



NEWSLETTER September 2020

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Preparing to cast.

Well, after not breaking too many lockdown rules for the past 5 months, SCFA are well and truly back in full swing, as you will see from the "Events Calendar" and "Past Events" in this edition of the newsletter. As mentioned in a brief note to members last month, we have a week-end outing to Mountain Lake planned for October and in November, hope to have a camping trip to Cape Vidal. Make sure that you take advantage of the openings while they lasts, as you never know when the officials will again cramp our style.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
9 Sept	Flytying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
11 th to 14 th Sept	Trout trip	Wattled Crane	TBA
20 th September	Scalie outing	Umzimkulu River	08h00
26 th Sept	Monthly meeting	Steve's home	16h00
5 th Oct	Grub & travel meeting	Neil's home	18h00
7 th Oct	Committee meeting	Neil's home	18h00
8 th to 12 th Oct	Trout trip	Mountain Lake	TBA

Coming Events.

At the fly-tying workshop to be held at **Neil's home on 9th September (18h15 for 18h30)** we will tie the Diawl Bath and the freestyle (any colour) Cockroach. Recipes have been sent to members. Hope to have a good turn-out for this, the first workshop, of 2020

John, Sakkie, Neil and Arthur are the confirmed candidates for the **Wattled Crane trip from 11th to 14th September**. If any one else is interested in going, contact John immediately. (078 203 4549.) Grub and travel arrangements were finalised at the AGM.

Meet at the stone gates a kilo or so west of Leopard Rock at **08h00 for the scalie trip to the Umzimkulu on Sunday 20th Sept**. We will braai after we catch our quota, so bring the necessary.

The **monthly meeting on Saturday 26th September is, at this stage, scheduled for Steve's home at 16h00**, but may change if the Ski Boat Club becomes available. Keep an eye open for an SMS from Steve in this regard.

The **Grub and Travel meeting on Monday 5th October (Neil's home) is in preparation for the trip to Matat. on Friday 8th October**. Contact John (078 203 4549) if you are interested in going.

Committee members are reminded of the meeting to be held at **Neil's home on Wednesday 7th October at 18h00**.

Past Events.

Saltwater outing to Southbroom Granny's pool. Sunday 23rd August. By John New.

Bill, Arthur and John arrived at Southbroom just before 7am.

After rigging up the rods we had a coffee then walked down to the beach. John started to fish at the pool with no results. Bill and Arthur walked on to the swimming beach and were trying, but the surf was big. John slowly moved South where he came across Sean and a new guy Anthony Shepard, who were fishing further south and had been fishing for some time.

Dick came down to check on the guys and Steve was also throwing a line.



This outing was not so bad as some fish were caught. Sean got 1 right at the end of the session, Anthony got 2 and lost 2, and in the process lost his stripping basket strap. John caught 3 and all the fish were Wave Garrick.

25th Annual General Meeting. Held at Steve's home. Trafalgar. Saturday 29th August.

Present: 14 members, plus visitor Kevin Bailey, who signed up there and then. Welcome to SCFA Kevin. As we always say, "May your stay with the club be a long and mutually beneficial one." This actually, to a large extent depends on how many club events you attend; in this case, "More is better."

Apologies: Ken, David, Dick, Bill, Pat, Mitch and Liam.

Minutes of the last AGM: Sean read the minutes of the 24th AGM held on Wednesday 27th March 2019. These were accepted by those present.

Chairman's Report: John opened the meeting by thanking Steve and Olga for hosting the AGM in their home. Members always enjoy the excellent hospitality, salads and puddings that are provided. Thank you. Steve, Olga and Belinda

He also thanked the committee and the members in general for making things happen and for taking part in so many of our events.

He reported that the club had again experienced a good year, at least the first 10 months were, then Covid stepped in to dampen our spirits somewhat. We were, however again on track and looking forward to seeing a few more of the less familiar faces at our outings, as in the past, it was always the same few chaps who attended the events.

An upcoming trip to Cape Vidal in November will offer members an opportunity to catch more species than the small wave garrick that we get in our home waters on a regular basis, so here is your chance to get fully involved.

Fly-tying at Neil's home has also improved the tying of the few who attend. He singled out Steve as one member whose tying has shown a vast improvement in the recent past. Attendance of these workshops is however, an area where we do not score well and will hopefully improve in the coming year.

Financial Report: Steve reported that the club's finances were again looking pretty healthy, after some heavy expenses in 2018/2019. He handed two Financial Reports to Arthur; one dated 29th February 2020 (the end of the SCFA financial year) and one dated 26th August 2020. (Current date.) If any member requires details of these, contact Steve or Arthur.)

Election of Committee: As there were no volunteers for election, last year's committee remains in loco, and will probably retain the same portfolios. (See the top of this newsletter.)

Flies of the Month for April, May, June, July and August.

It would appear that our members operate better when put under a bit of pressure as far as time restraints are concerned, as there was a very disappointing entry for the various months that were judged.

April: Judged by Piet **Freshwater: Mike's Scalie Killer:** Arthur, Sean, John.

Saltwater: Tom's Gully Fly: John, Arthur, Sean, Sakkie, Sakkie.

May: Judged by Neil **Freshwater: Bibio:** Arthur, Sean, John, Sakkie.

Saltwater: Half and Half: John, Arthur, Sean.

June: Judged by Warren. **Freshwater: Booby:** Arthur, Sean.

Saltwater: Anything But Chartreuse: Sean, Arthur.

July: Judged by Neil **Freshwater: Red Tag:** Sean, Arthur.

Saltwater: Maxi's Dog's Breakfast: Sean, Arthur.

August: Judged by Neil. **Freshwater: Hare's Ear Nymph:** John, Sean, Arthur.

Saltwater Lefty's Deceiver: Sean, Arthur.

(Note: Sakkie was heavily punished for submitting flies with barbs intact. His plea that his flies were tied according to the supplied recipes, (these show barbed flies, did not convince the members present and his excellent entries were penalised accordingly. Ed.)

Master at Arms:

Members had received their lists of transgressions that had been incurred during the 2019/2020 year and a number had paid up without a murmur. Included in these was brand new member, Kevin, who had a real baptism of fire when he was asked to cough up for not joining SCFA a few years ago, when he came down to the area..



Sakkie and Rob tried unsuccessfully to convince those present that they should not be fined. (*They had been warned that there was no absolutely possibility of them getting off. Ed.*)

Thank you very much for the R1200.00 that has been donated.. Those who have not yet done so, will be caught as the year goes on.

Arthur, who dishes out the fines and Steve, who collects the dosh, have long memories. These monies go towards club funds, which in turn are used for the benefit of members, so every one scores in the end.

General: Steve mentioned that he has a contact in the Underberg area, who runs the Valley Lakes Cottages resort. Although the price per night is a bit on the steep side, this area could be considered for a club outing at some stage. Watch this space and get onto the wagon before it starts rolling later in the year.

Piet announced that some years ago, Sakkie had donated a fly-tying box to Liam. This box had originated from a fly fisherman, who later became a Protea angler and was given to another angler who also attained his Protea colours.

Liam has now progressed to this level and has decided that Connor would be a worthy recipient. It is now up to you Connor, to carry on the tradition. Hope to see you at the workshops.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Members are reminded that subs were due in March, but this year have been given some grace, due to the lockdown. If you have not already done so, please make an effort to see Steve and pay him.

We are going to be a little more strict this year and if subs are not received by the end of September, your name will be removed from the notes and reminders that are sent out to members.

We have not had an increase in subs for a number of years and these remain at R110.00 for single membership and R160.00 for family membership. It is doubtful if there is a fly-fishing club in the whole world where you get so much for so little!!



A trout trip to Tierhoek in the Kamberg area. By Jaco Strauss.

Myself and my wife left on Tuesday the 11th of August and returned on Monday the 17th. We arrived just after 10am, unpacked and just after 13h00 I was off to the dam. I saw some fish cruising just off the bank; fished till about 18h00 with no action.

The next morning I was on the water at 6am with my kick-boat; it was freezing. After about an hour, I was on with my first rainbow hen of around 1.3 to 1.5kg (my scale didn't want to work.)

After this I fished every morning, afternoon and evening until it was dark, with my wife joining me occasionally on the kick boat and from the side.

Fishing was tough, but I managed to get 5 fish, the one being well over 2kg. (A nice Rainbow cockfish.) I also lost 5 fish during this time that broke me off.

Flies that worked were Black Woolly Bugger with purple flash, turquoise colour Zonker, Mrs Simpson and White Death.

Last Cast.

As the SCFA 2019/2020 year has finally come to an end, it is once again a real pleasure to say "A very big thank you" to all those members who have contributed to the newsletter since March last year. It is you folk who have made the newsletter what it is. Every month without fail you come up with the goods, which I merely put together.

I admit that the newsletter does not have a catchy title, does not contain fancy photographs and my text could often do with a lot of polishing, and for this I un-reservedly apologise, but the SCFA newsletter spells out what the committee have planned on the fishing front and it tells you what happened (or did not happen,) as the case may be.

Keep up the good work. We make an excellent team.

If there are any suggestions regarding, content or layout of the newsletter, please contact Arthur or any committee member or bring it up at the next meeting.

Cheers Arthur.

