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The Hoedspruit junior development comp will be hosted by Hoedspruit Deep Sea Angling club at Sodwana next week and NDAC again has some of its members fishing this great comp. This comp was started with the aim of junior & lady angler's development and has proved to be very popular in the past.

THE PRESIDENT. NDAC COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS

The following week NDAC juniors fishing for Mpumalanga will be travelling down to Shelly Beach to compete in this year's Junior Nationals. NDAC has a few juniors fishing for the U/16 & U/19 Mpumalanga teams. To these youngsters all the best and tight lines make us proud.

The angler of the month is Johan van der Walt for a 22.3kg Yellow fin tuna caught during the game nationals at Shelly Beach. Baie geluk Johan!

Some NDAC members will also be fishing the sailfish interprovincial at Sodwana in two weeks' time for Mpumalanga. To Gert Conradie, Johan van der Walt and Renier Slabbert all the best and safe travel. Tight lines gents.

The next tackle box will be a yellow fish T&R competition which will be held on Henry de Pradines farm Owersig on the 23rd July starting at 6.00am. Entry fee will be R50.00 p/angler and the fishing will be followed by a pig on the spit. Please attend and support this fun day.

It is almost time for the annual AGM; the dates will be announced shortly. Should any club members wish to get more involved or serve on the committee, please contact myself or any committee member.

Yours in angling Edwin Freeman NDAC Chairman





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Competition Dates / Kompetisie Datums:



| SADSAA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2016 | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|----------------|
| MONTH | DATE | TOURNAMENT | HOST/VENUE |
| JANUARY | 6 - 9 | SODWANA BAY CLUB COMP | SODWANA |
| FEBRUARY | 15-19 | MYNMANNE | SUDWANA |
| | 12-15 | BILLFISH INTER PROVINCIAL | RICHARDS BAY |
| | 17 - 20 | RICHARDS BAY BILLFISH CLASSIC | RBSBC |
| MARCH | 15-19 | BOTTOM FISH NATIONALS | PORT ELIZABETH |
| APRIL | 11-15 | MDSAA ALL INLAND & CLUB CHAMPS | SODWANA |
| | 11-14 | NDHK ONDERBERG SPESIE BONANZA-BARRA | MOSAMBIEK |
| | 24-28 | GAME FISH NATIONALS | SHELLY BEACH |
| MAY | 10-14 | TUNA NATIONALS | MILLERS POINT |
| | 23 - 27 | NDHK INHACHA CHALLENGE | MOSAMBIEK |
| JUNE | 24 | SAD & SAA | AGM |
| JULY | 4-7 | HOEDSPRUIT DEVELOPMENT | SODWANA |
| | 11-15 | SAILFISH INTER PROVINCIAL | SODWANA |
| AUGUST | 20 | EXPO | AGM |
| SEPTEMBER | 22 - 24 | JOZINI TIGER FISH BONANZA | JOZINI |
| OCTOBER | 2-5 | ALBATROS BOTTOM DEVELOPMENT | RICHARDS BAY |
| | 29-30 | ADHK BABER COMP | LOSKOP |
| NOVEMBER | 7-11 | MDSAA & OET BILLFISH & GAMEFISH | SODWANA |
| | 14-18 | BILLFISH 15000 | SODWANA |
| | 21-15 | HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE NATIONALS | |

National Fishing Month.

This year, National Fishing Month will begin on the 22nd July, and conclude on the 29th August.

As in previous years, the idea behind National Fishing Month is to encourage every family member to have a go at fishing. It does not matter what age you are, or what previous experience you have. Nor does it matter which cultural or social background you may be from. Fishing is for everyone!



10 Reasons to Go Fishing

- 1. Contribute to Conservation
- 2. Stress Relief
- 3. Social Bonding
- 4. Supports Wildlife and Fisheries Management
- 5. Health Benefits
- 6. Recreation
- 7. Self-Fulfillment
- 8. Boost to the Economy
- 9. Fishing for Food
- 10. The Thrill





Venues & Dates 2016

ENTRANCE FEES ARE R500 PER TEAM. TEAMS CONSIST OF 1 OR 2 MEMBERS ONLY. PAYMENTS ARE AS PER 'CAST-FOR-CASH' TABLE OF PAYMENTS.

09 July 2015: Driekoppies Dam (07h00 – 15h00)

13 August 2015: Driekoppies Dam (07h00 – 15h00)

10 September 2015: Njaka Dam (06h00 - 15h00

* Please note that due to the dropping water levels of our dams, and certain other factors that might be out of our control, we might have to change venues during the course of the season. If this needs to be done, we will notify everybody of any changes as best as we can with at least two weeks' notice before the affected event.

FINAL

07-09th October 2016: De Hoop Dam

06h00 - 16h00 (Saturday)

06h00 - 13h00 (Sunday)

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The Atlantic tarpon (Megalops atlanticus)

Like many saltwater sport fish, the Atlantic tarpon is not commercially valuable, which means it has not been much studied and little is known about its life cycle, migrations, and habits. But when they appear in inshore waters, especially from Florida to Texas, tarpon attract anglers who want to test their mettle—and their tackle—against a species notorious for fickle eating habits, ferocious "eats," blistering runs, and gill-shaking jumps. When a "poon" takes to the air, the angler must bow to the fish, often a fitting symbol of who is in charge of the situation.

Range and Life History

In the Western Hemisphere, the Atlantic tarpon is found from Virginia to Brazil, with the greatest concentrations in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. However, fish often travel in the Gulf Stream to more northern waters, and sightings off Cape Cod are not uncommon. There is evidence that some Atlantic tarpon migrate through the Panama Canal to inhabit waters of western Central America. The range of their cousin, the Indo-Pacific tarpon, encompasses the coastal waters of southern Asia and Australia. To the east, tarpon swim off the coast of Africa from Senegal to southern Angola, and the IGFA all-tackle record—a 286-pound, 9-ounce monster—was caught off the tiny nation of Guinea-Bissau in 2003. Unfortunately, political unrest has kept most anglers from the region for the past decade.

Our knowledge of the tarpon's life history—its average life span is 55 years—is somewhat sketchy, but it is believed to begin far offshore, where females lay up to 12 million eggs. Larval tarpon are transparent, ribbon-like creatures. These vulnerable creatures migrate or drift to brackish or fresh waters, where they develop into juveniles. They appear to use the most backwater habitats for the first year, then move to a wider array of habitats for years two and three, further increasing their range of habitat use as they age. As adults, they may migrate long distances, sometimes in schools throughout the rest of their lives. Adult tarpon will return to fresh water, swimming up rivers, in search of baitfish. Other tarpon seem to enjoy the solo life or remain in one area. Tarpon are known to "roll" or "gulp" air, and their unique swim bladder serves as a pseudo-respiratory organ. It is lined with capillaries that can remove oxygen from the air. Juvenile tarpon are "obligate" air breathers, which means that they must have access to the surface in order to survive, and the frequency with which they surface depends on the dissolved oxygen in the water the inhabit.

The all-tackle world record tarpon stands at a monstrous 286lbs 9oz. It was caught by Max Domecq off Guinea-Bissau in Africa. If that's not hard enough to take in, prior to that day, Domecq had never caught a tarpon. The near-300lb behemoth, taken on a live mullet, was his first tarpon bite ever.



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Notice Board / Kennisgewings Bord:

WELKOM AAN DIE VOLGENDE NUWE LEDE / WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

| Mr. | JS | Janse van Rensburg | Jacques Snyman |
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Nuwe lidmaatskap aansoeke / New member requests*:

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TACKLE BOX



Saturday 23 July 2016 Oewersig Farm

Yellow Fish (Tag & Release)

Spit Braai na die hengel. Prizes!! R50 per angler entry fee.

All welcome!!!

Contact: Henry de Pradines for more information on 082 556 5820.

Bank account details: NDAC Standard Bank Acc # 030286751 Branch code 052852

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2015/2016

Honorary Members:

Seniors:

TOTAL:

Family member:

TOTAL:

Juniors:

TOTAL:

Initial entrance fee:

(new members only)

Validity period:

Contact person:

R 190pp

R 340 + R 190 (Affiliation fees)

R 530pp

R 180 + R 190 (Affiliation fees)

R 370pp

R 100 + R 190 (Affiliation fees)

R 290pp

R 130 Adults; R 50 Juniors

01 August to 31 July annually Edwin Freeman (083 628 3902)



Angler of the month / Hengelaar van die die maand:

Johan vd Walt is our angler of the month with yellow fin tuna that he caught during the game fish national at Shelly beach.

Well done Johan!

Johan vd Walt is ons hengelaar van die maand met sy yellow fin tuna Kingfish wat hy die roof vis nationals gevang het op Shelly beach. Baie geluk Duncan!!





Class Actinopterygii
Order Perciformes
Family Scombridae
Tribe Thunnini
Genus Thunnus
Conservation Near
status Threatened

Introduction to Yellow fin Tuna

The **Yellow fin Tuna** is one of the largest species of **Tuna** in the world. They can tip the scales at over 300 pounds. Their overall size though will depend on where they live and what types of food resources they are able to rely on. They are lovely fish that people often enjoy watching due to their colors and graceful movements in the water.

Any paid up member of the NDAC is eligible for the "Angler of the month" award which is a R200 gift voucher sponsored by **solly's Anglers Nelspruit** ...simply send in your pictures to qualify. Winners will be announced in the Newsletter and receive their vouchers in the post. All pictures received will be published in the Newsletter under the new "Members photos" section so please send in your images to ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za today!!!

Enige lid van die NDHK wie se ledegelde opbetaal is kan in aanmerking kom vir die "Hengelaar van die maand" toekenning wat 'n R200 geskenkbewys is geborg deur Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...dis eenvoudig, stuur net julle foto's in om te kwalifiseer. Wenners sal in die Nuusbrief aangekondig word en die geskenbewys in die pos ontvang. Alle foto's wat ontvang word sal in die Nuusbrief geplaas word onder 'n nuwe afdeling "Lede se foto's so stuur asseblief julle foto's vandag nog na ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za!!!

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