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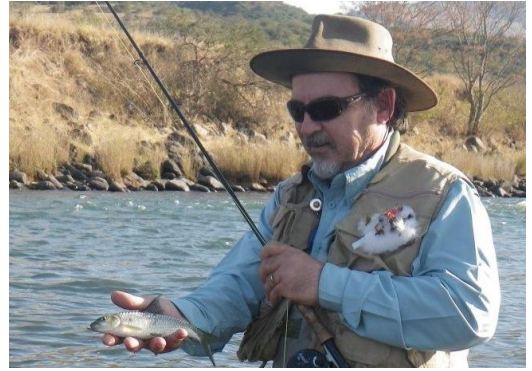
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| Next Meeting                        |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Visitors and beginners are welcome. |                           |
| Date                                | 4 August 2014             |
| Venue                               | Room G1 Westville Library |
| Time                                | 7pm for 7.30pm            |
| Tie                                 | Fresh Water               |
| Tyer                                | Andrew Fowler             |
| Pattern                             | FMD Dragon                |
| Special Instructions                | Read "From the Editor"    |

## Chairman's Chirp

It has been 3 months since I was "elected" as "interim" chairman. During that time I have been largely absent – however, the club seems to have carried on happily without me. Clearly we have an efficient committee!

It was pleasing to note a turnout of 15 anglers for the Grabbing Gurnard outing on Durban Harbour organised by Christian Calliontzis. Not many fish were caught despite the stunning conditions. Booking is open for fishing for winter trout at Brewitts on the 23 August 2014. Please contact Bruce Curry (082 774 5514) who is organising the trip. Kick boats are essential and the trip is limited to 10 anglers only, so book now.



Last week I accompanied Ian Cox when he went to make his "Trout Wars" presentation to WESSA members in Underberg. The presentation was very well received and repeats thereof to other groups will certainly galvanise support for the fight. The next morning we fished Wolf Avni's beautiful dam at Giants cup for a couple of hours. The water was gin clear and the dam fairly low. Ian caught four small fish and I caught nothing – despite me using his fly that caught the first two fish!

## From the Editor

Congratulations to Christian on a truly excellent demonstration last month and for arranging this month's outing to the bay. I for one learnt an enormous amount on how you go about fishing the bay. Pity none of it helped. We had a massive turn out for Last Sunday's bay outing but I found pickings to be very thin. I was about to tell Christian that the truth was not in him and the Bay was best left to shrimp gooiers when he reminded me that he did say you may as well pack up if the wind is coming from the west. So I took his advice and headed for breakfast.



The August trip is to Brewitts dam. Contact Bruce Curry if you want to go. I believe there are still spaces available.

Well done to Tom Gifford and Kyle Hammond for winning last month's tie.



This month features a freshwater tie demonstrated by Fly Fishing legend Andrew Fowler. Andrew is pretty young to be a legend but he started in his nappies or so it seems. So he had forgotten as a teenager what many of us take a lifetime to learn!

Andrew will be tying a FMD dragon. This is a pattern that was developed in the 90's. Andrew will tie it in the traditional way but we will be asked to use our imagination and come up with variations on this pattern. Thus while materials will, as always, be provided you may want to bring your own dubbing legs and eyes.

## It's A Giggle

How do you tell the difference between an English Police Officer, a Canadian Police Officer, an American Police Officer and a Scottish Police Officer?

### QUESTION

You're on duty by yourself (don't ask why, you just are, and your Sergeant hates you) walking on a deserted street late at night. Suddenly, an armed man with a huge knife comes around the corner, locks eyes with you, screams obscenities, raises the knife and lunges at you. You are carrying your truncheon and are an expert in using it. However, you have only a split second to react before he reaches you. What do you do?

**ANSWER:**

- 1. British Police Officer:** The Officer must consider the man's human rights.
    - a. Does the man look poor or oppressed?
    - b. Is he newly arrived in this country and does not yet understand the law?
    - c. Have I ever done anything to him that would inspire him to attack?
    - d. Am I dressed provocatively?
    - e. Could I run away?
    - f. Could I possibly swing my truncheon and knock the knife out of his hand?
    - g. Should I try and negotiate with him to discuss his wrong-doings?
    - h. Why am I carrying a truncheon anyway and what kind of message does this send to society?
    - i. Does he definitely want to kill me or would he be content just to wound me?
    - j. I was to grab his knees and hold on, would he still want to stab and kill me?
    - k. If I raise my truncheon and he turns and runs away, do I get blamed if he falls over and hurts himself?
    - l. If I hurt him and lose the subsequent court case, does he have the opportunity to sue me, cost me my job, my credibility and the loss of my family home?
  - 2. Canadian Police Officer:** - BANG!
  - 3. American Police Officer:** -BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG !  
BANG ! BANG ! - 'Click'...Reload...- BANG ! BANG ! BANG !  
BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG ! BANG !  
BANG ! BANG !
  - 4. Glasgow Police Officer:** - "Haw, Jimmie. Drop the knife,  
Noo, unless you want it stuck up yer arse!"
- Skippy the bush kangaroo has come forward today, after years of silence.....**



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**She say's not only did Rolf Harris tie her down but the dirty bastard went on to sing about it!**

# Fly Tying and Other Tips

## Tom's Recipes



Tom Sutcliffe's Spirit of Fly Fishing is one of the best if not the best fly fishing site on the web. His weekly newsletter goes out to over 1000 subscribers who if they are anything like me, wait for its arrival with the same eagerness that anticipated the arrival of my look and learn magazine when I was a kid. Perhaps forgotten is the fact that his site contains the recipes of some of South Africa's most iconic trout flies. Here are links to a few of them.

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| The Zak Nymph                        | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/232-tying-zaks-critical-success-factors.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/232-tying-zaks-critical-success-factors.html</a>                     |
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| The Para RAB                         | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/877-tying-philip-meyer%E2%80%99s-para-rab.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/877-tying-philip-meyer%E2%80%99s-para-rab.html</a>                 |
| The Papa Roach                       | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/256-herman-botes-papa-roach.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/256-herman-botes-papa-roach.html</a>   |
| The Wolf Spider                      | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/247-peter-briggs-new-wolf-spider.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/247-peter-briggs-new-wolf-spider.html</a>                                   |
| The Good Doctor's Beetle - partial   | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/228-the-good-doctors-beetle.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/228-the-good-doctors-beetle.html</a>   |
| Ed's Hopper                          | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/211-tying-ed-herbsts-hopper.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/211-tying-ed-herbsts-hopper.html</a>   |
| The Neutral Density Dragon Fly Nymph | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/209-tying-the-cdc-midge.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/209-tying-the-cdc-midge.html</a>   |
| The Red Eyed Damsel                  | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/207-how-to-tie-and-fish-the-red-eyed-damsel-nymph.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/207-how-to-tie-and-fish-the-red-eyed-damsel-nymph.html</a> |
| The DDD                              | <a href="http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/205-tying-the-ddd.html">http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/205-tying-the-ddd.html</a>   |

If we carry fishing purism to its logical conclusion, to do it right you'd have to live naked in a cave, hit your trout on the head with rocks, and eat them raw. But, so as not to violate another essential element of the fly-fishing tradition, the rocks would have to be quarried in England and cost \$300.

John Gierach



## Keeping dry flies afloat

By Ed Herbst



Filched off Tom Sutcliffe's website (with permission of course) comes an excellent article by Ed Herbst on the vexed issue of keeping trout flies afloat. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Articles

### Memories of Hayden

By Graeme Neary



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August a year ago we bid farewell to our very good friend Haydn Daykin at Brewitts on a beautiful sunny day. We enjoyed many outings together both in the midlands and at the sea and always learnt from him.

To this day we still get the feeling that he is looking down at us and smiling that happy smile of his, probably thinking something totally sarcastic in reply to a snide swipe from one of us. Bruce and Peter are quietly pushing for me to now take over your mantle and become the old codger of the group, a mantle I will proudly carry. Rest well old friend, we will raise a toast to you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brewitts

## **Fly Fishing in Ireland**

**By Stelios Comminos**

Our recently appointed chairman (temporary he tells us) has just returned from a holiday in Europe. Though most of the time was spent visiting family Stelios did manage a fishing trip to Ireland. Click [here](#) to read about it.

## **Trout wars**

**By Ian Cox**

In another article on the fight to save trout from eradication Ian Cox looks at the issue from an environmental perspective. This is taken from a presentation he made to the Underberg branch of WESSA recently. Click [here](#) to read more.

# **Reports**

## **A Sunday on the Bay**

**By Graeme Neary**



This outing was organised by Christian so we could try out our tyings of his bay special .A truly great winters morning greeted us as the tide ran out revealing some inviting looking sand banks .I didn't do an exact head count but I think we were 17 strong including Jannie and John who had joined us from Maritzborough.



Pickings were slim but a few gurnards fell victim to our hooks. Up till 11ish when some of us retired to have some breakfast nothing big had been landed so I am sure someone can correct me if required. It was really encouraging to see a good turnout as this is when we all learn from each other so hopefully this can become a regular outing. Some of us also tried bigger flies like Clousers and Maxis but no success. In my opinion the water felt quite cold and this put the fish off the bite. (I have to find some excuse) One encouraging sign we have noticed over the last while is the large numbers of bait fish in the water all around. This should attract some bigger stuff as the weather starts warming, and I don't know if I am imagining it, but the bay seems a lot less polluted with litter than a few years ago. Thanks to all who made the effort, and well done to Christian for a great demo of his fly and for organising the outing.

## In The Market

### J Vice Knuckle Head

The goose neck was not part of the original J Vice. That came later at the suggestion of fly tying guru Hans Werdemeyer. Those who had the original knucklehead could upgrade to the gooseneck free of charge as long as they sent Jay their original knucklehead. Jay used those to satisfy those J Vice owners who wanted the entire rotary, gooseneck and jaw assembly to rotate. That original supply of recycled goosenecks ran out the other day so Jay invented a newer more fit for purpose knucklehead for those who want to articulate their J Vice. I tried it the other day and though I am happy with my J Vice the way it is, I found it a nifty device especially when tying parachute hackles. Slightly off topic, Stelios who is back from Ireland tells me that The J Vice is well known there. He says that he gained additional Kudos as he was able to tell his Irish fishing buddies that he was a member of the same fly tying club as the inventor.



## Club Stuff

### Subs for 2013 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Joining Fee   | R20 senior R10 Junior                                    |
| Senior Member | R150   |
| Junior Member | R80  |
| Family Member | R150 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member. |

### Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Westville

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### 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  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| 23 August 2014            | Day Fishing for winter trout | Brewitts                   | Bruce Curry      | Booking open limited to 10 and kick boats essential |
| TBA but in September 2014 | Vidal                        | Vidal                      | Nick Nortje      | Booking open  |
| TBA but in October 2014   | Bass Bashing                 | TBA                        | Bruce Curry      |   |
| TBA but in November 2014  | Hunting Springer             | Durban Harbour Centre bank | Stelios Comninos | Meet at Wilsons Warf at a time TBA                  |

### 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](mailto:iancox@durbanflytyers.co.za)

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Contact Dave Smith





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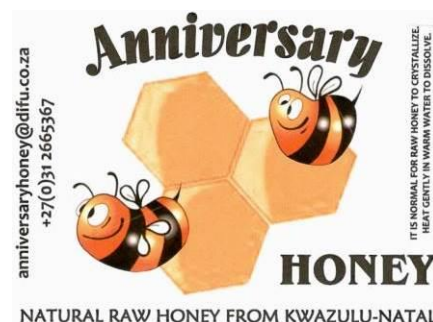
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| Kingfisher   | <a href="http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php">http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php</a>   | A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.            |
| <b>South African Online Shops</b>                                  |   |  |
| Frontier Fly Fishing   | <a href="http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/">http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/</a>   | Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, Peter Place, Bryanston, and Johannesburg. |
| Netbooks   | <a href="http://www.netbooks.co.za/">http://www.netbooks.co.za/</a>   | The Home of Craig Thom<br>Check him out at the Ufudu Fair.                         |
| Stream X   | <a href="http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/">http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/</a>   |  |
| The African Fly Fisher   | <a href="http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/">http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/</a>   | Morne Bayman's new shop  |
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| The KZN Fly Fishing Association KZNFFA)                            | <a href="http://www.kznffa.org/public/index.asp?pageid=847">http://www.kznffa.org/public/index.asp?pageid=847</a>   |  |
| The Natal Fly Fishing Club   | <a href="http://www.nffc.co.za/">http://www.nffc.co.za/</a>   |  |
| South Coast Fly Fishers  |   |  |
| The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club                             | <a href="http://www.uhtfc.co.za/">http://www.uhtfc.co.za/</a>   |  |
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| <b>Weather</b>   |   |  |
| Durban   | <a href="http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865">http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865</a>   |  |