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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	4 December 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	No tie: Christmas Party
Tyer	Kevin Cole will be speaking
Pattern	
Special Instructions	

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Thank you again to Keith Falconer for spending his evening with us last month tying up the Bay Cracker/Prawn, and to Jandi Trading for kindly donating the materials for the evening.

Keith did say it was not easy to select the winner and mentioned that all of the flies would catch fish. I'm proud to say it was mentioned that we have a very high standard of tying in our club. Congratulations to all.

I think a lot of us have arrived in December wondering what happened to June and July. I find it incredible how quickly this year has gone by. Hopefully everyone has mailed off their requests to Santa and is looking forward to a great Christmas.

We have had a few great ties in this last half of the year so far, and hope for more next year. We are taking nominations for the Foul Hook award, so get in quickly before your buddy screws you over.

We enjoyed a very windy few days at Cape Vidal last month but enjoyable anyway. I look forward to seeing you all at the yearend party. We have Kevin Cole, the founder chairman of DFT, to give us a talk on the origins of the club as well as a presentation on his take on South Africanisms in fly fishing.

Remember the refreshments are on the house but bring a few bucks to spend on a raffle/lucky draw on the night.

On behalf of The Neary family I wish you all of the very best over the festive season. Enjoy your time with family and friends and if you are travelling please keep a sharp eye out on the road. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on 1st February 2016.

FROM THE EDITOR

It is hard to believe that another year is under the belt. After all it was only yesterday that I was saying much the same thing in the December 2014 Bobbin and a day or so before that when I said it again in 2013. This accelerating time thing can be really boring. But nonetheless may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas.



The year has been a relatively quiet one for the club on the outings side but an active one on the fly tying side. Gordon van der Spuy blew into town in August and raised our game but even before that my sense has been an increased focus on what the club is about. I suspect a rapidly worsening economic climate has a lot to do with this. Life is getting very expensive, a horrible truth that was brought home to me when scanning the new stock on the shelves at the Complete Angler.

The price increases are truly epic. What was cheap stuff like chenille has got damnably expensive. I skein of ice dub chenille that was expensive at R40.00 will now set you back over R60.00. And of course this is the tip of a very expensive iceberg.

Gordon Van Der Spuy who as an actor is more exposed to the effects of the falling rand than most recommends a move to local. I think he is right. Rex fey posted in Facebook the other day that his dicks produce pretty awesome CDC. He is prepared to start a thing with his farmworkers in terms of which they sell the stuff. I think this is a brilliant idea. He and other as constantly talking of awesome material they pick up

locally. With prices going the way they are I think that there is now a viable market for this stuff. All it takes is a little support to get it going.

IT'S A GIGGLE



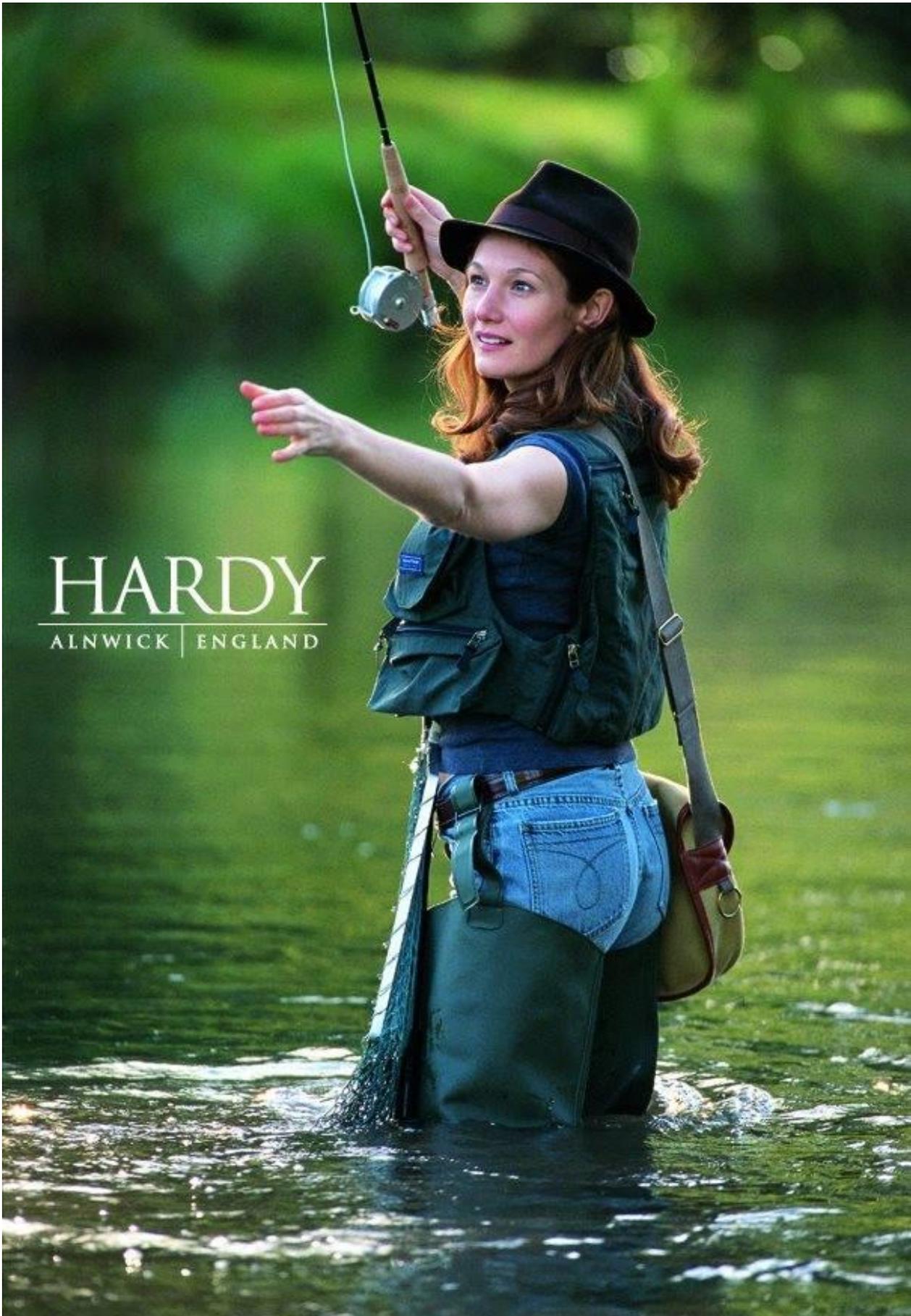
“Well, I’m off on another boring business trip.”

A little laughter from John down under

A senior citizen drove his brand new Holden Senator out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 120 kph, enjoying the power of the car “Amazing,” he thought as he flew down the F3, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a highway patrol car, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 140 kph, then 180kph, then suddenly he thought, “What am I doing? I’m too old for this!” and pulled over to await the copper’s arrival. Pulling in behind him, the copper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the car. He looked at his watch, then said, “Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding – a reason I’ve never before heard – I’ll let you go..” The old gentleman paused then said, “Thirty-three years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman; I thought you were bringing her back.” “Have a good day, Sir,” replied the copper.

It’s hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally

Happy Christmas to all our members and readers!



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

I have taken to posting interesting fly tying and fly fishing trips to the Durban Fly Tyers Facebook page. That page now has 240 followers and is growing rapidly. Here are November's Posts

From Orvis on stripping peacock quills and how to wade

<http://www.orvis.com/news/fly-fishing/classic-video-tip-a-better-way-to-strip-peacock-quills/>

<http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/trout-fishing-articles/tips-for-safe-wading>

From Davie McPhail on a new feather winged comparadun and on how to mix dubbing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goFNKk0ERVo&feature=share>

<https://www.facebook.com/babymagazine.hk/videos/951729818170693/?fref=nf>

From who the hell knows where on a shrimp pattern from the far side

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqGckr7TrcE>

REPORTS

[Cape Vidal](#)

October 2015

By Graham Neary

Other than a few gripes about the accommodations and the weather, for me once again Vidal did not disappoint. As a lot of you know this is a very special place for me and has been from my first trip here in 1991. Click [here](#) for more.



The NNFC Glengarry River Fishing Trip

For all the gen go to <http://www.vagabondfly.com/nffcvagabond-fly-river-clinic-report-back-by-vagabond-fly/>

ARTICLES

[Fly Tying – A personal perspective](#)

By

Ian Cox



This is the full version of an article that was recently published in shorted form in the Vagabond online fly fishing magazine.

I started fly fishing aged eight when my father returned from a Scottish holiday armed with a Hardy Jet 9ft 3 piece beauty I still use today. It took me two years to catch my first trout but even so I was hooked from the first go. Fly tying came a little later. I contracted jaundice during my first year at Michaelhouse, and my mother, at her wits end with what to do with a seriously hyper active ADD pubescent teenager, asked my fly fishing mentor Sherman Ripley what she should do. Click [here](#) for more.

[The African renaissance and other lies](#)

By Ian Cox

Have you often wondered why people use words to describe the exact opposite of what those words mean? It is sadly the reality of government today where the old soft flannel is increasingly being replaced by the outright lie. It is a sad thing to say but I think it is true that government lies to us these days more often than it tells the truth. Click [here](#) for more.

If left unchallenged, bureaucrats will entrench and perpetuate their agendas. Unfortunately, it requires an up swell of outrage to unseat the undesirable and unify direction - Slingsky

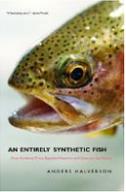
IN THE MARKET

[An Entirely Synthetic Fish](#)

A review

By

Ian Cox



This title caught my eye while browsing through [Mavungana](#) a few weeks ago. I was still fuming at the eco racists at the MTPA (Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks association) calling an indigenous hatchery reared fish (the tilapia mossambicus) a mutant so this title had to catch my eye. Intrigued I purchased the last copy. Click [here](#) for more

The Tacky Tube

A different sort of fly patch



<http://tackyflyfishing.com/tacky-tube/>

[Magic Wands](#)

The Scott Radian

By Ian Cox



Every now and again you pick up a rod that is so good that when you pick one up your hand goes warm and sparks fly out the end. I had this experience a weekend or two ago at the NFFC fly fishing clinic. I was as sick as a dog and preoccupied with finishing representations on the latest changes to NEMBA so was not much use to anyone but all that changed on the Saturday afternoon when Pieter Taljaardt of Vagabond invited us to try his Scott Radian 4 weight. Click [here](#) for more.

Cheap but not even a little bit nasty

The Daiwa Wilderness

By

Ian Cox



I think most of us have heard by now that Kingfisher has taken over the iconic Complete Angler in Kloof. The deal went through at the beginning of November. Neil is staying on a while to hand over. Graham Neary is also working most days at the shop. I am told by both Neil and the lads at Kingfisher that the intention is to maintain the look and feel of the store though there will of course be some additions to the range. Click [here](#) for more

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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I was walking along Clifton Beach in Cape Town when I came across a lamp partially buried in the sand. I picked up the lamp and gave it a rub. A Genie appeared and told me I had been granted one wish. I thought for a moment and said, "I want to live forever."

"Sorry," said the Genie, "I'm not allowed to grant eternal life."

"OK, then, I want to die after the Government balances its budget, eliminates its debt and stamps out corruption."

"You sneaky bastard," said the Genie.

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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/	
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