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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	2 August 2016
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Freswater
Tyer	Ilan Lax
Pattern	Bivisible
Special Instructions	None

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

It has been great to have some good rainfall and also snow in some areas over the last few days. As I write this chirp it is still raining gently. Hopefully a fair bit will be falling in catchment areas to start the process of filling the dams so we can get down to some fishing.

For those members who might remember John Wheatley, a former member of DFT, we sadly bid farewell to him on Sunday 24th July after a long and hard battle with cancer. Our condolences to his wife Di and his family. RIP John you old Nobbler you.



Thanks to Rex Fey for a very interesting tie last month. It was great to see his oh so casual approach to tying and easy use of materials and yet the outcome was good. This month we have Ilan Lax to tie his Bi Viz fly. He assures me it is simple to tie and he has used it successfully for many years.

Please remember to bring any unwanted/excess to requirement/unused materials you might want to swap. Guys can set up on tables after the evenings tying is complete. I feel this should be done on an exchange basis but if money has to change hands, then that has to be between the parties.

You will require black or brown thread for the tie

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks Wade Breytenbach for the fantastic snow pic on the front page.

I join with Graeme in extending my condolences to John Wheatly family. Other great fishermen gathered to that space in the sky where the trout are elegantly sufficient.

Not much has happened on my side since the couple of days ago when I dispatched the last bobbin. My fishing trip which was meant to have provided content and inspiration got snowed upon and those tender should I count as my fishing buddies decided it was best to stay at home.



It has to be said that the reports trickling in have not been good though hopefully the recent rain will improve things. Rivers are running better than they did all summer.

The luckiest of fly fishers amongst us appear to be the Stegen's who announced that they had scored a tandem hook up. I believe it is due early next year. For more on the Stegen's see Wayne's articles in Vagabond in the [Web](#) section of this Bobbin.

Jay should be back from fishing the henry's fork by the time this gets out. Article please Jay. A little birdie tells me his fishing buddy was Gierach but since the birdie was a fisherman, who knows. I wait with baited breath to find out if he dared drag a woolly bugger at speed on a fast sinking line. That and casting downstream with a sinking lines a dry fly stretch of an English chalk stream are bucket list items of mine.

After all if you can't take the piss is it fishing?

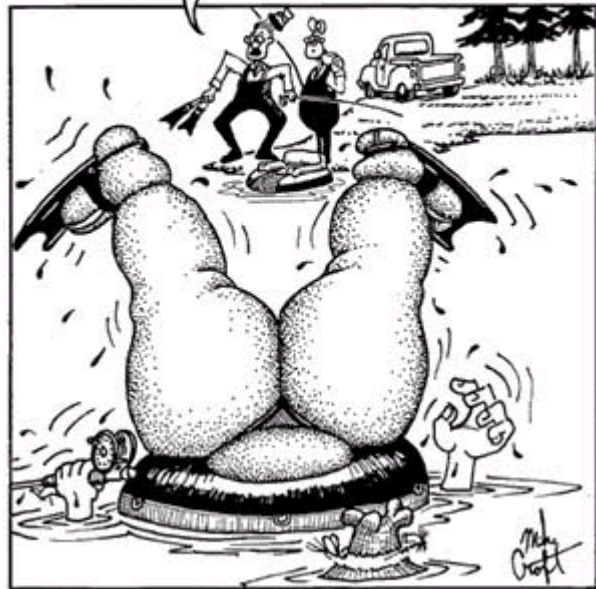
IT'S A GIGGLE



IF I SEE ONE MORE NEW FLY ROD THIS YEAR, I'M GOING TO APPLY A LITTLE CATCH AND RELEASE TO OUR MARRIAGE.



QUICK GET A ROPE! THE FOOL FARTED IN HIS WADERS



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

The Partridge and Orange

Bill Bainbridge mentioned at a FOSAF meeting a few days ago that one of his favourite killer flies was the Partridge and Orange. It is a superb emerger he said. Well click [here](#) for the Partridge and Orange tied by Hans Weilenmann.

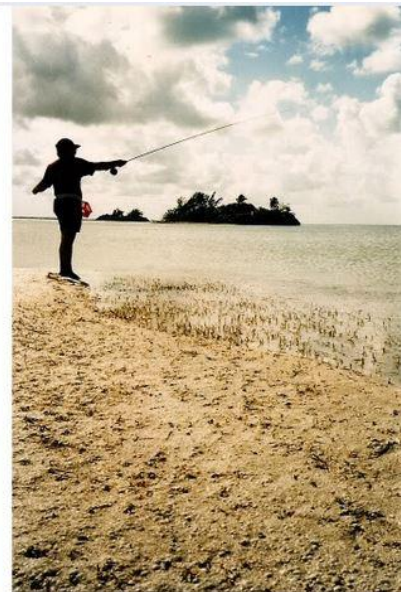
From the web

- [Stillwater tactics \(part 1\) – back to knot basics by Pieter Taljaard & Wayne Stegen](#)
- [Stillwater tactics \(part 2\) by Wayne Stegen](#)
- [How to tie the green dragon courtesy of Mac Muller](#)
- [A must read on Lefty Kreh 90 plus and going strong](#)
- [Kosi Lakes by Jeremy Rotchester](#)

ARTICLES

[Memories of catching bonefish in the Yucatan 1998](#)

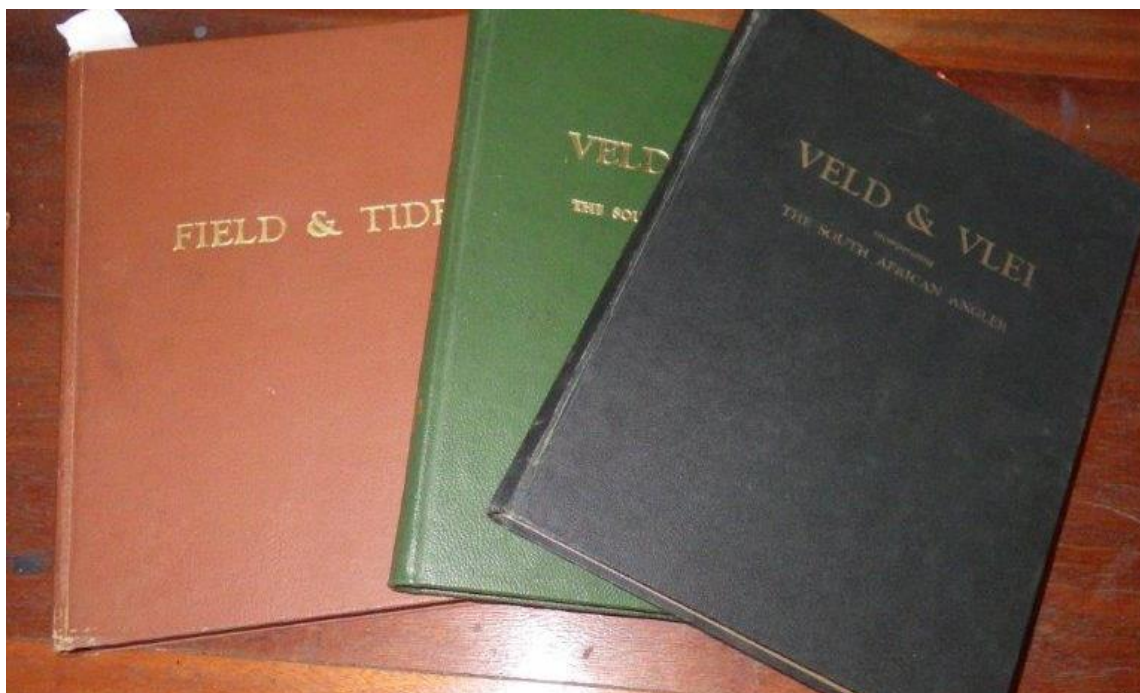
By Stelios Comminos



A serious amount of planning went into travelling to Mexico on the cheap with my wife and our twins who were 15 years at the time. Hours of going through travel guides and speaking to those who had been there before drove me up the wall because there was nothing I could find about fishing there. In 1998 there was no internet as we know it now. I knew that there were the east and south coasts to consider – but had to make sure that the locations we were to visit would also have to satisfy my wife's passion for antiquity. I was disheartened! Eventually I stumbled on to an article on bonefish in some obscure travel publication – and my Sage 8wt perked up in its tube! Researching further I found a book by Dick Brown called Flyfishing for Bonefish

and the Sage stiffened when I found a small reference to Ascension Bay on the Yucatan Peninsula! Click [here](#) for more

A long time ago



- Andrew Savs reminded me of this story the other day. It is an old one told by a true fly fishing great and fellow attorney. You have to be an old practitioner to truly appreciate the full extent of the malice that is the moral of this tale. For more click [here](#) to read GEM Skues Theodore Castwell lifted off the web from an excerpt from Fisherman's Bounty, by Nick Lyons, published in 1970 by Crown. Just to show that borrowing is not limited to the second oldest profession Nick Lyons credits the source as "taken from Sidelines, Sidelights, and Reflections by G.E.M. Skues. Copyright 1947 by G.E.M. Skues." He goes on to say that "The original story appears in that book, (first edition) on page 347 as "Some Letter," with the notation "Fly-Fishers' Club Journal, vol. 19, No. 73. Spring, 1930"



- Click [here](#) on Joylon Nuttal on how to cook trout

REPORTS

[A loss of trust](#)

by Ian Cox

I received two requests this month to lend support to research affecting the trout value chain.

- The first was from one of the country's more innovative researchers on issues relating to tourism, especially tourism in rural communities. He and an EU based researcher were interested in researching the South African trout tourism industry's perception and response to climate change. The idea was to sort perceptions from reality with a view to developing adaptive strategies to cope with the gathering storm that is climate change.
- The second was a call from FOSAF chair Ilan Lax to support the economic survey of recreational angling that is being undertaken by Rhodes University with support from SACCRA.

It seems both surveys have received remarkably little support from the fly fishing community. Click [here](#) for more

IN THE MARKET



- Stelios has updated his lamp. Quite a few people have built them or have asked Stelios to do so. They work really well. Click [here](#) for the updated parts schedule. Click [here](#) for the original article and instructions.
- I was alerted to these two gems by the Trout Talk boys Terry Andrews and Andrew Savs.
 - The first is a really cool and incredibly bright rechargeable head torch that can be bought from the China store for about 300 bucks. terry can give you more details.
 - The second is the coolest tying wax that only costs 25 bucks for several lifetimes supply. Actually it is bog sealer which is sold at any hardware store but it is made of wax so...

CLUB STUFF

Subs for 2016/17 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

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

Branch: Westville

Branch Code: 045 426

Account Number: 053 189 647

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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Once in a while you will stumble upon the truth but most of us manage to pick ourselves up and hurry along as if nothing had happened.

Tommy Cooper

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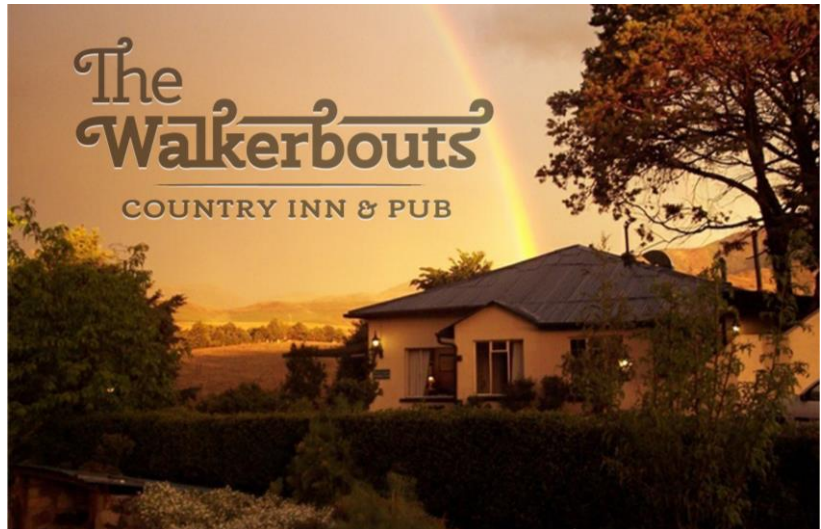
The mesh is hand knotted using a soft multi-strand nylon to protect the fish which is to be released. The lease clip allows the net to hang high up horizontally on your vest so it will not get caught up in vegetation. Personalised name an optional.

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QUICK LINKS

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
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