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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	6 February 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Freshwater
Tyer	Gerhard Goosen
Pattern	Foam Hopper
Special Instructions	Bring strong thread and coloured markers if you have.

# CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Welcome to another year and may the odds forever be in your favour!

It's going to be an interesting year. The country is still locked in drought which should be playing Harry with the fishing. However as I report in [Eastern Cape Journey](#), the trout fishing is holding up remarkably well despite the adverse conditions. By all accounts the Bushmans is also fishing well and so too is the Mooi. Some very large fish are coming out of our dams.



The trout fight is still a fight but it is going as well as can be expected given the beast we are dealing with. I report on progress and suggest that they are trying to reach "[A bridge too far](#)" in a report bearing that title.

Gerhard Goosen will tie for us at the next meeting. Gerhard hails from Matuba but fishes all over the province in both the salt and fresh water.

Bring some cash to the next meeting as we will be auctioning off a Capestream Dreams calendar kindly supplied to us by the Marcel Terblanche of [Drift](#). Tis spectacular. Tickets will be R10.00 a pop.

## IT'S A GIGGLE



# FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

## Cool flies



## From the web

- [Understanding the leech](#)
- [Whiting chooks](#)
- [Swinging flies](#)
- [Setups for Nymphing Deep](#)
- [Davie McPhail on tying nymphs](#)
- [Davie McPhail Parachute Ant](#)



Jay chilling in Chile

## ARTICLES

### [Eastern Cape Journey](#)

By Ian Cox



Steve Brooks at Groot Dam near Somerset East

I don't know if it is just me but fly fishing trips always start over a drink. This one was no exception. Last may saw me enjoying a well lubricated lunch with a bunch of mates at Velorenkloof. Talk, not unnaturally, turned to hogs and where to catch them which of course brought up the Eastern Cape. And so it was that I found myself offering a trip to fish the meanest best big fish still waters in the country. Everyone was in until I asked if they were really in when it turned out that only Russel could make it. Stevie Brooks stepped in and martin Davies offered to arrange the fishing and so away we went at the beginning of January on a 2 500km ten day expedition through some of the best stillwater fishing the Eastern Cape has to offer. Click [here](#) for more.

## Wading Boots

By Ian Cox



My wading boots packed up the other day, just over 4 years after I bought them. I was fishing with Andrew Savs at the time, who like me, has a questioning mind. It was not surprising therefor that our conversation swiftly turned to the relative merits of wading boots and their durability. Click [here](#) to read more

## Wading Boots

### REPORTS

#### [A bridge to far](#)

By Ian Cox

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 1.4 OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES

**Even during the lab process, several issues faced by the industry were resolved**

✓ Done  
🟡 In Progress

#### Key Outcomes from the Aquaculture Lab:

- ✓ Proposal to reconsider increasing the EIA thresholds legislation / regulation **DEA**
- ✓ Exemption from listing of trout as an Alien and Invasive Species legislation / regulation where it is already established **DEA**

#### Impact on sector:

- Time and cost savings since the majority of farms would trigger a Basic Assessment (8-10months), instead of a full Scoping EIR (14-24 months)
- Growth of the trout farming section through expansions and establishment of new farms in areas they already occur, since they would not need to undertake an additional risk assessment and apply for an additional permit

I suspect most of us have seen Richard Attenborough's masterpiece by that name.

Less will remember the dialogue that gave the film its title.

Toward the end of the film Major General Roy Urquart, dirty and exhausted from the heat of battle, meets the immaculately dressed, behind the lines commander, Lieutenant-General Frederick Browning who justifies the debacle that was Arnhem and his role in it with the lie "Market garden was 90% successful" .... "But as you know I thought we tried to go a bridge to far".

As perfect a critique of the dishonesty of power as ever made it onto the big screen.

We are witnessing another case of a "bridge too far" in the environmental space where the conservationists who control South Africa's environmental authorities and many of its research institutes are finally facing the consequences of trying to reach a bridge too far. Click [here](#) for more.

## IN THE MARKET

### Guide II 10', 5wt



I have always been a fan of the guide 2 fly rods sold by Xplorer though I have never owned one until now, that is. Christmas came and I thought I deserved a present so off I went and purchased the 10' 5 wt. I like longer rod, especially when fishing off a float tube. The added length also makes it easier to get a fishes head out of the water and thus bring it to net faster. I have a 10' Tim Rajeff Echo 2 but was looking for something a little less brutal. Oh there was also the matter of an upcoming fishing trip and the fact that my much loved and

abused Stealth Red was out of action.

I must say I was delighted with the Guide II. It was everything I hoped it to be and a lot more. Casting was effortless even after a long day on the water. The rod is also very forgiving making it easier for average casters like myself to look good.

I have a Sage VXP 9' and can honestly say that given a choice the Guide ii will come out of the tube first. I do not think there is any rod sold in RSA that beats it on price/action and it competes well with a lot of much more expensive rods.

I have one niggle, and this is not a criticism because R2 300.00 a rod means they are going to be compromises somewhere, and that is the quality of the eyes. They tend to deform and according to one Facebook post, can even break. I would have happily paid a couple of hundred bucks more for better ironmongery. I may even strip the Stuffit was sold with and wrap on my own.

John Geils took offence at this assuring me that standard industry eyes are used. As I said this is not a criticism. The rod is well priced for what it is. I just wonder if a great rod cannot be made superb by this little improvement.

*The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober.*

*William Butler Yeats*

# 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>	
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