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## Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	7 July 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt Water
Tyer	Christian Calliontzis
Pattern	Christian's Bay
	Special
Special Instructions	None

## Chairman's Chirp

The chairman is abroad engaged, I'm told in matters of family so no chirp from him this month or the next so I hope you will forgive me if I usurp this space to wish Graham Neary a speedy recovery. The excitement of last month's tie proved nearly too much for Graham. His heart attacked him the following morning. Fortunately his wife was on hand to get him to a doctor so Graham is still with us and last I saw him was recovering well at home. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Still stealing chairman's space may I welcome new member Andrew Mather to the club.



## From the Editor

A happy by product of an otherwise seriously unfortunate event is that Graham Neary has time to produce articles for the Bobbin. His take on the recent Bushman's trip is in this issue. Laurence Davies has also stepped up to the plate with an article on the imponderable issue of hook sizes. As he mentions I had a go at this back in 2012 but in true lawyer fashion asked more questions than gave answers. Laurence's article is worth reading because he does actually give answers though they may not leave you any the wiser.

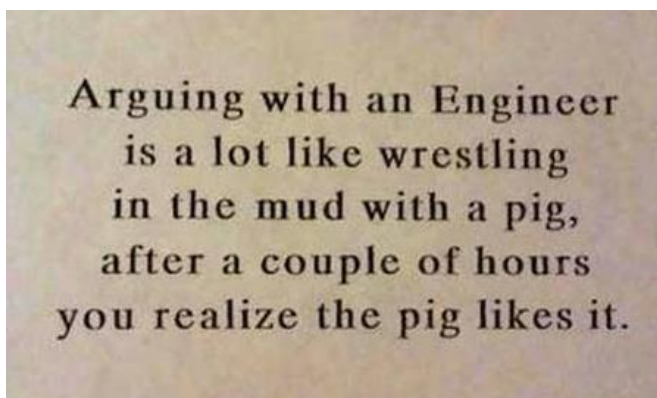


I thank Laurence and Graham for their regular contributions to the Bobbin. But why just them? We need input from all club members. So articles please.

The next outing is to the bay and will take place on 27 July 2014. Those interested should forgather outside the Durban rowing club at about 10h30 or thereafter should you feel like it. We won't be hard to find.

In keeping with the idea of theming the monthly tie with an outing Christian will be demonstrating his Bay special. Congratulations to Neil Scott for winning last month's tie.

## It's A Giggle



The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are the winners:

1. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. **Ignoramus**: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intoxicaton**: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. **Reintarnation**: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. **Foreplay**: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid
7. **Giraffiti**: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. **Sarchasm**: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. **Inoculatte**: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. **Osteopornosis**: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit)
11. **Karmageddon**: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. **Decafalon** (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. **Glibido**: All talk and no action.
14. **Dopeler Effect**: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. **Arachnoleptic Fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

## Fly Tying and Other Tips

### The Sawyer's Pheasant Tail Nymph



There are two iconic nymph patterns in the world today. The first and by far the oldest is the GHRE or the Gold Ribbed Hares Ear. The second, a much more recent invention is Frank Sawyer's Pheasant Tail Nymph or simply the Sawyers Nymph. The Sawyers Nymph is truly remarkable both in the simplicity of its original construction

and the huge range of varieties that have evolved from the original fly. Such variations now make up a significant proportion of any fly box the world over. This is a remarkable testament to the quality both of Frank Sawyer as an innovator and of the suitability of the barbs of the tail feather of a cock pheasant as a fly tying material. Another remarkable feature of this fly is how often the original pattern is incorrectly reproduced. It is not as if the pattern is a secret. As Tom Sutcliffe pointed out back in 2011 in the article [Tying the original Frank Sawyer pattern](#), explicit instructions are to be found on pages 56 and 57 of Frank Sawyer's Nymphs and the Trout. More recently [Johan Klingberg](#) has produced an excellent video in which he demonstrates how to tie all of Frank Sawyer's great flies. It also features some beautiful footage of fishing a tributary of the Test with author of Nymph Fishing, A History of The Art and Practice, Terry Lawton. It is well worth watching. You may access it on You Tube by clicking [here](#).

### More On The Nymph

When someone starts a discussion on nymph fishing with "I don't want to sound snobbish...but" you can be sure that you are in the company of a dry fly man which in this country means that you are more than likely with someone from the Western Cape. They fish dry in that part of the world because their rivers are empty. You can't nymph in the Western Cape because the water isn't deep enough so as we are all won't to do; a tragedy is converted into a virtue. So it should come as no surprise that the latest critical look at the gentle art of deep water nymphing is written by a bloke from the Western Cape. It's a thoughtful article nonetheless that does make the point that it is easier to learn how to manage drift and presentation when you can see the bloody fly. In that sense dry fly fishing has a place in teaching fly fishers how to drift. However I remain of the view that fishing only dry is like going to a restaurant and sticking to the starter. There is so much more to be had unless the pickings are thin as in the Western Cape. Still Tim Rolston's article is worth reading. It can be found on the fly loops website by clicking [here](#).

## Articles

### [Hooks Of All Shapes And Sizes](#)

By

Laurence Davies

A few years ago Peter Dippenaar had been fishing the Lesotho rivers, using small dry flies (size 16), and he had many fish rise and mouth his fly but could not hook up. Why? I pointed out some possible reasons, such as stiff hackles, small gape etc, and also posed the question to Peter Brigg, our small stream, small fly wizard. Click [here](#) for more.





## The Bushmans Revisited

By

Graham Neary



This as far as I can judge is the last trip Graham did before his hear attacked him. The upside of that unfortunate event is that Graham who is housebound was able to knock up this article Click [here](#) for more.

"He told us about Christ's disciples being fisherman, and we were left to assume...that all great fishermen on the Sea of Galilee were fly fisherman and that John, the favorite, was a dry-fly fisherman."

Norman Maclean-A River Runs Through It

## Reports

### Nyala Pans June 2014

The DFT's June outing to Nyala Pans on the Umkomaas as reported on Tom Sutcliffe's outstanding weekly newsletter that accompanies his equally sumptuous website [Spirit of Fly Fishing](#). If you have not signed up for this newsletter you should do so now. The latest has some really good stuff on winter still-water patterns. Says Ian Cox

I had a slow winter day on the Umkomaas yesterday. Carl Arnesgard kindly allowed the Durban Fly Tiers to fish the Nyla Pans stretch of the river. This is a spectacularly beautiful stretch of water which at this time of the year is running crystal clear.

"If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, sooner or later it will become the right fly."

John Gierach

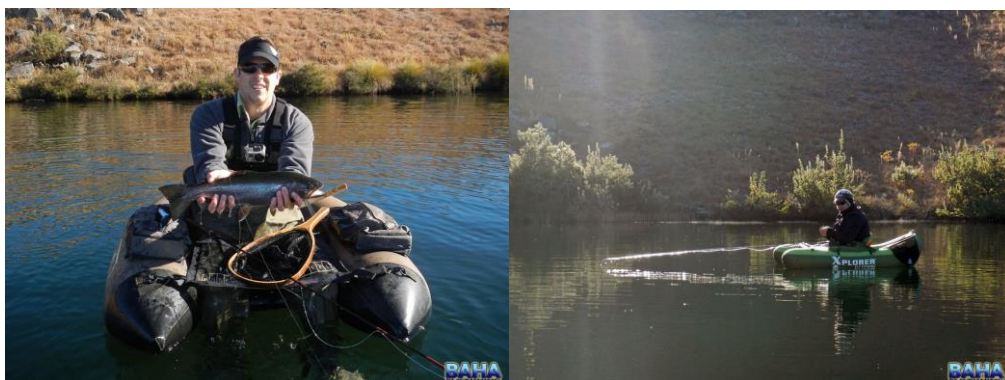


Water temperatures were on the icy side given the recent snow-brought cold spell so we were left with no option but to target deep pools. I got a very nice 1kg plus scalie and Paul Leisegang got one a lot smaller having been broken up twice by a monster. Jay Smit came later and was also successful catching a small one in the pool where Paul was bust up.

## **Boston Fly Fishing Festival 2014**

By Warren Prior

My wedding anniversary was once again upon me, which also meant that it was time for the annual Boston Dargle Fly Fishing Festival. As Team Baha we'd fished two of the three events, missing out on only one since my wedding was on the same weekend. We'd also won the event in 2013 and were hoping to defend our title in 2014. Click here for [more](#).





## In The Market

### Tiemco Aero Wing



Tom Sutcliffe wrote this stuff up in his e mail a couple of weeks back (8 and 16 June) and I was intrigued. It's a closed cell hollow fibre supplied by the Japanese hook manufacturer Tiemco for making parachute posts. The idea is to make the post itself buoyant and visible and though I have not tried it yet those who have says it works like a charm. Tom advised that Frontier stocked it so on my last trip to Sodom; I stopped by to see what they had. I found a shop in the process of moving into larger premises. Frontier, like Complete Angler in Kloof, has taken the shop next to them and will be nearly doubling in size. Happily the shop is still operational so I was able to pick up some Aero Wing from what I am told is a rapidly diminishing stock. A good word from Tom is often as good as money in the bank. It's not cheap at about R75.00 a packet but happily you use very little. It comes in a large range of colours but given the cost I only got one packet. I have tied a couple of flies and I like the result. So much so that I think it will work just as well as a wing material for those spent spinners that Peter Brig ties. So I will be stopping by Frontier for some more in less gaudy colours.



### Vagabond Fly Fishing Magazine



Yup it is here. 12h00 on Tuesday 1 July saw the launch of a new online fly fishing Magazine. The brainchild of Piet Taljaard and Colin Campbell, this is what they say:

Our mission is to represent fly fishing as more than just a way to catch fish. Vagabond Fly Mag will showcase passion, lifestyle, detail and fun and, of course, some fly fishing by some pretty good anglers. It is not that we believe that what is currently available isn't adequate, just that we want to reflect another side of what South Africa has to offer the 'Vagabond' fly fisher.

Content will not be published to fill our pages and meet deadlines. We believe our readers deserve material of the highest calibre that is innovative, informative and trending. We won't forget to have fun, be painstakingly critical of our material and we will only publish kick-ass content. Here's to remaining purposefully lost!

Check it out on [www.vagabondfly.com](http://www.vagabondfly.com)

## Club Stuff

### Auction

We will be auctioning off a selection of books and other stuff at the next club meeting. Lots will be put up with modest reserves (see below) each lot having its own bidding sheet. Bidders must write their bids on the bidding sheet and at the end of the evening the highest bid on each item will win. The lots on offer are:

No.	Description	Retail	Reserve
1	South African Fly Fishing	USD 22.82	R150.00
2	The Complete Book Of Fly Fishing	USD 1.00	R10.00
3	A Practical Guide to the Craft Of Fly Tying	USD 5.33	R30.00
4	A Jerk On One End	USD 3.41	R20.00
5	Reflections On Fly Fishing	USD 25.00	R150.00
6	The Orvis Streamside Guide to Fly Casting	USD 3.41	R20.00
7	Anglers' Flies	USD 1.00	R5.00
8	The Pocket Guide to Trout & Salmon Flies	USD 5.00	R30.00
9	Tim Rolston DVD		150.00
10	Presentation Fly Tying Box (2)		100.00

**Subs for 2013 are due.**

The new subs remained unchanged at:

Joining Fee	R20 senior R10 Junior
Senior Member	R150
Junior Member	R80
Family Member	R150 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member.

#### Bank details

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**Please advise e mail Dave Smith 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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### Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
27 July 2014	Grabbing Gurnard	Durban Harbour	Christian Calliontzis	Meet outside the old Café Fish at a time TBA
23 August 2014	Day Fishing for winter trout	Brewitts	Bruce Curry	Booking open limited to 10 and kick boats essential
TBA but in September 2014	Vidal	Vidal	Nick Nortje	Booking open
TBA but in October 2014	Bass Bashing	TBA	Bruce Curry	
TBA but in November 2014	Hunting Springer	Durban Harbour Centre bank	Stelios Comninos	Meet at Wilsons Warf at a time TBA

### For Sale

If any club member would like advertise some fly tying kit for sale or is looking for said kit , please contact [iancox@durbanflytyers.co.za](mailto:iancox@durbanflytyers.co.za)

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BLUE shirts & BLUE hat @ R200.00 for both  
Contact Dave Smith



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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>	
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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	<a href="http://www.nffc.co.za/">http://www.nffc.co.za/</a>	
South Coast Fly Fishers		
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