

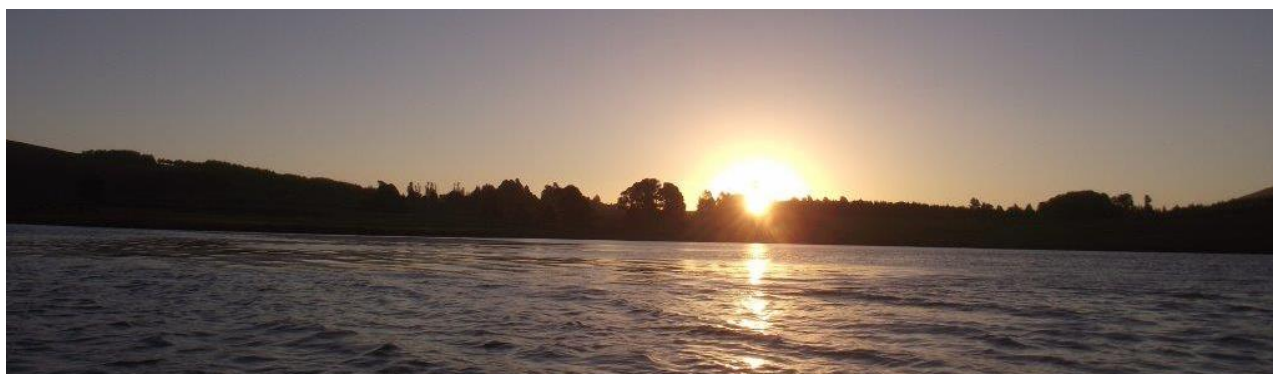
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Next Meeting Visitors and beginners are welcome.	
Date	1 December 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY	

From the Editor

Another year has come and gone and again I find myself out of time scrabbling to get the Bobbin together. I hope this does not become a trend. I missed the last tie but I gather that Wayne Stegen did us proud. Thank you so much Wayne. I wish I did make it because I have no doubt that his taddy would have worked well on my recent trip to the Eastern Cape. More of that later. Well done to Jay for gain winning the monthly tie. It seems that he is making up for lost time. Jay is in the USA at present. I am looking forward to hearing from him especially regarding his recent trip to the Catskills Fly Fishing Museum who he presented with a J Vice. For more of that go to Peter Brigg's we site "call of the stream by clicking [here](#).



It's a Giggle



Another offering from John Warrick in Australia.

RETIRED HUSBAND

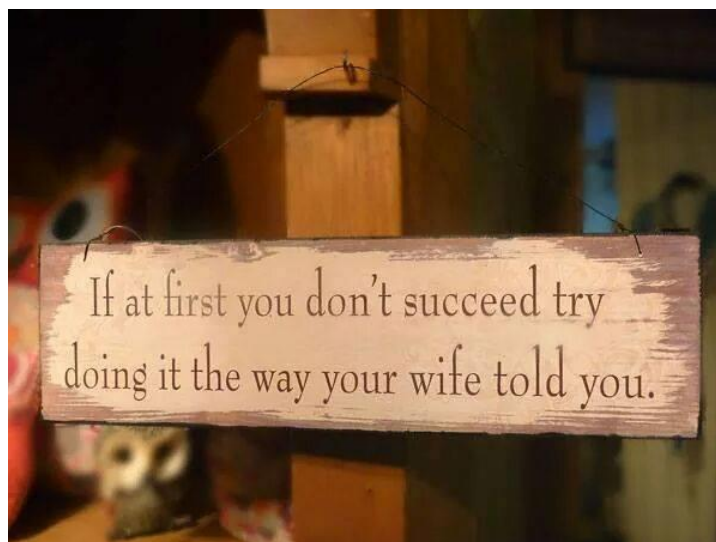
After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men; I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store.

Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
 2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
 3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
 4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
 5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
 6. August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
 7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
 8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
 9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
 10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
 11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while, loudly humming the, 'Mission Impossible' theme.
 12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his, 'Madonna Look' using different sizes of funnels.
 13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
 14. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed; 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
 15. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?
- And last, but not least:
16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile; then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.



Fly Tying and Other Tips

This not really a fly tying tip but rather a look at a very unusual vice. One of the very great pleasures I enjoyed during my week in the Eastern Cape was to call upon Sherman Ripley. Sherman who is nearly ninety is one of the greats of KZN Fly fishing and an inventor and inveterate tinkerer to rival Jay. Indeed when I called on him he was refurbishing some impressive looking deep sea fishing reels for a friend who in true Sherman style he

complained did not look after them very well. But it was his vice that caught my interest. It was not the vice he used to teach me to tie flies in the mid 1970's. This is a much cooler affair and so simple in its design that it took my breath away. Rather than clamp the hook side on Sherman has secured the hook by pulling it back into a slotted groove. This is done inserting the hook into the hole and pulling it back by a tightening a screw attached to the handle you can see at the rear of the vice. Sherman tells me that it will hold anything from a size 20 to a size 4 hook with ease. Sherman also showed me a circa 1890 Hardy Greenheart Rod that was in perfect condition. I was too terrified to try it out, not that he offered!



Reports

Cape Vidal - The official version

By

Graeme Neary

Friday 21st November saw the six of us on the beach by 9.00 am and very keen. There was a light south easterly wind puffing which did strengthen a bit later. Conditions in general were great. Clean sea with a good bit of white water around. The beaches were quite sanded up in patches but a lot of holes and channels had formed and this is what we look for. We fished around the bay area for a while and then split up north and south Fishing was hard but rewarding. After lunch the wind swung to north easterly and was quite fresh at times. This didn't seem to hinder us as we only got off the beach towards sixish.



Back at camp shower shave etc. a few cold drinks and lots of chatter went down well with a braai. Reasonably early to bed and early to rise on Saturday saw us all go north and again catches not the greatest but lots of fun. There were a good few gulleys and inlets north with nice wave action. Huge numbers of stone bream and cape Moonys but very few takers .The north easter was still with us and by lunch time had strengthened a lot .The morning shift saw a lot of shad landed but unfortunately with closed season none went home to the fire. Just as you get onto the beach from the camp site two huge holes had formed with a very wide sand bank so we could wade out and fish back toward the beach.

Moving south after the rocky section the beach towards Shad Bay also had some nice holes and a channel forming with a good rip through it. Again not many fish but always looked promising.

This trip saw us camping as we were not able to get a chalet but then again a bit of roughing it never hurt anyone. I think I can safely say we had fun as there were no fights among us, and we were still speaking by the end. The fish caught came out on a whole lot of different colour and types of flies, but again red/orange seemed the go to.

In all we got eight species of fish being Shad .Wave Garrick, Cape Moony, Stone bream, Threadfin, Mullet, Lesser Sand shark ,Toby and a Malabar Rock Cod.

I'm already looking forward to the next trip to Cape Vidal hopefully in the New Year.

Some lessons from Cape Vidal weekend

NOVEMBER 2014

By

Laurence Davies



Click [here](#) for what really happened.

Articles

[The future of fresh water recreational angling?](#)

By

Ian Cox

Facebook is a terrible place to try and make an argument. But that did not stop me trying. So it was that a week or so ago I tried to explain to FOSAF's Peter Mills why it was not a good idea to use South Africa's biodiversity laws sterilise South Africa's wild fresh water fish resource in Nature Reserves. I escaped the sorry mess that ensued, by saying that I would set out my thinking in an article. Well for those who are of a technical bent or who need to get to sleep really fast, here is that article. Abandon all hope ye who click [here](#)

[Big Fish Country](#)

By

Ian Cox

Martin Davies has been pestering me for some months to sample his waters in the Eastern Cape and I have always demurred claiming pressure of work and distance as adequate reasons to say no. You see if I am going to drive the better part of a day to go fishing then it had better be a river. We have pretty good dams in KZN and one dam is like any other so why make the effort. Well Martin is a persistent sort of bloke so he just kept on nagging. If it wasn't the quality of the scotch he had on hand, it was the size of the fish and so on. Click [here](#) for more.

In The Market

Goodies from Explorer



There is nothing terribly new about the stuff reviewed today. It is just that I have only now got around to purchasing them. My first purchase was the Sterkies Kit Bag which to be honest I bought as an alternative overnight travel bag rather than for its fishing qualities. I liked the size of the lower pouch which to me looked like an idea for storing a computer and other work stuff leaving the top for clothes and other stuff. I must say it fulfilled this role admirably but as my recent trip to the Eastern Cape demonstrated it is also a very good fishing bag. The top end held all my fishing clothing and the bottom end was perfect for the new Xplorere waders I bought for the trip. This was something of an impulse buy. I was told that wading in nature in Eastern Cape waters is not a good idea and all my waders have so many holes in them that I wondered why I bothered. Xplorere has discontinued this line and the price was good so I bought. Having done so I can only wonder why the line was discontinued. The Waders are great. They fit well without accentuating the fact that I can look like Obelex especially when clad in waders. What is more they do not leak at all even when you submerge the zip. The Zip I can tell you is very handy.

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
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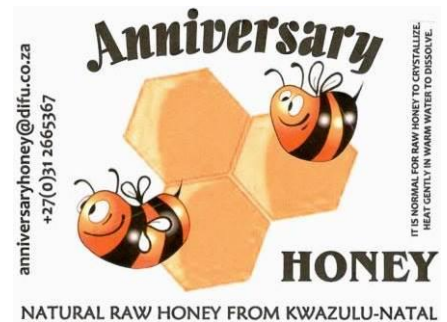


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