



## South Coast Fly Anglers



# NEWSLETTER January 2021

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### Preparing to cast.

Here goes with the first newsletter of this year. I sincerely trust that readers all had as Merry a Festive season as was possible under your individual circumstances. I also trust that you are ready to take on anything that 2021 may throw at you. With a positive attitude and a whole lot of care you should be able to add something good to this world.

This month we have a slightly revised list of coming events and a few snippets of fishing news from Pieter and from Steve.

While members are encouraged to attend as many of these as possible, your health and that of your family must take priority, so apologies will be accepted if you choose to avoid the meetings or outings.

### Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bass outing	Steve's dam	After 06h00
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Flytying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Saltwater outing	Rocky Bay	After 06h00
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Monthly meeting	'Tweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bass outing	Garlick's old dam	After 06h00
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Flytying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Saltwater outing	Trafalgar	06h00
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Monthly meeting	Tweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Prize Giving	Steve's home	16h00

### Coming Events.

Our first event of the year is a **bass outing to Steve's dam on Sunday 10th Jan.** The 'Kulu is currently too dirty for the scheduled scalie outing. Due to the curfew restrictions, an early start is out of the question, (except for Steve.) Drizzly weather is forecast, so we will not braai, but take a sarmie and your liquid refreshment supplies.

At the **fly-tying workshop, to be held at Neil's home on Wednesday 13th Jan.** we will tie the Gold Bead Bug and a freestyle Crazy Charlie.

**Rocky Bay is the venue for a salt water outing on Sunday 24th Jan.** After the hoped-for-action, we could go to a local restaurant for a bite to eat and a cup of coffee.

The **monthly meeting will again be at the Umtentweni Tennis Club on Thursday 28th Jan.** Bring your own meat for the braai, but even soft drinks must be purchased from the club.

**In the longer term:** When conditions improve, a scalie outing to a suitable venue will be organised at short notice, so keep an ear open for a call from Steve.

Prize giving will be held on Saturday the 6th of March, so the Catch Record Book for 2020 closes at the end of January. The Record Book will be available at the January monthly meeting.

Neil has booked his Quantani Time Share from Monday 15th to Friday 19th March. There are 5 places available and applications will be handled on first-come-first-served basis. Fishing will be from the bank. Contact Neil on 083 265 6608.

The AGM is scheduled for Thursday 25th March at the "Tweni Tennis Club.



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## **Past Events.**

### **Snippets for the newsletter.** Supplied by Pieter vd Merwe.

Before lockdown and once during lockdown Liam and his mate, (*and member-to-be? Ed*) Renier, took a trip to the Tweni River mouth. There are plenty of Glassies and a few Thornfish to take the fly.

One trip during lockdown they went down to Tweni beach and were rewarded with a Blacktip Kingfish each. The second attempt during lockdown some angry old white traffic officer with one short finger chased them home. They have not been back since.

Also before lockdown in December we went to Trevor Dunston's dam and were rewarded with lots of small bass. Liam 43, Renier 45 and Pieter 27. (Pieter was coaching and guiding Declan and Kayle. That explains his low numbers!!)

### **A trip to the Vaal river near Potchefstroom. Early November.....**

When you are young and have not much to do except chase fish, it does not take a lot of arm twisting to be convinced to go fishing on the Vaal River for Yellowfish.

This is what happened when Liam's friend phoned and told him to start packing.

So off they went, Pieter Stroebel and Liam to Gauteng to meet up with two Lukes for a week of fishing. The first day saw them off to Cradle Moon, which is a small game reserve near Muldersdrift, to catch large scale Yellows and Vlei Kurpers.

Then it was off to Oord Nebo, Wag n bietjie and Hackle to try and find the fish of a thousand casts, the Large Mouth Yellowfish.

Alas only one Large Mouth Yellow was caught by one of the Lukes.

There were plenty of other yellows around as well as Barbel and Muddies.

These fishing grounds are near Potchefstroom, and the boys used Oord Nebo as the base camp.

At Oord Nebo there are ample fishing spots, so driving and looking for fish is not a problem.

This of course happened before the lockdown when other kids were at RAVE and getting sick. Some youngsters still prefer to play outside.

### **Christmas break fishing.** By Stephen Brand.

Steve, Mike and Kevin fished my dam several times over the Christmas break and between us we caught over 70 bass on a variety of flies poppers, orange, red and green Paparoch tied by Steve. David, Marion and Ken came down the one day with friends and even my daughter Shannon put some time in and also cooked us a sterling breakfast.

On Sunday the 3rd January, Mike took Steve, Sean and Kevin up to his spot up at Gilbert Eyles dam below the wall and Sean got a few scalies and blue gills. Kevin caught one fish. The rest of us only had bites. We also spent about two hours in Oribi Gorge and Kevin and Sean had a knock each.

### **Flies of the Month.**

As mentioned above in Coming Events, the FotM for January are the freshwater Gold Bead Bug and a freestyle (colour of your choice) Crazy Charlie.) Recipes and photographs of these have been sent to members.

Flies for February are the saltwater Mylar Sprat and an Orange Paparoch, with which Steve has had quite a bit of success with bass lately.

No suggestions for flies for 2021 have been received from members, so we will have a short chat at the January meeting to get member's input. Please give this some serious thought, as we need a departure from our normal list of Charlie's and Deceivers etc.

**A sincere request.** Peter Arderne, who is the Northern Region secretary of FOSAF has asked for photos of KZN South Coast beaches, estuaries and of fish caught on fly. If any one can help, please drop him a line at >mwardern@mweb.co.za<

### **Last Cast.**

Fortunately for you there is little space for me to add much, other than to say, that I trust that members will again be as generous with articles in 2021, as they have been in the past. This makes the job of Scribe a mere "Cutter-and-Paster," rather than a full blown writer. Thanks guys, Arthur.

