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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	3 August 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh
Tyer	Jan Korrubel
Pattern	Sick Puppy
Special Instructions	Olive thread 140 or 210 denier

## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

I have to apologise for not making it to the meeting last month. Thank you to Ian for standing in. I unfortunately went man down and decided it wouldn't be good manners standing around coughing all over everyone.

Thanks very much to Brad Wienand for giving up his evening to tie the Semper fly for us. I have seen the winning flies and they look great. I need to put a few in my fly box as well. Congratulations to Ian Jackson on winning the evenings tie. There was no junior winner. I have secured a booking at Cape Vidal for the weekend of 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> November. We have one camp site and one chalet. The costs are as follows, Chalet R 400-00 pppn and camping R 140-00 pppn. I have to have this money in by the 5<sup>th</sup> August so I need names and monies in soon please.



[The Sick Puppy](#)

Don't forget to bring some loose cash on the 3<sup>rd</sup> as we are having a raffle that evening. Jan Korrubel is coming down from Nottingham Road for the meeting and will be tying a Sick Puppy which he assures me works extremely well. I will get a pic of it to Ian to put in the bobbin. For the tie you will need to bring olive thread 140 or 210. The thicker one allows more tie down strength.

Six of us enjoyed a day outing to Brewitts in the Mount West area on the 18th July. It was a very pleasant day. Bruce Curry is doing an article on this so he will give all the details.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## FROM THE EDITOR

This month's Bobbin features an article by Stevie Brooks. The good doctor does not write for us often but when he does write, it is always pertinent.

This month he has done it again with a timely and thought provoking article on the effects of pollution. Pollution is becoming a huge problem especially in Mpumalanga whose fisheries are dependent on water that flows through what is a rapidly developing (some might say over developing countryside). The concern Steve expresses in his article is one that is being voiced more and more frequently by trout fishers. There is an increasingly pressing need for trout fishers and fly fishers in general to take a greater interest in river health.



I wrote about the issue at Alan Jellis' request in the August 2012 Bobbin (Click [here](#) for the article). Both fellow member, Karl Schmidt and NNFC's Graham Steart have raised the need for a basic water testing protocol that all owners and managers of trout waters can use to get a better understanding of the state of their waters and what can be done to protect and improve its health. Peter Arderne of FOSAF has been working tirelessly for years to try and protect the old Transvaal waters from the onslaught of pollution. I spoke to Chris Williams who was recently elected as the chairman of the Northvaal chapter of FOSAF, about this very issue. Turns out he has been working on it as well and, joy of all joys, has access to significant funding.

I deal with this in the reports section of this Bobbin. However it bears mentioning here that looks like we will succeed in defending trout against the mindless prejudice of some environmental officials. Important lessons have are being learnt in the process. The first is that you will find support from the most unexpected quarters within government if you are prepared to make an effort yourself rather than wait for government to do it for you. The second is that you must be principled prepared and responsible. The third is that one must look for solutions rather than just highlight problems.

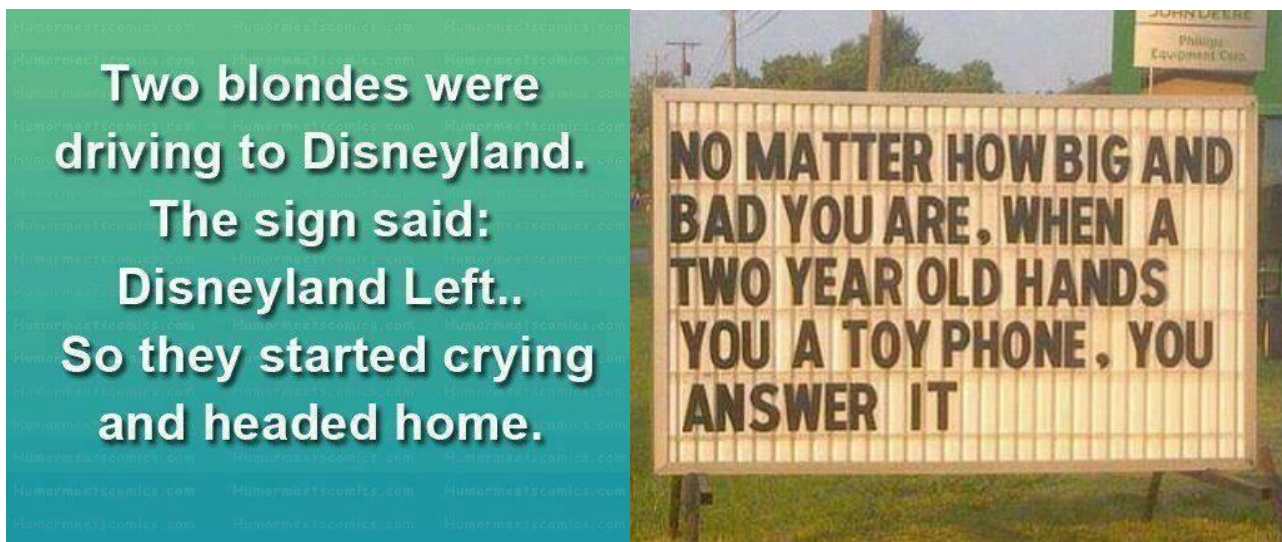
It may sound weird but trout fishing offer s South Africa much more in the way of solutions to our problems than it causes problems. Government, outside the narrow and prejudiced world that is often the environmental authority, realises this. Heeding what Steve has said and working for water health is one way of showing just how much we benefit the lives and wellbeing of our people.

## IT'S A GIGGLE

### Hell in Heaven

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was tremendous bolt of lightning and a massive clap of thunder, followed by even more thunder rumbling in the distance...

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's arrived.



### The Chemist

Arriving home, a husband was met by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "The Chemist. He insulted me this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone."

The husband drove down to confront the Chemist to demand an apology. Before he could say more than a word or two, the Chemist said "Now, just a minute...Mate, hear my side of it.

- This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late. Without breakfast I hurried out to the car to realise I'd locked the house with house and car keys inside. I had to break a window to get my keys."
- Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket about three streets from the store, I had a flat tyre." "When I finally got to the store a bunch of people was waiting for me to open up. I started waiting on these people.

- All the time the damn phone never stopped ringing.
- Then I had to break open a bag of one and two dollar coins against the cash register drawer to give change and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the dollar coins and the phone was still ringing.
- When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer which made me stagger back against a showcase with bottles of expensive perfumes on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke.
- Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up.

And I finally got to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer. And believe me, mate, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her.

## FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

### The DFT Facebook page

I am aware that many members regard Facebook with suspicion and so they should, but like a good whiskey, Facebook has its good side as well. One of those is the DFT Facebook page on which we regularly download helpful hints found elsewhere on Facebook or on the net.

Here are two of them:

On tying woven Nymphs -

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10153381670316132&set=oa.1601325026799378&type=1&theater>

On dealing with bulky brushes - <http://truttablog.com/2015/07/07/tying-tips-bulky-brushes/>

### On importing natural material

I will do a more comprehensive article on this when I have the time to penetrate the often incomprehensible and murky depths of what are South Africa's laws dealing with such matters but suffice it to say that South Africa is becoming increasingly strict about controlling what you can bring into South Africa. This is necessary in order to try and prevent the inadvertent importation of disease and is not a bad thing. It is in fact something all fly fishers should support given that our trout farming industry is one of the few in the world that is disease free. This means that we should stop sneaking materials in via the internet even though this is often the only way to get quality material. We should rather insist that the top dollar our material importers charge for the stuff they do import is backed by material of appropriate quality. Don't expect this to be easy. I complained of the Facebook page [Fly Tying South Africa](#) about the shocking quality of the material we used at last month's tie only to have the post pulled by the administrator of that site. This is despite the fact that was well received by the fly tying community who agreed with my comments. It turns out that Fly Tying South Africa is not an independent resource but is heavily reliant upon the support of said importers. So sadly once again commercial self-interest trumped open debate.

I look into... my fly box, and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: 'Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five-eighths of an inch long.

Allison Moir



## More on hooks



One of the great things about being mates with Ed Herbst is that he keeps you constantly supplied with interesting stuff. Sometimes his largess takes material form such as was the case with the dental pick I reported in in the June Bobbin or the Hanak hooks that are the subject of this piece. As before, I have had them awhile and like all Ed's offerings I can say they are seriously good – at least I think so. The qualification comes courtesy of SA Fly fishing champion Daniel Factor who found the wide gape which I find so attractive too wide. I must confess that the idea of hooks being too wide of gape is if you will excuse the mixed metaphor (or pun?) a bridge to far. These hooks are fantastic.

## The Salmo Taddy recipe



For those who have not got the recipe for this excellent fly; [here](#) it is. I tie a much simpler version which I will let you have next month. That said while my version is quick to tie, Wayne's is a scrumptious work of art.

## REPORTS

### [July outing to Brewitts](#)

By Bruce Curry



This is a trip your editor sadly missed due to the annoying habit our more enthusiastically Christian members have of organising fly fishing meetings on a Saturday. Don't they realise that fly fishing for trout is high church! It was nonetheless a very successful outing. To read just how successful; click [here](#).

### [Where are trout now?](#)

A July 2015 update on the Trout Wars

By Ian Cox



In my last report that appeared in the April Bobbin ([Where trout are](#)) I reported on the work that has been done to establish the whereabouts of trout. In it I reported of the deal that had been struck with government exactly a year ago that trout would not be declared invasive in areas where they already occur outside certain proclaimed



nature reserves. I am pleased to announce that Ilan lax and I met with the Mike Mabuyakhulu who is the KZN MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs on 14 July this year where he confirmed that this agreement has the political support of National government as well as the provinces. Click [here](#) for more.

They say you forget your troubles on a trout stream, but that's not quite it. What happens is that you begin to see where your troubles fit into the grand scheme of things, and suddenly they're just not such a big deal anymore.

John Gierach

## ARTICLES

### [Where have all the fish gone?](#)

By Dr Steven Brooks



I have seen, over the past two years or more, many references to the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations from the fly fishing clubs in KZN and from FOSAF, basically saying that this is the greatest threat to our enjoyment of the glorious sport of angling. I understand why this is being said but I have to tell you that it is not true. Certainly there is a threat to trout fishing, but there is a greater threat and that is to have almost no fishing at all. For more click [here](#).

Poets talk about "spots of time", but it is really the fishermen who experience eternity compressed into a moment. No one can tell what a spot of time is until suddenly the whole world is a fish and the fish is gone.

Norman Mclean

## Are the AIS list and Regulations lawful?

By Ian Cox, Ilan Lax and Professor Peter Britz



The scientific basis for claiming that trout are invasive depends on which scientific definition of invasive you use. There should be no doubt, however, that trout are not invasive in this country given the way the term is defined in law. Ilan Lax, Professor Peter Britz and I unpack this and other issues regarding the legality of the Alien and Invasive Species Lists and Regulations in the attached article that was recently published in the law journal De Rebus. Click [here](#) or on the picture for that article. For those who want the short answer; no we do not think the lists and regulations are lawful.

## 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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Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
November	Cape Vidal	Cape Vidal	G Neary	Booking Open

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