

2024 SADSAA International / National Bottom Fish Tournament in Struisbaai

1. Introduction

Firstly, I would like to give credit to Allen Forde and DP Burger for the conceptualisation and the initiative taken to make the Tournament a reality for South African Deep Sea Angling Association, Protea and International Anglers, Provincial Anglers and Skippers. This Tournament was the first International hosted by South Africa in South Africa Deep Sea Angling bottom fish discipline in many a years and can only bode well for future International Tournaments been hosted in South African waters.

2. Practise Days

Anglers competing in the International Tournament had arranged practise days from 23rd April to 25th April to familiarise themselves with local conditions and to assist the International Anglers with tackle and targeting the various species in Struisbaai waters. It was a pleasure to see the camaraderie on display between the Protea Anglers and our International guests.



Wayne Gerber & Gary Truluck [Barbarian Team]
Yellowtail



DP Burger [Protea Mens Team]
Yellowtail



Charlie Lara [Gibraltar Team]
Yellowtail



Protea Mens Team on Double D - Yellowtail

3. Registration

Registration for the International Teams and Skippers took place at 10H30 at the Beach Bar, Struisbaai Harbour Café on Friday 26th April 2024. Each Team and Skipper was presented with a goodie bag containing SADSAA engraved items [Cofee mug, beanie, towel, dry bag, peak cap, fishing tackle sponsored by Struisbaai Angling shop, Energy drinks sponsored by Pocket Rocket, competition brochure and SADSAA / Columbia embroiled shirt]. T-Line sponsored the 6kg line for the International Teams.



Protea Ladies: Jacui Leuf, Michelle Richards (Captain), Belinda Fischl



Protea Mens: John Leuf, Allen Forde (Captain), DP Burger



Gibraltar: Charles Bear, Charles Lara (Captain), Michael Bosio



SASAAC: Kobus Koekmoer, Francios Beukes (Captain), Kevin Clarke



Iceland: Gunnar Jonsson, Arnar Eythorsson, Thorir Sveinsson, Skarphoynn Asbjornsson (Capt)



Barbarians: Gary Truluck, Wayne Gerber (Captain), Gunnar Jonsson

Registration for the National teams and Skippers took place at 15H30 again at the Beach Bar. Teams and Skippers received a Tournament goodie bag sponsored by AFRIMAT containing coffee mug, sunscreen, fishing tackle from Struisbaai Angling shop, Pocket Rocket energy drink.



Border Mens: Fred Clarke (Captain) Andrew Harris, Gary Lunt



Border Ladies: Tara Roux (Captain) Adele Lunt, Dale Webb



EP Ladies: Elizabeth Coetzee (Captain), Kimberly, Burdett, Magdalene Kolesky



EP Mens: Brian Gerber (Captain), Gerhard Els, Francios Kolesky



Gauteng: Janes Wasserman (Captain), Deon Wasserman, Jannas Hendriksz



S/Cape: Bertie Stewart (Captain), Jannie Stewart, Robin Corker



SADSAA Ladies: Sheena Gerber (Captain) Jennifer Nelson, Mable Liebenberg



SADSAA Seniors: Riaz Hussain (Captain), Ian Peinke, Christopher Gerber



SADSAA U21: Alex Tyldesley, Jan du Plessis (Captain), Divan Burger



Natal: Robert Shepherd (Captain), Graham Doman, Sayed Cassim



WP Men: Ossie Sauermann, Arrie Burger, Mark Rode (Captain)

All Anglers and Skippers from both International and Nationals teams attended the briefing which took place at 16h30. This would be the 3rd time a bottom fish tournament would be fished according to the new SADSAA bottom fish rules which is a catch, measure and release format with 28 species identified for the Anglers to catch. All fish were to be released and only if an Angler was claiming record or updating of their CV were they allowed to bring the fish to the scales. Tournament rules were discussed and weather committee was elected for the Tournament.

4. Parade

All the SADSAA Dignitaries, Teams and Skippers gathered on the harbour wall holding their respective international, national and provincial flags to hold a procession into the venue.



When the parade entered the venue the International, National and Provincial flags were secured into holders placed around the venue.

5. **Opening Function**

The venue for the opening function was stylishly decorated and created an air of a grand affair. The venue's walls are adorned with replica fish species found in South Africa which makes this venue suitable to host such an event. Thanks must go to the organising committee and the staff of Struisbaai Harbour Café for their work to decorate the tables and venue.



The rendering of the national anthems of South Africa, Gibraltar and Iceland were played and sung at the function. Roger Marais the master of ceremonies welcomed the dignitaries, anglers, skippers and non-participating persons. Speeches were giving by the following persons: Andries Maree [South African Sport Angling and Casting Confederation - President], Chris Schorn [South African Deep Sea Angling Association - President], Mr. Paul Swart [Cape Agulhas Municipality - Mayor], DP Burger [Western Province Deep Angling Association - Chairman], Charlie Bear [European Federation of Sport Anglers - Committee Member Gibraltar] and Skarpheoinn Asbjornsson [European Federation of Sport Anglers - Chairman Iceland].

Chris Schorn (SADSAA President) and Nick Nel (SADSAA Tournaments Officer) then began the capping ceremony. It was touching to see how many members of the same family were representing their province or country and the fathers were invited to help their sons or daughters into their blazers for the first time. The Gerber family had three members participating this year. Wayne the dad was in the Barbarian team, Mom, Sheena captained the SADSAA Ladies' team and son Christopher fished in SADSAA Seniors team. John Leuf has had a great influence on his daughter Jacqueline's fishing career and he had the honour to help her into her Protea Blazer.



Special mention was made about Earl Fenwick who received Springbok colours for fishing in 1971 and 1972. He is approaching his 80th birthday but is still actively involved in the fishing fraternity. The dress code insisted that one wear their highest colours and he proudly wore his Springbok blazer.



Once the capping ceremony was completed dinner was served and the party began. Old friends reconnected and a great time was had by all.

6. **Competition days**

6.1 **Day 1: Saturday 27th April 2024**

The south easterly wind was blowing which resulted in the day been allocated as the rest day.

6.2 **Day 2: Sunday 28th April 2024**

The day was called off due to adverse wind. A group photo shoot was organised at Struisbaai harbour.



International Anglers and Skippers including SADSAA dignitaries and organising committee.

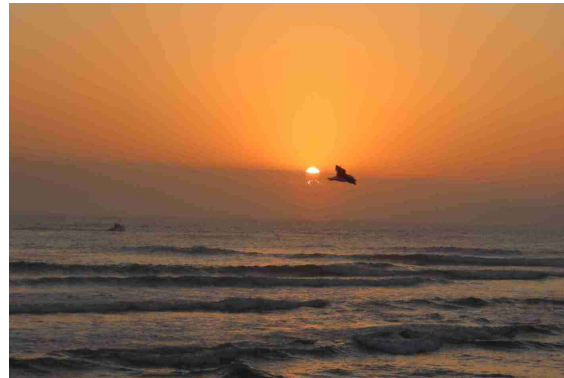
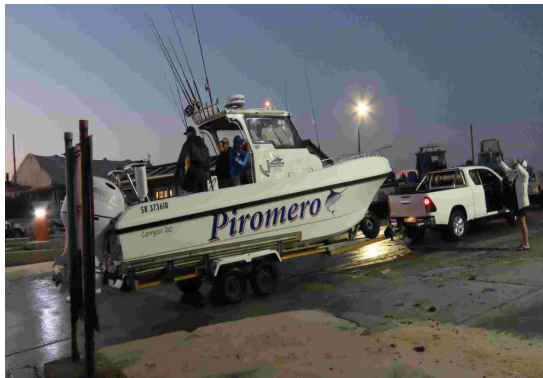


National Anglers and Skippers including SADSAA dignitaries and organising committee.

6.3 Day 3: Monday 29th April 2024

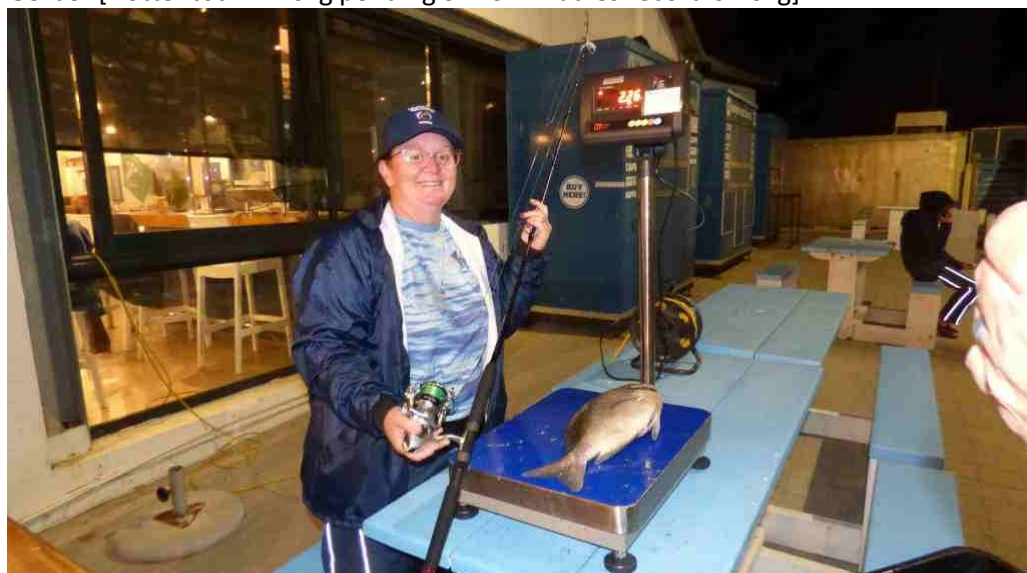
The weather improved and the Anglers and Skippers reported for breakfast @ 05H00 that morning. It was still dark and there was a thick mist but still an air of excitement existed amongst the anglers. The sea was calm enough to allow the boats to launch between 06:00 and 07:00. Luckily the mist started lifting and by the time all the boats were launched the sun was out and the day looked promising. The blessing of the fleet was performed. Most of the boats headed to the 5 mile bank to look for yellowtail and carpenters. Once full tally of carpenters and pangas were achieved most boats headed to Skipskop.





Most notable catches for the day 1 were as follow:

Sayed Cassim [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Skarpheoinn [Dagerad 40cm+]; DP Burger [Dagerad 40cm+, Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Gunnar Jonsson [Dagerad 40cm+]; Michelle Richards [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Janes Wasserman [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Mable Liebenberg [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Dale Webb [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Allen Forde [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Kimberly Burdett [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Jannas Hendriksz [Yellowbelly 60cm+]; Sheena Gerber [Hottentot – 2.26kg pending SADSAA Ladies record on 6kg]





All the Anglers were happy to get Day 1 under the belt and Skippers were relieved to put their anglers on fish. Protea ladies anglers, Jacqui Leuf and Belinda Fischl were glad to wet their lines as this constituted them achieving their Protea colours. In the evening, the competitors, skippers and committee members were treated to a lasagne dinner at the Struisbaai Harbour Cafe.

After dinner some fun was had when Anglers and Skippers were called to accept 'straf dops' for misdemeanours and mishaps during the day [i.e. losing keys, not releasing the trailer tie-on buckle before launching] and just because the judge, Hubert Meyer decided it would be appropriate to hand out the punishment!

Scores after Day 1:



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TEAM RANKING

RANKING	TEAM	POINTS				TOTAL
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
1	PROTEA	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
2	SASACC	256.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.58
3	BARARIANS	203.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.59
4	GIBRALTA	197.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.73
5	PROTEA LADIES	196.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	196.25
6	ICELAND	155.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.72
7						0.00
8						0.00
9						0.00
10						0.00
11						0.00
12						0.00
13						0.00
14						0.00
15						0.00
16						0.00



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		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
1	SADSAA U/21	283.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	283.56
2	NATAL	282.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.35
3	BORDER MEN	277.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	277.98
4	SOUTHERN CAPE	266.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.62
5	EP MEN	251.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.89
6	SADSAA SENIORS	247.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	247.46
7	BORDER LADIES	238.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	238.90
8	SADSAA LADIES	224.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.85
9	EP LADIES	222.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	222.33
10	WESTERN PROVINCE	214.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.28
11	GAUTENG	180.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.17

6.4 Day 4: Tuesday 30th April 2024

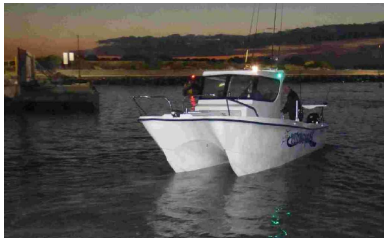
The day was called off due to adverse wind.

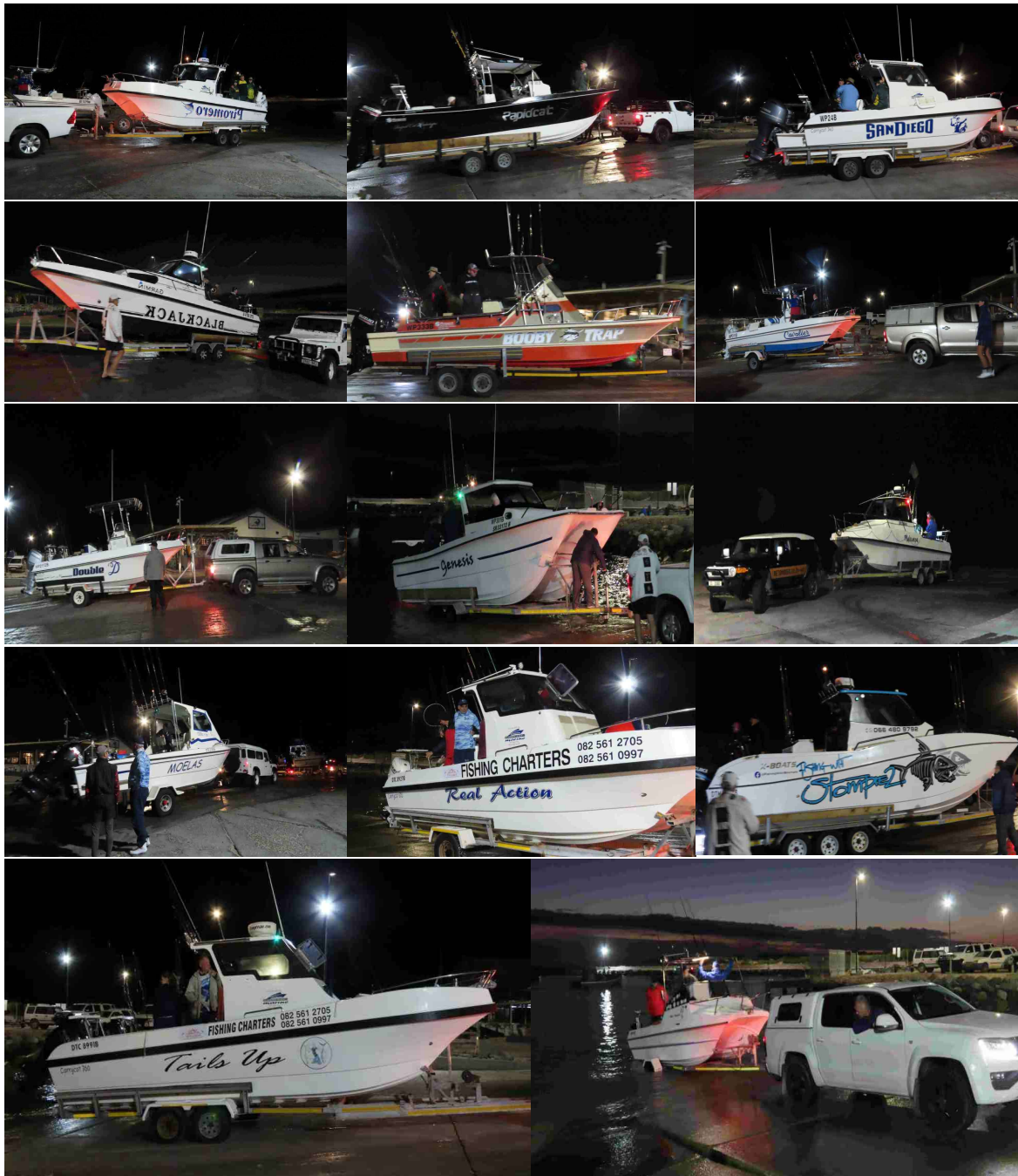
6.5 Day 5: Wednesday 01st May 2024

Anglers and Skippers started arriving at Struisbaai Harbour at 05:30. Take-away breakfast and coffee were served at the Struisbaai Harbour Cafe and there was an air of anticipation and excitement amongst the anglers as they collected their boat lunch packs filled with snacks and drinks for the day.



Below is a gallery of photos depicting the launch which went smoothly thanks to the drivers who helped get the boats in the water as quickly as possible.





Lines up was at 15:00 which concluded the days angling bringing the tournament to a close. Weary Anglers and skippers headed back to the harbour to clean up and prepare for the closing function.

Most notable catches for day 2 were as follows:

Michelle Richards [Yellowtail 12.25kg pending SADSAA ladies record on 6kg]; Christopher Gerber [Cob 8.3kg, Cob 50cm+]; Francios Beukes [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Jacui Leuf [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Charlie Lara [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Janes Wasserman [Red Steenbras 60cm+, Yellowbelly Rockcod 60cm+]; Alex Tyldesley [Cob 50cm+]; Brian Gerber [Red Steenbras 60cm+]; Jan du Plessis [Red Steenbras 60cm+]







At 19:00 everybody, dressed in their highest colours, gathered at Struisbaai Harbour Cafe for the closing function and dinner.

7. **Prize Giving**

The final scores were completed and the medals winners were presented at a formal dinner at The Struisbaai Harbour Cafe.

Those who helped with the organisation as well as those who had special duties during the tournament were thanked, Roger Marais, Struisbaai Deep Sea Angling Club's Chairman, Sonja Marais, Western Province Angling Association's Secretary, organising committee of Struisbaai Deep Sea Angling Club [Sonja Marais, Renata Botha, Rudi Moolman, Andre Botha, Elizma Becker], Helen Fenwick [photographer], Andrew Perrins / Earl Fenwick [Radio & safety] and the owners of Struisbaai Harbour Café were presented with tokens of appreciation.





The captains of all the National teams who did not win medals were called up to receive participation blazer pins.

In the Ladies division, Bronze was presented to SADSAA, Silver to Eastern Province, and Gold to Border. Mable Liebenberg was the top lady angler in the National Ladies' division.



In the Mens division, Bronze medals were presented to SADSAA Seniors, Silver to Natal and Gold to Border. The angler with the third highest score was Ian Peinke, second was Sayed Cassim and first was Fred Clarke.



The International competition was very close. Bronze went to Gibraltar, Silver to SASACC and Gold to the Protea Men. The International Angler with the third highest points was Protea Lady, Jacqui Luef, second was SASACC's Francois Beukes and first was Protea DP Burger.



The angler with the most meritorious fish was Protea Lady Michelle Richards who caught a 12.25kg yellowtail on 6kg line in the competition and it is a pending SADSAA Ladies record and for her province, Natal.



8. Final Scores



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1	BORDER MEN	277.98	300.00	0.00	0.00	577.98
2	NATAL	282.35	270.75	0.00	0.00	553.11
3	SADSAA SENIORS	247.46	285.95	0.00	0.00	533.41
4	SADSAA U/21	283.56	247.76	0.00	0.00	531.32
5	SOUTHERN CAPE	266.62	248.14	0.00	0.00	514.77
6	EP MEN	251.89	259.38	0.00	0.00	511.27
7	GAUTENG	180.17	295.60	0.00	0.00	475.78
8	BORDER LADIES	238.90	231.73	0.00	0.00	470.62
9	WESTERN PROVINCE	214.28	254.02	0.00	0.00	468.30
10	EP LADIES	222.33	208.94	0.00	0.00	431.27
11	SADSAA LADIES	224.85	189.58	0.00	0.00	414.43



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SKIPPER RANKING

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			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
1	BLACKJACK	Nico Zietsman	303.00	342.00	0.00	0.00	645.00
2	WEE NENYA	Bryan Fitchat	241.00	378.00	0.00	0.00	619.00
3	CAVALIER	Mark Truter	291.00	302.00	0.00	0.00	593.00
4	BOOBY TRAP	Owen Pretorius	267.00	271.00	0.00	0.00	538.00
5	GENISES	Chris Schorn	157.00	356.00	0.00	0.00	513.00
6	MOELAS	Moelas	181.00	327.00	0.00	0.00	508.00
7	STOMPIE 1	Riaan Swart	158.00	273.00	0.00	0.00	431.00
8	MAKWEPA	Henry Delpport	186.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	456.00
9	TAILS UP	Harry Botha	199.00	268.00	0.00	0.00	467.00
10	DOUBLE D	Eric Dahl	266.00	264.00	0.00	0.00	530.00
11	REAL ACTION	Andre Botha	87.00	267.00	0.00	0.00	354.00



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ANGLER RANKING

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		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
1	FRED CLARKE ©	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
2	SAYED CASSIM	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3	IAN PEINKE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	JAN DU PLESSIS ©	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
5	ANDREW HARRIS	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
6	ROBIN CORKER	89.23	95.65	0.00	0.00	184.88
7	MABLE LIEBENBERG	100.00	82.52	0.00	0.00	182.52
8	GRAHAM DOMAN	82.35	100.00	0.00	0.00	182.35
9	DALE WEBB	92.59	88.03	0.00	0.00	180.63
10	KIMBERLY BURDETTE	100.00	78.30	0.00	0.00	178.30
11	GARY LUNT	77.98	100.00	0.00	0.00	177.98
12	OSSIE SAUERMANN	96.05	80.14	0.00	0.00	176.19
13	FRANCOIS KOLESKY	81.30	91.13	0.00	0.00	172.43
14	ROBERT SHEPARD ©	100.00	70.75	0.00	0.00	170.75
15	BRIAN GERBER ©	70.59	100.00	0.00	0.00	170.59
16	BERTIE STEWART ©	100.00	70.27	0.00	0.00	170.27
17	DIVAN BURGER	100.00	70.09	0.00	0.00	170.09
18	GERHARD ELS	100.00	68.25	0.00	0.00	168.25
19	ELIZABETH COETZEE ©	85.29	82.22	0.00	0.00	167.52
20	CHRISTOPHER GERBER	66.97	100.00	0.00	0.00	166.97
21	RIAZ HUSSAIN ©	80.49	85.95	0.00	0.00	166.44
22	JANES WASSERMAN ©	65.85	100.00	0.00	0.00	165.85
23	DEON WASSERMAN	65.79	97.78	0.00	0.00	163.57
24	ADELE LUNT	92.39	71.11	0.00	0.00	163.50
25	ALEX TYLDESLEY	83.56	77.67	0.00	0.00	161.23
26	JANNIE STEWART	77.39	82.22	0.00	0.00	159.61
27	ALBERT BURGER	53.85	100.00	0.00	0.00	153.85
28	JANNES HENDRIKSZ	48.53	97.83	0.00	0.00	146.36
29	SHEENA GERBER ©	69.57	72.34	0.00	0.00	141.91
30	MARK RODE ©	64.38	73.87	0.00	0.00	138.26
31	TARA ROUX ©	53.91	72.58	0.00	0.00	126.49
32	JENNIFER NELSON	55.28	34.71	0.00	0.00	90.00
33	MAGDALENA KOLESKY	37.04	48.41	0.00	0.00	85.45



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1	PROTEA	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
2	SASACC	256.58	300.00	0.00	0.00	556.58
3	GIBRALTA	197.73	268.15	0.00	0.00	465.88
4	BARARIANS	203.59	230.48	0.00	0.00	434.07
5	ICELAND	155.72	264.18	0.00	0.00	419.90
6	PROTEA LADIES	196.25	219.19	0.00	0.00	415.44



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SKIPPER RANKING

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1	BAYSWATER	Piet Wessels	316.00	332.00	0.00	0.00	648.00
2	HAVEN	Louis Bekker	153.00	402.00	0.00	0.00	555.00
3	PIROMERO	Patrick Christoudoulo	185.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	553.00
4	RAPIDCAT	Brian Hayward	199.00	344.00	0.00	0.00	543.00
5	CAPETONIAN	Hubert Meyer	256.00	215.00	0.00	0.00	471.00
6	SAN DIEGO	Roger Marais	108.00	288.00	0.00	0.00	396.00



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		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
1	DP Bruger	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
2	Francios Beukes ©	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3	Kobus Koekemoer	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	Allen Ford ©	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
5	John Luef	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
6	Jacqueline Luef	100.00	99.06	0.00	0.00	199.06
7	Gary Truluck	84.47	97.20	0.00	0.00	181.67
8	Wayne Gerber ©	89.92	88.51	0.00	0.00	178.44
9	Charles Bear	82.69	83.92	0.00	0.00	166.61
10	Thorir Sveinsson	64.08	95.08	0.00	0.00	159.16
11	Joseph Lara ©	60.00	97.35	0.00	0.00	157.35
12	Klevin Clark	56.58	100.00	0.00	0.00	156.58
13	Michael Bosio	55.04	86.89	0.00	0.00	141.92
14	Amar Eythorsson	44.74	96.46	0.00	0.00	141.20
15	Michelle Richards ©	71.25	60.00	0.00	0.00	131.25
16	Sharpheinn Asbjornsson ©	46.90	72.64	0.00	0.00	119.54
17	Belinda Fischl	25.00	60.14	0.00	0.00	85.14
18	Gunnar Jonsson	29.20	44.76	0.00	0.00	73.97

Group photo was taken of all the Springbok and Protea Anglers who were present at the Tournament.



9. Conclusion

The tournament was a great success and it was a financial boost for the new Struisbaai Deep Sea Angling Club. It has provided the Club with an opportunity to show case itself to the residents of the town and the Committee were able to meet Municipal Officials who have promised to assist us in establishing the new Club. The Tournament was also a showcase to Municipal Officials who have now seen SADSAA and the organisation and have now been exposed to deep sea angling. We would like to thank SADSAA for awarding the tournament to WPDSAA and the Club.

The hosting of an International in Struisbaai in the future would be welcomed and would be a great success.