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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	3 April 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Freshwater
Tyer	Rob Hibberd
Pattern	Yellowfish Control Fly
Special Instructions	N/A

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Sorry about the cover photo. I could not resist. It is something about the boep balancing the float tube that tickled my fancy!

There is a lot of stuff in the club section of this newsletter this month. Some of it is even exciting.

First up I must notify you of the AGM which will be held on the **SECOND MONDAY** in May. That is 7 May 2017. This is because the first Monday is a public holiday. Click [here](#) for the notice to that meeting.



The meeting will discuss a possible change to the club logo amongst other things. Click [here](#) for a link to that issue.

We will also selling off a lot of very cool stuff at ridiculously low prices. Details will follow.

But far more exciting is the news that Moreno Boreiro will be definitely coming to South Africa in June and that he may be joined by Marc Petijean. They have been invited to attend the 2017 fly expo which is being held in Johannesburg. Click [here](#) for more news on the expo. Better still we have arranged for Moreno and Marc (if he comes) to do a demo at the club. This will take place during the last week in June. Click [here](#) for more detail on this.

Thanks for Terry Andrews stepping in at the last minute for Rob Hibbert. Rob has been given a second chance and will be tying what Terry tells me is a control fly used when hunting yellows on the Vaal. It's tied on a 2/0 Mustad circle hook so perhaps control should read anchor. I will say no more about it lest I frighten the more delicate souls in the club who spend their time tying Wally wings on size 18 barbless hooks.

IT'S A GIGGLE

Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known.

And then reality will bite you on the bum!

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool flies

From the vice of the incomparable Davie McPhail



From the web

Thanks to Daryl Lampert's Adipose fin group

- [On why you should not take a fish out of the water.](#)
- [On the adipose fin](#) – care of MidCurrent

From You Tube

- [On how to tie the dead drift Para Rab](#)
- [Tying the gun metal olive nymph](#)

From MidCurrent

- I reviewed trout culture in the [May 2016 Bobbin](#). [Here is a much longer review](#).
- Last month [Laurence Davies](#) wrote about barbed and barbless hooks. Here is an article about [choosing the right hook](#).

REPORTS

[Joining the dots](#)

By Ian Cox



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I promised a lot of people that I would be less involved in the whole trout fight and for the most part I have kept that promise. That is except for the last month or so when events demanded that I get involved once again, albeit briefly.

Basically what has happened is that a lot of balls I lobbed into the air about a year ago are now in position to be slam dunked – and who can resist the temptation to indulge in a little slam dunk?

I have summarised this burst of activity in an article entitled joining the dots. Click [here](#) to read more.

ARTICLES

[A weekend at the Kosi lakes](#)

by Ian Cox



I have just returned from two day of fishing on the lakes at Kosi. Click [here](#) for more

IN THE MARKET

The NFFC Gala Dinner



You should book for this if you have not already done so. It is being held at the Victoria club in Pietermaritzburg on 6 May 2017. Tickets are R400.00 a head.

Tom Sutcliffe is the guest speaker and Gordon Van Der Spuy will be master of ceremonies. It is a fundraiser a lot of amazing stuff will be auctioned.

It is a bit of a misnomer to call it a gala dinner. Gala day would be closer to the truth.

This is a taste of what is on offer

Cost of the ticket includes:

- Saturday morning fishing (6th May) on a NFFC Water. Meet in Nottingham Road, for dam allocation, map and introduction to the Midlands. If this is of interest please contact Anton Smith (082 805 4962)
- Saturday morning (6 th May) guided 7.5km walk along the recently cleared section of the Umgeni River, suitable for non-fishing spouses, kids, and fishermen alike. Meet at Il Postino in the Dargle and return after the walk, for pizza lunch. (Pizza not included). If this is of interest please contact Andrew Fowler (082 57 44 262)
- Wine tasting
- Luxury 3 course dinner and a generous surprise gift at each and every table setting.

This is all for a good cause as the funds will be applied towards the excellent NFFC river rehabilitation and clearing program. Click [here](#) for more.

The 2017 Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo

The 2017 Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is taking place at Toadbury hall in Gauteng on the weekend of 24 and 25 June. It should be a blast if [last year's expo in the Western Cape](#) was anything to go by. See the video at <https://youtu.be/IVBCznMbgau> .

Here is a titbit of what organiser Gordon Van Der Spuy has to say about the this year's expo.

I'm excited. I look at the line up and I can't believe these talented dudes actually agreed to be part of this thing. It's crazy really.

"We have workshops by Tom Sutcliffe and Peter Brigg (small steams), MC Coetzer (Euro nymphing and Grunter), Herman Botes (hatches of the Vaal), Garth Wellman (Largemouth yellowfish), Terry Babich (Carp and Barbel), Keith Clover (Tigerfish), Tim Rolston (Casting) and Rob van Rensburg (Stillwater trout).

Moreno Borriero will also be attending this year's event. Moreno is one of Italy's top Bamboo rod builders and will be exhibiting his stuff alongside our very own Stephen Boshoff.

We felt the need to bring in some International blood just to spice things up. We need to share what we have here with the rest of the world too. We are part of an International fly fishing community. The sooner we 'kop' that concept, the better! The world is a small place. This [Expo](#) has the potential to become a recognised event on the International Fly fishing calendar. That would be good for South African fly fishing in general."

Click [here](#) for more detail on this years expo.

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CLUB STUFF

Notice for the 2017 AGM

There will be **no** meeting on 1 May 2017 as it is a public holiday. The meeting will take place the following Monday viz - **7 May 2017** instead. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct the AGM. Click [here](#) for the formal notice of that AGM.

We will be selling off a selection of hooks eyes threads and other stuff at the AGM at very reasonable prices. Click [here](#) for more.

Possible change of the club logo



There has been talk in the committee about updating the club logo. Two logos are used at the moment, the one that appears on the front of this Bobbin and the club badge. For those who do not remember what the badge looks like, it is depicted on the left.

Both were designed by Kevin Cole and Terry Andrews when the club was founded. Terry suggests that an update is needed.

We have chatted about it on the committee and the idea is and he idea is to lose the badge altogether and to replace the logo with the one depicted on the next page. The idea behind a simple black on white logo is to make printing cheaper and easier while maintain a bold effect.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.



Press Alert



[Marc Petijean](#) and [Moreno Borriero](#) are well known names in fly fishing circles. Marc Petijean is famous from his tools and for popularising Cdc as a fly tying material. Moreno, who is South African born, is respected in bamboo rod building circles and is a successful Italian fly fishing guide and fly tyer. Both (well Petijean still has to finally confirm) will be coming to the 2017 Fly Fishing expo. Both will also be coming to Durban in the week before the expo. We have arranged for them to do a demonstration at the club while in Durban. This will entail moving the July meeting to the last week in June. I will make more details available as they become available.

General club stuff

Subs for 2016/17 are overdue.

The subs are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R200
Junior Member	R100
Family Member	R200 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member.

No cash deposits. Cash will only be accepted by Dave Smith at meetings of the DFT. All other payment to be made by eft into the club bank account.

Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank
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Please advise e mail Dave Smith smiffam@absamail.co.za proof of payment stating the type of members and the member(s) names.

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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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 jlkorrubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	small streams and custom fly tying
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KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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