



South Coast Fly Anglers



NEWSLETTER

March 2018

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Preparing to cast.

As you can see, the calendar has a list of events up to May, which gives you a chance to plan your life around supporting these events. (You are, after all, going to pay your subs, so why not take full advantage of the offerings.)

Events not to be missed are the trip to Kokstad on the 16th to 18th March. Don't miss the AGM on the 28th March of course. Oh yes, then there are the flytying workshops and other outings.

Hope to see you at them all. Cheers Arthur.

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
12 th March	Grub & travel meeting	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00
14 th March	Flytying workshop	Dean's home	18h30
16 th to 18 th March	Trout outing	Kokstad	TBA
24 th March	Salt water outing	Umtentweni beach	06h00
28th March	AGM	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30
4 th April	Committee meeting	John's home	18h00
9 th April	Grub & travel meeting	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00
11 th April	Fly tying Workshop	Dean's home	18h30
13 th to 15 th April	Trout outing	Matatiele Mountain Lake	TBA
22 nd April	Salt water outing	Nash	From 06h00
25 th April	Monthly meeting	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30
7 th May	Fly tying Workshop	Dean's home	18h30
14 th May	Grub & travel meeting	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00
18 th to 20 th May	Matatiele Trout Compo	Matatiele Mountain Lake	TBA
27 th May	Salt water outing	Southbroom Grannie's Pool	From 06h00
30 th May	Monthly meeting	Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30

Coming Events.

12th March. Grub & Travel meeting. This will, as usual, be held at the Ski Boat Club at 18h00. Menu and travel details for the trout trip to **Kokstad on the 16th to 18th** will be finalised.

14th March. As there is no Fly of the Month competition in March we will tie a Silver Minnow pattern that Mitch has found, the recipe of which will be sent out shortly. This is basically a freshwater pattern, but as Mitch says, could work equally well in the salt. Hope to see a good crowd at Dean's home on the second Wednesday of March.

16th to 18th March. Trout trip to Kokstad. So far, Ian, Keagan, John, Duval, Steve, Sean, Dean and Arthur have indicated that they are going. The Upper South Coast Fly Fishers may also join us, so it will be a good trip.

We will be accommodated in Darren's home in Kokstad and will be shown various dams in the area.

24th March. Salt water outing to 'Tweni beach. We very often get a touch or two from the 'Tweni Grannie's pool, so get there sometime after six o'clock and try your luck.



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28th March. Annual General Meeting at the Ski Boat Club. 18h00 for 18h30. Apart from the fines that will be dished out by the Master-at-Arms, this promises to be a very cordial affair. There will be no hidden surprises in the form of a coin dropped into your beer, and a subsequent commitment of 12 months on the committee!! Hope to see as good a turn-out as we usually get.

Recent outings and events.

Bass outing to Allan Dates dam. Sunday 18th February. By Stephen Brand.

Justin, Arthur, Stan, Ken, David, Marian and Steve all met at 6:30 opposite Izotsha School and proceeded down to the dam where they set up their kick boats and off on the water. Pat arrived late. Justin caught 4 tilarpia babies, smaller than his fly and a nice biggish, one under the tree at the spillway. Stan drew a blank; losing his touch. Steve caught one and lost one. Ken caught 3 bass and lost one. David drew a blank. Arthur caught a bass and a nice size tilarpia. Pat drew a blank. Most of us were off the water by 9:30 due to the north easterly that came up.

Monthly meeting. Wednesday 28th February. Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club.

Present: 16 members. It was great to see Duval Mouton there. We were beginning to think that you had done a flit.

Visitors: Hugh and Rob, who have both done a great deal of rock and surf, bass and ski boat fishing, but are only just beginning to learn how much fun fishing real can be! Hope to see your membership application forms at the AGM.

Apologies: Bianca and Duane, but as usual they popped in after the meeting. [They belong to the *working (and fishing) class you know.*]

Flies of the Month for January: Judged by Ian.

Freshwater: Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear: Arthur, Dean, John and Mitch.

Saltwater: K.D Killer Charlie: Dean, Mitch, David, John, Sean, Sean, Arthur, David.

General:

John mentioned that the Kokstad Flyfishing Club are wanting to increase their numbers and have asked SCFA members to join their ranks. They have a great management team in place and intend to pull the club back into shape. Membership is R550.00 per year and this gives members access to a large number of great dams in the area. (*I heard of a 10-and-a-half-pounder that came out of a dam in the Francolin area recently. Ed.*) Those going to Kokstad on the 16th will give a comprehensive report-back and SCFA members can then decide whether to join or not.

The Kokstad compo is on the 13th to 15th April and although this clashes with the SCFA proposed trip to Mountain Lake, SCFA will see if we can put a team together for this one.

After a discussion on the Government's proposed plans to declare trout an alien and invasive species, it was agreed that Arthur would draw up a letter to Dr Guy Preston, Deputy Director General of National Department of Environmental Affairs. This letter would be based on the one sent out by Ian Cox of the DFT club last month. A copy will be available at Prize Giving and SCFA members could add their signatures to this and it would be sent to Dr Preston. A copy would also be sent to Ian Cox, in order to keep him informed as to what SCFA were doing. SCFA members could, in addition, send their own personal letters of protest to Dr Preston.

(*This has been done and the reply that, I received is attached at the end of this newsletter. I'll keep SCFA members informed as to the reply to the "bulk" letter that was sent to Dr Preston on Sunday 4th March. Arthur*)

Prize Giving. Saturday 3rd March at the home of Stephen and Olga Brand. SCFA are extremely grateful to you both for opening up your home to the members. A total of nearly 30 members, spouses and family enjoyed a really super evening. We are also grateful that Phillipa Makepeace, (Umtamvuna scribe for The South Coast Herald Bonus newspaper,) could be there to take a couple of pictures.

She will also give SCFA a bit of a plug in the Wednesday 7th March edition of this publication. As they say "There ain't no such thing as "Bad publicity.""

A massive vote of thanks goes to the Manaba branch of Luckies, for the whole basket of goodies that were received as lucky dip prizes. Belinda and Olga also donated many bottles of appropriately hot chillie chutney

and jam. Thank you very much.



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The following members received the various trophies and Merit Certificates for their hard work during the past year: **Note: A huge vote of thanks must also go to the spouses and family of the prize winners, as they are the ones who normally sit at home, alone, while the anglers work their butts off at their vices or on the water.**

Most meritorious fish: Sakkie Mc Kay for a 2.5 kg small mouth yellow fish and a 2.4 kg brown trout..

2nd Most Meritorious fish: Ian Logie for a 2.4 kg rainbow trout.

3rd Most Meritorious fish: Dean Angove for a 2.0 kg garrick.

Most Prolific angler: John New with 84 fish caught and registered.

Most Improved Angler: David Schultz with 27 fish caught, comprising 5 species.

Freshwater Flytyer of the Year: Dean Angove with 22 points

Saltwater Flytyer of the Year: Arthur Cary with 29 points

Chris van Wyk Chairman's award: Neil Scott for a really stout effort in organising the highly successful trip to the Richtersveld.

Merit Certificates: Ken Schultz for a 1.3 kg black tip king fish and a 14cm wave garrick.

John New for most species caught: 10

Honorary membership awarded: John New. Has been Chairman for the last 7 years.

Stephen Brand. Has been the Treasurer for the last 8 years.

Note: The number of fish caught this year are down on those of previous years, due in part to tough fishing conditions at times, (blame th country-wide drought,) but also due to the fact that many members, who are known to catch many fish, do not enter their fish into the Catch Record Book and the club rule is" If it has not been entered, it was not caught." Chaps, let's give Sean, as Records Officer, some work to do next year and fill those catch records.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



The reply from Nemba regarding queries on the declaration of trout being alien and invasive, is attached. These answers should be read in conjunction with the questions, formatted by Ian Cox of the Durban Fly Tyers. Ian has been seriously involved in fighting the proposed regulations for a long time. If anyone would like a copy of these questions, please give me a shout.

Last Cast.

Please excuse the "tag on" of the letter from Nemba. I'm afraid that my hair is too short to, scan, copy, cut and paste their document and fit it neatly into the newsletter. I definitely belong to the ID 10 T class, when it come to computers.

Arthur.



From: "Nemba AISRegulations" <NembaRegs@environment.gov.za>
Date: 02 March 2018 03:24 PM
To: <caryaj@xsinet.co.za>
Subject: RE: Trout to be declared alien and invasive

Good afternoon Sir

Please find a response to your questions below:

1. Receipt and collation of comments is the responsibility of the branch. Subsequent to which the inputs together with recommendations on how best to deal with them is submitted to the Minister for approval.
2. The detailed lists and the regulations are sufficient information - if there is anything that is not clear please advise what additional information you would require.
3. The listing process was, in some cases, informed by the risk assessment whereas with some, the precautionary approach based on the invasiveness of that particular species elsewhere in the world in areas with similar climatic conditions was adopted. Some were informed by outcomes of stakeholder engagements and surveys conducted by various specialists. Some are adopted as in an effort to align our legislation with other relevant pieces of legislation so as to avoid contradicting information, which might ultimately confuse our various stakeholders.
4. Since there were a number of amendments to the regulations it is common drafting practice to rather replace the old set of regulations with a new one as this makes it easier for the public to peruse the regulations as a whole without having to work through a cumbersome amendment document. As with any amendments to laws the changes are to improve implementation and clarify any ambiguities and improve wording where necessary or insert new clauses where required. The public has an opportunity to comment on the full document and provide comments on any section which would be welcomed.
5. It is clear that listing invasive species fulfils a number of NEMA principles including the precautionary approach, protection of the environment for present and future generations, the environment held in trust, the polluter pays principles to name but a few, and to the extent that you are of the view these draft lists and regulations do not concur with any NEMA principles you are invited to make these comments which will be considered together with all other comments.

As much as I appreciate your need to get as much information as possible, I request that you note that we are receiving a number of inputs from other stakeholders and it will prove a bit difficult for me to engage people on an individual basis. Please, therefore, note that we are busy capturing all inputs received and will respond to all comments in a systematic way (after the closing dates for inputs) rather than engaging people on an individual basis, due to the number of comments received this would not be practical.

I trust you will find this in order.

Regards

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