



South Coast Fly Anglers



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Preparing to cast.

It is indeed a long time since the newsletter has had such a short Events Calendar, but never fear, we will rectify matters at the Committee meeting on 12th August. The updated list of Coming Events will be sent out as soon as it has been finalised.

We have been waiting, in vain, for the Government to release the ban on interprovincial travel, so that we can look at a trip to Matat. A solution may be to register our vehicles as long-distance taxis. Till then keep safe. Arthur

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
2 nd Aug	Saltwater outing	Umzimkulu Mouth	06h30
12 th Aug	Committee meeting	Sean's home	18h30

Coming Events.

The only event that is planned at present, is the outing to the 'Kulu Mouth for Sunday the 2nd August. (Note that there was a glitch in last month's newsletter, which said that the outing was on the 4th. This is as a result of my being in contact with too many elderly members!!! The outing is on Sunday the 2nd.)

Be at the north bank parking area at any time after 06h30. We will again not braai, but bring along something to eat and some liquid refreshment.

Fly of the Month.

The Flies of the Month for August are the freshwater Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph and the saltwater Lefty's Deceiver. This is a freestyle (colour of your choice) fly. As usual, recipes and photos have been sent out to members.

Past Events.

Saltwater outing to 'Tweni, Sunday 5th July. By Arthur Cary.

Once again fly boxes were emptied by the eight SCFA members who fished the 'Tweni Granny Pool and northern beaches on this outing. This, in an attempt to attract a decent fish to the hook. Sean was the only angler who managed to land a shad, that is in addition to missing two or three as well.

John, Bill, Sean, Warren, Steve, Rob, Connor and Arthur tried the Granny Pool to start with, but apart from all landing a few bunches of sea weed and hooking a couple of immovable rock fish, we were unsuccessful, as was the single bait angler who tried the area for a short time..

We all gradually moved north towards the Riveria Flats, where bait and spoon fishermen were busy. They soon started catching small shad, which were unfortunately well out of reach of a fly. The bait fishermen were unfortunately using ground baits, and so did not entice the fish to come closer inshore. An occasional straggler would however follow the spoon in and Sean, who managed to get his fly into the zone, had a few hits. Using a Clouser he finally landed one, but the rest of us could only keep trying until our casting arms developed that well known ache.

On the way back to the car park, Arthur picked up a small Wave Garrick on a Deceiver, the other anglers unfortunately blanked, but all enjoyed a good old natter, a sarmie or two and a cup of coffee, before heading home.



Saltwater outing to Sunwich Port. Sunday 19th July. By John New

John arrived at the parking area at 7 am. Neil and Sean were already there, setting up their rods. Warren and Connor then arrived, with Duane on his new mode of transport. Both Sean and Duane ride bikes in winter, just to show how tough they are.

We then moved onto the beach which has some good bays, but there were no fish for us fly fishermen; the bait fishermen were not doing much better either!! Bill, Mitch and Stan arrived a bit later, but also did not manage to get a single hook-up.

We packed up after the tide exposed too many rocks, which made losing flies a distinct possibility. Neil, Sean and John stopped at the Orca's restaurant for a good breakfast, then went home. This beach has good potential though, despite there being a mean shore break at some spots.

We should try it again sometime.

Cheers John.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Blame the lock-down if you like, but there is virtually no news for this section, other than the fact that the trout in a well known Lake really came on the bite the other day. One angler landed over 30 fish, most of them over the 2 kg mark, while his mate netted some that weighed a kg more than that.

Last Cast.

I hope that this finds all readers hale and hearty, despite all of us being totally gatvol of the current situation.

Stay safe, it is only when the virus hits home, that one realises how serious the whole matter really is.

Cheers. Arthur.