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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	7 August 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Peter Brigg
Pattern	Klinkhammer Variation
Special Instructions	Bring balck and red fine thread

## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

What a winter season it's turning out to be. Those of you on Facebook will have seen several large trout taken in the dams from Dullstroom to the Eastern Cape. Several fish over 10 lbs in fantastic condition amongst them. The Stillwater fisher must be having a blast.



Turning to more concerning issues the Department of Environmental Affairs has done an about turn on the Operation Phakisa agreement. They are adamant that trout will be listed as alien invasive. But I'll leave that discussion to Ian to update us.

With a month to go to the start of the river season this is just the time to start checking and sorting your kit out for the 1st September. Traditionally I like to get out on the water on the opening weekend, even if it is just to see what's happened over winter and checkout my favourite spots. Let's hope for a bumper season.

How many of you are enjoying the published recipe of the monthly ties? We'd appreciate any feedback on this and anything else for that matter. This month's meeting we will have Peter Brigg with us and it's a night not to miss.

## FROM THE EDITOR

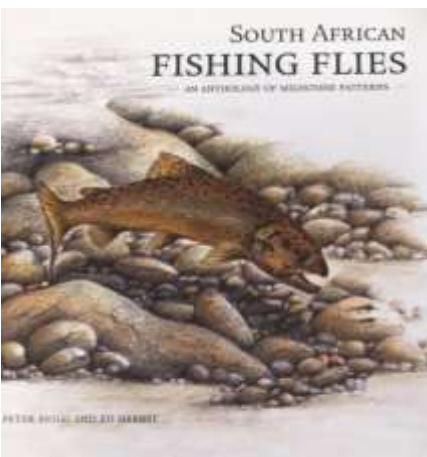
May you live in interesting times is one way the Chinese purportedly curse their enemies. It turns out that this is apocryphal. There is no such "Chinese Curse". The truth is better than fiction in this case. The real saying goes like this: "Better to be a dog in a peaceful time, than to be a human in a chaotic period".

So I greet you all woof woof!

I do so because above all the tumult of a world going mad and a government enriching itself at the expense of the people I bring news that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has reneged on governments promise not to list



trout as invasive and now says it is going to do just that. I deal with this in the article "[Trading rights for permits](#)".



I hope you are all enjoying the blast from the past that are Jolyon Nuttal's articles. I am able to offer you these because Laurence Davies, God bless him, has given me his back copies of Veld and Vlei. Thank you so much Laurence.

Peter Brigg will be demonstrating his Klinkhamer variation at the next meeting. He will hopefully be able to give us some news his (with Ed Herbst) soon to be released book "A Chronology of South African Flies". I believe this will be on the shelves in tiome for Christmas.

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.  
Geirach

IT'S A GIGGLE

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# THE MONTHLY TIE

A Midge Larvae  
By Rob Pretorius



## MATERIALS:

1. **Hook** – Fulling Mill Czech nymph #16
2. **Thread** – red or black thread
3. **Breathing gills** – unwaxed dental floss/ antron/marabou/CDC
4. **Ribbing** – 0.8mm clear or coloured stretchy floss
5. **UV Loon flow**
6. **Flashback** optional

## TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Secure a piece of stretchy floss near hook eye leave some space for head. Stretch floss and wrap down to bend of hook. Keep tag ends long for easy trimming. Cut stretchy floss just short of hook eye. Split the unwaxed dental floss and tie in a piece which extends either side of hook.
2. Wrap the dental floss down to hook bend and then build up a tapered body with thread. Make a small loop with dental floss at hook eye (double up thickness) and wrap so dental floss stands upright.
3. Wind stretchy from hook bend towards eye reducing stretch as you get closer to hook eye. Secure stretchy and build up thorax with thread. You can add an optional flashback strip over thorax if desired.
4. Tie in stretchy at head and wrap this down on the underside of hook back to rear of thorax. Take these two tag ends and tie them in at the head as wing cases. Cut off surplus stretchy. Build up head. Tie off carefully.
5. Coat the body with Loon flow. Trim dental floss on each end as desired.

This fly is best used on a floating line on a long leader and this will allow the fly to sit upright and bob around with the waves mimicking the natural.

# FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

## Cool Flies –



## From the web

### Fly Tying

- [How to use peacock herl #1](#)
- [How to use peacock herl #2](#)
- [Neat thread heads](#)
- [Tying a Struggling Caddis Pupa by Davie McPhail](#)

### Legends

- [Tom Morgan](#)
- [Lefty Kreh The man behind the legend](#)

### Videos

- [Tenkara Dou](#)
- [Marinaro's "Edge of the Window Theory"](#)

Simpler than haiku: "I do it because it is fun" Yuzo Sebata - tenkara angler

## REPORTS

### [Trading rights for permits](#)

By Ian Cox

Dr Preston's [unsigned letter of 10 July 2017](#) purportedly reverses the decision taken by cabinet not to declare trout invasive where they already occur. It reneges on the agreement reached at Phakisa Ocean Labs conference in July 2014 to this effect. It means that thousands of man hours and hundreds of thousands of rands that have been spent mapping the whereabouts of trout have probably been wasted. [Click here for more.](#)

Fly-fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others, and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations. It's not even clear if catching fish is actually the point. - Geirach

# ARTICLES

## [Heaven on Earth](#)

By Rex Fey



My heart skipped a beat! Was I seeing things? No way, it couldn't be, not that big! I froze and sat motionless staring into the crystal clear depths of the pool. A light breeze had rippled the water surface and all I saw was a dark smudge of a shadow moving along the bottom of the pool. The breeze dropped and at once I knew I was probably looking at the biggest trout I've ever seen in a river in Lesotho. Click [here](#) for more

## [Heart-warming results and heartbreak](#)

By Jolyon Nuttall

Culled from the February 1967 *Field and Tide*



Why does one skilled trout fisherman come home with a creel full of fish while another, equally skilled, doesn't have a touch all day? I have been musing on this question ruefully following a Christmas weekend at Underberg during which my fishing companion wiped, as the saying goes, my eye. Click [here](#) for more

## **Dolly, diesel and confidence**

By Peter Brigg



Lifted from Peter's sublime Blog "[The call of the stream](#)" this ode to a fishing truck cannot go by without mention. Peter writes:

"Then there are the "fishing trucks" — the ones where it doesn't matter much if the paintwork is scratched, the side-mirror is taped up to hold it in place and the remains of the insects in the radiator grill are almost fossilised. In fact, this adds to her character and, more than likely, is a reminder of a particular outing that tales are made of." Click [here](#) for more.

## Law and Conservation

- [Part 14: Invasive Species](#)
- [Part 15: Fact vs opinion](#)
- [Part 16: NEMBA and the struggle for control](#)
- [Part 17: Amending NEMBA and how government deals alien invasive species](#)
- [Part 18: What does it mean to Control Invasive Species?](#)

## IN THE MARKET

### [FlyWorx Dubbing](#)



I wrote up this South African initiative last year in the [October 2016 Bobbin](#). The business was still in its infancy at that time but was nonetheless selling good stuff. I was happy to meet up with the FlyWorx chaps at the Expo and to see that their product and range has improved by several orders of magnitude. Dubbing is a dark art and getting it right is a mission. It is great to have someone on your doorstep doing it for you.



A particularly good initiative is their range specific series such as the lake dragon series which will give you all the dubbings you need for the papa roach and the Neutral Density Dragon.

You can find Flyworx on line at <https://www.facebook.com/flyworxdubbing/>.

### [SOLAREZ Fly UV Tying Resins](#)

Peter Brigg handed me a small sample pack of this UV glue when we met up for coffee the other day. He and Jan Korrubel of the Fish Eagle in Pietermaritzburg are promoting it. Its damn good says Peter, better he feels than the Loon, Clear Goo or Diamond Back offerings. Graeme Steart, who was given a pack by Jan Korrubel, says much the same thing.

His kind gift was timely as I am presently filling a fly box with midge patterns so was in a position to try it out under real conditions. I have to say he is right. It is excellent stuff indeed.



This is probably because SOLAREZ is about resin rather than fly tying. The Company comes from the surf industry where it has played in the hi-tech end of the resin market for some time. It has taken this expertise and is now offering products to the craft and fly-fishing markets as well.

I see this as a huge step forward. Contact Jan Korrubel at the [Fish Eagle](#) for more details.

## CLUB STUFF

### General club stuff

Subs are **OVERDUE** and are:

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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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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	<a href="http://www.nffc.co.za/">http://www.nffc.co.za/</a>	
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