interesting marine molluscs from the collection of Mrs. C.M. Ackermann and others.

Light refreshments will be served. Members who wish to have some of their South African marine shells classified are invited to bring them along. As time for this is limited, please do not bring too many.

To get to this meeting, turn into the University grounds from De Waal Drive (near the Zoo!) After that take the first sharp turn to the left and the second turn to the right into University Avenue (top terrace). The Zoology Department is the last door in the last building on the right. Members who have no transport, please contact the Secretary ('phone office hours 27595, evenings 698063) who will try and arrange lifts.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

At the Inaugural Meeting, Dr. K.H. Barnard, former director of the South African Museum in Cape Town, was unanimously elected as our first Honorary Member in recognition of his valuable work on South African Mollusca.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS

(H = Honorary Member; C \* Corresponding Member)

	Mrs. C.M. Ackermann	"Dunblane", Firth Rd., Rondebosch.
	Mr. J.N. Ackermann	- do -
	Mr. D.W.J. Ackermann	61 Leipoldt St., Strand.
	Miss H.L. Allen	12 Acacia Court, Upp.Orange St., Cape Town.
	Mrs. L. Barling	"Denfretthe", Fish Hoek.
H	Dr. K.H. Barnard	South African Museum, Cape Town.
	Mrs. H. Bodinnar	5 Beach Court Mansions, Muizenberg.
	Mr. D.J. Bosman	7, 13th Ave., Boston, Bellville.
	Mrs. H. Boswell	P.O. Box 8081, Johannesburg.
	Mrs. H.E. Coates	"Berrymead", Constantia Rd., Wynberg.
	Mr. P. Coates, Jnr.	- do -
	Mrs. I. Cohen	"The Rustlings", Seaforth, Cape.
	Miss M. Cowell	2 Alvanley, Main Rd., Kenilworth.
	Prof. J.H. Day	Dept. of Zoology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch.
	Mrs. H.M. Duffett	43 Simonstown Rd., Fish Hoek.
	Miss N. Evans	17 Holyrood, Queen Victoria St., Cape Town
C	Mr. J. Goldsmith	Iowa St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A.
	Mrs. H. Joubert	Arniston, Distr. Bredasdorp.
	Miss M.G. Kempthorne	3 Alvanley, Main Rd., Kenilworth.
	Mrs. L. Kerr	"Ryde Villa", Kenilworth Rd., Kenilworth.
	Mrs. M. Kuttel	26 Park Rd., Rondebosch.
	Miss M.C. Oliff	27 Grotto Rd., Rondebosch.
	Miss B. Parsons	3 Colwell Flats, Liesbeeck Rd., Rosebank.
	Mr. H.J. Piepers	134 Alma Court, Green Point.
	Mrs. M. Pinkham	The Rectory, Bredasdorp.
	Miss D.A. Quinn	"Treetops" Avenue Fresnaye, Sea Point.
	Mrs. R. Richardson	1 Finsbury Court, Beach Rd., Sea Point.
	Mr. C. Swaneveld	41 Woodlands, Highstead Rd., Rondebosch.
	Mrs. J. Weakley	10 Bowood Gardens, Claremont.
	Mrs. R. Wightman	"Tafelzicht", Higgo Rd., Gardens, Cape Town
	Miss I.A. Windsor	39 Forest Drive, Pinelands.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY

We intend publishing a circular at regular intervals. Everybody is invited to let us have items of interest, such as reports on excursions, special finds, news about good collecting localities, offers of exchange, references to new publications, etc., for publication therein. If we want these circulars to become interesting, we need everybody's co-operation.

Anybody who wants more information about "The Conchological Society of Southern Africa" or who is interested in becoming a member, please write or 'phone the Secretary: Mr. C. Swaneveld, 41 Woodlands, Highstead Road, Rondebosch. (Office - 27595; Home - 698063).