



NEWSLETTER

January 2019

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Preparing to cast.

We are already well into 2019 and the Festive Season has probably become a distant memory by now. I trust that you all had a good one and are ready to tackle the coming year.

As promised in the December newsletter, we have a brand new calendar. **Note that the monthly meeting is on Wednesday 23rd January, not on the 30th.**

The Flies of the Month for the 2019 / 2020 year have been selected and the list will be sent out to members soon. Both the calendar and the proposed flies are however, not cast in stone, so if any member has an alternative suggestion, contact a committee member and a change will be considered.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
13 th January	Bass outing	Oasis dam	05h00
23 rd January	Monthly meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30
27 th January	Saltwater outing	Southbroom estuary	06h00
28 th Jan to 1 st Feb	Yellowfish outing	Sterkfontein Dam	TBA
10 th February	Saltwater outing	Pumula	06h00
12 th February	Fly tying Workshop	Steve's home	18h30
18 th February	Grub & travel meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00
22 nd to 24 th Feb	Bass outing	Lake Glencairn	TBA
27 th February	Monthly meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30
2 nd March	Prize giving	Steve's home	18h00

Coming Events.

Oasis Dam on Sunday 13th January, is the venue for our first bass outing of the year. The gate to the farm is locked, so we all have to go in together. Meet at the Toll Road Shell filling station at 05h00. If you miss the meeting, contact John (078203 4549) and arrange to meet somewhere. (**Note:** You had better have some "fines money" handy.)

The first monthly meeting at the **Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club is on Wednesday 23rd January at 18h00 for 18h30.** The change of date is because 6 members will be fishing Sterkfontein on the 30th. As usual we will braai after the meeting, so bring your "stukkies vleis."

The "grub and travel" meeting for those going to Sterkies, will be held on conclusion of the normal club business.

We have a **saltwater outing to the Southbroom estuary and beach on Sunday 27th January.** Be there any time before or after sunrise.

The Sterkfontein trip, which is fully booked, is from 28th January to 1st February.

A trip to **Lake Glencairn, in the Himeville district is on the cards for 22nd to 24 February.** This will primarily be a "bass culling" outing, as the owners want the bass removed from their trout dam. Arrangements regarding accommodation are sketchy at the moment, but full details will be given at the monthly meeting on 23rd January. The grub & travel meeting will be at the Ski Boat Club on the 18th February. Keep in mind that a trout outing to **Wattled Crane has been arranged for the weekend 22nd to 24th March.** Details will be given next month.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 27th March.

Outings to Maclear, Mount Arthur, The Potts, a dam in the Harding area, as well as a salt outing to Mynameni, on the Wild Coast, are also being considered, so watch this space.

Past Events held in January.

At the **fly tying workshop, held at Dean's home on Tuesday, 8th January**, we tied the **Sparkle Shrimp** and **Neil's Neutral Density Woolly Bugger**, which are the FotM for January. This is your last chance for you to get some points for the 2018 / 2019 fly-tying competition, so let's see a bumper entry. If you have not received the recipes and photos by the time that you read this, give Arthur a call.

On the subject of fly tying workshops, you will have noticed that the February workshop on the 12th, is being held at Steve's home, as Dean's place is no longer available. Venues for future workshops will be discussed at the meeting on 23rd January.

The first **Committee meeting was held at Steve's home on Wednesday 9th January.**

Flies for the 2019 / 2020 FotM competition were sorted out and the list will be circulated to members in due course. Thanks to David for his suggestions, some of which were chosen. If you are not satisfied with the flies selected by the committee, let's hear your alternative suggestions.

Meetings and outings up to the end of March have been tied up and this list will also soon be sent to members, so that your ducks can be herded into line.

No official club outings were organised over the Festive Season, but a couple of chaps fished Voight's dam for bass, with considerable success.

Pieter and the boys also did fairly well in the Umzimkulu River with scalies, before the rains muddied the water. There may well have been other successes, but the lines have been quiet I'm afraid.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Our three juniors, Liam, Justin and Pieter will be fishing the Protea Trials up in the 'Berg on the 12th and 13th January. We wish them tight lines.



The SCFA year closes at the end of January and prize giving is on 2nd March. If you want your catch to be in line for a prize, make sure that you have entered it in the Catch Register Book. Remember "If it is not in the book, it has not been caught."



I realise that the AGM, being held on 27th March is a long way ahead, but I know that you guys take a considerable time to mull things over, so I'm giving you a chance.

Dean is not available for re-election onto the committee for next year, so we are looking for volunteers to fill his spot. (Quit the laughing please!!)

If you think that it is time for you to repay a debt to SCFA, now is your opportunity.

Pay is good, hours minimal, side benefits are wonderful and you will be taught to deal with unwarranted complaints by pressing the "Delete" button.

Last Cast.

As I have often said in the past, this newsletter belongs to the members of South Coast Fly Anglers and to the non-member readers; the scribe merely panelbeats the submitted content into a rough shape. As such, it is up to you to provide the content.

Last year you guys did a super job of submitting articles and I'm sure that this year will be just as good. Tight lines to all and hope to see you at the meeting on the 23rd.

Cheers Arthur

