

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (50/14)

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DARWIN AWARDS "WON" MOSTLY BE MALES, REVEALS ANALYSIS

It is a theory that many women have held for years. And now a study has revealed that men really are the more stupid sex.

An analysis of the Darwin Awards – an annual review of the most foolish way people have died – has found almost 90% of the accolades have been "won" by males.

Worthy candidates include a terrorist who opened his own letter bomb, and a man who attempted to travel by hitching a shopping trolley to a train.

Of the 332 independently verified nominations, 14 were ruled out of the analysis because they were shared by males and females – usually adventurous couples in compromising positions.

Of the 318 valid cases remaining, 282 (88.7%) were awarded to males and just 36 to females, a gender difference entirely consistent with male idiot theory (MIT) that states that men are idiots and idiots do stupid things.

[Of course research like this is nonsense]



CITRUS SUMMIT 2015

Planning for the First CGA Citrus Summit is progressing well. The Summit will be held on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 March 2015 at the Hans Merensky Hotel, Phalaborwa. A golf day is being organised for the Tuesday 10 March. Study tours are being organised – the same tour will be available on Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 March. Kruger National Park is close by for those who want to visit.

The first Summit is open to CGA citrus grower members only (you will be asked to register using your Production Unit Code). Please register at <http://dev.cga.co.za/summit/index.php>

PACKHOUSE WORKSHOPS

Some additional information regarding the Packhouse Study Group Workshops; Limpopo 27/28 January at Fairview Hotel, Tzaneen and 29/30 January at Loskopdam; Mpumalanga 10 and 11 February at CRI, Nelspruit; KZN and Swaziland 12 and 13 February at Blue Waters Hotel, Durban; Eastern Cape 17 and 18 February at Mentors Country Estate, Jeffrey's Bay and Western Cape 19 and 20 February in Stellenbosch (venue to be confirmed).

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Take note that CGA offices will be closed from midday 24 December through to 5 January 2015. I will be taking my annual leave and will return to office on 19 January 2015. (I unfortunately will not have access to e mails or cell phones over this period).

As this will be the last communication in 2014 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a 2015 year that delivers all you wish for.

