

# RDPS Charity Event

By Ian Cox



“Hey Ian”, asked Terry Andrews, “You want to fish Ivanhoe? “Is the Pope a soccer player”, I replied. “It will cost you 300 hundred bucks but you had better move as the entry is limited” he replied. And so move I did. It was just as well as I got the last slot available.

It was only then that I learnt that this was a charity event organised by May Campbell and put on by Ivanhoe to raise funds for their Royal Drakensberg Primary School. That really warmed the cockles of my heart. Good fishing for a great cause. Could it get any better?

So it was that early on Saturday 12 September that Terry and I swing into teh gates of the Ivanhoe estate. I had not been there since a schoolboy and had forgotten how huge it was. This is not a farm where the word estate is misused. It’s like driving into another country the place is so big. And the water. Man oh man!

But I am getting ahead of myself. We had to check in first. That is when I discovered I was a tad underdressed. Boy was it chilly and I had left Durban thinking it was going to be warm. Notties school teacher



Peter Quin who incidentally makes Terry look like a midget, pitching barefoot and in shorts did not make me feel any warmer.

But coffee was on hand and it was not long before we were all on our way to our allotted waters. Terry and I found ourselves fishing with teachers Henko and Cecile Jansen What great people they turned out to be. Henko is taking up a post at Grace College in the New Year and Cecile at St Anne’s. I found there passion for teaching fascinating so it was a while before I got onto the water.





In fact I got onto the water just in time to see Terry hook into the only fish of the day. It was monster 4kg rainbow hen that I was required to photograph from all angles. This turned out to be the only fish to come out for our group for the day. It turned out that most people had slim pickings, though some clever fellow made a pig of himself on one of the other dams fishing egg patterns.



Who would have thought!

The day kind of drifted naturally towards lunch which comprised wors rolls and craft beer, all part of the 300 hundred buck package. There were prizes and of course Terry caught the biggest fish but these were of the lekker low key sort. Low Key and friendly but immaculately run is how would describe the day. The fish did not cooperate but I am use to that, they seldom do.

And a bunch of kids are going to enjoy a day at the seaside. What could be better? Thank you Ivanhoe, may and her team for a wonderful day.