



South Coast Fly Anglers



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Preparing to cast.

First off, there is good news to start the SCFA 2023 newsletters. The fact that you are reading this, shows that you have survived another Festive Season. Your liver now has a short period in which to recover, before you start the next round of abuse.

More good news is that we have a full calendar with which we begin the new year. Check out the Coming Events for the coming months and take your pick. There is, I am sure, enough variety to suit all tastes.

Only one article on an outing, but I'm sure that our regular correspondents will see that we have a full newsletter next month.

The last spot of good news is that there is no bad news. Enjoy.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
8th January	Salt water outing	Mbizane Estuary/Ramsgate Beach	07h00
11th January	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15
22nd January	Bass Outing	Dunston's dam Murchison	07h00
26th January	Monthly Meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
7th February	Special Committee meeting	John's home	18h0
8th February	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15
12th February	Bass Outing	Saxonholme Dam Murchison	07h00
23rd February	Monthly Meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
26th February	Salt water outing	PO Strand	07h00
1st March	Committee Meeting	John's home	18h00
4th March	Prize giving	Steve's home	17h30

Coming Events.

We have a **salt water outing to the Mbizane Estuary on Sunday 8th January**. You can either fish the estuary from the bank or from a kick boat or try the surf on the Ramsgate beach. We will have a braai after fishing, so bring the necessary.

Neil's home is again the venue for the **fly-tying workshop on Wednesday 11th January**. We will be tying the salt water Gully Bugger and the freshwater Back Water Bass Bent Back Fly. As usual, recipes have been sent to members. If you do not have the required materials, come along anyway and bum some from one of your mates. No extra charge!!!

There is a bass outing to **Trevor Dunston's dam in Murchison, on January 22nd at 07h00** or earlier if you like. Bring your sarmies.

The **monthly meeting is at the 'Tweni Tennis Club on Thursday 26th January**. Bring the necessary for the usual braai. This is your last opportunity to enter the FotM competition for 2022/23, so bring your Gully Bugger and Backwater Bass Bent Back flies to ensure that you don't miss out. Don't forget to complete the Catch Register Book, as this is your last opportunity for 2022/23.

Once again, there will be a selection of back-copies of The Complete Fly Fisherman magazine for members to peruse and to take. Hope to see a good turn-out.

There is a **special committee meeting at John's home on Tuesday 7th February** to sort out the prize winners for 2022.



Past Events.

Bass outing to Voigt's Dam. Sunday 11th December 2022. By Steve Brand.

John arrived around 6 am, followed by Steve. The heavens opened and John was keen on turning for home, but I managed to convince him to stay and have coffee. Ten minutes later the heavens cleared and we decided to fish.

We quickly put our kick boats together and were on the water in no time. John and I had caught a couple of fish when Mitch arrived, followed by Rob. Ten am on the dot, as we came off the water the heavens again opened and John got caught by the heavy downpour as he was fishing along the wall and he soon came off.

Mitch got caught at the far end of the dam and had to do a power kick to get back, but not before he was thoroughly drenched. Rob and Steve started the fire in the shelter of the lapa.

John finished with 7 on his Go-to Orange Fly, a Popper and a Dragon Fly thing. Steve got 8 on a Popper and a Green Woolly Bugger. Rob caught 1 on an Orange Surf type fly, while Mitch landed 9 on a Purple Jacaranda Fly, before heading home. Steve Rob and John stayed for a most enjoyable braai.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Ex member, Gerald Mc Cay, who now lives in Mbango Valley Retirement Village, still has some fly-fishing equipment that he wants to get rid of. Contact him on 083 324 6128 or on gerald.sue.mccay@gmail.com



Thanks to those who submitted flies for consideration for the 2023/24 Fly-Tying Competitions; we had a better-than-expected response. Thank you.

Flies selected by the committee will be sent out under a separate mail, so that you can file your copy for reference during the coming year.



Had a call from Pat Leary during the Festive Season. He is well, but frustrated in Cape town, and sends sincere regards to all.

He has not fished much since he settled there, as the fresh water vleis and pans around False Bay are so polluted that fishing them is a risk that is not worth taking.



As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the SCFA competition year ends at the end of January. To ensure that you have sporting chance of winning one of the many prizes that are up for grabs, make sure that you enter the January FotM competition and that you complete the Catch Record book, which will be available at the January meeting.

Prize giving is on Saturday 4th March at Steve's home, but more details of that will be given in next month's newsletter.



If you attended the monthly meeting in November, you should have received a raffle list; if you do not have one, contact Pieter now and get one. (083 543 7005) Please ensure that you hand in your completed list **and the full amount of R 125.00 at the January monthly meeting.** Steve and Piet really do not want to be running around on prize giving night finalising the raffle list.



A reminder that the AGM is looming, end of March actually, and time to decide who you would like to lead to SCFA for the coming year. The current committee has been in office for a good many years and even though you may think that they are still doing an excellent job, remember that, "Too much of a good thing is a bad thing"

Last Cast.

Well, folks, that is about it for this month. Cheers Arthur.

