

# THE BOBBIN

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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	2 February 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Terry Andrews
Pattern	Mighty Mouse
Special Instructions	Bring strong thread suitable for spinning deer hair

# CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

This is the last chirp from the “interim” Chairman!

The Club New Year has started with a seminal “State of the Club” committee meeting where decisions were made to improve club activities by rearranging the way we do things.

Firstly, the committee has reallocated responsibilities. Graeme Neary was co-opted to take over as Chairman until the next AGM. This means that I am no longer the “interim” chairman – which I had volunteered for when no-one would step up to take the position at last year’s AGM. Graeme is a long standing and committed member who has a good institutional memory of the club and how it operates. Due to academic pressures, Christian Calliontzis has stepped down as secretary – and to fill that vacuum, Bruce Curry and I will jointly take over his role until the next AGM.



There was a lot of discussion on how to improve our monthly meetings – both in content and how we do our tying. This will all be presented to you by your new Chairman at the February monthly meeting. Briefly, here are some of the decisions taken:

- The guest tyer will now be following a “step by step” approach. In other words, members will be tying with the presenter step by step.
- We will be inviting well known tyers more often.
- The beginners table will be brought back to assist newbies.
- We hope to conduct more information sessions on topics such as fly design, entomology etc. This could be in the form of short presentations prior to tying sessions.
- We will look at getting “back to basics” with sessions on specific techniques such as spinning for example.
- The committee has also worked out better means of communicating with members.
- The club website will be updated and an interactive forum introduced.
- The committee will also be consulting individual members to ensure that the club tailors its activities according to their wants and needs - so be ready with some ideas!

By bringing about change, the committee hopes to generate greater interest and participation from members as well as attract new (and younger) members) into the club.



Happy Birthday Graeme

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for taking on the job of chairman Graeme and to Stelios for stepping into the breach last year. Graeme has just turned 60 and boasts a new salt water rod and reel for this great achievement. His heart attacked him last year so I do not exaggerate! Thank you also Nick for your spell as head honcho on Salt. Nick is heading down under. We wish him well. And thank you Christian for your spell as secretary. Christian is in Matric and school time tables are clashing with the club at least for now. Christians Dad, Mark assures us he will be back. We look forward to that.



You will see that the Bobbin has come out earlier this month. This is in response to the need to improve the tying side of the club and in particular to get news of the next tie out earlier than has previously been the case. So every effort has been made to get the Bobbin out about ten days before the meeting rather than the three days that has previously been the case.

As Stelios has pointed out, the last committee meeting was a momentous one. The sense was that we had to improve the fly tying side and I hope we have. A new section has been inserted in the Bobbin dealing specifically with the monthly tie. I think the lineup of tyers for the next five months is pretty good. The following tyers have already committed themselves:

- February: Terry Andrews - freshwater
- March: Arno Van Der Nest – Salt
- April: Jan Korrubel - Freshwater
- June: Peter Brigg – Freshwater



Your Committee hard at work

May is of course the AGM so there will be no tyer. It is also the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Bobbin. Sudesh Persadh, who was the first editor of the Bobbin has kindly agreed to speak to us at that meeting. June will see the publication of special commemorative edition of the Bobbin.

Which leaves me to do what I should have done last year but just couldn't and that is to commiserate with Steve Brooks over his great loss. Steve's daughter succumbed to cancer last year after a long fight. It was therefore a great joy have Stevie with us at the Bay outing that took place on Christmas Eve. Of course we did not catch anything but then let's face it, the Bay on fly sucks.

## THE FEBRUARY TIE

**Important Note: We will be trying something different this time. Instead of a demonstration followed by a tying session, we will do what the Pietermaritzburg guys are doing to great effect, namely tying along with the demonstrator. It is hoped that the interaction may lead to a more enriching experience.**

Terry Andrews is an old member of the club who disappeared off the radar so a few years ago. He is now back with a vengeance having recently started the immediate success that has been the [Trout Talk](#) Facebook page. That page has been up about 3 months now and has garnered just shy of 500 members. The page is a pretty chilled space which lets trout fisherman talk about their latest trip, fishing idea or just as Wolf Avni has been doing, sharing some amazing photographs.

Anyway I spoke to Jay about a tyer for February, and he said contact "phone Terry" which I did. I had hardly got the invitation out when Terry said "I'll tie the Mighty Mouse". Now I had no idea what he was talking about so he directed me to this Video clip on the [Fly Loops](#) webs site.

[https://www.facebook.com/search/str/trout%20talk/keywords\\_top](https://www.facebook.com/search/str/trout%20talk/keywords_top)

Then I remembered. Terry tells me that it has been pretty good at nailing Garrick as well as trout so calling this a freshwater tie may be a bit of a misrepresentation.



# IT'S A GIGGLE

John Warrick, who now resides in Australia, sends me a constant stream of good humour much of which cannot make it onto the pages of the Bobbin. Recently he sent me a contemplative piece on how the minds of older people do not work slower than young people. They just have more to process. And then he sent me this!

An elderly man in the Atherton Tablelands, Australia, had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, and look it over. He grabbed a twenty litre bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "we're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up, he said,

"I'm here to feed the crocodile..."



# FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

## How to choose tapered leaders and tippets



I tie up my own leaders but I know many don't. Here is a link to a useful presentation of the range of leaders offered by Rio and how to use them. Rio products are locally stocked by Jandi Trading.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G90TwO9y3ow#t=121>

If you want the book, literally, on leaders, leader design and tying your own leaders try out this link <http://globalflyfisher.com/fishbetter/leadercalc/GFFLeaderGuide.pdf>. The obsessives amongst us might even get the computer program!

## Tying minimal with goo



Ed Herbst hit upon something special with his minimalist Simulid Nymph <http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/friend-s-articles/item/980-testing-the-simulid-nymph-%E2%80%93-by-ed-herbst.html> It is really working as Steve Dugmore has reported again on the Spirit of Fly Fishing where he wrote: *But the Simulid! Wow, that was something. I fished it on a dropper under a Paraloop dry. The fish ate it like mad. I got a few on the dry, but the fish clearly really liked the Simulid more. On almost every cast the Paraloop would dip under. What a treat. It is definitely going to be my go-to dropper fly from now on.*

So I had a go at tying flies using Ed's goo technique and Tom wrote it up in his latest newsletter.

<http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/> I haven't tested the idea yet but am looking forward to doing so when I fish with Tom in the Western Cape at the end of the week.

"Most fishermen use the double haul to throw their casting mistakes further." Lefty Kreh

# REPORTS

## A short report on the East Coast resorts

By  
Graeme Neary



I had the opportunity to go down to East London for eight days over the weekend of 14/15 of December. It was mainly a weekend festival of motor racing which is also a passion very close to my heart .It also gave me the opportunity to see my aging folks and my sister. Surprise, surprise tucked away in one of the tool boxes was a 6 weight TFO and its accompanying paraphernalia. My dad has never been a fisherman but loves to go with, sit in a deck chair and watch the world go by. We managed two early morning trips to some favourite spots - Glen Eden and Yellow Sands. Glen Eden produced 6 shad of around 40 cm and were good and strong. This area is unfortunately being eyed out as a large resort type complex and I don't know how much longer it will be pristine like it is now. The next morning Sands offered up five shad the same sort of size. Sadly word has it that to walk a lot of these areas has become very dangerous from a safety point of view. The beauty of these areas called East Coast Resorts is that they are largely untouched by developers Marco and Gianna Breschi spent nearly a month not too far up the road at a place called Ctinsa ,that explains the tan .The trip through the ``Transkei `` was actually very good from a road perspective but the drivers leave much to be desired .Hopefully this year the fishing gods are good to us

# ARTICLES

## [In the eye of the beholder](#)

By Ian Cox

A recent article by Gordon Van der Spuy got me thinking about hooks again. Gordon says he is going to follow up his article with another about the best hooks for the job so I won't steal his thunder with my thoughts on that subject. What caught my attention, however, was his observation that Tim Rolston prefers straight eyed hooks and does not think up- eyed hooks are worth a damn. This raised the obvious question why bend the eye of a trout hook at all? Click [here](#) for more

# In The Market

## Gordon Van der Spuy: New stuff



Gordon Van Der Spuy is distributing a range of high quality materials. These include WAPSI products <http://www.wapsify.net/about/> which he sources through Jandi, Gallo De Leon (Spanish coq de leon) and Mouche barbless hooks <https://www.facebook.com/MoucheFF> Contact Gordon at [gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com) or on cell at 074 113 1382.

## Complete Angler: New stuff



Complete Angler in Kloof has a whole lot of new stock in. Included in the mix are some really cool hen capes. They are very reasonably priced at about R100.00 a cape. I use them for tying walker's killers and for dry fly wings. Davie Mc Phail, whose you tube fly tying instruction set the benchmark on how to do it, has some cool ideas on how to do that easily. Click here to learn more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18aAaRvyvk&list=PL9-97XSSTyRRKldZ3TYJhsikFxp5A5BD&index=62>



## Casting course



The good people at the South African Fly Fishing association aka the "Competition Guys" have brought this course to South Africa. I have signed up. The cost at R1000.00 is very reasonable. I put it out on e mail earlier and bookings closed about ten days ago but if you beg and plead who knows. Contact Linda Gorlei at [linda@xis.co.za](mailto:linda@xis.co.za)

## 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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### Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
17 to 19 April 2014	Bushmans	Snow Cottage	Ian Cox	Booking Open

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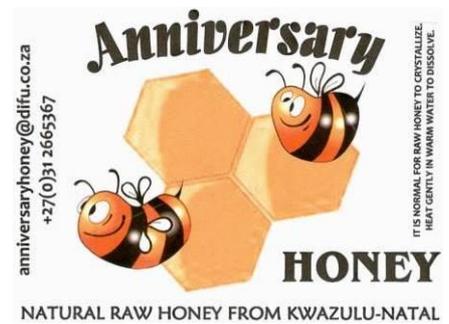


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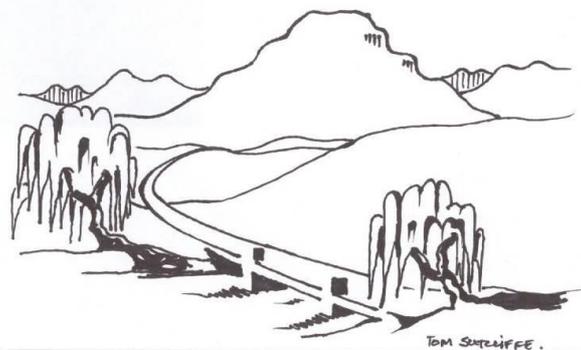
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