



South Coast Fly Anglers



NEWSLETTER September 2021

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Preparing to cast.

At the committee meeting, a calendar for the remainder of this year was sorted out. Events include a carp outing to the Southport area in October, a camping week-end at Lake Eland early in November, where we hope to catch a few barbel and our Christmas outing, which is once again to Steve's dam at the end of November.

Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
4 th to 12 th September	Yellow fish outing	Plato Lodge. Uppington area	Very early
15 th September	Fly tying workshop	Neil's home	18h15 for 18h30
26 th September	Saltwater outing	Umtentweni beach	Early
30 th September	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
3 rd October	Saltwater outing	Umtwalume	06h30
6 th October	Committee meeting	Steve's home	18h00
13 th October	Fly tying workshop	Dick's home	18h15 for 18h30
17 th October	Carp outing	Southport area	07h00
28 th October	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30

Coming Events.

At the **flytying workshop on 15th September, to be held at Neil's home**, we will tie the Perdigon Nymph and the Epoxy Glassy.

The **26th of September sees us at the 'Tweni beach**, where we hope to find the, so-far, elusive shad.. Bring your sarmies and coffee for the social-distanced gathering afterwards.

The **'Tweni Tennis Club is again the venue for the monthly meeting on Wednesday 30th September**. Braai afterwards, as usual. John Neaves will give us a talk on his world-wide fly-fishing experiences. Don't miss this!!!!!!

It is indeed a long time since we fished the **Umtwalume area**, so we will give this a bash on **Sunday 3rd October**. **Meet at the Southport filling station at 06h30**

Past Events.

Trout trip to Valley Lakes. Friday 13th to Sunday 15th August. By Stephen Brand.

Friday. Neil, John and Mitch arrived around 10:30, unpacked, set up their kick boats and when Steve and Kevin arrived at around 12:40, John got onto the water, followed by Neil shortly after. Mitch went and fished the stream. Kevin decided he was cold and lit the fire when we finished unpacking. The cottage was warm within 10 minutes.

Kevin and Steve fished the stream for a bit, after Mitch got back, but not even a bite. John got 4 stockies and 2 very nice fish over a kg each, using a Red Setter and an Orange Fuzzy Wuzzy. Neil got 3 stockies. Flies used; Red Eye Damsel and Olive Nymph. Steve warmed up the bean soup which got flattened at supper.

Saturday. Up early, Kevin made the fire and after several coffees Neil and John went out and caught 5 stockies each and came back for brunch around 11. Kevin also went out, but only found weed and mud. Neil went out again around 4:30 between showers of drizzle, but got nothing. Kevin and Mitch fished the stream to only get a few knocks. Curry went down very well.

Sunday. Neil and Kevin went out at around 7:30: Neil got one and Kevin lost one. John, Steve and Mitch packed up while Neil and Kevin were fishing, as they claimed it was too cold to go out. The sun came out at 8:20 and we were able to defrost a bit.

All had a good weekend, even though it was freezing cold. Total 20 fish.



Monthly meeting. 'Tweni Tennis Club. Thursday 26th August.

Present: 10 members.

Apologies: Neil, Bill, Ken, David, Warren, Conner, Sakkie, Arthur

Flies of the Month Competition. Judged by Dick. (He forgot his flies at home, so he paid a penalty by being the judge for the night. This however, does not let him off his year-end fine.

Saltwater: Calamari: Neil, Arthur, Sean.

Freshwater: John's "Go to" Bass fly: Sean, John, Neil, Arthur

General.

John apologised that the talk by John Neaves, which was scheduled for the August meeting, had to be cancelled at the 11th hour, due to various reasons. He will now chat to us at the September meeting. John has travelled extensively and has waved the long wand on all his travels. His talk promises to be one that is not to be missed. See you on the 30th. at the 'Tweni Tennis Club.

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.

 Shad seem to be few and far between, even for the bait fishermen. On some mornings there are a few fish around in the popular spots, but very often the mob also have to eat steak and lamb chops for lunch. On a recent trip north of Hibberdene, the road-side-shad-sellers were conspicuous by their absence. Definitely a sign of poor fishing conditions.

Last Cast.

Rather short on news this month, but we will hopefully have more fat to chew on next month, after the Orange River trip.

Remember even if you have had a private outing with the fly rod, we would like to hear of it. If you want to keep your exact honey-hole a secret, feel free to do so.

Cheers Arthur.

