



The Nomads Tide - A Monthly Brief December 2008



New Nomads Committee

After Wednesday night's AGM the Nomads committee was re-elected for another term - apart from Coen Vermaak who has stepped down.

The following members will retain their key portfolios:

- Friedel Kirstein - Chairman
- Leon Nel - Finance
- Ian van Zyl - Secretary

Portfolios will be allocated next year.

2009 Marlin Inter-Provincial

Venue: Richards Bay
Date: 13th-15th February 2009
Line Class: Open
Boats: Own boat and skipper to be supplied
Cost: R3,780 per team
All meals supplied
Own accommodation
Hosts: Zululand

Anglers wanting to nominate must have their nomination forms in with the Provincial Secretary by: 1st December 2008 the latest.

2009 Pennington Gamefish Inter-Provincial

Nominations are hereby called for:-

Venue: Pennington Skiboat Club
Date: 19-22nd February 2009
Target: Gamefish
Line: 10kg
Teams: One 3 Angler Association
One 3 Angler Provincial

Anglers interested in nominating are to have their nomination forms in with the Provincial Secretary by :- Monday 1st December 2008

ESA Pro Series

Competition at Shelly Beach on 5-6 December.
All details are on the ESA website.

http://www.esaworld.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=231&Itemid=249

Based on the above rules, an interesting scoring system to ponder:

Something to think about: should Nomads, SGDSAA and SADSAA not also consider making allowances for catch and release of gamefish?

The Rules to Catching Croc's

An article by Trevor Spence on ESA Website

Few fish along the East Coast's green water zone can match the fight and tenacity of a king mackerel. Perhaps for this reason couta top the list when it comes to competitiveness and big-money tournaments.

Here in South Africa, most of the hype surrounding king mackerel competitions originated along the Natal coast where tournaments have been held for the last 30 years. Thanks to such competitive influences, many specialty couta anglers have refined their techniques to a science, to allow them consistently bigger fish. [Read more...](#)

SADSAA Tournaments Calendar
for 2009

Date	Tournament	Venue	Host
17-21 February 2009	SADSAA Billfish Classic	Richards Bay	SADSAA
End March/ early April	Bottom Fish Nationals	Port St. Francis	Eastern Province
27-31 April 2009	Game Fish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	Zululand
12-16 May 2009	Tuna Nationals	Hout Bay	Western Province
May/June 2009	FIPS-M World Trolling Championships	Cancun Mexico	FIPS-M
2nd Week July 2009	ILTTA 2009 & Costa Rica Sailfish International	Costa Rica	ILTTA
School Holidays July 2009	Junior Nationals	East London	Border
2nd Week August 2009	Hawaiian International Billfish	Kona Hawaii	
4th Week August 2009	Puerto Rico International	San Juan Puerto Rico	
20-25 October 2009	Tuna Interprovincial	Rumley Bay	Western Province
1st Week November 2009	Guatemala International Sailfish Tournament	Guatemala	
3rd Week November 2009	Marlin & Sailfish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	Mpumalanga
4th Week November 2009	Kenyan Sailfish Interprovincial	Watuma Kenya	

2009 SADSAA Tournament Calendar

<http://fishing-sa.co.za/gallery/sadsaa/sep08/2009%20Tournaments%20Calendar.pdf>

On the lighter side:

Fishing Trip (*may it never happen to you*)

Saturday morning I got up early, dressed quietly, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, slipped quietly into the garage to hook the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential down pour.

The wind was blowing 50 mph. I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.'

My loving wife of 20 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that weather?'

I still don't know to this day if she was joking, but I have stopped fishing.



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For Sale

Teaser Reel special: R 5,750 each Inc VAT

As a promotion, I would like to offer Nomads members the opportunity to buy these reels from me at a special price of R5,750 inclusive of VAT. The normal retail price for these reels is R6,783

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Next Issue

The next issue of the Nomads Tide newsletter will appear towards the end of January 2009.

My Christmas Wish

I wish every child would wake up Christmas morning in a warm house with a Christmas tree surrounded by presents, bought by parents that care about them. I wish they would get almost everything they want, but would be taught by their parents that you don't always get everything you wish for. They would be given the understanding that life just does not grant every wish.

I wish every child could feel the thrill of opening a new fishing reel and putting it on a new rod, and be able to sit and hold it and imagine catching fish on it. They would understand they can enjoy thinking and using their imaginations without some electronic toy or a TV doing it for them. And I wish they could take their new fishing equipment to a pond and catch a Christmas fish that afternoon.

I wish every adult could have fantastic memories of Christmases past and relive them, remembering the good things they grew up with. These memories would also include some bad things that happened, just to make the good ones even more special.

I wish every adult and child could enjoy eating meat from an animal they had caught or killed themselves, getting satisfaction from the fact that they provided it for themselves. They would eat vegetables they grew and preserved, and both meat and vegetables would help them understand food does not come from the supermarket; it comes from people farming and raising it. Everyone would be a little more thankful for their food knowing the cost beyond money that is involved.

I wish for a lot, but most of all I wish for everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Nomads members and their partners.

Everyone have a GREAT YEAR and hope all your fishing dreams come true for 2009

"When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained.-- Mark Twain"

Take care everyone, travel safely and tight lines!