

NOMADS TIDE

MAY – JUNE 2024

SADSSA SENIOR GAMEFISH NATIONALS – MICHAEL GRUAR

UMHLANGA

17th – 21st APRIL 2024.

When I got the call from Uncle Chris Schorn, to say that I made the SADSAA U19 team and was chosen as captain. I was both happy and nervous at the same time. I felt that I had my club, province, and SADSAA that I could not let down.

At the opening ceremony my teammates Matt Howells (Zululand), Matt Shepard (Natal) and I were looking at the fishermen around us, well-known legends. We knew we would need Neptune on-our-side to have any chance against them.

All three of us were capped at the opening function on Tuesday evening by protea anglers Uncle George Breed and Henk du Plessis. On bended knee, I felt the importance of the occasion.



The boat draw was as follows.

- Day 1: “Big Mack” - Skipper - Russel Mckelvey
- Day 2: “Kataza” - Skipper - Douglas Slogrove
- Day 3: “That’s Him” - Skipper - Seth Van Den Berg
- Day 4: “Tails Up” - Skipper - Richard Jones (Dyl Egling)
- Day 5: “Don’t Tell Mom” - Skipper - Clinton Bullard

Michael Gruar SADSAA Capping

DAY 1

Early rise at 03h45, then we drove to the Umhlanga SBC, loaded our gear onto BIG MACK, collected boat packs, bait, and ice, and had a cup of coffee. Due to the weather, we couldn't launch from Granny's pool, so we headed to Durban SBC.

The launch was easy, with a little shorie to contend with, we remained dry. We were supplied with a dozen mackerel, sards, and three Walla Walla, as dead baits. We headed for the containers, where we found live bait (mozzies). Then ran south in dirty water hoping for better conditions.

The fishing was tough with few bites, I had one pull which turned out to be a hammerhead, a disappointing start, with few catches at the weigh-in.

DAY 2

Another launch from Durban SBC, this time we ran north, and we caught better live bait, (Mozzies, Shad & two Mackerel). After a 60km drive, we arrived at a spot called "Yellowtail" that looked promising, with abundant sea life (Turtles & Dolphins). On the tide change at around 10h00 the fishing turned on. We caught three cuota and a bonnie on live bait and were happy that we were now on the score board.



Catch for the Day



TOURNAMENT:
VENUE:
HOST PROVINCE:

Gamefish Nationals
Umhlanga Ski Boat Club
Natal



Tournament Start Date:

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

TEAM RANKING

RANKING	TEAM	POINTS					TOTAL
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	
1	SADSAA U19	0,00	82,47	0,00	0,00	0,00	82,47
2	SADSAA Seniors	37,60	21,49	0,00	0,00	0,00	59,09
3	Natal Black	0,00	59,09	0,00	0,00	0,00	59,09
4	SADSAA U21	0,00	52,51	0,00	0,00	0,00	52,51
5	Natal White	17,33	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	17,33
6	Southern Gauteng	3,88	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	3,88
7	SADSAA Masters	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
8	Northern Gauteng	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

DAY 3

The weather improved and the conditions allowed us to launch from Granny’s Pool. This is an exciting launch, and our tails were up hoping for a good day. We caught live bait at a secret spot known to our skipper and then continued north to Yellowtail. The bite was slow, fortunately my teammates “Scratched” a cuota each. Well done guys! At the weigh-in, we were very surprised to find ourselves at the top of the leaderboard, with SADSAA seniors & Natal Black behind us.



Early morning loading the boat



Day 3 Catch



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1	SADSAA U19	0,00	82,47	42,74	0,00	0,00	125,21
2	SADSAA Seniors	37,60	21,49	0,00	0,00	0,00	59,09
3	Natal Black	0,00	59,09	0,00	0,00	0,00	59,09
4	SADSAA U21	0,00	52,51	0,00	0,00	0,00	52,51
5	Southern Gauteng	3,88	0,00	28,58	0,00	0,00	32,46
6	Natal White	17,33	0,00	5,75	0,00	0,00	23,09
7	SADSAA Masters	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
8	Northern Gauteng	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

DAY 4

We were excited to be fishing on “Tails up” with Uncle Richard. It was with disappointment that we heard he had strained his back and could not skip the boat. Dyl Egling stood-in for him and worked hard to put us on the fish. We launched again from Granny's pool and headed north. Bait was scarce, but we ended up with two mozzies caught on the backline. Those baits proved valuable with both our cuota caught on the mozzies, SADSAA seniors had a good catch, and we dropped to second place.



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1	SADSAA Seniors	37,60	21,49	0,00	147,14	0,00	206,23
2	SADSAA U19	0,00	82,47	42,74	46,15	0,00	171,36
3	Natal Black	0,00	59,09	0,00	80,92	0,00	140,01
4	SADSAA U21	0,00	52,51	0,00	52,20	0,00	104,71
5	SADSAA Masters	0,00	0,00	0,00	98,16	0,00	98,16
6	Southern Gauteng	3,88	0,00	28,58	33,06	0,00	65,52
7	Natal White	17,33	0,00	5,75	6,65	0,00	29,74
8	Northern Gauteng	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

DAY 5

The pressure was on!

With the pedigree of the anglers in the competition, we knew we had to catch species to give us a place in the medals. We launched from Granny's pool again and caught our bait on the backline. This gave us an early start to "Yellowtail"

Unfortunately, there were no showings or bites, so we went in-shore looking for snoek. We were excited when we spotted birds diving and fish feeding on the surface. Tuna, cobia, and snoek all feeding on squid and sprats. However, with so much bait around, we just couldn't get a hook-up.

Finally, we were rewarded with a snoek, caught on a bucktail, followed by two kingfish, three bonnies, and a yellowfin tuna



So, we had our species and now just for the fish to weigh, a few of our catches were bordering on minimum weight, but we were hoping for the best.

After beaching at Granny's Pool. We unloaded our fish bag, which felt heavy, and nervously eyed out the bags of our opposition. No teams were giving information on their catches, and we would have to wait for the outcome.



Day 5 Offloading our fish bag



Day 5 catch

At the final weigh-in for the competition, the excitement was in the air as one by one, the fish bags were brought to the scale.

When it was our turn, we were disappointed that two of our species did not make the weight by a few grams, So Close! When our opposition cheered on our fish not making the weight we felt good, as we realized we had been decent competition. Only two of our fish weighed a snoek and a kingfish.



Gold Medallists – SADSAA



Silver Medallists – SADSAA U19



Legendary paella at the closing function



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2	SADSAA U19	0.00	82.47	42.74	46.15	16.85	188.21
3	Natal Black	0.00	59.09	0.00	80.92	11.21	151.22
4	SADSAA U21	0.00	52.51	0.00	52.20	0.00	104.71
5	SADSAA Masters	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.16	0.00	98.16
6	Southern Gauteng	3.88	0.00	28.58	33.06	8.92	74.44
7	Natal White	17.33	0.00	5.75	6.65	5.86	35.60
8	Northern Gauteng	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.06	11.06

We felt proud to receive our silver medals and look forward to fishing competitively in future.

We hope to give the “Ballies” a run for their money.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible especially Uncle Rob Shepard and Aunty Mary Kane who organised the competition and SADSAA.

Yours in angling,

Michael Guar.

SADSAA U19 - Captain.

Congratulations Michael you have made your family, club, and province extremely proud. – “ED”.

SENIOR GAMEFISH NATIONALS – SHAUN ASPDEN (Captain)

UMHLANGA

17th – 21st APRIL 2024.

The Game Fish Nationals hosted this year in April at Umhlanga Ski Boat Club under banner of Kwa Zulu Natal and SADSAA.

I was privileged to captain the SADSAA seniors team this year and Michael Gruer was Captain of the U19 SADSAA team.

DAY 1

From day one we were expecting the fishing to be hard as the water temperature was down to 19 degrees and the water was brown and there was no life around due to big storms the week before. Luckily, we managed to get a Cuta of over 10kg on the first day and besides the 2 small Bonnies caught no other teams weighed in.



DAY 2

Day two was exactly the same, a couple of snoek caught but no weighable fish and at end of day two the juniors passed us on top of leaderboard as did two other teams, both days we stayed local at around 20 to 30 km from where we launched.

DAY 3

Day three was a steadily long day with no wind, brown water that was full of algae that clogged everyone's lines and more time we spent cleaning this off than fishing. However, we managed to get snoek on spoons which we were throwing into waves, the juniors did the same and caught a King Fish. Teams travelled to Yellow Tail off Tinley around 47km one way and were rewarded with Bonnies and Cuta.

This kept everyone in the running with a chance to win and 2 days to go.

DAY 4

On Thursday we decided to go south approximately 39km but halfway there I stopped the skipper as the water was not getting better, and with team mates not too happy I made call to head to Yellow Tail with no bait except what we had been allocated. After a 55km run and what felt like hours we arrived and Cuta was caught by the other boats. Instead of putting baits in I instructed the skipper to slow trawl around outer drop-off, and we slow pitched small jigs and were rewarded with 8 Bonnies all candy Cuta size, all the boats left by time we put first bait in the water, but our patience was rewarded with all 8 Bonnies being converted into nice size Cuta.

Once we had used our bait, we left immediately and went to a reef I knew of which holds big Bonnies and Ambers and it was not long till we each had our quota of Bonnies with one being over 6kg.

DAY 5

This put us quite far ahead on the board for the last day. We decided to go to Yellow Tail but struggled as sharks arrived, so we did the Bonnie trick again and I saw a Dorado which I quickly pitched a sneaky trace at and lucky for us he weighed, and we added that to Bonnies. Meanwhile Mike Gruer and his team were in second place and arrived at the scales with smiles as they had spooned shallow reefs all day and had five species, but unluckily only two fish weighed.



The end result was SADSAA Seniors gold and SADSAA U19 silver. A great result for Nomads.



Umhlanga is a great venue and if ever a competition held in the Durban area, you cannot get better than Umhlanga.

Nomads "Jou lekker ding".

Shaun Aspden

Captain SADSSA Senior Team

SADSSA ALL INLANDS – KEVIN ALLARDYCE

SODWANA

29th APRIL – 03rd MAY 2024.



The All Inlands 2024 fishing tournament hosted by Mpumalanga Deep Sea Angling Association at Sodwana bay.

This 5-day fishing tournament was held as an interprovincial as well as an interclub competition with the option of 10kg or 37kg line class for each team.

Bryan Jooste, the tournament officer and MDSAA team hosted 9 interprovincial teams and 5 interclub teams, totaling to 14 teams and boats.

Two interprovincial teams represented Southern Gauteng Deep Sea Angling Association (SGDSAA), consisting of an absolute Nomads team, led by Kevin Allardyce (Captain and Skipper), Gus “the Guy” Pinker and Janneman Swanepoel “first Southern Gauteng cap” on Kevin’s boat, the notable BULLDOG.



This tournament as a whole was extremely well coordinated and managed by MDSAA's committee and team.

On **Monday**, the very first day, which promised to be a good day out at sea turned into a miserable day for all regarding fish as not one fish were caught or released, and everyone blanked.

The weather did not play its part on **Tuesday** with heavy winds and ultimately unsafe launching conditions, thus after careful consideration by the weather committee, Bryan and team decided that day 2 was to be called off.

Fortunately, as from **Wednesday**, 1st of May, the drought ended and Mad Marly (MDSAA Blue) managed to tag and release a black marlin at 07h36 (angler Bryan Jooste managing them 305 points), there was quite a few strikes and hookups, where we as Bulldog was one of them as we had a hookup on a black marlin on our China line, however we were not successful and ultimately lost the fish. There were a number of positive signs on the day, and we felt that it is just a matter of time. The remainder of the fleet, especially the 10kg boats and anglers, managed to bring some decent fish to the scales, including a nice dorado, cuota, tuna and a wahoo.



All Inland Inter-Provincial Team 2024 Day 3



1	MDSAA Blue	305.00
2	S/Gauteng	80.28
3	MDSAA Purple	29.95

On **Thursday**, there was unfortunately no Marlin tagged and released but once again a beautiful day on the ocean. The 10kg boats and anglers delivered again and managed to weigh some fish at the scales, including the interclub teams and MDSAA Purple and N/Gauteng.



All Inland Inter-Provincial Team 2024 Day 4



1	MDSAA Blue	305.00
2	S/Gauteng	80.28
3	MDSAA Purple	46.08
4	N/Gauteng	7.68

Team Bulldog after Thursday's weigh in, knew that we are still in it to win it and after a lekker braai, braai brootjies and cold beers with ice at Skylar Blue Lodge (Christo, Dries and team) we pulled together after a wonderful evening, thank you Skylar Blue. We started rigged new fresh baits and Kevin pulled out the magic (showstoppers) from his arsenal of Kona's when we arrived back at Phumalani Lodge later in the evening.

As the early hours of the **Friday** morning approached, we were up at 04h00 ready to rock and roll, and our launching sheet was sent in first as we did not have time to waste, and the intensity was high, and we were full of energy. Lucky Strike (Team Limpopo) managed to successfully release a Blue Marlin at 08h41 (awarding them 305 points). After some deliberation if we are going to keep working for Black Marlin or are we heading out to the deep for a Blue or two, our Captain and Skipper headed towards the deep at around 09h15, after resetting our spread including a few changes (Kevin's showstoppers), whereafter our spread was breathing and smoking beautifully, and action was palpable. We realized it was just a matter of time and that piloting Bulldog over a Marlin was going to result in a straight hookup.

At about 10h45 it was our turn and we managed to hookup on a beautiful Blue Marlin, eating the Black Bart Hawaiian breakfast on the long corner in water depth of about 850 meters. Guess who was up, Gus "the Guy" Pinker who has had two previous encounters with Marlin but to no avail. The deck was cleared within minutes, gloves on with colored band on and the team was zoomed in on the fish. After a few clear out of the water jumps from the Marlin and taking about 450 meters of line and swimming long and deep, Gus had the task to land his first Marlin.

Gus was about 10 minutes into the fight and after feeling no tension on the line and demoralization creeping in, Kevin, with his wealth of experience, accelerated whereafter a

huge sigh of relief the tension was there like never before. At that moment Gus knew how the Springboks felt during their last 3 games. After strapping gloves on the hands of Gus as the line started eating his left hand and losing grip on the handle of the reel, with all the adrenalin pumping Gus did not wish for any words of encouragement as he was in the “zone” and focused on landing this incredible strong fish, which size, speed, power, and elusiveness makes it a sought-after catch and every fisherman’s dream.

After about 36 minutes into the fight, we managed to see the top shot, suffix line never looked so good and beautiful. Gus immediately received extra motivation and another power gear for reeling the fish in. After about 45 minutes, the leader line appeared from the water and the Marlin was there, Janneman had the task to leader the Marlin and was on it like Kwagga Smith over a rugby ball.

We as a team were ecstatic, Gus overwhelmed with emotion and elation. His words: “FINALLY!” Luckily for the third time and after numerous trips and attempts, Gus was awarded a beautiful Blue Marlin, which was successfully released. Gus managed to obtain 304 points for the day. Although it was a short day, and lines up were at 13h00, we still hunted for a second one or a nice by-catch but unfortunately to no avail.





We as Nomads boys and team were finally up on the board after hours of hard work, commitment, and persistence. Team Limpopo and Team MDSSA Blue picked up by-catches which catapulted them to the top. As you will notice the difference between 1st and 3rd place was 3.98 points.

Team Southern Gauteng Nomad finished the week in 3rd place, taking bronze medals overall with Gus “the Guy” Pinker being awarded the 3rd best individual angler of the tournament.



Congratulations to the other Southern Gauteng team who finished in 4th overall. Once again this was a very well-organized tournament where a lot of knowledge and experience was gained.



All Inland Inter-Provincial Team 2024 Day 5



1	Limpopo	307.98
2	MDSAA Blue	306.57
3	S/ Gauteng Nomad	304.00
4	S/Gauteng	80.28
5	MDSAA Purple	73.17
6	N/Gauteng	7.68



All Inland Inter-Provincial Individual 2024 Day 5



POSITION	Team	Total Score
1	Bryan Jooste (C)	306.57
2	Riaan Claasens (C)	305.00
3	Gus Pinker	304.00
4	Leon Orsmond (C)	64.52
5	Hester O'Reilly	27.08
6	Marco Siemens	23.50
7	Devon O'Reilly (C)	22.58
8	Deirdre du Plooy	8.99
9	Hans Du Preez (C)	7.68
10	Geraldine Breedt	6.77
11	Martiens Visser	2.98

Stywe Lyne / Tight lines and Fair seas to all.

Proudly Nomads

Kevin Allardyce Skipper / Captain.

NOMADS CLOSED – COLIN GREEN

MAPELANE

09th – 11th MAY 2024.



The 2024 Nomads Closed, hosted at Mapelane Ski Boat Club from the 9 May to the 11 May 2024.

4 boats entered, Slice of Life / Tjala Tyd / Fintastic and Reel Screamer. Unfortunately Reel Screamer withdrew due to a broken accelerator cable, and the crew was then allocated on the other three boats. The first day's fishing was terribly slow and only Tjala Tyd managed to catch 5 Yellow fin tuna of which only one weighed.



The weigh in was very rough to say the least as Guy and Mike got up to their usual tricks and punished all with shots of Gin mixed with chillies, really disgusting stuff.



Day 2 was very windy, but all boats went out to sea and all managed to catch fish. A couple of nice sized cuda were around. Together with snoek and yellow fin tuna these were caught.

Day 3 was again highly active and Fintastic made a good catch which included two small Black Tip King Fish and released.

Fintastic was place 1st with Slice of Life second and Tjala Tyd third. The comrade between the crews was something special and the evening functions were held at Reel Screamers camp which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the sponsors especially Hollards Insurance who always come to the party.



Special thanks to the catering team and an incredibly special thanks to Jill Green for all the arduous work she put in with the meals and weigh in beers.

Thanks also to the Mapelane members for allowing us to use their special place.

2025 Nomads closed is set to hosted at Cape Vidal so see you all there.



Colin Green

Competition Officer & Angler.

PENTA – MARTIN De WIT

SODWANA

06th – 10th MAY 2024.



The 12 Round Boxing Match - 2 Hours and 43 Min and 43km's long....

Like any good story it all starts with.... long, long time ago...

But this is not that type of story and salads do not catch marlin!! This is my story of the 12 Round boxing match with a worthy adversary.

After the Boat Auction, we had an early night and Monday morning at 5o'clock we were on the wet Sodwana sand waiting for the Weather committee to give us all clear. And as soon as we got the okay, tractors on the beach (More like the Agricultural Show Nampo in Bothaville) pushed huge boats into the surf. With boats still on the beach, boats were already reporting Hook Ups on Marlin and sailfish. By the time we reached the 500m mark 2 x boats already release bills, even a sailfish past the 400m mark.

At 09:10. Our crew member jumped up and down and said: "Short Left, Short Left" and a big marlin fin came out of the water like a big shark. It hit the lure 2 to 3 times and nothing. That few seconds that we waited to see if the fish would hit it again felt like an eternity and then without warning the Long Rigger went off like a gun shot. The 80lbs reel was screaming so loud that I believed it could be heard all the way to the beach.

Oom Wessel, instructed me to grab the rod and as soon as I sat down, I could see that the fish was going to spool us, as the backing was almost finished and we could see the "Drum" of the reel. Like a Slick politician, i said to the guys "don't worry, i got this"... knowing very well what hard work laid ahead. I set the drag to strike, and boy o boy were we in for a treat!!

On the 30 min mark, I managed to get the backing back to such degree that I felt confident the fight was not going to last long. On the 45 min mark, I started to get the 80lbs line on the reel, still confident that the fight is basically done. The first hour mark lapsed, I started to get the reel to almost full. Knowing we'll that the "number plate" is going to show then we can start celebrating. At 1 Hour and 15 minutes, we got the fish close to the boat till we can see the leader line. Our crew man Chris reached out, grabbed the leader, and like a torpedo it took off, with such a speed that with the reel on "strike" it stripped the reel back to almost the backing. Now it's the 1h 30min mark, we got the fish close to the boat for the 2nd time. Chris, with colour band ready, grabbed the leader and before he could put his second hand on the leader the fish took off again.

At this stage, I could feel my athletic body telling me that we need to rap this up as we would be going into reserves. At 1h 45min we had the fish at the boat again. But no, this fish was not having it and it jumped out of the water completely with its tail making "wind noises" as it got higher and higher out of the water. As soon as it landed back in the water, the fish made it for the corner like a springbok back and started passing the boat. Realizing the fish was going to pass us, I shouted at Oom Wessel... Forward, forward... And Oom Wessel pushed the throttles down to get ahead of the fish. At this moment we passed the fish, and we had tension back on the line.

And if that wasn't enough, the fish then charged at the boat with blissful speed! Go Go Go.... I shouted at Oom Wessel!! Trying to get the slack in the line back onto the reel.

The fish made 3x leaps out of the water towards the boat, then decided to deep dive into the blue and I could catch my breath.

Now we surpassed 2 Hours into the fight. My shoulders burning like an old Aga Stove. But if I must tear every muscle in my shoulders, I will not admit to my crew that I'm sweating... The fish came to the boat again, leader in hand and as the other 4x times it charged off again...

The reel stopped, I quickly started winning line back. The fish's reflection started to show...

Chris: "reel, reel, reel, the fish is tired, we got it... reel, reel, reel".

Me: "I can't!!!!"

Chris: "No... it's there... reel, reel, reel"

Me: "I can't.... the reel is jammed!!

Then, without warning, the reel seized!!! The 2x Crew members wanted to grab the rod and reel and try to get the reel unjammed. But i shouted "leave it, leave it" as this could mean we get DQ-ed and this fight will be in vain.

And like a Hemingway's novel I started to pull the fish in hand by hand from the first eye of the rod to the reel. 2 Hours and 43 minutes the fish was in arms reach. Chris grabbed the leader and "pluck", the sound that echoed like a drum in my ears... the hook pulled!!

Completely shattered I looked over the bow and saw the Marlin swim away peacefully underneath the boat into the dark blue. Even though according to IGFA, we caught the fish. We always want to make sure that the hook is removed, fish is in a healthy condition and a lot of pictures and videos. But this was not the case... luckily, we have Video evidence from our camera man!! Right? Right?

During this epic battle, the GoPro camera mounted on the roof's battery died. The GoPro that was on the chest position had a water bubble on the lens, so the image wasn't clear. The camera man with the cell phone was standing at the other side of the boat, got the video where the leader line went into the eyes of the rod, Chris grabbing the leader with the Colour band in his hand and the pulled hook part...luckily, he managed to catch the glimpse of the marlin before he went under the boat.... that was enough proof that the fish was caught, identified as a marlin and we were on the board and one fish closer to winning the competition...

Since the hookup, we fought the fish for 2.43 hours and drifted a total of 43km's from the point on the 850m mark past Rooi Walle on the 900m mark till we caught the fish. But the Blue Flag was waving proudly as we head back to the Backline.

After this fight I have a newfound appreciation for this apex predator as it took everything in my arsenal to turn the tide into my favour. With aching shoulders, cramping hands and blisters on my fingers I can tell you

That Marlin are true gladiators of the sea and men are not made for defeat...



Martin De Wit
Angler

MAPELANE INTER CLUB – COLIN GREEN

MAPELANE

24th – 25th MAY 2024.

The Nomads team of Colin Green, Alex Lockley and new member Richard Moloney participated in the Mapelane interclub in May 2024. They fished aboard Colin boat Reel Screamer which was skippered by Sean Aspden also from Nomads and one of the best skippers in Zululand.



Day one started with a mass start and Sean raced ahead of the pack to place us in the prime position for an early morning snoek. 30 seconds after our rods were let out, we hooked into 2 snoek which we caught, and we immediately pulled in the lines and made our way to Scavengers reef out at the 50-meter mark. Unfortunately, the sharks were active on the reef, and we spent a couple of hours battling against them and losing bait and did not land a fish. The inner reefs also were unproductive, and we only weighed 1 x snoek that gave us 18th position on day 1.

Day 2 started slowly and again we started on the snoek, but they did not rise but we did catch small yellow tail kingfish which we kept as live bait. We went out to Scavengers reef and this time we got lucky and boated 2 x bull Dorado and a Cuda. At 45 minutes to line up we raced back to the shallows and tried again for a snoek but luckily caught a yellow tailed kingfish of over 40cm that gave us three species for the day.



We shot up from 18th position to end in 4th place, a good result against some of the best anglers in Natal. Our thanks to Sean for skippering us and showing us his special tricks and strategies to make a winning team.

To our new member Richard, thanks for your enthusiasm and well done on a good bull Dorado. Hope to see you and your dad participate more in the future.

Well done to the Mapelane club for a great competition. We will be back next year for more.



Colin Green

Team captain

SHELLEY BEACH INTERCLUB – DRIES LIEBENBERG

SHELLEY BEACH

01st – 02nd JUNE 2024.

This year, Nomads was fortunate enough to put in 2 teams to represent the Club at Shelly Beach. This prestigious event, as always, did not dissappoint!

The Two teams consisted out of:

Team Blue:	Team Red:
Adrian Feher (Cpt)	Henk Liebenberg (Cpt)
Dries Liebenberg	Jeanette Liebenberg
Johannes Geldenhuys	Gus Pinker

Day 1 started off with good weather but had some hic-ups. There were 3 boats that did not make it to the launching site, and Nomads Blue was one of the unfortunate teams. Nonetheless, things were sorted out very quickly and effectively with SBSBC's committee working like a well-oiled machine.

They managed to get 2 other boats in and asked that one team be split amongst the rest of the fleet. Without skipping a beat, ERBC pointed to Nomads to fish with them. Dries and Johannes fished with "Piet Pirate" and Brendon from ERBC Skipped by Ralph Jones on SMG Yamaha, and Adrian Fished with the Midlands Jnr's on Lucky Sands. Nomads Red fished with Des on the boat Predator, an old Southern Gauteng Member.

Great friendships have been made, and good fun where had by both teams. Team Blue ended day one with two yellow fin tuna but did not make the 6kg mark. Team Red Managed a 25.6kg Mussel Cracker that was caught on a Bucktail Jig with slow pitch jigging outfit. Unfortunately, due to it being a bottom fish, no points earned.

Day 2 was called off, due to a 24knt wind, 30knt Gust and a 3.6m swell. Unfortunately, there was not a lot of fish that broke the 10kg mark, though the winning fish of the tournament was a decent size Amberjack of 18kg caught by Shelly Beach – White.

Nomads would like to thank SBSBC for a fantastic comp, great food, friendly staff and always having time for Nomads Game Fishing Club.





SHELLEY BEACH INTERCLUB – HENK LIEBENBERG

SHELLEY BEACH

01st – 02nd JUNE 2024.

With a team willing to learn and a good skipper we were bound to get some decent results, but unfortunately the bite was not on as only 9 anglers out of the 48 anglers weighed fish. We were lucky enough to land a decent fish but not a game fish. A mussel cracker 25.6kg. The small Sarda gave us some hope but to no avail as it weighed 300gr short of the 3kg mark. Day 2 was a complete blow out and the prize giving was moved up earlier with SBSBC White who took first place. The most important thing happened and that was to learn and enjoy the experience. Thanks to SBSBC and Nomads.





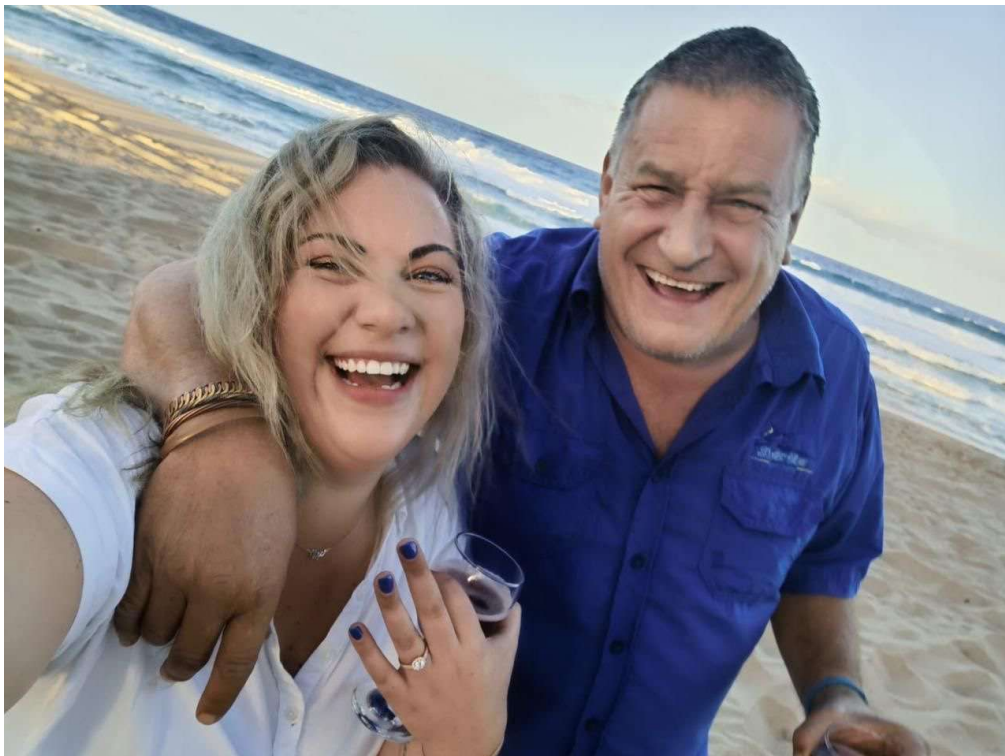
NOMADS Team *Red & Blue*



ENGAGEMENT – CHRISTO MYBURG & ILZE

22nd MAY 2024

SKYLAR BLUE now has extra crew. Nomads wishes you both years of happiness.



NOMADS CLUB CHAIRMAN – CHRISJAN JANSEN



A name is worth a thousand conversations. My name and how I see myself became synonymous with the Nomads Club. Nomads Fishing Club has impacted my life in such a special way. I have been exposed to the science of a competitive fishing experience, passionate anglers and the vision to leave a legacy to the younger generation. Our children, their children and their children should be experiencing the wholesomeness of being on sea, a boat, with family, feeling the wind, smelling the sea, touching a reel, rod and seeing the catch. That's life. That is what I stand for. Life in abundance.

I grew up with boats. My father was the owner of a boat shop. We, as a family use to go to the Vaal Dam on weekends. The complex at the Vaal where we owned a house, had dams, stocked with fish from the Vaal Dam, in front of each house.

One afternoon, just before sunset, I heard a splash in one of these dams. My evergreen fishing passion was born.

My dad was more of a shotgun hunter. He used to put one line with 80 lb. braid and a fish tail or fish head, chucked it literally 5meter in, away from the side. The next morning (after not attending more than twice) would winch the monsters that lurked out.

My mom on the other hand was purest. Her father use to go out with a Dick Manten Mono Hull with a 60Hp Mercury, through the Knysna Heads (single motor.) Later he bought a Suzuki. She used to get up with me at 4h30, with a flask coffee and sat with me to catch small carb. So, for me, this was fishing. Or at least, that is what I thought it was.

Fast forward. A few years later, in Mozambique on a family holiday. One of my dad's clients offered to take us out on the ocean. My first deep sea experience and BOOM! A "Sailie." From that day forward I never wanted to touch a freshwater rod. I have loosened that rule; if there is not a body of salt water around, bass and trout will do.

While working at my dad's boat shop, I got to know a certain Hennie Liebenberg, (a Nomads member) whose son I've known through a mutual acquaintance. Hennie invited me to the gem, Cape Vidal. (Also, my late grandfather's favourite fishing place.) The rest is history.

Nomads was the cause for developing the strong fishing-DNA within me. It was the Nomads that have introduced fishing as a science and art. I call it an art because that is what it is. To be a Skipper has become my passion and an art to master.

All of us can winch fish out. But on 10kg it becomes a slow dance. More so when one has put out live bait for a Dorado or Tuna and unexpectedly get picked up by Billfish. Epic is the only word appropriate for this experience.

A person like the late Mitch Moore caught my attention. He made skippering a vessel a real art. It was his goal to put crew on fish. He got that right every time. He was exceptionally well at it.

Mark took me under his wing for an extensive period. I did not own a boat. I was part of his crew and I have learned from the best. I have flipped my first boat at St Lucia. (Yes, you are only as good as your last launch!) From Mark I have learned to be calm on the water and to know when to take up authority and to be firm at the right time. Great lessons that I have learned from a reputable teacher.

The Nomads Fishing Club has impacted my life and has changed it for the better. My brother has moved to Pretoria while I have settled in Heidelberg. I have been enriched by the "brothers and sisters" of Nomads.

It was Tyron who has shown me the special qualities of Mapelane. It was Tyron who made me feel the experience to fish with a Jagger-wrenched body.

Werner and I did that again in Umhlanga. Was it not for Trevor's Fish Whistles, we would not be here today.

And then the calm collective Collin. He was always picking up a "Sailie" right at the end of a competition. No wonder he could be a Pilot and a Skipper. What a man.

Then came the shift. The Nomads fishing partners became so much more. Friends, mentors, teachers, partners and much more.

I consider myself as blessed. I have such a vision for the future of the Nomads Fishing Club. I am excited to see younger members joining. I am grateful to see and experience how wives, children and grandparents join in. Nomads are becoming a family affair.

Next year with the Nomad's Closed hosted at Cape Vidal, I will be camping with my family for not less than 10 days. I will be forever grateful to Nomads for the amazing experience to fish hard, while having my wife and daughter with me at a Nomads Close. Priceless.

Nomads promotes the love of sustainable fishing, nature and relationship. The relationship with loved ones and the relationship between fishing and nature. Relationship requires time. With Nomads it is time well spent. The score boards speak for itself. The Rose Bowl is the proof that Nomads is the best Game fishing Club.

Let's be proud to be part of such a precious piece of history in a club that was and will be there long after us.

SUMARI – The stalwart of the family “Ed”



CHRISTI – The new addition and future Slive of Life member



CHRISJAN JANSEN

Chairman Nomads Game Fishing Club

Important Dates to Diarise.

ROSEBOWL 2025

SODWANA

3RD – 7TH MARCH 2025

“LET NOMADS MAKE A FORCE AND KEEP OUR TROPHY”

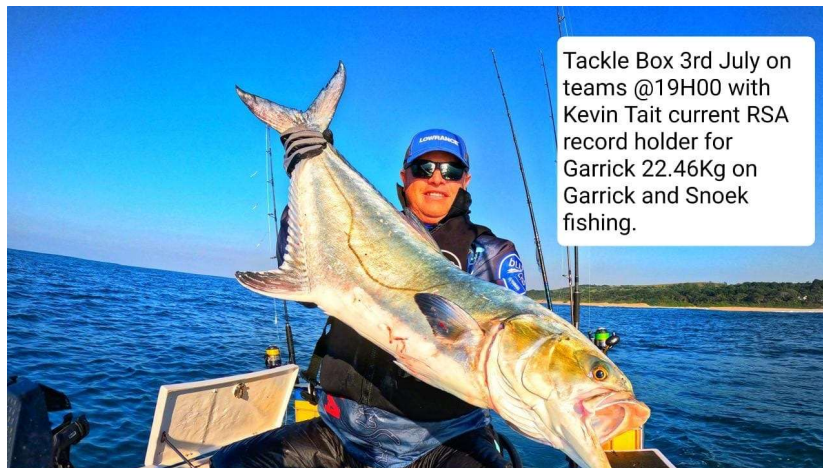
NOMADS CLOSED 2025

CAPE VIDAL

16th – 20th JUNE 2025

“THE # 1 NOMADS TROPHY”

TACKLE BOX 3rd JULY 2024



Tackle Box 3rd July on teams @19H00 with Kevin Tait current RSA record holder for Garrick 22.46Kg on Garrick and Snoek fishing.

“One of the best anglers in Ballito”

“Tight Lines and may all the hook ups stick”

Gus Pinker