



South Coast Fly Anglers



NEWSLETTER April 2022

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Preparing to cast.

Well you only have yourselves to blame for not kicking me out when you had the opportunity at the AGM, so now you are stuck with me as scribe for a while longer. Sorry you lost!

This month we have a calendar of events up to the end of May, a number of reports on what the club members have been up to in the last month, a report on the AGM, as well as few notices in the "Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories" section. Hope to see you at Trafalgar on the 3rd of April. Cheers Arthur.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
3 rd April	Salt water outing	Trafalgar	06h00
13 th April	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
24 th April	Fresh water outing	Voigt's dam. Paddock	07h00
28 th April	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
4 th May	Committee meeting	Pieter's home	1800
11 th May	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
15 th May	Fresh water outing	Umzimkulu River	08h00
26 th May	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
29 th May	Salt water outing	Umzimkulu River Estuary	07h00
15 th June	Fly tying Workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
30 th June	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
6 th July	Committee meeting	Neil's home	18h00

Coming Events

In an effort to get some local saltwater action, we will fish **Trafalgar on Sunday 3rd April**. No braai facilities are available, so bring your sarmies and liquid refreshments. Be there from early!

The **Fly Tying Workshop is at Neil's home on 13th April**. We will tie the saltwater Salty Bugger and the freshwater Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear. Recipes of both flies have been circulated to members.

Bass fishing is on the cards at **Voigt's dam for Sunday 24th April**. We will braai afterwards, so bring the necessary.

Once again the **'Tweni Tennis Club is the venue for the monthly meeting on Thursday 28th April**.

At the **committee meeting, to be held at Pieter's home on 4th May**, events for the next couple of months will be sorted. If you have a particular venue that you would like to visit, have a chat at the meeting on the 28th April.

Past Events.

Prize Giving function. Held at the home of Steve and Olga. Saturday 5th March.

Those of you who did not attend the 27th Annual Prize Giving of South Coast Fly Anglers, held at the home of Steve and Olga, really missed out on a very pleasant evening.

Thank you for the slick organisation by John and his team. Super prizes, organised by Steve from Luckies, Explorer and elsewhere, as well as dozens of bottles of marmalade and pickles from Belinda, ensured that all those present received at least one lucky dip prize. Steve also handed out measuring tapes, donated by Pieter, which are much appreciated.

Great salads produced by the wives of committee members and by Neil and super puddings from Olga and Shannon, resulted in a spread fit for the 20 odd dolls and guys who attended. As usual, a great fire saw that we had a really good braai.

Sakkie and Stan were unfortunately (or fortunately) not there, so no one's wors, steak or chops landed on the floor!!!!!! Maybe next time.



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Sean once again scooped most of the prizes, doing even better, than he did at the last prize giving. He received prizes for the Most Fish caught, (194) for the Most Species caught, (11, which included, brown and rainbow trout, bass, tilapia, barbel, small mouth and large mouth yellow fish, scalie, moonie, wave garrick and shad,) also for the Most Meritorious Fish, a large mouth yellow fish of 57 cm in length, Merit Certificates for his 55 cm long barbel and a rainbow trout of 51 cm in length, as well as the trophies for winning the Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Tyer of the Year competitions.

Neil Scott received the coveted Chris van Wyk Chairman's Award; this for his untiring and meticulous organisation of outings to the Orange River, Sterkfontein and to Cape Vidal during the past year.

Kevin was rightfully adjudged to be the Most Improved Angler for 2021.

Stan took the prize for the 2nd Most Meritorious Fish, a rainbow trout of 2.6 kg.

Ian and Steve received Merit Awards for their catches of a 2.2 kg small mouth yellow fish and a rainbow trout of 54 cm, respectively.

The raffle of flies tied by members during the past year was won by Kevin Bailey, Jaydon Kolmer (ticket sold by Jaco) and by Liam vd Merwe, respectively.

This year shows conclusively that to win prizes you have to do the work, whether it be in catching fish or in tying flies, but remember that the job is not done until the paper work is finished. A number of anglers caught fish, both in impressive numbers and in size, but many of these catches do not appear in the record books. According to SCFA rules, if it has not been recorded, it has not been caught.

Trout outing to Wattled Crane. Friday 12th to Monday 14th March. By Stephen Brand.

Friday.

Steve, Mike and Kevin left 6:15 am, took slow drive up. At Karg's Post, the river was in flood; 30 cm plus in places, then on to the Wattled Crane bridge, just over the railway line also in flood; about 60 cm deep. We proceeded on up the hill, road very bad; took us about an hour to get to the cottage. Water was clean and one could see about a metre down.

Mike was quick off the mark with eight nice fish, averaging 40 cm and one of 51 cm. Kevin lost four and Steve got one of 43 cm and one of 35 cm. Load shedding was kind to us; I think they forgot to turn us off. Braai and salad for supper

Saturday.

Mike got six, measuring 40 cm plus; water was calm until 13h00 and the easterly came up. Kevin got two of 41 cm and 45 cm. respectively

Steve got a beauty of 64 cm (2.4 kg,) one of 48 cm and 4 measuring between 35 cm to 44 cm

Very productive day. Curry for supper.

Sunday

We were on the water around 6 am; mist was covering the water. Mike went up to the wall and got two fish of 40 cm plus and then one up near the fence and two nice ones at the top end. Kevin caught a 44.5 cm fish in the top end. Steve got one of 58 cm, one of 48 cm, one of 38 cm and one of 34 cm. Ten fish for the morning session.

The afternoon session, with rumbling skies was not as productive. Mike only got two fish, Steve lost one and Kevin managed to get his fly line around the prop, while looking out for the water pipe and had to do surgery to repair it. Beef stew for supper. Rain started with lightning and thunder at 17h00.

Monday.

Decided to leave early due to rain. Had to use detour on D 362 as the river was in flood.

Mike ended on 21, Steve on 12, Kevin 3. The most effectives flies were the Woolly Bugger and Paparoch. All fish returned alive and well.

Trout outing to Wattled Crane. Friday 18th to Monday 21st March. By Stephen Brand.

Steve, Arthur, John, Mitch and Stan left Paddock around 6:20 am and headed up to the lake, arriving around 9:10am. Water was beautiful. (*Temperature was a tad above ideal, at 20 deg C. Ed*)

John was on the water first, followed by Arthur and Stan. Steve on the other hand broke a valve on one of the pontoons, tried to repair it with Mitch and Stan, to no avail, which left him to use the boat. The easterly wind got up at 16:00. Steve finished off with 7 in the 34 cm to 54 cm range, Mitch and John got 1 each, while Arthur netted 4 and Stan bagged 5.



Saturday

Stan was first on the water followed shortly by the others. Steve only went out later. Stan netted 7, Mitch got 5, John and Arthur got 3 each, while Steve blanked.

Most of us came in when the rain started around 17:00, but Arthur decided his rain coat would keep him dry. *(It did not! Ed.)*

Sunday.

Arthur was the early bird, followed Stan and John: Mitch and Steve much later. Arthur got 3. Mitch got 1, John blanked, Stan got 4, of which one weighed 2.3 kg and Steve blanked; he however lost 3 beuts. The fish were just not hungry.

Monday.

Arthur was off with a speed wobble, followed by Stan and John. Steve and Mitch bailed the boat out of about 100 litres of water from the rain of the previous evening and decided that was enough exercise for the day.

Stan and Arthur caught 2 each, but John, Steve and Mitch unfortunately blanked.

We packed up and headed home. Steve got stuck and Arthur had to pull him out. All got home safely

Final tally. Stan 18. Arthur 12, John 4, Mitch and Steve 7 each. Total 48.

(Flies and colours that did the trick, included Speed Cops, Montana as well as Bill's Bastard and a small green and black nymph on a floating line. John, however, tried over 100 flies of his vast selection, but could not find the winning combo.

A word of warning to would-be visitors; the road is currently in extremely poor condition, with large rocks, dongas and deep mud. A high clearance vehicle is essential and don't go alone, a back up vehicle is a "must." Ed)

Annual General Meeting. Thursday 24 March. Umtentweni Tennis Club.

Present: 13 members. **Apologies:** Bill, Ken, David, Jaco, Kevin, Paula, Liam, Conner. **Visitor:** Stacey.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Dick read the minutes of the 26th AGM held on 25th March 2021.

Chairman's Report:

In his report John thanked the members for their support of events during the year.

He mentioned that over the years, SCFA has produced a couple of very capable young anglers, with the likes of Liam and Justin, who have received Protea and KZN colours respectively. The membership of SCFA is however at present on the decline and we need to boost our numbers somehow; preferably with a lot of younger blood, as the majority of current members are entering the "old ballie" stage of life.

Members are catching a fair number of salt water and river fish on occasions, although our last couple of saltwater outings proved futile.

He mentioned that with the current rise in fuel prices, the committee would investigate how costs could be contained for away-outings; eg by not taking kick boats and travelling 5 up in a double cab.

He concluded by thanking the committee for their diligence during the year, especially Steve and Pieter, who had done a sterling job with the club finances and Catch Records respectively.

Financial Report:

Steve reported that despite some heavy sponsoring expenses last year, the kitty was slightly up on the previous year. He mentioned that subs for 2022/23 are due. R110.00 per member and R160.00 per family.

Election of Committee:

As has become the norm, last year's committee of John, Steve, Dick, Pieter, Neil and Arthur were elected unopposed. This is John's 12th year in the chair, Steve has penned the finances for a lucky 13 years, while Pieter has had 10 years on the committee. You have read Arthur's waffle for the last 7 years (regular readers probably know the tune by heart !!) Neil is in his 4th year and youngster Dick is getting into his stride, after a year of practise. *(I think that although the present mob are doing a good job, we should have an injection of new blood next year. Please give this some serious thought. Ed)*

Master at Arms:

Thanks to the generosity of the guilty parties, fines for booboos committed during the year amounted to just over R1100.00.



(This will not be the final count as Steve would like to have a friendly chat to Bill, Dean, Sakkie, Ken and David, Jaco and to Kevin. This of course, only to ensure that no member feels left out. As you know, we would hate to offend anyone!!!!!!!!!!!!)

General.

The only item brought up under general was the date and venue for the Committee dinner. This will be at Münchner Haus in St Mikes on Friday 1st April at 18h30 for 19h00..


Flies for the 2022/2023 Fly of the Month competitions.


Herewith a list of the flies that we will be tying for the next year. Recipes and accompanying photographs of these will be sent to members at the beginning of the month in which the competition will be held. Pieter has a particular Crab pattern in mind for the November, so watch this space.

Flies for 2022 – 2023

<u>Month</u>	<u>Saltwater</u>	<u>Freshwater</u>
April	Salty bugger	Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear
May	Slinky Bait Fish	Flash Bask Nymph
June	Surf Candy	Griffith's Gnat
July	Clacker Clouser	Marabou and Copper
August	Tom's Gully Fly	Stimulator
September	Whistler	Zak
October	Prince of Tide	Hi Viz Midge
November	Crab	Zulu
January 2023	Gully Bugger	Backwater Bass Bent Back
February 2023	Mylar Sprat	Filoplume Damsel

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.

 As Steve mentioned in his AGM Financial report, subs are due. R110.00 per single member and R 160.00 for a family member. A number of you paid at the AGM; those who have not yet done so, please contact Steve and settle up.

 An up-dated Membership List will be sent to members at the beginning of April, so please ensure that you are up to date with your subs by then.

Last Cast.

I once again trust that members will be as good at reporting on their fishing experiences this year as they have been in the past. It is these personal accounts, written in your own style, that make the club and the newsletter what it is.

It is indeed gratifying to merely have to add a line or two to the newsletter and know that members are fully in the picture as to what has happened in the recent past and what is planned for the future month or two.

Cheers Arthur.

