



NEWS LETTER

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ROSEBOWL REPORT

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44th Rosebowl 10 – 15 March 2024



After many months of planning and organising the time eventually came to pack the Boats and depart for East Africa Safaris Xai Xai Mozambique. But hang on a cyclone was starting to develop up North in the Moz Channel Should we Go or should we change the dates?

After some deliberation and discussions amongst the Clubs and the Weather Committee, the decision was made. Off we went whilst some teams already had some practice sessions going. The fish was plenty and everyone very Excited.

On Sunday Afternoon 27 Boats from the 6 different clubs registered to compete in the 44th Rose bowl.

Number of Boats entered and attended by Club:

East Rand	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Reel Fun	Jaco Joubert	Jan Joubert	Erwee Joubert		
Sick Leave	Leon Orsmond	Shane Mcleod	Tony Otto	Bruce Collet	
Dream Catcher	Craig Pascoe	Niel Coetzer	Nicki Forte		
Cyntitia Elenor	Stiaan du Plooy	Louis du Plessis	Christiaan du Plooy		
Maestro	Wessel Grimbeeck	Annale Grimbeeck	Hein Muller	Jan van Niekerk	
Fisher of Men	Leno Pillay	Kurt Pretorius	Sachin Pillay	Nischan Pillay	
TSC	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Whatever	Steve Delport	Jaco Myburgh	Andre Cook		
Bad Company	Mark Souris	Stephen Smit	Colin Shaw		
Fin Rider	Greg Badenhorst	Lionel Grobler	Barend Greyling	Robert Cooke	
Pommy Dutchman	Roger Benn	Richard Hartley	Rory Eidelman		
Reel Tom	Greg Bakker	Jasper Ward			
Makaira	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Salty Hook	Anton Lingenfelder	Jason Nielson	PK van der Merwe		
High Tide	Anton Oosthuysse	Jurie Marais	Divan Oosthuysse	Gerry de Bruin	
Against All Odds	Rhyno Stander	Dewald Coetzee	Willem Stander	Piet v d Merwe	
Trawling Sable	Louis Fouche	Mike van Vuuren	Gys van Niekerk		
Guinjatta	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Shamwari	Quentin Clarck	Douglas Stokes	Kelvin Stokes	Brian Beam	Koos van Staden
Floki	Riaan Sullivan	Johan Niemand	Martin Vorster	Trynie Vorster	Nicolene Kruger
Murdoch	Claude Nish	Hans Loots			
ALBATROS	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Yes Please	Chad Mills	Justin Harmse	JP van der Walt		
Nomads	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4
Bull Doggie	Kevin Allardyce	Dries de la Rey	Lee Allardyce	Jan Pelser	
Watermark	Mark Cockroft	Guy Pinker	Mike Baty	Lili Cockroft	
Saily Day's	Henk Liebenberg	Dries Liebenberg	Rynard Keet		
Slice of Life	Chrisjan Jansen	Lukie	Chris Jansen	Elmar Basson	
Fintastic	Shaun Aspden	Eleanor Aspden	Colin Green		
Mystic Boer	Friedel Kirstein	Danie v d Merwe			
Tjaila Tyd	Norman Coetzee	Pieter Range	Norman Coetzee Jnr		
Voice Mail	Adrian Fehrer	Natalie Lenferna	Jan Breytenbach		

With the music pumping and the drinks flowing all was in good spirit and the official opening was held in the evening. Our hosts Wessel and Yolanda did a fantastic job in looking after all

the Crews and ensured the boats were down on the beach to Launch at first light, Monday Morning.

Most Teams had an early night to ensure their preparation was done and to take advantage of the good weather forecast for Monday.

Monday Morning all launched safely. Fishing was good and by 16h00 the Weigh in was in Full swing with the Fines police in attendance. "R&R" and "Pampoen" was flowing freely, and the entertainment provided kept numerous members singing and dancing on the tables into the evening.



..... And then the rain and wind came!! The Tropical storm made some weird pattern changes but ended up hitting EAS during the night.

After careful consideration and deliberation by the Weather committee, the decision to call off the Day's fishing due to Wind and Unsafe Launching conditions was made. All teams retreated to safety of cover and bungalows, some caught up on some sleep while others thought that the best way to sit out the weather was in the swimming pool. Others entertained themselves with table Tennis and Pool while others supported the Restaurant and the Bar facilities.

As no weigh in was held, the Fines Police again did not neglect their duties and from 16h00 hours, all had a lot of fun with “strafdroppe” and the like. The Gees was excellent, and everybody had a great time with the hope that the weather will turn, and that Fishing will be possible.



Wednesday came and the weather did not improve overnight. Periodical Tropical rain and high winds forced everyone back to the same program they had the previous day. But hey, everyone still had a good time with the Wednesday Evening Braai Hosted by the Nomads. The Fines Police was on their posts and strafdroppe aplenty. Cudo's to the EAS Staff and Cheffs in providing a fantastic Braai Dinner. Compliments were flying around the restaurant and credit to the staff who did this under extremely difficult circumstances. Most teams had an earlier night as the weather looked promising for Thursday and all teams was ready to fish. The wind subsided and hopes were high.

Thursday morning was extremely disappointing the launch conditions were terrible and the call was made to call of the days fishing due to the unsafe launching conditions. The

weather committee then called a meeting at the Restaurant to discuss and make a call on the likelihood of calling the competition.

All Clubs agreed to call it off with input from every Chairman and information from Wessel on Local conditions and his experience.

The Prize Giving Dinner was held at the Restaurant and **NOMADS WAS CROWNED AS THE WINNERS OF THE 44th ROSEBOWL**. Top achievements by Nomads Members are as follows:



- Slice Of Life – Top Boat Chrisjan Jansen Skipper
- 3rd Top Boat – Tjaila Tyd – Skipper - Norman Coetzee
- 5th Top Boat – Saily days – Skipper Henk Liebenberg
- Top Billfish Angler – Elmar Basson
- First Marlin Release – Slice of Life - Elmar Basson
- First Sailfish Release – Tjaila Tyd - Norman Coetzee
- Top Angler - Elmar Basson
- 3rd Top Angler – Norman Coetzee



The party continued into the late evening by some and for others packing up to depart early the next morning was the name of the game.

In conclusion, although the weather did not play its part, the Rosebowl was a fantastic success. The Committee and Competition team putting and pulling the event together did a great job. The gees and camaraderie were legendary, and the time mates spent together, and new friendships were formed made it all worthwhile. Herewith the full list of Prize Winners of the Rosebowl 2024.

Finally – Make sure that you DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT IN THE YEARS TO COME. You have missed a lot of Fun and camaraderie. Firewood for the stoep one day!!

PRIZE LIST ROSEBOWL 2024					
Category	Position	Value	Item/s	Sponsor	
General Prizes	Top Billfish Angler	R 3 000.00	Cash		Elmar Basson - Slice of Life
		R 4 000.00	7 x Marlin Lures	Pulsator Lures	
	Top Gamefish Angler	R 3 000.00	Cash		Jasper Ward - Reel Tom
		R 4 000.00	7 x Marlin Lures	Pulsator Lures	
	Blooper Prize	R 2 000.00	Cash		Roger Benn - Pommy Dutchmen
	First Marlin Release	R 5 000.00	Cash	Marlin 4x4	Slice of Life
	First Sailfish Release	R 5 000.00	Cash	Marlin 4x4	Tjaila Tyd
	Biggest Gamefish - Of the Tournament	R 2 000.00	Tackle Shop Gift Voucher	The Fishing Pro Shop	Anton Oostehuisen 14.8kg Couata on High Tide
		?	Calcutta	All Competeing	

Top 5 Boats	5th Top BOAT	R 5 000.00	Cash		Saily Days
		R 2 000.00	2 x Fire Extinguishers	Fire Quip	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	4th Top BOAT	R 6 500.00	Stainless Steel Rod Stand	Gus Pinker	Reel Tom
		R 5 000.00	Cash		
		R 2 000.00	2 x Fire Extinguishers	Fire Quip	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	3rd Top BOAT	R 24 000.00	3 day Get away for 8 people	Tsunamoon, Gravelotte	Tjaila Tyd
		R 2 500.00	1 X Lure Pack & Wind On Leaders	Tropical Dream Tackle	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	2nd Top BOAT	R 9 000.00	1 X Runva Winch	Runva & Winch In	Maestro
		R 5 000.00	Cash		
		R 2 500.00	1 X Lure Pack & Wind On Leaders	Tropical Dream Tackle	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	Top BOAT & Auction	R 160 000.00	1 x 100HP Suzuki Outboard - Ultra Lon	Boat Boutique / Suzuki	Slice of Life
R 49 600.00		Boat Auction			
R 270.00		1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine		
Trophy		SGDSAA Floating Trophy			
Trophy		Top Boat Trophy	Wessel		

Top 5 Anglers	Top Inr Angler	R 3 000.00	Cash		Marco - Murdoc
	Top Lady Angler	R 3 000.00 Trophy	Cash SGDSAA Floating Trophy		Nicki Forte - Dream Catcher
	5th Top Angler	R 3 250.00	Weekend Accom for 8 at Eden Dunes	360 Administration	Anton Oosthuysen - High Tide
		R 2 100.00	25L BuddyCool Cooler Box	Buddy Cool	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	4th Top Angler	R 3 250.00	Weekend Accom for 8 at Eden Dunes	360 Administration	Jasper Ward - Reel Tom
		R 2 000.00	Cash		
		R 2 100.00	25L Buddy Cool Cooler Box	Buddy Cool	
		R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine	
	3rd Top Angler	R 3 000.00	Armour Recovery Kit	4X4 Megaworld - Menlyn	Norman Coetzee (Snr) - Tjaila Tyd
R 2 000.00		Tackle Shop Gift Voucher	The Fishing Pro Shop		
R 1 000.00		Pulsator Lure Gift Pack	Pulsator Lures		
R 270.00		1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine		
2nd Top Angler	R 5 000.00	Shimano Tiagra 30 Rod	Sollys Anglers - Booyens	Hein Muller - Maestro	
	R 2 000.00	Cash			
	R 1 000.00	Pulsator Lure Gift Pack	Pulsator Lures		
	R 270.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine		
Top Angler	R17 000.00	Garmin Watch - Quatix 7 S.E	Garmin	Elmar Basson - Slice of Life	
	R 1 000.00	Pulsator Lure Gift Pack	Pulsator Lures		
	R 2 700.00	1 Year Ski Boat Mag Subscription	Ski Boat Magazine		
	Trophy	SGDSAA Floating Trophy			
	Trophy	Top Angler Trophy	Wessel		

Trophies	Mitch Moore Team Spirit Trophy			Team - Watermark	
	Ted Adams Club Award Trophy			TSC	
	SGDSAA Winning Club			Nomads	
Lucky Draw	Biggest Gamefish - Caught on an African Lure	R 2 000.00	African Lure Pack	African Lures	Lucky Draw

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3RD – 7TH MARCH 2025

LET NOMADS MAKE A FORCE AND KEEP OUR TROPHY

ROSEBOWL CAPTAINS REPORT.

Mark Cockroft

- Rosebowl 2024 was hosted by Nomads at East African Safaris just north of Xai Xai Mozambique.
- Nomads managed 8 boats after three last minute cancellations. This was still a reasonably good showing given the trend over the past couple of years.
- The competition was in my view well organized by the committee with a few minor hiccups but nothing as serious as the nay sayers would have you believe. (I would highly recommend EAS as a venue for future comps. Yolanda and Wessel run a magnificent lodge and cater towards the fisherman.
- Unfortunately, the weather did not play ball. We fished one day and then cyclone Filipo changed direction and came back down the channel bring rain and heavy winds for two days. Once the wind settled, the surf was not safe to launch. The issue being the mid break at the mouth, not the surf in the mouth.
- Unfortunately, weather is not something that can be planned for and it is one of those risks we take as fishermen.
- Fortunately, from our eight boats we managed to bring some decent fish to the scales on day one. Special mention to Elmar Basson and team Slice of Life for catching a marlin on 10kg; a very happy birthday present for Norman Coetzee who caught a sail fish. A number of cuta, bonnies and yellow fin were also weighed which kept our score ticking over and we kept our noses just in front of East Rand who also caught a marlin but, on 37kg.
- In the end, we managed to finish day one in the lead and that is the way it stayed through the rain and bow outs until the competition was called on Thursday.
- The last Nomads captain to raise the Rosebowl was Mitch Moore in 2015, in Durban, and I was honored and very proud to raise the trophy again after 9 years. It was not how we planned to win it after only one day, but we'll take it.

Congratulations to all the winners of the prizes and thank you and congratulations to the organizing committee. Hopefully you will be around in six years' time to guide and help the next committee that hosts this competition. That said I am sure you guys came away with a lot of knowledge and lessons learnt that you could apply to the Nomads Closed



Tight lines and be safe.

A very proud Nomad

Mark

Born to Fish – Mark Cockroft.



I started fishing at a very young age of about 5, Sean was 4 and my folks enjoyed Plett in those days. Our first fishing experience was off the rocks on Roberg and the jetty in the Knysna lagoon catching streepies. My grandmother used to make fish cakes out of them.

Fishing with my father was a great joy and opened lots of ideas for Christmas and birthday presents. So, I guess you could say that from an early age, Santa Clause made me a tackle junkie.

When I was about 8 my good friend Clive Blanche invited me to go fly fishing with his family. His dad, the late Oom Jan, taught me the basics with a split cane rod which today would be a valuable antique. I caught my first trout that weekend at Combrinks in Dullstroom and the next time we went I out fished everyone including the fathers on the Tautes Loop in Machadodorp.

Flyfishing opportunities were more frequent than saltwater rock and surf and I soon started collecting every book on fly patterns, tactics in rivers and the like. Needless to say, schoolwork went for a ball of chalk because if I wasn't daydreaming about the one that got away in the river I was day dreaming about catching a bigger saltwater fish than my brother. Years before Sean caught a rock cod which stood as the record between us siblings for too long.

Boarding school put the skids on fishing for a while, but at university with long vacations and my own wheels, the passion for fly fishing and rock and surf were re-ignited. The shad run was a regular event each year on the south coast, Seven Streams just outside Dullstroom was an easy weekend jol, and don't forget the grunter run in St. Lucia.

We used to camp at Sugar Loaf which still exists and hired little tin boats from Nico's Café and with a 6hp Seagull motor on the back, we targeted grunter and cob (Natal Salmon). To this day I think grunter is the nicest eating fish in the sea.

As my career started taking off, I ended up travelling to sites in some of the remotest parts of the world but always found time to fish. Whether building a road in Lesotho or a bridge in Botswana or a Power station in Brazil, the weekends involved fishing for wild mountain river browns, the striped water dog (tigers) or marlin as the circumstances permitted.

Probably some of the best fishing was during my 6 years in the States. I was lucky enough to build a power plant in Yuba City California with four gin clear rivers within 10 miles of our accommodation. It was here that I learnt the art of going lighter and stealthier to catch salmon, brown trout and the wiley steelheads.

Home base was Orlando, so when I was at home, I used every opportunity to fish the Indian River in Florida. Here I put the fly rod away to start and dabbled for the first time in drop shot techniques. I had a lot of fun drop shotting but strangely I remember having more excitement fighting jack trevally and snook on the saltwater flyrod. I did get my ass handed to me one day though, when Sharon landed the Indian River slam in one day. [Trevally, Snook, Sea Trout and Red drum (red fish)]

I came back to SA in 2005 and per chance bumped into Ian van Zyl, in Mias, no surprise. I had not seen Ian since we played polo against each other in the 80s. One thing led to another, I met Sandy and his kids and before you know it we were camping with Ian, Colin and Michael Green and their families at Coconut bay near Guinjata. Needless to say, there was fishing, and beer involved.

Ian and Colin introduced me to the basics of deep angling, with a slant on targeting sailfish and small marlin but we were also expected to bring home dinner. Which we did. Something that still gives me great joy was watching the kids in the camp site dive into the cuta nuggets as they came off the skottle.

In 2007 I fished with Ian on Aqua bliss in my first Nomads Closed and first competition. The weather did not play ball, but I did manage a 5kg bonnie however, I thoroughly enjoyed the comradery of the Nomads family.

For a few years after that I crewed for Ian and Colin in competitions and on holiday and learnt something new on every trip as we do. I can't remember the year, but a colleague told me about a 19ft Tom and a land cruiser going for a steal. I took my trusted advisors along and eventually bought the package.

Now I had my own boat, I had to learn to skipper and fish and the learning curve skyrocketed. I continued to fish socially and tried to fish the Closed and the Rosebowl but

never had designs on anything higher than that. Until 2015, Dave Martin came to me and said we need to bolster the Nomads numbers at SGDSAA, and I think you have what it takes.

My first inter provincial was a heavy tackle competition in Richards Bay. With fellow Nomads Kevin Allardyce and our skipper Tig, I caught my first billfish in SGDSAA colours. Our third teammate Oom Hennie van Niekerk also picked up a marlin and we won silver. That was the beginning of the journey, and I did not look back.

Over the next few years, I progressed through the ranks of inter provincials to nationals but never set the sea alight. I think the best we did was a silver, but I hold a wonderful memory of my first nationals in 2016. The late uncle Paddy Venske had been assigned to our boat on the last day of nationals. I was the captain, and he asked me what my plan was. I told him that only 3 sailies had come out all week but many striped marlin had been released in the heavy tackle division. So we were going to target striped marlin. The plan almost worked in front of a SADSAA selector. I caught my first stripey and shortly after we put the lines out to get another, the comp was called off due to weather. We came 4th but one more would have given us gold.

As the saying goes, it's not about fishing but the moments and experiences you share with others. Another wonderful memory includes fellow Nomad Wade Martin. Fishing the All Inland on my boat, we had scratched all week and were lying 8th out of 11 on the last day. With less than an hour to go before lines up, we were working an oil slick that Oom Wessel from East Rand had chummed up on Diep Gat, when 4 rods went away. Panic stations! Sailies were jumping everywhere, two rod's had to be cleared and Sipo (auto pilot) is limited to driving not talking on the radio. Unfortunately for Wessel his fish dropped the black and orange Halco, but it did free him up to man the radio and control the boat. Long story short, Frank, Wade and I all released our sailies and we went from 8th to 1st in injury time.

The following year I was selected for the SADSAA team with good friends George Breedt and Charles du Plessis. Fishing on Charlies boat "Mesteph" with skipper Faith Lategan we each caught a fish in the LTBF nationals which was good enough for gold. Covid determined that we would be the reigning champions for two years but when we came back to defend our title in 2021, we stumbled and only got bronze.

More memories were to be made in 2021 when I got my first taste of international competition at the 80th ILTTA in Guatemala. As a member of team Nomads, Dave, Wade and I flew across the pond to the holy grail of sail fishing. Sadly, two ocean earthquakes meant that Guatemala did not live up to the prolific bill fishing venue it has become known to be. If I may add here, there are several upcoming anglers at Nomads and whether you are pursuing higher accolades or not, be aware that Nomads is an honorary member of ILTTA and it is a fabulous experience and even if seemingly expensive, it is worth every cent. What can be more exciting than pitching a half beak to a sighted fish. I'd encourage you to take advantage of the club's ILTTA membership.

2022 has some serious ups and downs. Having won gold and bronze with George and Charlie, I was admittedly gutted when I was not selected to go to Costa Rico with them to the 81st ILTTA. However, I did not have to wait long, less than two months, to get my call up to the national team. Captain Dave Martin led the Protea team to the 69th International Bill Fish Tournament (IBT). The tournament was initially earmarked to be a 30lb marlin comp but ended up being a 50lb comp. Fishing was not good and two practice days we had no flags to fly. But on day 3 Henry Gous released a pacific blue. Then in a show of sportsmanship I will never forget, Dave gave up his last time on the rod to allow me the chance at a Pacific blue.

As it happened, in what would have been Dave's time, I pitched a Spanish mackerel to a marlin in the spread. He ate it, I let him feed then tightened up. The circle set and I settled in for the battle. I can't remember how long it took before the release, but I do remember Henry and Dave, who could see the fish on the downstairs finder screen, telling me how deep he was. 600ft was mentioned a lot.

In 2023 I was selected to go to Panama to fish the ILTTA and this year I have been selected to go to the Dominican Republic to fish the 83rd ILTTA. The stars have aligned in part to bring our SADSAA team together again, Charles du Plessis will captain the team. Wade Martin, who has fished many ILTTA competitions joins us wearing the green and gold at ILTTA for the first time.

White marlin sound like the order of the day and I hope to get one at a time to fill my bucket list achievement of the billfish royal slam. I only need 3 more and the white marlin is one of them.



Most memorable fish: Sailfish on fly – Guatemala 2014

Second most memorable: 17.5lb Tiger on fly. Shackleton's Zambezi 2017

Most memorable day fishing: 750lb black and 250lb blue (both estimated) Ilse de Vitoria - Brazil 2004

To all Nomad members and families stay and healthy. Until the next newsletter. Cheers and Beers and tight lines.

Gus Pinker and Tig Andrin