



## South Coast Fly Anglers



# NEWSLETTER August 2022

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### Preparing to cast.

Once again, we have a cracker of a Calendar, up to the end of September, but only two short notes for the "Fishy story" section, I'm afraid. My apologies for this, but will try and source something better for next month.

Cheers Arthur.

### Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Salt water outing	Umtentweni beach	07h00
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Grub 'n travel meeting	Neil's home	After fly tying
19 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Salt water outing	St Lucia	TBD
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Scaley outing	Oribi Gorge	07h00
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Committee meeting	Dick's home	18h00
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Grub 'n travel meeting	Neil's home	After flytying
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Trout outing	Silver Streams	TBD
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30

### Coming Events.

**On Sunday 7th we have the saltwater outing to Umtentweni Beach.** Be there at any time before or after 7. No braai facilities, so bring your sarmies and liquid refreshments.

**The Fly tying workshop as normal at Neil's home on Wednesday 10th Aug. at 18h15.** We will be tying Tom's Gully Fly and the freshwater Stimulator. By the time that members read this, they should have received recipes and photos of both flies. The **Grub 'n Travel meeting for the trip to St Lucia** will be held after the workshop, so if you are a candidate for this outing, be there.

Because chaps will still be in St Lucia on the last Thursday of August, **the monthly meeting has been moved to Thursday 1st September. 'Tweni Tennis Club at 18h00 for 18h30.**

Next month's newsletter will only be sent out after the **Committee meeting, being held at Dick's home on 7th Sept.** As has been said *ad infinitum*, if you have a preferred venue for an outing, drop me a line or contact a committee member before this meeting.

### Past Events.

**Estuary outing to Umzimkulu mouth. Sunday 10th July.** By Arthur Cary.

For the pure statisticians among the readers, here are the bare facts of this outing.  
**5 anglers. No fish.** Cheers.

For those readers who care to read on, welcome.

Steve managed to drag Kevin out of bed and joined John, Warren and Arthur on a cool morning, with the wind coming down the valley, dropping the temperature a few extra degrees. Sean and a pal Mike, called in, saying that they were off to Southbroom. *(Sean, methinks the Master at Arms will consider that is a fineable offence, even if you did get a couple of fish down south. Ed)*



After the obligatory cup of coffee, we all worked our separate ways along the water's edge from the car park around to the mouth. (there were numerous rises, including the occasional large sized fish that would clear the water. If they were mullet, something was surely chasing them?) The mouth was totally unfishable due to a screaming outgoing tide and tons of seaweed being washed around.

The surf was also not ideal, as every other wave stood up, threatening to turn the unwary angler upside down. *(Good thing that you gave this outing a miss, Ken!! Ed)*

Back to the mouth, just upstream of the bridge, conditions had improved with the incoming tide, but still a total lack of action; (the lone bait angler who came along, also blanked.)

The late arrival of Dick, did unfortunately not change our luck, although Steve did have one good tug that took his 3x tippet and a red and white Charlie in one hard knock. Steve says that this pull was a better one than that delivered by many Wattled Crane trout.

Back to the car park for an extra cup of coffee, a sarmie or two and the normal solving the problems of the world. Oh well, when the water warms up a bit, the next time will be better. That's a promise.

### **Saltwater outing to Ramsgate. Sunday 24th July.** By John New.

I got there at 7, with Sean and Stacy arriving soon after. We put our rods together and went off to the surf, where the south westerly wind was not too strong at that stage. Ken and David, who had been there since 06h00 were fishing below the bank on the south side, as this was more protected from the wind, which was quickly picking up..

Sean and I started fishing the northern side, towards the outcrop of rocks. Neil and Steve arrived and so did the wind. It became extremely difficult for us right handed casters and even the back cast could not be controlled with any degree of accuracy.

As no fish had been caught we decided to head back to the car park and have a cup of coffee. *(Neil and Steve had not even unpacked their tackle, wisely deciding to enjoy their coffee and a chat instead. Ed)*

Sean headed further south, but he too blanked, as did the members who had opted to fish Southbroom from the start. *(The next outing to Umtentweni on Sunday 7th August may prove to more productive. At least it can't be any worse. Even a spot of rain would be welcome!!!! Ed)*

### **Monthly Meeting. Thursday 26th July. Umtentweni Tennis Club.**

**Present:** 9 members    **Apologies:** Dick, Sakkie, Pieter, Liam, Mitch, Dean, Jaco, Kevin, Mike.

**Visitor:** Matt Dickens.

**Flies of the Month:** Judged by Ian

**Saltwater: Clacker Clouser:** Neil, Sean, John, Arthur, Neil.

**Freshwater: Marabou and Copper:** Arthur, Neil, Neil, Sean, John.

### **Coming Events:**

A full list of Coming Events, up to the end of September, is given in events Calendar. Be there for them all and you won't miss out on any of the action.

### **General:**

Neil and Steve each gave short accounts of their respective recent visits to St Lucia and Cape Vidal.

On one particular day, at St Lucia, Neil managed to catch 4 shad on a #8 Surf Candy. Although they all exceeded the legal length of 30 cm, the hoard of bait and spoon anglers were getting the bigger fish, so he switched to a #6 Candy and blanked immediately. Not a touch. Back to the #8 and he was immediately on, getting another 3 fish in short succession.

As usual, the fish were concentrated in a tight shoal in water only half a metre deep and it was quite a challenge dodging the sinkers and spoons being thrown with gay abandon.

During his stay, Steve managed and Angel Fish and 8 Wave Garrick for his troubles, before heading off to iMfolozi and Hluhluwe for some rather sparse game viewing. All in all a great time away for all.

Visitor Matt told us a bit about himself. He is a Chiropractor, having moved down from Durban in November and is now resident in Uvongo.



He drift-guided for yellow fish on the lower Orange River for a couple of years and has fished the Natal midlands extensively, as he lived there for a number of years.

*(Matt, we look forward to receiving your completed application form, and Steve really looks forward to receiving your subs!!!! Ed.)*

**Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.**



The Complete Fly Fisherman magazine was originally published monthly, then bi monthly and is now available in a 3 month edition for R180.00 from Ramsgate Stationers, situated in the Shelly mall. A fair deal, if you are into glossy magazines that contain well written articles on fly fishing all over the world.



Members who were not present at the last monthly meeting, missed out on the sale of dumbbell eyes, that Rhett Rheeder had given to Dick Sorry you lost, as all but the huge ones were snapped up in an instant

**Last Cast.**

It would appear that the salt water fish have headed off to pastures new for the time being, as members of SCFA have had scant rewards for their efforts in local waters for a long time.

Even the local bait anglers are not trying very hard and except for the occasional big loner that is caught, most outings result in a blank. As they say, "Aanhou wen," so I suppose that we must just keep trying and if we don't catch, enjoy the moment anyway. Cheers for now. Hope to see you on the beach.

Arthur.

