



## South Coast Fly Anglers



### NEWSLETTER

### July 2018

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#### Preparing to cast.

Much preparation needed for this month. Shad are on the bite at many accessible spots, so get your tackle out and give it a go. Study the calendar, be at the outings, the flytying workshop and get yourself to the meeting on July 25th. Hope to see you at all of them and tight lines to you all. Arthur.

#### Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Saltwater outing	Southbroom Grannie's Pool	06h30
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Fly tying Workshop	Dean's home	18h30
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Grub & travel meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00
20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Trout outing	Wattled Crane	TBA
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Monthly meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Committee meeting	Sean's home	18h00 for 18h30
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Saltwater outing	Sunwich Port	06h30
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Fly tying Workshop	Dean's home	18h30
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Grub & travel meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00
17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Trout outing	Mountain Lake	TBA
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Monthly meeting	Ski Boat Club	18h00 for 18h30

#### Coming Events.

Our saltwater outing is once again to the **Southbroom Grannie's Pool on Sunday 8th July**. Meet in the car park or on the beach, at any time after 06h30. This area looks really good and could be very productive on the incoming tide. (Low at 05h22.) There are plenty of shad around, so we could get lucky. Be prepared.

At the **flytying workshop, which will be held at Dean's home on Tuesday July 10th**, we will be tying the freestyle Baby Doll and the Grunter Charlie. As usual, you should have received the recipes of both flies by the time that you read this. If not, contact Arthur now.

If you intend fishing **Wattled Crane over the weekend of 20th to 22nd July**, make sure that you attend the **grub and travel meeting at the Ski Boat Club on Monday 16th at 18h00**.

The **monthly meeting** will, as always, be held at the **Ski Boat Club on Wednesday 25th July at 18h00 for 18h30**.

At the **committee meeting, to be held at Sean's home on Wednesday 1st August**, the committee will draw up a list of events and venues for the next couple of months. If any member has any proposals or suggestions for an outing, please discuss it at the monthly meeting or drop a line to a committee member.



Past Events.

Saltwater Outing to Pumula Beach. Sunday 10th June. By Sean Tharratt.

Sunday morning we were expecting a strong south westerly wind, as we heard it was going to be blowing, but to our surprise the wind was quiet. Sean and visitor Michael Naude from Pretoria were first to arrive, followed shortly by John and Arthur, followed by Steve. Bill popped in later for a few minutes, to say hello.

The weather was splendid. I must say we are getting spoilt lately on these saltwater outings. We rigged up tackle and set out and had a few casts in the bay, which was a bit shallow at some spots and the water was very calm. Sean went out onto the rocks looking for deeper, rough water. Having a few casts with no takes, he joined the rest of the guys on the beach. We spread out and started working the surf, with no success near the car park, so we continued up the beach. Sean decided to walk down the beach looking for rougher water hoping for a wave garrick. He found a nice rocky area in the surf with channels in between and decided it looked like a good spot and made a cast. First cast, the fly just touched the water and Bang! Fish on. Giving a good tussle, thinking it was a large wave garrick, the fish was brought ashore and to his surprise a nice shad. Sean made a few more casts thinking that shad must have been lost or maybe we might have found the shad, was onto another shad. Sean picked up his phone and gave Steve a call to let the guys know to come up the beach as there might be more shad there. After a few more casts Sean got another shad, just as Arthur arrived. Arthur made a few casts and he also was onto a shad. Soon the other guys arrived and after a few casts they all hooked into some shad as well. Seeing the shad coming out, the bait fisherman soon arrived, not crowding us too much, but as the morning went on, they became too many crowding the one spot where the shad were hanging around and we decided to call it quits.

All in all it was a pleasant outing. Flies that worked were chartreuse Crazy Charlie's, chartreuse Clouser, white Charlie and small chartreuse Clouser with blue in.

Sean 3 shad

Arthur 2 shad, 1 moony

John 5 shad

Michael 2 shad

Steve.....0 In Steve's defence his tackle was a bit too heavy and his shoulder tired quickly...

Steve will get them next time.

*(On inspection, Steve's Mylar Sprat had been stripped of all the mylar, leaving only the thread dressing, so something toothy had been having a good chomp.*

*Interestingly, while all anglers used only nylon traces, no one was bitten off. Ed.)*

Trout Outing to Glen Garry. Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th June. By John New.

Seven club members took advantage of the free trip to Lake Glencairn. Steve organized the outing with Luckys in Manaba.

Steve, Sakkie, Sean and Mitch travelled together. Pieter, Liam, Deklin and John traveled together, after leaving at 6.30 on Friday morning on the 22 June, we stopped for breakfast at Pucketty farm stall, just outside Underberg.

We got to the lake at about 11.00 and off loaded our kit, then went to the dam to put our kick boats together. We fished all afternoon with only Liam catching a small rainbow, Mitch and Sakkie each had a knock. Sean went all the way up to the top dam wall, but was kicking through weed for most of the way.

Most of us were off the water at about half past 4, as it was getting cold and we needed to warm up. The accommodation was good with good beds, good fire places and enough dry wood. Steve had made bean soup for supper, which was well appreciated with the usual results.



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Saturday dawned with frost over everything. While loading stuff into the truck, I slipped and twisted my ankle, which made me a grumpy chap for the rest of the time. Piet sight-fished to 2 fish along the wall and caught 1, then caught 1, a while later, which meant that the van der Merwes were the only guys to catch. Sean was on the water at 5 on Sunday, but without success.

Unfortunately we had TV and stopped to watch the rugby. Although the evening braai was good, the loss put a damper on the occasion.

Sunday was another good day, with very little wind but the fishing was still poor. Although the dam had been stocked, it may be that there was a lot of food for the fish for them not to chase our flies. The river is very shallow now, as there was not much flow over the dam spillway.

Maybe when we go to try to drop the Bass numbers the fishing will improve.  
*(Apparently there are bass in the trout lake and SCFA have been asked to try and get rid of as many of these as possible. When the weather warms up, another trip to this venue will be organised, with this objective in mind. Ed)*

**Monthly meeting.** Wednesday 27th June. Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club.

**Present:** 10 members.

**Apologies:** Pat, Ken, David, John, Mitch, Liam, Duane, Bianca and Neil. (Neil arrived right just as the meeting ended, having been caught in the Durban traffic.)

**Flies of the Month for April:** Judged by Sakkie.

**Freshwater: Beaded Orange Hot Spot Nymph:** Dean, Dean, Sean, Arthur, Bill.

**Saltwater: Zambezi Killer:** Dean, Bill, David, David, Arthur, John.

**General:**

Piet and Sean respectively gave short reports on the Glen Garry and Pumula outings.

Although the club sponsored the Glen Garry outing to the tune of R3000.00, Steve has still managed to retain a healthy bank balance. Shows what a Michaelhouse education can do for a man!!!! Well done Steve.

Piet has booked the Wattled Crane cottage for the week-end of the 20th July and will sort out accommodation details with Shane for the Mountain Lake Challenge on the 17th to 19th August.

**Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.**

 SCFA members have been notified of the oil exploration meeting scheduled for the 10th July at the Marburg Library at 10h30.

Non members who have an interest in the proposed drilling, should make an effort to attend, if only to keep yourself informed. We can only hope that this meeting takes place, as the previous one, scheduled for Friday 15th June at the Venture Inn, did not happen. No official explanation given, but word has it that the organisers did not have answers to questions asked at a previous meeting

 Durbanite readers have not been excluded, as a similar meeting is scheduled to be held at the Austerville Hall (Johnsone Road) in Wentworth on Thursday 12th July at 10h00.

**Last Cast.**

Enough moans from me over the past two months, so fluit-fluit my storie is uit.

Cheers Arthur