



South Coast Fly Anglers



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Preparing to cast.

Well, we once again arrive at that time of year when we talk of “lasts.” Last Committee Meeting of the year, last Official Outing of the year and last Monthly Meeting of the year. On the positive, side that means that it will soon be a case of “Firsts” for 2026. Rest assured, at the November committee meeting, we will sort out a good selection of outings for the coming months. Cheers Arthur.

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Venue	Time
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:

The **last committee meeting of 2025 is at Dick's home on Wednesday 5th November at 18h00.** Dates of meetings and outings for the first couple of months of 2026 will be sorted out.

At the **fly-tying workshop, to be held at Neil's home on Wednesday 12th November,** we will tie the fresh water Zak and the salt water Irish Blonde. These are both very easy patterns, but come along and learn a few new tricks, that will improve your fly-tying skills. Recipes have already been sent to members.

There is another **bass outing to Voigt's Dam in Paddock on the 16th November.** As usual, we will braai after the fishing, so bring your chair, meat and liquid refreshments.

The **monthly meeting is again at the Umtentweni Tennis Club on Thursday 27th November at 18h00 for 18h30.** The Zak and the Irish Blond flies will be judged. Steve will have his trusty braai in action, so come along and enjoy.

Steve's dam, in Trafalgar is the venue for our last official outing of 2025. This is an outing for the whole family, so get there early for the fishing and the rest of the mob can tag along around 10 ish or 11 ish and enjoy a braai. Bring a chair and whatever you fancy to eat and liquid refreshments of course.

Past Events.

Saltwater outing to Cape Vidal. 6th October to 10th October. By Sakkie Mckay.

At 08h30 on Monday 6th October, Arthur, Neil, John and self, departed to Cape Vidal for a few days fishing, arriving at 14.30 after a trouble- free trip.

Neil had made the arrangements for a campsite and I must say that I was most impressed. Although it was school holidays and the camp site was full, we were allocated a lovely spot at the end of a cul-de-sac, surrounded by trees and no nearby campers. The ablution block was some 50 metres away, clean toilets with hot water showers and plenty space for washing plates etc. Each site had an electrical supply box, so we did not have to worry about cold beers, ice, etc, thanks to Neil's fridge.



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After setting up camp and tackling up, we waited to see what the weather would bring the following morning. Alas a cold front had arrived and despite the best efforts, no sign of a fish. Even the bait fisherman had no luck. The following two days saw a change in the weather, no wind and sunny and the game was on. When we finally tallied up on Thursday, the results weren't too bad. John leading with 6 Moonies and 11 Wave Garrick. Neil with 14 Wave Garrick, plus a Bastard Mullet, Arthur, 1 lonely Bastard Mullet and myself with 3 Wave Garrick.

There were of course the pros and cons to camping. The first being fairly close to the water. This was negated by having to clamber up and down a sand dune, which referred to as hill 8/99, which was 8 steps forwards and 9 back. In the end, after being helped by 2 lovely young damsels, I decided that it was better to walk the long way round from the camp site to the launch bay, than climbing the heart-attack hill.

All in all, it was a great trip, thanks to Neil's pre-planning and meals, Arthur's snacks, Johns cheerful manner and my constant coughing and spluttering, thanks to a bout of flu. In the long run, well worth the trip.

Thanks once again guys, Sakkie.

Bass outing to Dunstone's Dam. Sunday 19th October. By Pieter vd Merwe.

The weather was changing all the time, with the occasional soft rain.

Piet, Liam and Kaylee only arrived at 09h30, as they were undecided as to whether to go fishing, due to the weather. Fortunately, Kaylee persuaded them to go.

Ken fished from the bank with a Surf Puff and ended up with 2 fish. David, fishing from his float tube and also using a Surf Puff, landed 11 fish. John, using a Jacaranda and a Flipper, caught 13 from his kick boat, while Arthur caught 12 on a Surf Puff and 2 on a Speed Cop. Mark caught 10 using a fly that he could not name, but Liam came to the rescue and identified it as a Millenium Bug.

Piet fished from the bank, and accounted for two fish on David's Demon. More fishing and less talking would have improved his score. Steve fished from his kick boat and from the bank and caught 12 on a Grasshopper pattern.

(Liam and Kaylee fished from the bank and caught a total of 6 fish and while Kaylee will not receive any note from the Master-at-Arms for using normal bass tackle, Liam will not be able to convince him that this tackle is standard fly-fishing equipment in Australia or in the Seychelles. Admittedly, Liam did use a fly rod for a short while, so a slight reduction will be considered, but this consideration will of course be immediately rejected!!!!. Ed.)

A club outing will not be finished until the braai is held and Steve made a hot fire in the rainy and misty conditions and ended up chasing the rain away.

70 Bass were caught and released, of which the Surf Puff accounted for 29.

Monthly Meeting. Thursday 30th October Umtentweni Tennis Club.

At the time of going to press, no report on the monthly meeting or results of the Fly of the month competition had been received. Ed.

Saltwater outing to Rocky Bay. Sunday 2nd November. By Stephen Brand.

John arrived at 06h00 and was worried about getting his leg wet, as he has an injury and he said that he did not want to jeopardize his trip to New Zealand and the wind was too strong for him to fish anyway.

I arrived at 07h05 ish, rodded up and went onto the rocks by the pier and cast into the bay where the boats launch; there was a strong 36km south-wester blowing, but I had no takes there, so walked to a spot John recommended and cast a couple of throws into the bay, which I found very sanded up and had no takes there either. After an hour I packed it in. All the while John was keeping an eye on me, making sure that I did not take a tumble. So sadly, the tally was zero. Thanks to John for sticking around. There was one bait fisherman on the rocks and when we left his tally was also zero. So, guess it just wasn't our day.



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Fry, Fingerling and Stockie Stories.



The committee needs some suggestions for Flies of the Month for next year, so on with your thinking caps and send me your ideas. A list of flies that we have tied in the past few years will be sent out shortly.



I was very impressed by the rapid response of members to the news that Pieter C.'s drive way had collapsed, due to a burst water main. No sooner was the news out, when many members offered to help in any way that they could. Shows that club spirit is great. Well done guys. Thankfully UGU responded rapidly and the damage has been repaired.



Congratulations are the order of the day to Liam and Kaylee on their engagement.

Last Cast.

I have been walk-about for a short while, so am a bit out of it at present. Any news that members have regarding local fishing conditions and results, are welcome and will be published in the next newsletter that will be out at the end of November.

Hope, as always, to see a good turn-out at the Fly-tying workshop at Neil's home on the 12th, at Voigt's Dam in Paddock on the 16th, at the monthly meeting towards the end of the month and of course at our Christmas outing to Steve's dam on the 30th November.

Cheers. Arthur.

