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South Coast Fly Anglers



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Preparing to cast.

The “Events Calendar” is chock-a-block with outings and events, which should once again satisfy the most pernickety of members. As has been said before, the best way to take advantage of these is to attend them all. See you there. We also have a couple of reports on our outings in September, before we move into our last active month of the year.

Events Calendar.

October 1st	Fly-tying workshop	Neil's home	18h15
October 1st	Grub 'n travel meeting	Neil's home	After the workshop
Oct 6th to Oct 10th	Saltwater outing	Cape Vidal	TBD
October 19th	Bass outing	Dunstone's Dam. Paddock	Early
October 30th	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
November 2nd	Saltwater outing	Rocky Bay	Very early
November 5th	Committee meeting	Dick's home	18h00
November 12th	Fly-tying workshop	Neil's home	18h15
November 16th	Bass outing	Voigt's Dam. Paddock	Early
November 27th	Monthly meeting	Umtentweni Tennis Club	18h00 for 18h30
November 30th	Christmas outing	Steve's dam. Trafalgar	Early

Coming Events:

At the **fly-tying work shop, to be held at Neil's home on Wednesday 1st October at 18h15**, we will tie the freshwater Hi-Viz-Midge and the saltwater Prince of Tide. Recipes of these have been sent to SCFA members. The **Grub 'n Travel meeting for the trip to Cape Vidal will be held after the workshop**, so make sure that you are present for this if you want a say in the menu for this trip.

The **Cape Vidal Saltwater outing is from 6th to 10th October**. By the time you read this, it is probably too late to book a spot, but try Neil just in case. 083 265 6608.

Dunstone's dam in Paddock is the venue for our second bass outing of summer. This is on Sunday 19th October. Braai afterwards, for which you know the drill.

Monthly meeting is on the 30th October at the Umtentweni Tennis Club at 18h00 for 18h30. FotM to be judged are the Hi-Viz-Midge and the Prince of Tide. Braai afterwards.

We will again try **Rocky Bay near Park Rhynie for our saltwater outing on Sunday 2nd November**. Best to get there early, so for those who do not know the way, meet at the Southport filling station at 05h00 and travel in convoy, otherwise please yourself.

Past Events.

Saltwater outing to Ramsgate “Big Tree Beach.” Sunday 7th September. By Arthur Cary.

We members of the South Coast fly anglers are either all very poor saltwater anglers or there are very few fish in our local waters, because we again struck a blank on this outing and the “fish carrying services,” offered by Marion and Toi, were not required.



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Dick, Neil, Sakkie, Matt and Mark, fished the beach for a while, just after sunrise and Steve and Mike S. gave it a go in the estuary, before also migrating to the beach. Mike thought that he would have some luck, when he saw a number of small bait fish being harassed by some predator, but alas, it did not happen. Ken and David also fished the estuary from the bank, while John and Arthur ventured out on their kick boats.

All to no avail, unless you count a "something" that Ken had on for a short while, but he did not get a good enough view of it. He says that it was certainly not a fish; possibly a crab.

The estuary looked superb; the water being possibly a little on the cold side, but visibility was good. Even the rocky ledges along the south bank, just around the first bend, did not yield a bite. Bait anglers often target rock salmon, perch and juvenile kob in this area, with considerable luck.

When John saw two Pied Kingfishers attending to some surface action along the north bank, he thought that he could entice a kingfish or two to give his Deceiver the attention that it deserved, but that too was ignored.

After some hard work for a coupler of hours and having exhausted the contents of their respective fly boxes, anglers retired to the car park and shelter of the trees, to chew the fat and have a bite to eat, just as the north easterly started to freshen.

Monthly Meeting. Thursday 25th September. Umtentweni Tennis Club.

Present: 13 members. It was great to see Warren and Sakkie, who have both been absent for a while.

Apologies: Dick, Ken, David S, Mark, Zander, Reagan, and of course Pat in Cape Town, Conner in the USA and Liam who is still in Oz..

Visitors: James Cary.

FotM: Judged by Pieter vd M.

Freshwater: Zak: Steve, Sean, Pieter C, Arthur, Neil, Mike S, Toi, John, Dick. (*Judging for this fly was nearly spot on!!!! Well done Pieter. Ed*)

Saltwater: Whistler: Neil, Dick, Mitch, Sean, Steve, Pieter C, John, Arthur, Toi. (*Judge was obviously getting a bit tired at this stage and did not do such a good job!!!! Ed*).

Freestyle: Pieter C. (Purple Fly,) Sean, (Atomic Worm,) Mitch (Hansford-Steele Whistler.)

Coming Events:

See "Events Calendar" and "Coming Events" above.

General:

The only major item under "General" was Steve's report on finance. He reported that despite Dick's efforts at spending our hard-earned cash on club fly-tying materials, club funds are still pretty healthy.

Bass outing to Voigt's Dam. Sunday 28th September. By Stephen Brand.

Neil arrived first, followed by John, Arthur, Mark, Rob, Pieter C, Reagan, Ken, Marion, David S and Mitch.

Neil was on the water first and lost a big one on the far side. David also lost one, but then caught it on the second time around. Reagan went about half-way up the northern bank and caught a nice bass of 1,60kg.

The wind was blowing from the south west, which was challenging for those fishing from the bank.

Most of the chaps came off the water at about 09h40, when Steve lit the fire for the braai.

Results. Pieter C, 0 (Popper,) Rob, 0 (Red Something or Other,) Steve, 0 (Popper and Orange Streamer,) Neil, 1 (Popper,) John, 6 (Dave's Demon,) Mitch, 2 (Black and white Streamer,) Ken, 14 (Red Surf Puff,) David S, 10 (Dave's Demon and Red Surf Puff,) Mark, 1 (Brown Woolly Bugger,) Arthur, 10 (Red, Brown and Yellow Streamer,) Reagan, 1 (Popper.)

Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



Congratulations to Reagan, who has obtained his Black Belt in Karate. This was obviously a contributing factor in his catching a 1,60 kg bass on the Sunday outing to Voigt's dam. (See article above.)

Last Cast.

There is fortunately insufficient space to even unpack a rod, never mind have last cast, so I'll just say "Cheers." Arthur.

