



NEWSLETTER October 2022

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Preparing to cast.

This month we again have three short reports on outings but, as usual, not a huge total of fish to enter into the catch record book. Not a major problem anymore, as we are now used to blank days!!!
We had a good monthly meeting with 12 members present, including new members, Mike and Toi Skellern and Matt Dickens. Welcome to you all. Enjoy what SCFA has to offer and you will be sorry that you did not join SCFA years ago. Cheers Arthur.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
5 th October	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
9 th October	Scaly outing	Oribi Gorge	08h00
27 th October	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
30 th October	Salt water outing	Impenjati	07h00
2 nd November	Committee meeting	Steve's home	18h00
11 th to 14 th November	Trout outing	Silver Streams	07h00
16 th November	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	After flytying
24 th November	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30

Coming Events.

As you see, we have the **fly tying workshop at Neil's home on Wednesday 5th October.**

Oribi Gorge is the place to be from 08h00 on Sunday 9th October to catch a scaly or two. Bring your R35 entrance fee and a sarmie and liquid refreshment.

As usual, the **monthly meeting is at the 'Tweni Tennis Club on Thursday 27th October.** Flies that will be judged are the freshwater Hi Viz Midge and the saltwater Prince of Tide. Photos and recipes have been sent to members.

There is a salt water outing to Impenjati on Sunday 30th October. Braai facilities are available, so bring the necessary. We will fish the surf and the estuary (I don't think that it is advisable to fish from kick boats.)

The trout outing to Silver Streams is being held from Friday 11th November to Monday 13th November. If you did not attend the September meeting, and want to be included in this trip, give Steve a ring on his cell phone now. (082 551 9010)5

Past Events.

Scaly outing to Oribi Gorge. Sunday 4th September. By Arthur Cary.

Ken, David, Pieter, Liam, Neil, Dick, Steve and Arthur fished the Umzimkulwana River at the Oribi Gorge picnic site for a good few hours on a glorious Sunday morning. The fish obviously thought that it was a good day to go on diet, so few rose to our offerings.

Pieter got one on a black tadpole imitation, just below the bridge, while Liam went further downstream, where he managed to winkle out four on various flies.

As you see from the Events Calendar, we are back there on Sunday 9th October. The water would have warmed up a tad, so fishing should be more productive this time around. Be There.



Bass outing to Dunston's Dam. Paddock. Sunday 25th September. By John New.

A short note on Sunday's outing. Only Steve and myself fished, Steve from the bank and me on the kick boat. Lots of fish were caught, but all on the small side. There was, however, a big bloke that was after the many small bass that I hooked, but he never actually took one of them, and was not interested in my fly when I tried to catch him.

We stopped fishing at about 10 and had a Heritage Day braai. The weather was good, with a light breeze and thin cloud to block the sun. It was a good to fish and to actually catch some fish, even though they were small.

Scaly outing to Ingulube bush Camp on Umkomaas River. Saturday. 24th September. By Sean Tharratt

Neil, Sean and Stacey went up on the Saturday morning to Ingulube bush camp, 20km inland from Umkomaas to check out the spot and fish the Umkomaas river for scalies.I

It is a rustic camp, but all the ablution facilities you need are there. We stayed in wooden cabins and there is a small camping ground, if you prefer to camp. There is a nice braai area and fire pit to sit around.

The fishing area is very big, there are lots of pools and rapids, with slow and faster water in deep and shallow sections and they are easy to get to.

The owner of the camp caught a nice carp and two scalies on bait and his friend caught a decent sized barbel. Sean caught 4 scalies on Saturday and lost 2 in the 25cm to 30cm range. On Sunday Sean caught 5 scalies biggest was 24cm. We didn't catch anything big, but there were fish splashing all around us, so they are there. One just has to figure out how to trigger a bite, by fishing different methods.

Stacey was the photographer for us and enjoyed the scenery. Neil caught a small scalie and lost one when his second fly got snagged. It is a good spot with potential and I will definitely go back and fish the area again.

Another plus is that there were no mozzies when we were there, a bonus if one is staying outdoors.

Monthly Meeting. Thursday 29th September. Umtentweni Tennis Club.

Present: 12 members **Apologies:** Sakkie, Stan, Dean, Jaco, Ian, Dick, Mike Kirkham, Kevin, Conner and Liam.

Flies of the Month: Judged by Mike Skellern

Saltwater: Whistler: Neil, Arthur, Neil, Sean.

Freshwater: Zak: Neil, Sean, Neil, John, Sean, Steve, Arthur.

Coming Events:

A full list of Coming Events, up to the end of November, is given in the Events Calendar. (See above.) There are a couple of changes compared to the calendar published last month, so have a good look and book your spot.

General:

Arthur had a call from Bill, who sends regards to all. He is missing the fishing, but gradually settling into life in the retirement village.

New member Mike Skellern gave a resume of his fishing history and it sounds as though he and his wife Toi, will fit into SCFA quite easily.

Sean and Neil gave a short summary of their fishing for scaleys on the Umkomaas River, last week end. Accommodation is definately "Rustic. Very rustic" and Neil says that camping is a better option. (See article above)

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Ex member, Gerald Mc Cay, who now lives in Mbango Valley Retirement Village, has a kick boat for sale. Contact him on 083 324 6128.





The float tube that Bill donated to the club is also still available. Contact Arthur for a viewing.



SCFA has a bundle of Complete Fly Fisherman magazines that have been donated by ex member John Gibbon. There are copies from bygone days, as well as those of more recent times. If anyone wants a particular article, give Arthur a shout and you may be lucky.

About 20 magazines will be available for perusal and to take home, at each monthly meeting.



The road between Sheppie and Kokstad is under repair at present and there are at least two sections where one can wait up to 10 minutes, so you would be wise to factor this into your travelling time, if you plan to fish Kokstad or Matat in the near future.

Last Cast.

As you see from the Events Calendar, we have a number of outings in the pipeline and a couple look very promising indeed, both from a results point of view, as well as promising a "lekker time."

Make sure that you are part of the action and not the one who says "I wish that I had joined that group."

See you on the water. Cheers Arthur.

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