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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date 5 December 2016

Venue Room G1 Westville Library

Time 7pm for 7.30pm

**Christmas Party**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

It has been an interesting year. The worst drought since the early 1980's has had a predictable impact on the quality of our fishing especially trout fishing. The rand is losing value against other currencies which together with negative growth is impacting significantly on disposable income. The threat junk status and increasingly violent unrest looms. Nativist ideology, much loved by our environmental authorities, has invaded the thinking and values of the western world resulting in significant political shifts to the right and a concomitant increase in the levels of racial and cultural tension. Our club chairman resigned.



These can all be seen as cause for doom and gloom or as a wakeup call to get off our collective arses and do something about it. Your committee has chosen to go for a high road option. This is in line with a lot of other fly tyers and anglers who are coming up with new ideas on how to respond proactively to the challenges that

lie ahead. We see this in many ways. Gordon Van Der Spuy's annual fly fishing festival is one. Terry Andrew's [Trout Talk](#) and other Facebook sites is another as is S J Roberts' [Fly Tying South Africa](#).

Less well known is the increasing interest around developing more sustainable stocking policies that will see more cock fish being introduced and less hen fish bred for food production. On the official front we see increased confidence and cohesion in the kick back against the neo fascist pseudoscience based policies of South Africa's environmental authorities both from civil society and our courts.

We also see the beginnings of networks aimed at reducing the high cost of acquiring fly fishing materials. I do not criticise our wholesalers and retailers who are providing a great service in difficult conditions but paying nearly 70 bucks for a small packet of strung marabou is absurd. The cost phytosanitary controls and the weak rand coupled with the sort of margins that are required to justify the importation of natural fly tying material have all contributed to what are now exorbitant prices. We can bemoan that or use the high prices as an opportunity to create a locally sourced market. So who can offer a locally sourced marabou, cdc, goose biots, duck wing feathers, pheasant tail, mallard flank, francolin, starling, klipspringer, squirrel tail, hares masks and the like?



Next year is unlikely to be easy but it will be exciting.

***So enjoy the festive season and let's start the New Year determined to have fun.***



# IT'S A GIGGLE



## FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

### Cool flies

A selection of cool flies off the web.



Flies by Wayne Stegen



Flies by Bojan Novakovic



## From the web

- [Paul Schullery on the History of the hopper](#)
- [Learning the double haul](#)
- [For bamboo rod lovers](#)
- [Tying an articulated nymph](#)
- [Finding hot spots in rivers](#)
- [Preparing wax the Davie McPhail way](#)
- [Flyfishers guide to stoneflies](#)

## ARTICLES

### [Come As You Are](#)

By Andrew Savides



We are privileged to have a superb contribution from Andrew Savides on his recent trip to New Zealand. This article is one of the best venue articles I have seen. It is one you read carefully, print and file away if you ever think you want to go and fish in New Zealand. A must read. Click [here](#) for more.

### [Anglers at war](#)

by

Charlie Munst Jr

I am indebted to Chris Williams for this article. Chris is the chairman of the Northvaal chapter of FOSAF who has an interest in fly fishing ephemera that puts me into the shade. This article is published on the web site of the [American Museum of Fly Fishing](#) whose website is itself well worth visiting. [Click here to read Anglers at war.](#)

## REPORTS

### [Update on the future of trout](#)

By Ian Cox

The horns of the continuing attack against trout are beginning to form.

On the one flank we have the continuing debate about how aquaculture should be developed. On the other is the whole mapping exercise and DEA's idea that they can regulate trout by permitting restricted activities on the basis that trout are alien. In the centre we find the veterans of the anti-trout lobby who believe trout as invasive dirty diseased and dangerous invasive. Click [here](#) for more.

## IN THE MARKET

### 3 Doodler



This is the ultimate stocking filler for the fly tyer that has everything. A 3D pen! [Just check out what it can do.](#) Flies will never be the same again. The hassle is that they are not the cheapest toys on the market. They sell according to the [3D doodler website](#) at USD 99.00 apiece and that is before shipping. But boy oh boy do I want!!



# CLUB STUFF

## Subs for 2016/17 are overdue.

The new subs are:

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](mailto: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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Kingfisher	<a href="http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php">http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php</a>	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
<b>South African Online Shops</b>		
Frontier Fly Fishing	<a href="http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/">http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/</a>	Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, Peter Place, Bryanston, and Johannesburg.
Netbooks	<a href="http://www.netbooks.co.za/">http://www.netbooks.co.za/</a>	The Home of Craig Thom Check him out at the Ufudu Fair.
Stream X	<a href="http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/">http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/</a>	
The African Fly Fisher	<a href="http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/">http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/</a>	Morne Bayman's new shop
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South Coast Fly Fishers		
The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	<a href="http://www.uhtfc.co.za/">http://www.uhtfc.co.za/</a>	
Wildfly	<a href="http://www.wildflytravel.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=282&amp;Itemid=451">http://www.wildflytravel.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=282&amp;Itemid=451</a>	
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<b>Weather</b>		
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