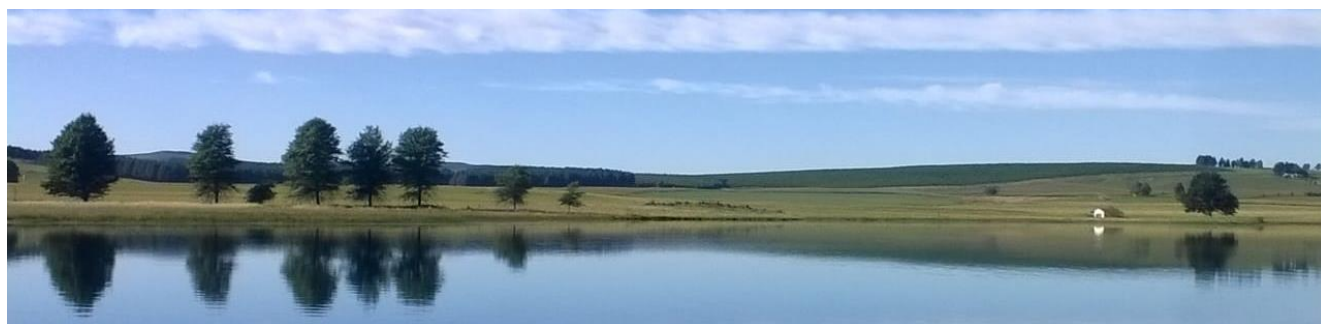


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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	9 April 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh water
Tyer	Andrew Savs
Pattern	Caddis
Special Instructions	Andrew will also give a short presentation on the life cycle of the Caddis

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Well another month goes by, winter *will be on us before too long*.

We thank Raymond Meneses for demonstrating one of his baitfish patterns. We had booked Raymond for February but he was in hospital. We are pleased to see he has made a full recovery.

The last tie before the AGM in May is going to be done by my good friend Andrew Sava and he's doing a pattern that is often underrated. *Don't miss this tie.*

I have spent quite a bit of time on the proposed new Alien Invasive Species lists and Regulations instead of fishing! On the Club's behalf I submitted the Club's objection to the proposed regulations and specifically highlighted the inadequacies of the "risk assessments" many of you would have received back from DEA. Read more *about this later in the Bobbin*.

Warren Prior donated a box of fly tying materials to the Club before he left for Australia. For this generous donation we thank him. We have sorted through this and we are proposing to use this material whenever we can in order to reduce the cost of materials since this is *our* biggest expenditure item.

See you soon.



FROM THE EDITOR

I was away fishing when the club last met. A good an excuse as any, I think you will agree. But a big thank you to Raymond Meneses for tying one of his baitfish patterns nonetheless. Just goes to show that even lawyers can tie one on!

It's been a busy month for me given DEA's determination to declare trout invasive. I deal with this in a broader context in my Trout Wars update but thank you all for supporting the trout value chain in its fight. It has been overwhelming. Links to these representations appear later.

It never rains but it pours so it should come as no surprise that we have until 19 April to make representation to Parliament on the 2015 NEMLA Bill. We need to do this because DEA is seeking to amend NEMBA to widen the scope of its discretionary power when dealing with invasive species. This will bring it a step closer to justifying its Draft Biodiversity Bill which I am told, not unsurprisingly, enjoys wide support amongst environmental officials. Fortunately a broad consortium of interested parties is likely to make common cause with the trout value chain's opposition to this Draft Bill.

I do not know about the rest of you but I do very little fly tying during the summer months. My fly tying station is not air-conditioned so it is often too damn hot to try and tie anything. This changes during the colder months, so come on winter. I need to get back to my tying bench.



There must be something very strange in a man who, if left alone in a room with a tea cosy, doesn't try it on.
Billy Connelly

MONTHLY TIE

RAYMOND'S MINNOW



MATERIALS:

1. **Hook** – Mustad 34007 / Gamakatsu Stinger B10s / Gamakatsu SC15 or any similar saltwater hook in a size 2/0 (or upwards depending how big you want the fly to be).
2. **Thread** - 140 floss/thread in white or tan
3. **Eyes** – Stick on
4. **Body** – Fluorescent Green deer hair, Flash, fake fur and SF blend
5. **Gills** – red feather.
6. **Tail** – peacock herl

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place hook point up
2. Tie in fake fur tail about twice length of hook but leaving 3 to 5 mm gap between hook eye
3. Add SF blend on top of the fake fur
4. Add 4 strands of thin flash over SF blend
5. Shape so it has a nice profile
6. Tie in several stands of peacock herl
7. Take a red feather and wrap it ahead of body
8. Tie in fake fur against hook eye facing forward. It might take several smaller clumps to get it evenly spread around hook shank. Tie off.
9. Tease fake fur backwards to form a halo of material held off the hook shank by the red hackle
10. Shape to suit
11. Superglue eyes on.
12. Optional addition – a few wraps of lead to weight it down.

FOSAF NEWS



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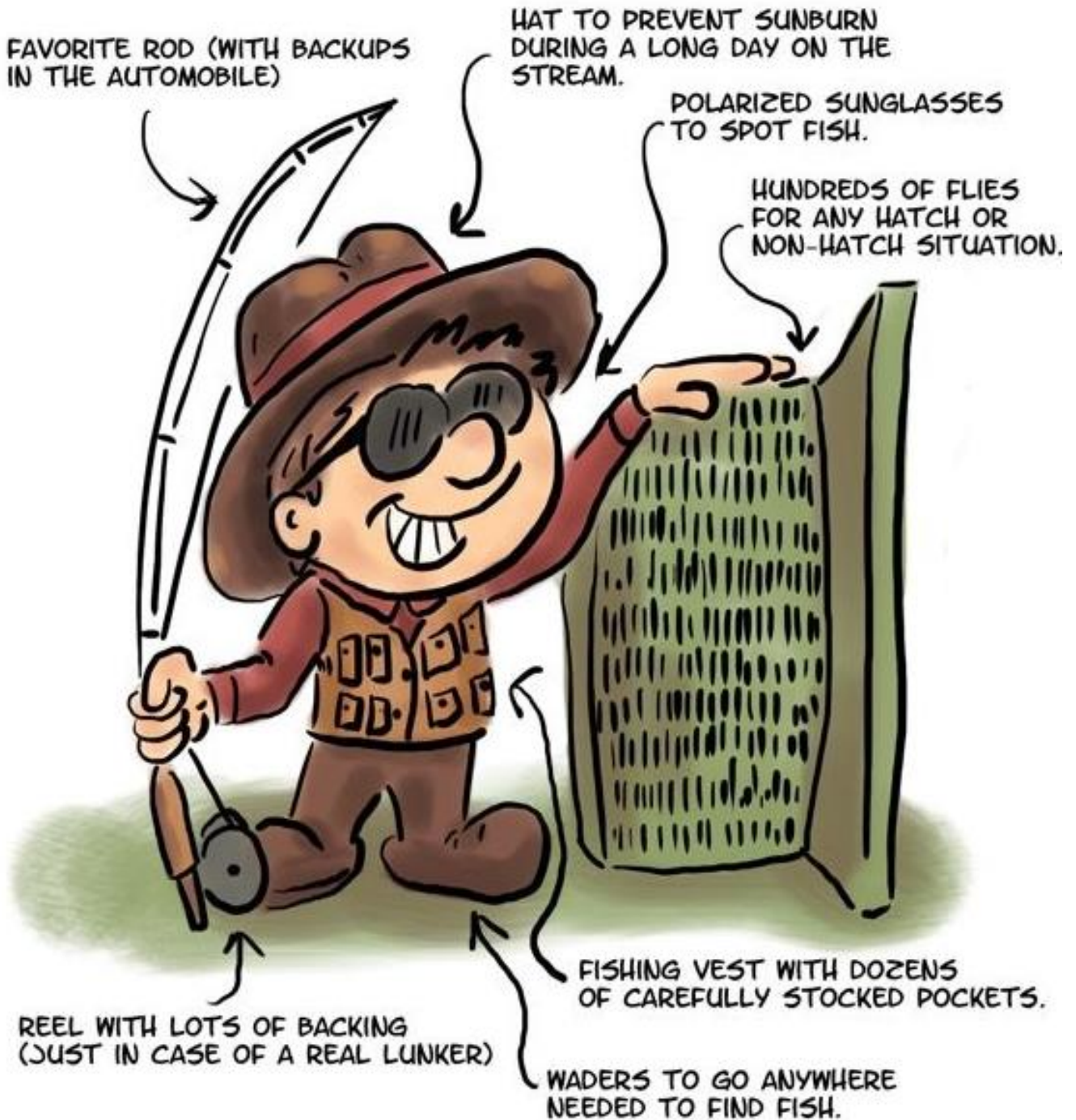
- Fly of the month
 - [FOSAF News - Fly of the Month – DDD \(Duckworth's Dargle Delight\) by Tom Sutcliffe.](#)
- Trout Wars
 - [FOSAF News - Newsflash! – Please Respond Urgently To New NEMBA AIS List & Regulations!](#)
 - [FOSAF News - FOSAF Comments On DEA's Press release of 7 March 2018](#)
 - [FOSAF News - FOSAF'S Response To The DEA'S Media Release Of 07/03/2018 By Ilan Lax](#)
 - [FOSAF News - Consortium Of Stakeholders Including FOSAF Demand The DEA Minister Withdraws Notices Gn112 & 115 \(Draft 2018 AIS Regulations & Draft AIS Amendment Lists.\).](#)
- Yellowfish working group
 - [Yellowfish Working Group - YWG March Newsletter.](#)
- Fly Fishing Report
 - [FOSAF Flyfishing Reports - Saltwater - Port Elizabeth](#) – just for Graeme Neary
 - [FOSAF Flyfishing Reports - Trout - Kwa-Zulu Natal Midlands.](#)

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker.

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught. Mark Twain

IT'S A GIGGLE

THE WELL-OUTFITTERD FLY FISHER



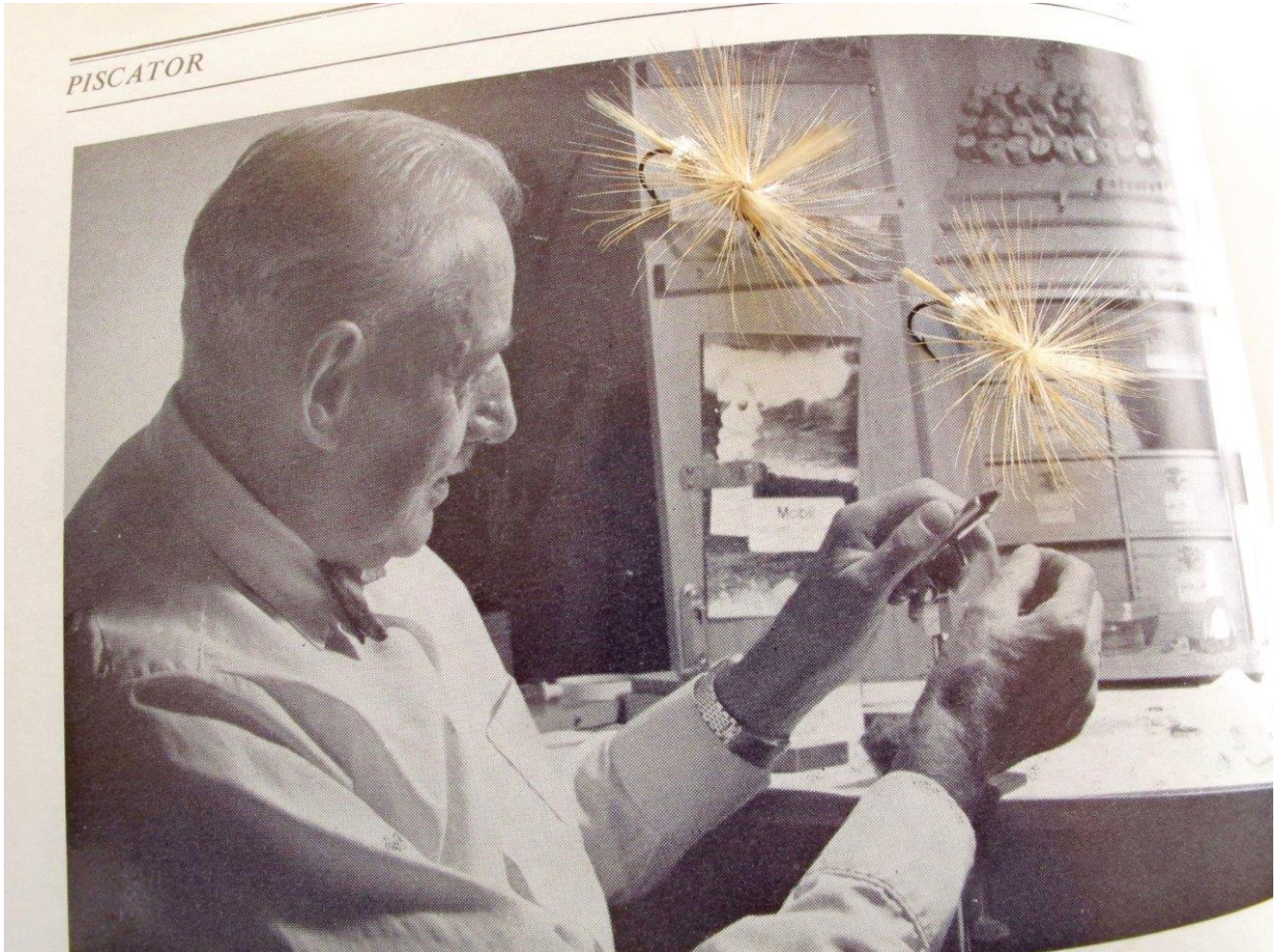
We have serious competition in the club for the holder of this title. However Jay, Paul and Andrew somehow immediately come to mind.

"The fish and I were both stunned and disbelieving to find ourselves connected by a line." William Humphrey in "The Armchair Angler"

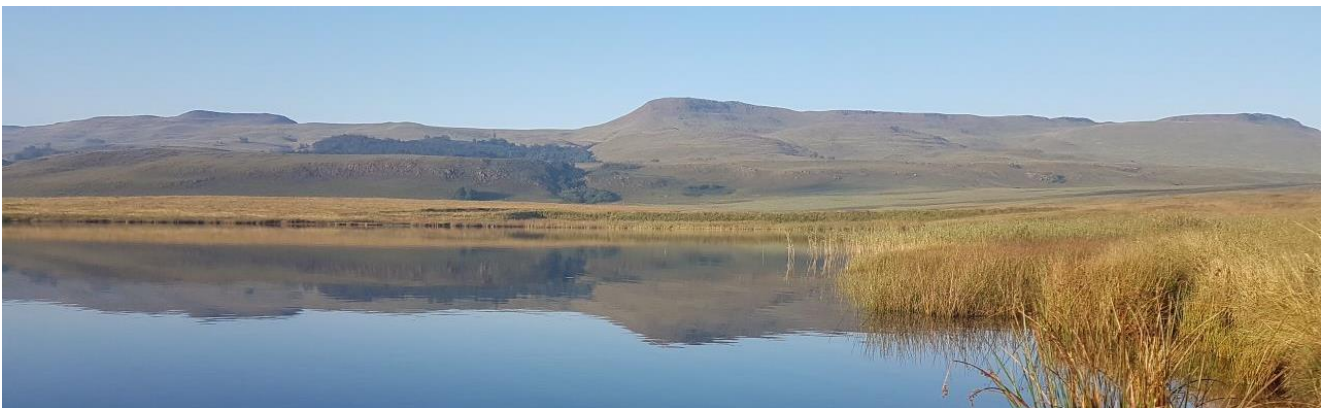
ORIGINAL TIES OF ICONIC FLIES

This is a new section. Pete collects iconic flies tied by the person who invented them often according to the original pattern.

Mark MacKereth's Caribou Spider,



This Peter Brigg tells me is considered to be the first SA imitation of the wolf spider. The examples were tied and Pete thinks were also fished by the man himself. For more on Mark MacKereth see Pieter Cronje's wonderful article in the 2011 Piscator [Mark Mackereth – flyfisher supreme](#) **An absolute must must read**



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool flies

Durban based international fly fishing guide and fly tyer Simon Graham ties innovative patterns for clients all around the world. Check out his flies often accompanied by recipes on Facebook at [Fly Tying South Africa](#)



From the web

- [Peter Brigg on The 2018 Rhodes festival](#)
- [RIP Lefty Kreh](#)
- [Tim Rolston's latest nifty trick](#)
- [Gink and Gasoline: Choosing the right tippet size](#)

REPORTS

[A big thank you](#)

By Ian Cox

"Who is Julian Bartlett" asked FOSAF Chair Ilan Lax in what became one of our daily, sometimes twice daily telephone calls of early March 2018. "I don't know" I responded but in terms somewhat fruitier than that. "Better find out". So I called Julian and found out that he was another fly fishing attorney practicing in Johannesburg who had also decided that what DEA was doing was not cricket.

And so we got chatting. The fact that he went to another Anglican institution for the correction of wayward young boys (Guy Preston's alma mater as it turned out) created a commonality of experience that quickly fed a mutual understanding. So it was not very long before he was saying "You'll have to litigate' you know". "I know", said I, "but Ilan and I are too close to the issue to act and we need to find a team that will fight in the Pretoria Court on the basis they will only be paid what is recovered in respect of their costs." Click [here](#) for more.

[Trout wars April 2018](#)

By Ian Cox

"Well, in our country," said Alice, still panting a little, "you'd generally get to somewhere else — if you ran very fast for a long time, as we've been doing."

"A slow sort of country!" said the Queen. "Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!"

It's been a busy month.

Thank you all who assisted in asking for information and/or submitting objections to the proposed amendments to the Draft 2108 AIS lists and Regulations. It has made a real difference.

Here is a list of some of the objections that were submitted:

Click [here](#) for more.



2015 NEMLA Bill: Making representations

I deal with this [Bill](#) in the [Trout Wars](#) article above.

My personal representation can be read by clicking here.

You can make your own representations or file a letter in support of mine by sending an e mail headed 2105 NMLA Bill to Ms T Madubela at tmadubela@parliament.gov.za by no later than Thursday, 19 April 2018 at 16:30 .

For more details see https://pmg.org.za/call-for-comment/652/?utm_campaign=request-for-comment-from-parliament&utm_source=transactional&utm_medium=email

ARTICLES

[Big East Griqualand Rainbows](#)

By Green Nymph

Veld and Vlei: July 1957



I could not resist this old story, not just because it is about fishing in one of my favorite areas but also speaks of the great Rhino Cathcart who I had the singular pleasure of sharing stream time with as a schoolboy some 20 years after this was written. Oh how such treats are wasted on the callow youth! Click [here](#) for more.

Caddisfly

Andrew Sava is going to enliven his demonstration on Monday with a talk about the caddisfly. So I thought we could liven things up a bit with a reference to my article on the subject that in the Bobbin. See [The Bobbin November 2013](#).

IN THE MARKET

SA Fly Tying Expo 2018



Built for fly fisherman by fly fisherman

The 2018 South African fly fishing and fly tying Expo will take place at Lourensford wine estate in the Western Cape from 27-29 July. The occasion is really more of a reunion than an event really, an entire weekend of fly fishing bliss in beautiful surroundings with fellow feather crazed lunatics. It also happens to be the only event of its kind in Africa in that it caters exclusively for fly fisherman. [Click](#) here for more

CLUB STUFF

General club stuff

The AGM will be held at the Westville library in Room G1 at 7.30 pm. Notices have been sent to members by e mail.

Subs are **OVERDUE** and are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R220
Junior Member	R120
Family Member	R220 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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Account Number: 053 189 647

Please 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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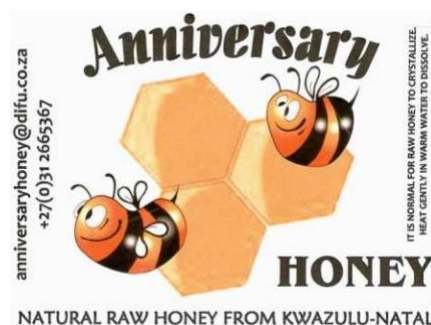


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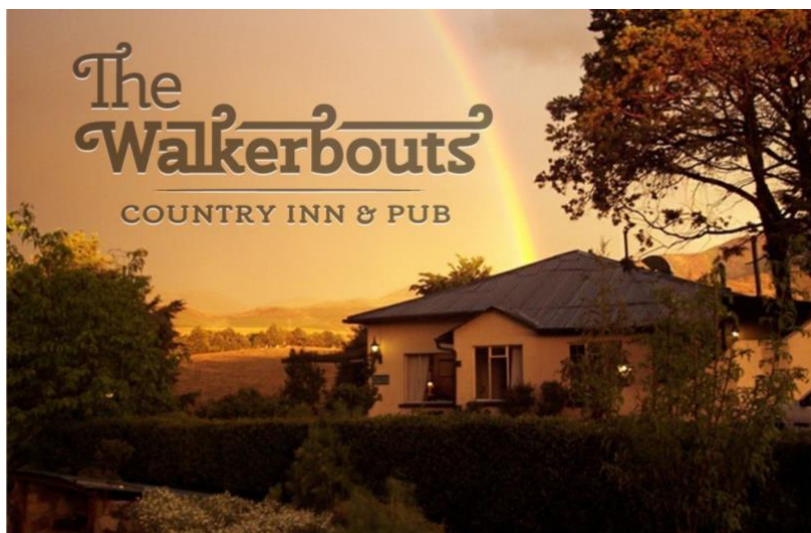
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The Complete Angler	Shop 1 6 Village Rd Kloof,3610 Tel 031 764 1488	Superb freshwater selection of fly tying materials. Salty stuff too
Kingfisher	http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
The Fish Eagle	105 Victoria Rd Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal https://www.facebook.com/THEFISHEAGLE/	Jan Korrubel runs this shop. Say no more!!!
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
Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
The African Fly Fisher	http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/	Morne Bayman's shop
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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	http://www.nffc.co.za/	
FOSAF	http://www.fosaf.org.za/	
The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	http://www.uhtfc.co.za/	
Wildfly	http://www.wildflytravel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=282&Itemid=451	
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Durban	http://www.swell.co.za/durban/tides	Gives you a surf report too.
Weather		
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