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Next Meeting

**THE APRIL MEETING IS
CANCELLED AS MONDAY IS A
PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND THE LIBRARY
IS CLOSED.**

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

I'm sure I echo everyone's sentiments as we wish our deepest condolences to Jay Smit and his family on the passing of his wife Claire after a long illness, bravely fought. RIP Claire.

It was a great meeting with Arno last month. The bait fish he tied was excellent and as he said it can be up or down sized accordingly. As he mentioned at the meeting he was on his way to Kosi at the end of that week to attack some kingies and very successful they were. Over and above a lot of smaller kingies of different species, his buddy Marius landed a GT of 118 cms which is a bus. He sent me a pic of it which I will let Ian put in the bobbin some time.



I am writing this chirp while relaxing with our son and daughter in law on a game lodge in Graaff-Reinet where they work. We are 45 kms out of the town and it is so peaceful and rural that you definitely don't see your hand in front of your face when the last light goes out. I'm hoping to go across to Somerset East and fish on Alan Hobson's waters but I have also got stuck into a project here that Doug is busy with. This suits me down to the ground, involving poles, slats, wire, sand and concrete. I have however busied myself with a bit of tying at odd times but the relaxing is good.

Regrettably the Westville library won't let us open our room on Monday 6 April 2015 so April's meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be the AGM on 5 May 2015 when Sudesh Persadh will address us..

Don't forget the Busman's weekend in April. If interested please check with Marco as to open slots. I am aware that the meeting on the 6th falls on a public holiday but to change to another night is a huge bellyache so I hope it will be well attended being the last day of the long weekend.

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to join Graeme in extending my condolences to Jay and his family. It has been a very sad time but we can take solace in the fact that Clare's suffering is over. Life can be very cruel.

My apologies forgetting this out a week late. I was at Kosi bay a couple of weekends ago which is when I should have been busy at work on the Bobbin. I must tell you weekend was nothing that described by Graeme. Four rods fishing for two days produced next to bugger all. I was the only one that caught and my catch was so miserly that it does nit near talking about.



I got back from Kosi Bay to mayhem. You may recall that the Department of Environmental Affairs publically committed itself to growing the trout value chain. It turns out that they were not telling the truth.

It is abundantly clear from the documents and actions of environmental authorities at a national level and at provincial level that they still want to destroy the trout value chain.

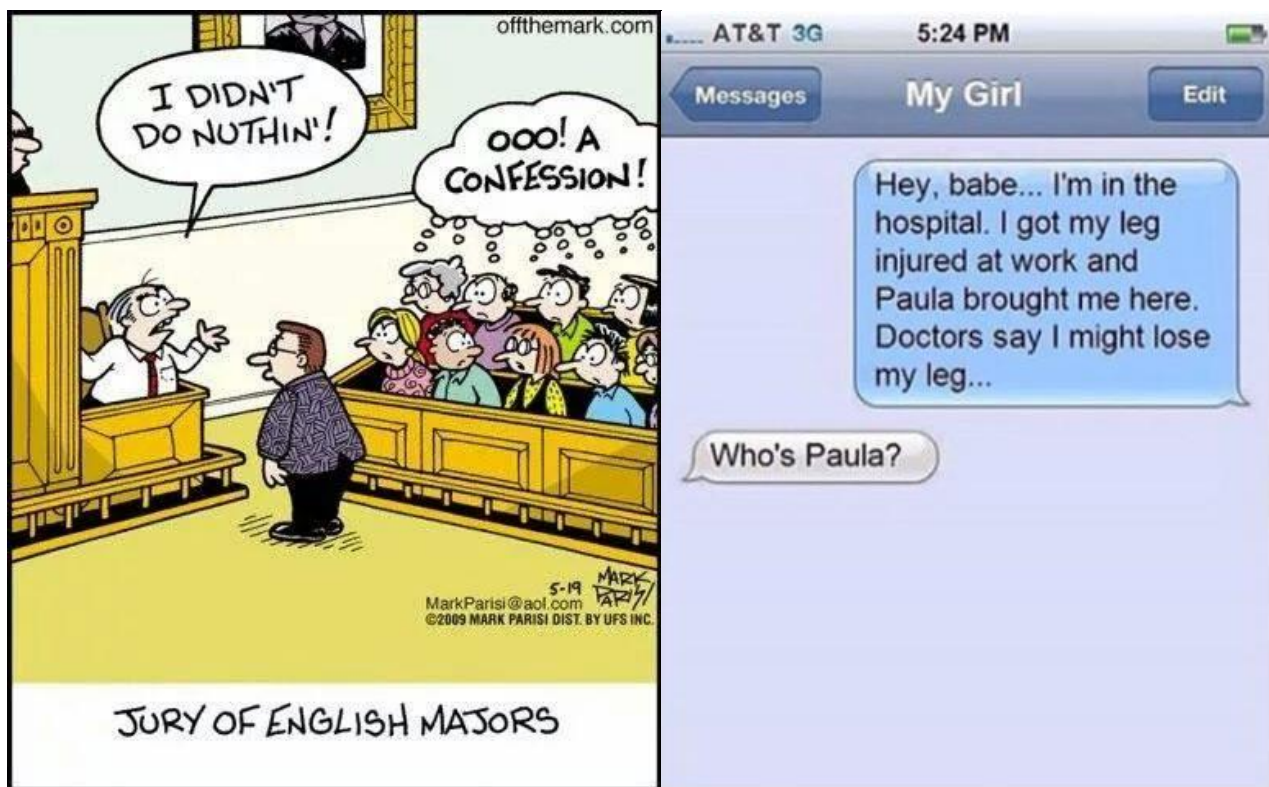
Sadly this destructive urge does not stop with trout. Despite the statements made by the President in Parliament supporting the growth of aquaculture in South Africa recent actions by the environmental

authorities make it clear that they want aquaculture to fail in South Africa. That is why legislation is being proposed that set impossible standards for aquaculture which if not met will expose those involved in the business to criminal prosecution and financial ruin.

It is also why the Mpumalanga Department of Environmental affairs has now prosecuting trout aquaculture facilities in that area. The permits necessary to stock trout are being withheld in this process with the result that trout fishing businesses in Mpumalanga, Gauteng and Limpopo cannot get fish to stock their waters. This is putting the economy of these areas at risk. Property values in these areas have already dropped by as much as 50% as a result of the Mpumalanga Department of Environmental Affairs attempts to destroy the trout value chain in that province.

The aquaculture industry is uniting in opposition to this threat. Recreational trout fishermen have been magnificent in the support they have extended to Trout SA and FOSAF in fighting this fight. The broader trout value chain especially trout based tourism and leisure businesses need to come together if they want to save their businesses. That is if they want to continue stocking their waters with trout.

IT'S A GIGGLE



The lawyer says to the wealthy art collector tycoon: "I have some good news and, I have some bad news.

The tycoon replies: "I've had an awful day, let's hear the good news first.

The lawyer says: Your wife invested \$5,000 in two pictures today that she figures are worth a minimum of \$2 million.

The tycoon replies enthusiastically: Well done, very good news indeed! You've just made my day; now what's the bad news?

The lawyer answers: The pictures are of you in bed with your secretary

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

[Tips from Gordon](#)

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These fly tying tips are taken from Gordon van Der Spuy's weekly e mail. Gordon is now supplying a range of top quality fly tying materials and barbless hooks. He can be contacted at gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com . He has kindly allowed the Bobbin to reproduce his tips [here](#).

Leader Construction

Students of the Bobbin will recall that I wrote on French leaders in the Bobbin exactly two years ago. Click here for that article. The web site [Flyfish the South](#) has recently published the Ultimate Beginners Leader Length Guide. It is a short but informative general guide to leader lengths. Click [here](#) to learn more.



REPORTS

[2015 AGM](#)

Awards Evening and Annual General Meeting to be held in room G1 at the Westville Library at 7.30 pm on 4th May, 2015 Click here for [more](#)

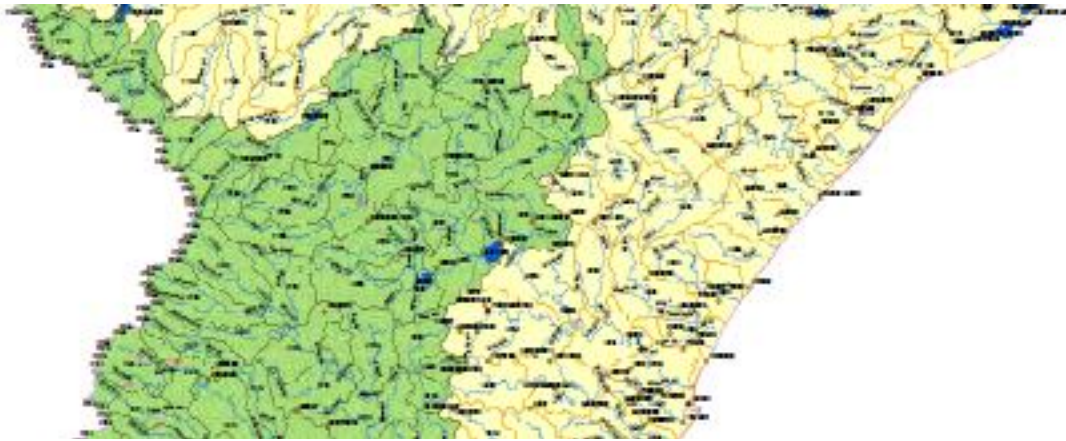
DFT Demo at Kingfisher

7 April 2014 saw the DFT on parade at Kingfisher running what turned out to be a very popular fly tying demonstration. A number of members pitched in to demonstrate what we do. Kingfisher was happy with the event Graeme Neary tells us that more are on the cards.



Where Trout Are

By Ian Cox



Trout South Africa working closely with FOSAF have mapped where trout are in South Africa. This has been a massive task. These maps which include data provided from government and in some cases are the result of close collaboration between Trout SA FOSAF and environmental authorities has now been submitted to the Department of Environmental affairs for comment. They are available online in pdf format at <http://filegpoi.co.za/get2/ea0ae535f7df2e027dab90e7b86d2a52/WhereTroutAreTroutSA4March2015.zip> For more click [here](#)

Trout threatened in KwaZulu Natal

By Ian Cox



Just when we are making such good progress with in protecting trout, we find that once again trout are being threatened. This time it is in KZN and the threat lies in the Kwazulu-Natal Environmental, Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Bill, 2014. Click here for [more](#).



IN THE MARKET

5 Weight shoot out



I regularly get asked to recommend a good 5 weight fly rod. My answer is simple. If money is no object get a Loomis GLX Streamdancer. Otherwise get an Xplorer Guide 2 or Stealth Infinity. My point is that if you are not buying the best, paying a lot for sort of nearly as good as the best is a bit of a waste of time. For those with less emphatic views and perhaps deeper pockets Yellowstone Angler has produced a superb 5wt rod review. And yes the GT Loomis is still the best though they prefer the NRX. The NRX is the rod that replaced the GLX. If you want the whole deal and it is well worth the read click [here](#).

New Stock at Kingfisher

Kingfisher has a lot of new stock in. Their shop is well worth the visit.



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
17 to 19 April 2014	Bushmans	Snow Cottage	Marco Breschi 083 680 1378	Booking Open

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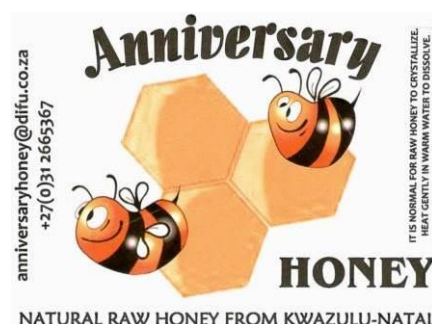


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Flies by Gordon

I used to like fishing because I thought it had some larger significance. Now I like fishing because it's the one thing I can think of that probably doesn't. - John Gierach

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Name	Address	Comments
Durban Shops That stock Fly Tying Material		
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		
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KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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