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Next Meeting
Visitors and beginners are welcome.

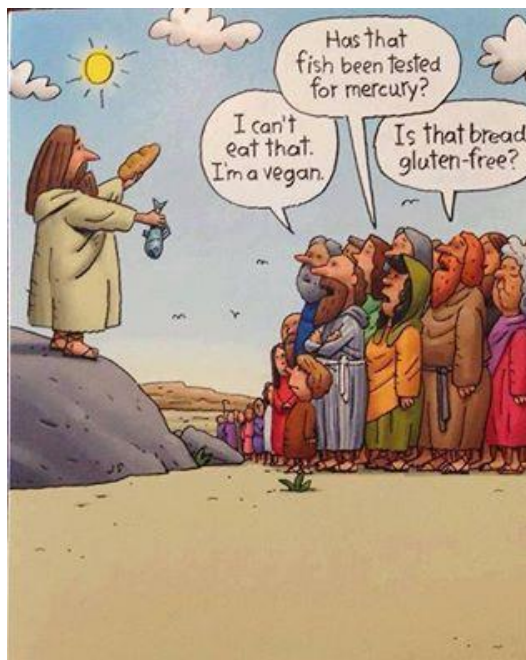
Date	April 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Jay Smit
Pattern	A supercalifragilisticexpialidocious hopper
Special Instructions	Bring red thread and we will tie this one with a vice

Combined Chirp

Thanks Dave for agreeing to tie at the last meeting at such short notice and well done to the winners. The next meeting sees Jay tie a hopper and then it is May and the Annual General Meeting where I will be talking about the trout fight...Strewth time goes fast.

Jay has received news from Ben Pretorius that 26 to July will see the Ufudu Fair again. This will be last one because the property is apparently going to be redeveloped. The Durban Fly Tyers has been at every Ufudu Fair though not always in the best of venues. Last year saw us stuck in the garret which was not the greatest venue but was ameliorated by the large out of town fly fishing contingent that arrived. We are still stuck upstairs but we will be alone this time. Craig Thom and Steve Boshoff from Cape Town won't be there, neither will Gordon van der Spuy. So it will be a quieter fair but should be fun nonetheless. Beer is always there. We will need volunteers to man the fly tying station. Those interested should contact me.

It's A Giggle



ANARCHY
IN THE UK.

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl".

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Tommy Funachelli?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Tommy, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Volpe?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Capelli?"

"I'm sorry, but I cannot name her."

"Was it Maria Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Rosa Di Angelo, then?"

"Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped, Tommy Funachelli, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself."

Tommy walks back to his pew, and his friend Nino slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

4 months' vacation and five good leads....."

Fly Tying and Other Tips

It is not a good idea, either, to attach material such as Krystal Flash or Flashabou, then trim all strands at one spot. This gives most of the reflectiveness at one location - where the strands were severed. Instead, clip off the strands at different lengths along the entire body - that way you'll see little sparkles of light throughout the pattern - Lefty Kreh

One on one with Joan Wulff



Fly fishing is not just hugely enjoyable soul food, you also get to interact with and sometimes even meet some very special people. Now I have never met Joan Wulff, nor am I ever likely to do so but boy do I hope I do. In the pantheon of what the Japanese call living treasures, Joan ranks as one of the best. She is nearing 90 (a true lady never reveals her age) and is still beautiful and she can still cast a fly rod. That is also a beautiful thing to behold. In fact that is the dominant impression that one is left with. An overwhelming sense of great beauty. Beauty within and without. Beauty in everything she does with a fly rod. I know I am over egging this thing. But boy does she impress me. And the thing I really like is that some 50 years ago she took on the men in distance casting competition and beat the lot of them. So what did the men do? They changed the rules of course. I am banging on about this because the RL Winston Rod Company is bringing out a ten part series of instructional fly casting videos featuring Joan Wulff. They are available on the RL Winston web site. They are a must watch for every fly fisherman. They also leave one asking. When Joan's husband Lee Wulff died and went to heaven. How the hell did he know? Click [here](#) for a very special experience.

How Not To Grip To Kill

Christian Mioski Brooks shared a superb article on how to hold fish without killing them on Facebook. Christian hales from Pretoria but the article is published on the New Zealand fishing site [Bish & Fish](#). This is the obsession of Tony Bishop. I say obsession because it has been going since 2005 and is regularly updated with new stuff despite being a one man operation. I was intrigued so dug a little further. Turns out he is another addicted fly fisherman, ex marketing guy, ex fly fishing shop owner, now oldish dude with 60 odd years of fishing under his belt. He has written a lot, mainly in the “how to” genre. His stuff is good so check out his site or click [here](#) on how to hold a trout without killing it.

Articles

Why we fly fish for trout



They say a picture speaks a thousand words.

Moon Worshipping

The science fishing as art

Ever wondered by Steve Brooks catches big kingies at on a perigian spring tide? (That is when a spring tide and a full moon coincide). Wondered why he fishes early and late and sleeps, or drinks away the hours in between?

Why he takes a 12 weight out in weather that sees sane people snuggled up in bed? It is all a matter of science. [Joe Bucher](#) has the answer. He has identified four key trigger to good fishing. They are:

- The fishing is best 90 minutes after the sun and moon rise and set.
- The fishing is best on the day of a new or full moon and for a couple of days thereafter.
- The fishing on a new or full moon gets even better if this coincides with a big storm.
- And all of the above ratchets up a notch if they coincide with a change in season.

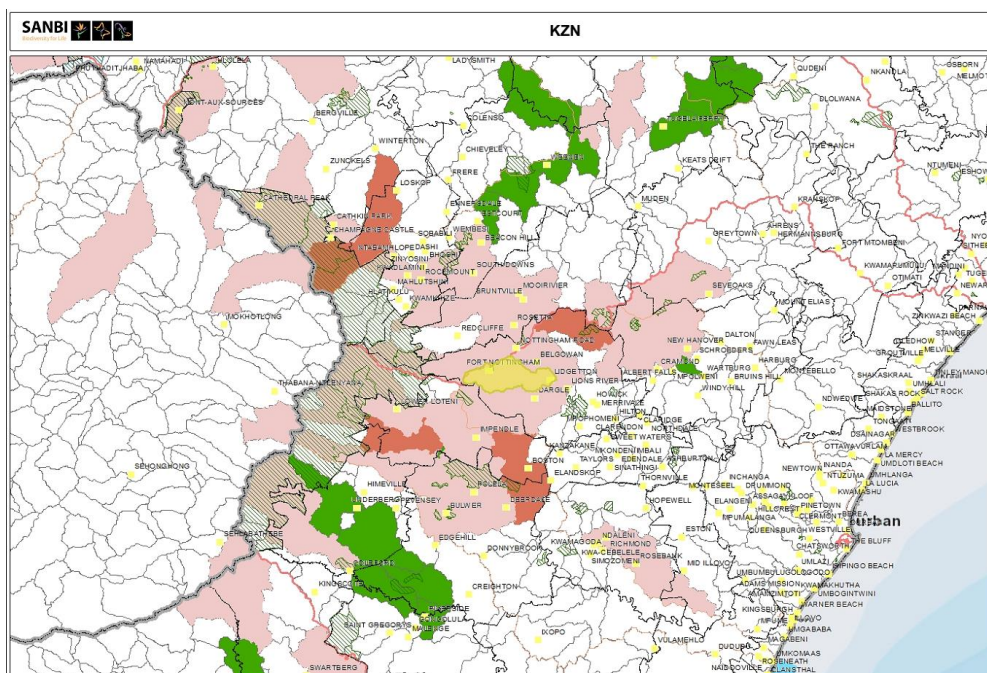
For more read Joes blog by clicking [here](#).

Reports

If you want to know the priorities of a nation and the effectiveness of their government, test their water quality.
- Jim Slinsky

Trout and Biodiversity

By Ian Cox



The deadline for making submissions to the Department of Environmental Affairs on the proposed new alien and invasive species lists and regulations has been extended until 8 April 2014. I would think you really want to object to these. If the DEA get away with this one its goodbye fly fishing. The DEA has finally revealed its fish sanctuary areas and they include most of the trout waters of KwaZulu Natal and indeed the country. Trout are invasive in those areas and must be combatted by eradication or stocking. This is will be the legal duty of every landowner in those areas if this becomes law. The major hatchery owners have already said they can't survive this and without them it's goodbye stocking. Without stocking most trout waters will cease to exist. Trout SA and FOSAF will be making a supplementary submission. For how to object click [here](#).

Trout SA and FOSAF made a joint submission in time for the deadline. A summary and the full submission can be accessed [here](#). If you want to learn about this with reference to a simple list of FAQ's click [here](#).

For more on the story or is it a Saga? Click [here](#).

Never doubt the environmental knowledge of a consistently successful fisherman. Always doubt the motives of a consistently argumentative environmental bureaucrat. - Jim Slinsky

Club Stuff

DFT Committee

A number of members have asked that these details be published in the Bobbin. All we ask is that any communication via email be kept to that of fly fishing and club matters.

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Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
	AGM	Normal Monday Venue		
16 to 18 May	Bushmans	Snowflake	Ian Cox	Booking Open
	Ufudu Fair			

For Sale

If any club member would like advertise some fly tying kit for sale or is looking for said kit , please contact iancox@durbanflytyers.co.za



Graeme Neary is selling off a lot of extra fly tying material he has accumulated. He is also selling two float tubes for R500.00 each.

If you are interested contact him at gneary@telkomsa.net or on 083 232 2837

Durban Fly Tyers Shirts

BLUE shirts & BLUE hat @ R200.00 for both
Contact Dave Smith



Advertisements

These are free for club members. A modest advertising charged is levied in respect of advertisements placed by non-members. Contact Dave Smith For details.

dave@durbanflytyers.co.za



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The Complete Angler	Shop 1 6 Village Rd Kloof, 3610 Tel 031 764 1488	Superb freshwater selection of fly tying materials. Salty stuff too
Kingfisher	http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
South African Online Shops		
Frontier Fly Fishing	http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/	Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, Peter Place, Bryanston, and Johannesburg.
Netbooks	http://www.netbooks.co.za/	The Home of Craig Thom Check him out at the Ufudu Fair.
Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
The African Fly Fisher	http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/	Morne Bayman's new shop
KZN Fly Fishing Guides		
Jan Korrubel	083 99 33 870 jlkorubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	small streams and custom fly tying
Simon Graham	081 87 44 855	still water and custom fly tying
Grevin Price	082 896 3688 grevin@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Juan-Pierre Rossouw	076 208 5602 juan@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Leon Vermeulen	082 442 4846 / leon@wildbrowns.co.za	River
KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
Ben Pretorius	http://www.ufudu.co.za/	
Graham McCall	079 303 3735	
Jeremy Rotchester	083 607 6100	
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The KZN Fly Fishing Association KZNFFA)	http://www.kznffa.org/public/index.asp?pageid=847	
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Weather		
Durban	http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865	