

THE BOBBIN

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JUNE 2018

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Last month I dedicated my chirp to Ian Cox and what I saw as a most unfortunate turn of events for Durban Fly Tyers. I'm going to be more positive this month.

Firstly, the club has officially received the FOSAF submission which sets out their proposal. Copies of this were sent via email to members recently. The crux of the proposal is that Clubs are either totally in or out. The Clubs that opt in will have to add 50% of the FOSAF fees (R300 per year) to their membership fees. So in our case that would be an increase from R240 per year to R390 per year. While I have my personal views on this the matter, it is for the DFT members to provide the committee with feedback on this proposal so we can advise FOSAF of our club's position in this regard.



Can I ask each member to email Bruce Curry as the Secretary what your individual preference would be? In other words do we agree to sign up the club directly under the FOSAF proposal or not? All submission would be treated confidentially.

Secondly, the Africa's Original Flyfishing magazine, published its last edition (June/July 2018) under Angler Productions. The good news is that the magazine will now be produced by Southern African Flyfishing Magazine (Pty) Ltd. The three new owners are Ian Cox, Andrew Savides and Andrew Mather. The magazine has come full circle back to its roots when three Durban fly fishermen established the magazine way back in 1987. 30 years on and nearly 170 editions, it has a rich history which the new owners wish to continue. The first edition under the new team will come out in September which now places it out of sync with the TCFF magazine. The magazine will continue to be available electronically on ISSUU.com for free

From DFT's point of view, the magazine is going to be providing Clubs with free space to profile their club. Having said that we seem to battle for content in the Bobbin, a fact which Stelios has already encountered into his second edition. Ian had also complained about this. We need to support our own newsletter and I put this challenge out to all of you.

Send in news however small you may think it is. Trips, funny stories about other member's escapades, new venues or whatever. Stelios will be able to sift through and you might be pleasantly surprised to see what pops out in the Bobbin.

See you soon.



NEXT MEETING

2 July 2018 /19.00 for 19.30/ Room G1 Westville Library

Tom Gifford will be tying a fly designed by Bill Hansford-Steel called a Tigger fly which works well for tigers and in the harbour. Tyers to bring red thread and superglue.

FROM THE EDITOR

DFTC is a group of fly fishermen who share a common interest in the art of fly tying. The aim of our club is to give members an enjoyable forum to discuss and demonstrate all forms and techniques of this age old art. The Bobbin documents and facilitates the sharing of the clubs already significant knowledge base – take a look at past issues of the Bobbin and related articles and fly descriptions and step-by-steps on our website and see what I mean..

June analytics show that our website has had 300 unique views per month from 10 countries (RSA, USA, Australia, UK, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, China, France, and Argentina) and the most viewed page is the Bobbin. 80% were new visitors and 20% were returning visitors. The age groups of visitors were 35 - 44: 23%, 45 - 54: 18%; 55 - 64: 24%; 64+: 34%. Almost 100% were male viewers. Our Facebook page had 401 Likes by Subscribers with 115 engagements. 95% were male and, 5% female. Twitter has 165 followers.

So clearly our knowledge is being shared widely. However, that body of knowledge is no longer qualitatively growing through member contributions – but rather through non-members and off the internet, this is not right!

Assembling the Bobbin is technically not very onerous - however, gathering content certainly is difficult! In an effort to document the recent activities of members as per the definition, requests were made in the June Bobbin as well as on the club what's app group. After some cajoling I received one article from members – thanks to Gordon Gove! This is not sustainable!

According to Ian Cox, his predecessor editor of the Bobbin, Alan Jellis had had enough of the Bobbin after five years of “pulling the bus with very little support from fellow club members”. He handed the baton to Ian who also begun to feel the burden of pulling that bus unaided and resigned– and then two months ago I was pressganged into editing the Bobbin - and I see exactly what they mean!

If, however, each of our 37 members provide just one article, picture, report, technique or interesting tit-bit per year, then we would have a Bobbin that reflects and promotes the interests and concerns of the club – and increases our already significant member generated collective body of knowledge.

So get thinking about what you want to share with your fellow members!

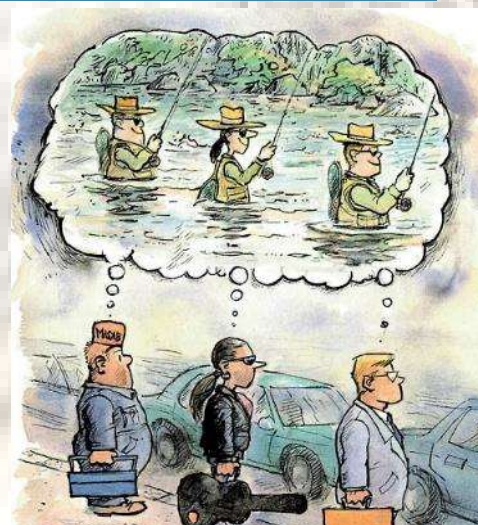


HOW SNOBBISH AND CLASS CONSCIOUS ARE FLY FISHERS?

This is an interesting read: www.dailykos.com/stories/2012/2/13/1064535/-Trout-Snobs-The-Social-Hierarchy-of-Fishermen:

The Top Ten Signs You May Be a Fly Fishing Snob

- You only course fish when you're desperate
- The value of your fly gear is more than your wife's car.
- You refuse to wear outdoor clothing that isn't made specifically for fly fishing.
- You refuse to use any old fluorocarbon because it isn't "fly fishing specific," even though they clearly work as well as anything else.
- Your favourite dress shirt is either Simms or Orvis.
- You'd rather blank with a dry fly than fish a nymph, wet, or streamer and never fish use a Woolley bugger even when you know it's the best shot.
- You bitch about and refuse to use any gear made anywhere in Asia.
- If your hand-tied flies aren't identical, you'll give the mismatches away as "seconds." (Do the fish really count 5-ribs on one nymph, and 6 on the next?)
- You think that wearing a fly vest is outdated. (Only old ballies and newbies wear those now, right?)
- You refuse to travel and fly fish without hiring a guide. Ever.



**NO MATTER ONE'S CLASS OR STATUS OR WHAT
YOU MAY THINK, ANYONE CAN FLY-FISH!**

JUNE FLY OF THE MONTH: ANTON MARTYN'S ARTICULATED DRAGON



List of Materials

Hooks: Streamer size 6

Thread: Green 6/0 thread

Tail: Green or Orange Marabou

Inner body: Coffin shaped dragon body in ice-cream box plastic,

Outer body: 8mm organza ribbon in a dark and light shade of green, 3 peacock herls

Dubbing: Green rabbit fur mixed with a little UV dub (Anton's patented dub)

Braid or mono: to join the two hooks together

Eyes: Melted 100lb mono and painted to suit.

Legs: Olive dyed mallard

Step 1: Tie in marabou tail.

Step 2: Take the coffin shaped plastic body former and use scissors to notch the perimeter of the plastic. I used my Mark Benson Kiridashi knife to cut a series of small cuts into the edge. I found that easier and didn't damage my scissors. This step is important, as the thread will slip along the plastic edge if this has not been treated. You want to end up with a series of small cuts that the thread will lock into when you wrap the plastic body onto the hook.

Step 3: Place plastic body on to hook and secure down.

Step 4: take three peacock herls and place them one by one on top of the plastic body facing backward past the tail. One in centre and the others either side.

Step 5: Take the darker green 8mm organza ribbon and burn the end to prevent fraying. Tie this end in on top of plastic body facing backwards past tail.

Step 6: Take the lighter green 8mm organza, burn end and then tie this in on the underside of the plastic body.

Step 7: Now take the green dub and wrap the first segment of the body. You only need a little and use it thinly.

Step 8: Now pull forward the organza ribbons and give a few wraps to secure.

Step 9: Next take one peacock herl at a time and tie in forward above the organza, repeat for the other two peacock herls. You should have created a body segment with three dark brown lines on top.

Step 10: While holding back the organza ribbons and peacock herl rearward, dub another body segment. Repeat Steps 8 and 9 till you reach the hook eye. Tie off.

Step 11: Thread a piece of braid or mono through the rear body section hook eye and tie this onto the second hook so that the rear section is able to move freely. Secure well.

Step 12: To cover the braid tie in some green marabou on the tail of the front hook so that when in the water the marabou will hide the join.

Step 13: Cut out the abdomen shape from a plastic ice-cream box. This is a diamond shaped head with slightly widening strip that would stop at the hook bend.

Step 14: Once cut make sure that you treat the edges of the plastic abdomen as per step 2. Tie in plastic abdomen shape leaving a little space near hook eye for eyes.

Step 15: Tie in eyes. I used red glass beads melted onto piano wire for a more realistic effect.

Step 16: Tie in three peacock herls facing back as per Step 4. Repeat Steps 5 to 9.

Step 17: When you are half way up the abdomen, tie in green mallard feathers either side of abdomen as legs.

Step 18: Repeat Steps 4 to 9 until you reach the eyes.

Step 19: Secure the organza ribbon and then trim off the underside organza ribbon only.

Step 20: Dub around eyes and then take organza ribbon over hook eye. The organza fibres will part and allow hook eye to pass through. Tie off Organza making sure that the eyes are visible.

Other variations for this pattern: Can be tied in brown and either neutrally buoyant as this was tied or slightly weighted with lead for deeper water.

How to Fish

Floating line along the edges of weed banks. Slow retrieve.



CHASING PERFECTION - SANITY AND BUILDING CANE FLY RODS

BY GORDON GOVE

We all strive for perfection and the perfect cane rod is the goal of every cane rod maker. Sadly few, if any, ever achieve even one perfect rod in their lifetimes. Yes, the masters, past and present, have all produced magnificent rods with no apparent flaws but the story would be different if you'd ask them how could they have been built better?

MAKING A SPLIT CANE ROD ENTAILS THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

Firstly you need to select your culm of Tonkin Cane (which is a fancy name for bamboo that's been imported from China), file down the nodes and split the culm into a number of strips. The next step is to machine or plane the square strips of cane to strips of 60 degrees, then bind them and put them into an oven to temper the cane.

The real test comes during planing where you place the strips on a planing form and plane the desired taper on each strip, this step usually is associated with a lot of blood and tears (and a fair amount of sweat!)

One then laminates the strip to form a tapered blank by gluing the strips, binding them again and hanging the rod sections to dry. Once dry you straighten the rod sections, clean the sections write your name on the blank and apply finish.

Before completion you fit the reel seat, handle, eyes and ferrules.

The last (and most rewarding step) ... Go fish the rod!

Simple process but as the Bard of Ayrshire wrote, "The best-laid schemes o' mice an 'men Gang aft agley."

And they sure do! In my 12 years of rod building each rod I have built was to be the masterpiece that would have set the rod building community on fire and each time I have failed miserably in achieving anything close to perfection. Perfection, of course, in my eyes. Unfortunately this lack of perfection is often apparent to all critical eyes to see. Let's have a quick look at some of my failures.

BREAKING A STRIP WHILST PLANING.

I have learnt that a hex cane rod is not made up of 6 strips of cane but 7, sometimes 8 if it's a really bad day.

But why, oh why, is it always strip number 6 that breaks when you don't have a spare strip ready? This is known as a single malt time out time.

The silver lining to this is that these broken cane strips make wonderful kindling for the Saturday braai and that they come all the way from China makes an excellent conversation piece.

REEL SEATS OUT OF ALIGNMENT WITH GUIDE EYES.

Binding your guide eyes skew to your reel is a pretty stupid mistake and most rod builders will do this once. Not me, I keep on making the same mistake over and over again. It sure makes casting these rods an interesting experience!

This fault should be known as doing a "Gordon"

CANE STRIPS NOT LAMINATED COMPLETELY

A Payne 101 I recently made developed a soft spot just below the ferrule on the butt section, the flaw was very evident when casting or playing a fish as a definite kink was visible. On removing the ferrule it became clear that the glue on last 50 mm of the strip had not bonded. Luckily the owner of the rod had also broken some 55 mm of the tip, so he now has a 3" shorter "Payne 101" which casts very nicely.

I also had this happen with the last 100 mm of a 3 wt Leonard's tip section which I use for Natal Yellowfish. The tip took a decided bend to the right on the first cast. When I had finished fishing,



I would just straighten the tip and put it back in its bag. The PVA glue had obviously not set properly at that spot. I used the rod a good number of times without any problems until I finally snapped off the tip when threading the line through the eyes. I have since made a new tip using epoxy glue and the tip now stays straight. (I do however miss the kink as it did add character to the rod!)

WEAK POINT AT FERRULE

The ferrule area is a weak point on any cane rod and when you get a 2 m 95 kg fisherman trying to move rocks in the Vaal with a rod something is going to give. The break is usually at the weak spot where the cane ends and the ferrule starts. After suffering a few of these types of failures as a result removing too much of the cane's power fibres when fitting the ferrule now if I am concerned about the amount of power fibres that I will have to remove I rethink what I am doing. My new credo is "if in doubt use a bigger ferrule".



BLOODY FINGERS

I used to think that all cane rods had to have blood stains, much like Samurai katanas. I have now improved my planing technique to such an extent that I only bleed on every third rod. Yes, you can wear thick gloves to stop the sharp edges of the rod strips from slicing your fingers, but you then lose the feel of the cane being planned. Aspiring rod builders who faint at the sight of blood are going to spend some time on the rod shop floor. So bring a mattress.



OUR SANITY??

Cane rod builders spend their lives chasing that perfect rod, beautifully built using the blondest of cane. A rod, perfectly balanced, that casts forever in the strongest wind and land a size 24 dry fly right on the spot whilst still being strong enough to handle a GT.

Yes, us cane rod builders are a bunch of dreamers and we must question our sanity. We spend a small fortune importing Tonkin cane and rod components, buy only the best machinery and tools and spend valuable fishing hours hunched over a planing form.

Think about it. We could have bought a large collection of Sage/Hardy/Orvis rods with the best reels and lines, 1000s of flies and fished every weekend if they only hadn't spent all that money trying to chase perfection. But beware all fly fisherman considering building cane rods, It's a serious addiction, once you start on that slippery downhill slope into compulsive rod building, your life will change and your thoughts will continuously turn to the tools and machines you desperately need to help build that perfect rod. Family and fishing will be forgotten, as you strive to build every conceivable rod.

You have to build a 6 foot, a 7 foot, an 8 foot and even a 9 foot rod in weights ranging from 2 to 8, In 1 piece, 2 piece and 3 piece configurations, as life would not be worth living without all these rods in your rod rack. Not to mention the spey and switch rods in various lengths and weights are a must. Maybe my next project will be a 15ft surf rod for those elusive grey sharks and diamond skate.

Whatever the project, no matter the rod, perfection lurks out there in my workshop and one day I'll get it and until that day I'll just keep bumbling on my way, loving every minute of it.

Gordon Gove is a seasoned cane rod builder and enthusiast, he can be found most days in his rod shack splitting cane, planing strips or getting high off glue fumes. If you are in the KZN region he welcomes visitors and fellow cane rod enthusiasts he can be contacted on 081 545 2297 or at gordonscanerods@gmail.com.



"So you prefer a rod with a lot of backbone..."

All rise!!!



FOSAF MESSAGE

FOSAF and its members have been debating a new proposal that creates an additional class of membership.

The idea is to offer clubs and syndicates the opportunity to offer their members FOSAF membership at a discounted rate in a new category to be called club membership. We feel this offers clubs and their members a new way of being part of and supporting our work.

Up to now some clubs have paid the individual membership (R300) and a few have paid one of the supporter memberships. Some club members are also individual FOSAF members. However, there has been no direct link to individuals in clubs and FOSAF as members. This proposal seeks to build that link.

There is evidently strong support amongst flyfishers for FOSAF, especially for its opposition to the government's on-going ill-considered and illegal attempt to list trout and other species as invasive, as well as the opposition to the draft Aquaculture Bill.

FOSAF have already canvassed a number of clubs in the country and there appears to be significant support for this proposal which sets the club membership sub at half the individual membership.

The idea is to keep this as simple as possible and to give it a try for the next financial year

Needless to say a fair amount of work still has to be done on ironing out the details and FOSAF's EXCO must still finalise the matter.

Please let us have your comments, suggestions and general feedback.

Anyone wanting further information is welcome to contact FOSAF at fosaf@icon.co.za



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WAR ON TROUT – IAN COX

A great deal has happened since the last time I wrote one of these updates. That was at the [beginning of May](#) and I must tell you that it feels like it was a lifetime ago.

Back then I reported that The Minister of Environmental Affairs (Minister) wrote on [30 April 2018](#) in response to [the letter of demand](#) addressed by a Consortium of interested and affected parties (the Consortium) promising to correct the errors in the notice publishing the 2018 Draft AIS Lists and Regulations for comment. I prophesied that this would not happen any time soon.

Well I was only half right. I was right in saying that the Minister would not be able to correct the errors we complained of any time soon. I was completely wrong in thinking that she would actually do so. It turns out that the Minister was not telling the truth when she promised to correct the errors in the original notice or that this would be addressed in a further notice to be published in the Government Gazette in due course.

The Consortium and I were startled to learn, that a notice was in the City Press on Sunday 13 May 2018. It is important to note that this was not a notice issued by the Minister as is legally required. It was issued by the Directorate on behalf of DEA. It was also not published in the Gazette as the Minister had promised and as required by law.

It also did not contain the information that was promised. The notice instead referred to risk assessments and a Social and Economic Impact Assessment ("SEIAS) Report that were apparently to be found somewhere on DEA's website. That took some doing but when I found them it turned out that the SEIAS report referred to a different set of draft regulations. Furthermore only ten so called "risk assessments" were made available despite the fact that well over 100 species being affected by the proposed listing

Worse DEA did not even bother to advise the hundreds of people objected to the original notice that was published incorrectly back in February.

Instead DEA purported to extend the period the Minister had given the public to make representations until 18 May 2018.

I have submitted my usual lengthy and detailed objection. You can read it by clicking [here](#). FOSAF has submitted a much shorter one that summarises the points made in my submission. You can access it by clicking [here](#). Trout SA made a similar submission. The Wildlife Producers Association also submitted its own objection.

FOSAF has consequently revived its application to declare the 2018 Draft AIS Lists and Regulations unlawful. Ilan Ix and I had consulted with counsel and were about to finalise the application papers when the Minister published a further extension notice in the [Gazette on Friday 22 June 2018](#). It seems that DEA having strenuously defended the legality of the notice published in the City Press has now accepted that it was unlawful. But DEA won't publically admit this and is instead is pretending that the City Press notice never existed. This is probably why it has not acknowledged receipt of the objections filed in response to the City Press notice despite being asked to do so.

The further extension notice gives the public until 24 June within to object. It is not clear if this notice was published in a newspaper as is required.

I have written to DEA asking for details. I am not certain they will respond. Other requests for information about the 2018 Draft Lists and Regulations have been ignored. But DEA has sometimes responded so who knows? What is clear is that this further extension



A consequence of apathy in respect of the War on Trout will result in these images of ROTENONE in use being repeated on your favourite water!



notice still does not comply with the legal requirements for a proper notice. It still does not contain sufficient information and the information that DEA says is on its web site is not there, at least not at the time this article was written. The processes which gave rise to the lists are still irrational and fatally flawed.

It is becoming increasingly easy to conclude that DEA and the Minister think that while laws are instruments that government applies against the people these laws which do not apply to government itself. DEA and the Minister are acting as if they are above the law.

So this will go back to court once we have filed a further round of objections and the consultation period has expired. FOSAF's work on finalising its application papers continues.

The consequences of the 2018 Draft AIS Lists and Regulations being made law are dire and not just for the Trout Value Chain. However proposed law will hit the trout value chain particularly hard in that all trout aquaculture facilities will become unlawful overnight. Anyone who continues to operate such a facility will be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a period of up to ten years in jail. The same will also be true of anyone who tries to stock their waters with trout. Billions of Rands worth of value will be destroyed overnight. The economies of towns like Dullstroom Underberg and others that rely on trout based tourism will be decimated.

Sadly, however the fight to save trout from being declared invasive is looking increasingly like a tiny battle in what is a very large and serious war that government is waging on the constitution and the rule of law and indeed the economy not to mention the health and wellbeing of South Africans.

You may recall that I made representations on proposed amendments to the NEMLA Bill at the end of April 2018. I reported on it in my Trout wars report for May 2018. The legal problems facing that proposed amendment are profound but this does not seem to worry Parliament's Portfolio Committee on the Environment I have just learnt that it has approved the amendments we complained about. ([Click here for the Bill](#)) This is despite the fact that the Constitutional Court has already ruled that the warrantless search provisions, which the proposed amendments seek to extend, are unconstitutional.

These amendments are likely to be voted upon and become law during the next session of Parliament. The effect will be to give the Minister carte blanche not only to rule when a species must be listed as invasive but also to determine what must happen when a species is listed as invasive. This in itself is an abdication by Parliament of its legislative power to the Executive and amounts to a breach of the doctrine of separation of powers. But again Parliament does not seem to care that it is betraying its core function by handing over its legislative role to the executive. This is not an isolated case of centralising power in the executive. Remember a couple of years back when Zuma said how nice it would be to be able to rule as a dictator. Well it turns out that this is in fact ANC policy. I say so because ZUMA may be gone but Parliament is still busily engaged in enabling the executive to run the country like a dictatorship.

Thus we saw the Aquaculture Bill being tabled in parliament last week. This will make it a criminal offence to carry out any aquaculture activity without a licence issued by



government. This applies to existing facilities as well as new ones. Aquaculture is defined broadly to include downstream food processing even when the product is sourced from abroad. The Department of Agriculture has already indicated in a draft [BBBEE Guideline](#) document published by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. ("DAFF") that it intends adopting a race based approach to issuing licenses. It is unlikely, therefore, that any white owned aquaculture facility will be licensed to operate.

A [Climate Change Bill](#) was recently circulated for comment. It purports to enable the country to plan and implement measures necessary to improve our resilience to the adverse effects of climate change. However its real purpose is to give government carte blanche to introduce a penal system of carbon rationing which will be used to enable government to rent out permits to politician and their friends. Again this rationing is likely to be race based.

The MEC for Finance in KwaZulu-Natal published the KwaZulu-Natal Businesses Bill for comment last year. This Bill, if made law, will make it a criminal offence to carry out any business in KZN without a licence issued by the provincial government.

I reported in the [February 2018 Bobbin](#) of a proposed new [Biodiversity Bill](#) that will effectively nationalise the country's biological resources. Happily this Bill has met with some opposition in Government's technical committees so hopefully it will not go any further in its current form. But don't be surprised if this hope is misplaced. The drive to achieve centralised penal control over South Africa its people resources and the economy is Governments central preoccupation these days. The consequent failing economy is not stopping government. It is likely that opposition within government ranks will not stop them either.

This is a short list of what is a very long list of laws of this nature.

Common features of all these proposed law are:

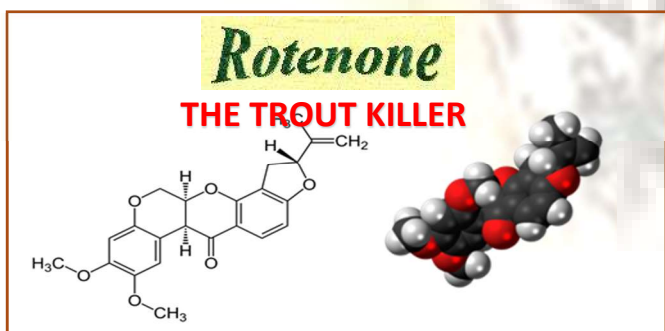
1. The centralisation of power in the national executive.
2. The destruction of human rights
3. The replacement of a law based system of government with a power based system which will increasingly make human existence a criminal offence unless government says otherwise.

We should be successful in stopping the listing of trout as invasive, at least in the immediate term. But the bigger picture is bleak. South Africa seems to have a weakness for grandiose schemes that are ruinous of the economy and destructive of human rights and our health and wellbeing. Grand Apartheid was one such scheme. Radical Economic Transformation is another as is the government's obsession with a centrally run state controlled economy.

The economy is in a very bad state. The country is running out of cash. Corruption is rife and crime is more likely to pay these days than honest dealing. The courts are the only institution of government that have not been captured by criminal elements in government but they will not hold out for long. The cancer has taken hold and it is spreading rapidly.

Government is not proposing or making laws that reverse these trends. It is encouraging them. Officials call this enabling legislation which is true if you are a politician or a civil servant. Unfortunately these laws cripple the rest of the country.

We will boil the frog the President once famously said. The trouble is not only so called white monopoly capital that is being boiled. The whole country is in the pot and the privileged elites that are South Africa's political classes and the civil service are stoking the fire.



"If we are not prepared to fight as communities for the things we care about, then the things we fear most will happen."

Ian Cox

NFFC BUSHMANS RIVER COMMUNITY PROJECT

ANDREW FOWLER



On the Saturday 25th August this year, fishermen are invited to join the Natal Fly Fishers Club and amaHlube people near Giants Castle to celebrate the launch of the community fishery on the Bushmans River. More details will follow in the press, on Facebook, in club newsletters and elsewhere.

This community project was the brainchild of the NFFC and aims at making the Bushmans River accessible to responsible, catch and release fly fishermen, at a modest price, from which the local people benefit. Concomitant benefits will be that fishermen's cars will be guarded, the river will receive an annual clean-up involving the children, and rod pressure will be controlled.

The NFFC has taken a decision to buy half of the annual rod tickets, on a notional basis, such that the community has a guaranteed minimum no of rod tickets sold annually, but has the capacity to earn in excess of this amount through day ticket sales. This also means that the NFFC is not muscling out the common passing angler who would like to buy a day ticket. Andrew Fowler has spent many months in discussions with the local community and their king (King of the amaHlube people), Langalibalele II, the result of which is an agreement signed in early June this year that gives effect to these arrangements. Signs have already been erected in the valley, a cell phone has been procured for booking purposes, and printing of maps and ticket books is under way.

In terms of arrangements, the NFFC will publicise the issued booking phone number which is in the possession of the King's secretary, Mrs Sylvia Mbata, and members of the public will be able to book with her up to a week in advance and arrange to meet with her at the signposted ticket office to pay for and receive their ticket. NFFC members will book on the club system, and then confirm their bookings in a similar way, Mrs Mbata thus enabled to put into effect the "first come first served" arrangement.

Maps (received at the ticket office, or available to club members on the NFFC website) will guide fishermen to their beat and its parking spot, which will be signposted, and their prior call will trigger the arrangement of a uniformed car guard for them.

There are 4 beats of approx. 2.5 kms each on the Bushman's river between the Clinic and the boundary with the Snowflake water, and there is a single beat of over 8km on the Ncibidwana River. Each beat is limited to 2 rods on any one day, and no one angler may book more than 1 beat on any given day. This will ensure low rod pressure and spreading of anglers across the entire river length. Rod tickets are R150 per day or part thereof, for which the rod ticket acts as a receipt, and the agreed car guard fee is R30 per day or part thereof, payable to the guard in cash on the day.

The NFFC will continue to support the community scheme by providing business skills, arranging river clean-ups, and assisting the community with alien plant removal and other tasks pursuant to a well-managed fishery.

A rapport has already been established between the local people and the fly-fishing fraternity, and it is hoped that river fly-fishing enthusiasts will join the function on the 25th August to cement relationships, help put up final beat markers, get to learn the river ahead of the opening on 1 September, and to celebrate the launch of this initiative.



ICONIC FLIES – THE WOOLLY BUGGER

The Woolly Bugger might be the strangest named fly in all of fly fishing but, in the right hands, it can also be one of the most effective. The ubiquitous Woolly Bugger appeals to the eyes of every game fish imaginable.

It is doubtful whether there is a fly box in the world that, since the 1970's, does not have a Woolly Bugger or many (and even a range of them) lurking. Most anglers fall into one of two categories when it comes to their perception of woolly buggers. They either love them or despise them. Often looked on with disdain by serious (snobby?) flyfishers who also deny that they use them - rather preferring some or other complex fly - but we all know that is a lie! There is no doubt that everyone uses them!

The origins of the Woolly Bugger can be traced back to the very effective Old English pattern - the Woolly Worm a very old fly that can be found in Izaak Walton's 1653 book 'The Compleat Angler'. Most credit Russell Blessing in Pennsylvania with the actual invention of the Woolly Bugger in the early 1970's who created it to resemble a hellgrammite, or dobsonfly nymph. Some claim it is a variation of the Black Martinez popularized in the West. And still others claim it was originally a Bass imitation developed in the late 1800's in Missouri. Whatever the origins, the popularity of this pattern cannot be denied

A little-known fact is that the fly was named by Blessing's 7-year-old daughter, Julie who saw the fly in his vise and said, "It looks like a Woolly Bugger"

The Woolly bugger looks very simplistic at a quick glance, but look at it a little longer, and you'll see it's not your average, run of the mill, fly pattern. When you take the time to break apart the woolly bugger and study its design closer, you'll notice each element of the fly carries both equal weight and importance, and they all play off each other brilliantly. The woolly bugger's flawless design was created by a fly tier that understood how important it was for a fly pattern to not only have the ability to take on a multitude of characters (food sources), but also a large scope of fishing applications. It can be dead drifted, swung, or stripped, and it's equally effective in all three cases. The reason the woolly bugger works so well, is because the pattern does a marvelous job of representing trout food that fall into each category. Dead drift a woolly bugger and it's very effective at imitating stoneflies, hellgrammites and leaches. Swing and strip the fly and it looks just like sculpins, crayfish and other native minnows darting through the water.

If you want to dial in closer to a specific food source, just match the colour woolly bugger to the food source you're wanting to imitate. Very few fly patterns on the market are capable of imitating both aquatic insects, and finned specimens, and that's what makes the woolly bugger so special. Most of the time you really don't even have to worry about getting a drag free drift. From a fish's point of view, it looks like food whether the pattern is dead drifting the same speed as the current, moving across current or moving faster than the current. And because the pattern is generally of substantial size, it represents a large meal that most fish usually don't want to pass up.

Woolly Bugger flies are typically tied on number 2 to 14 long or extra-long hooks. Variations include Woolly Buggers weighted with brass or tungsten beads, brass or tungsten cones, brass, lead or tungsten dumbbell eyes. The colour variations, single hued or multi-coloured are almost infinite! Sometimes with rubber legs

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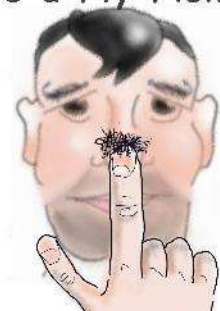
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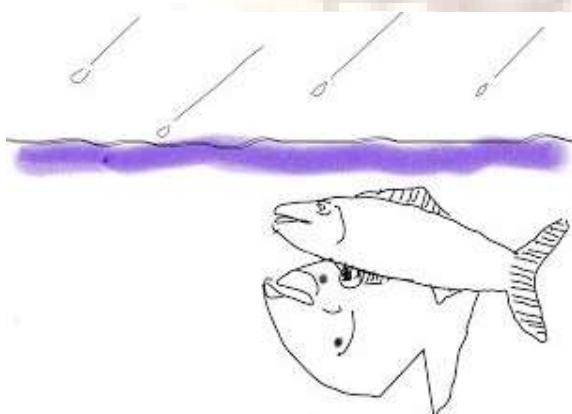
Light cured resins... While they have been around for many years, they have become more and more mainstream in the past little while, and a lot of companies are starting to crack the code to make very quality products. Most of the mainstream resins are very good, and it almost boils down to personal preference when determining a "best" resin to use. If you are starting out with resin, make a list of what is important to you, and perhaps you can use the data in the article below to help you make a decision. Click here <http://www.flyfishfood.com/2015/10/uv-resin-shootout.html>



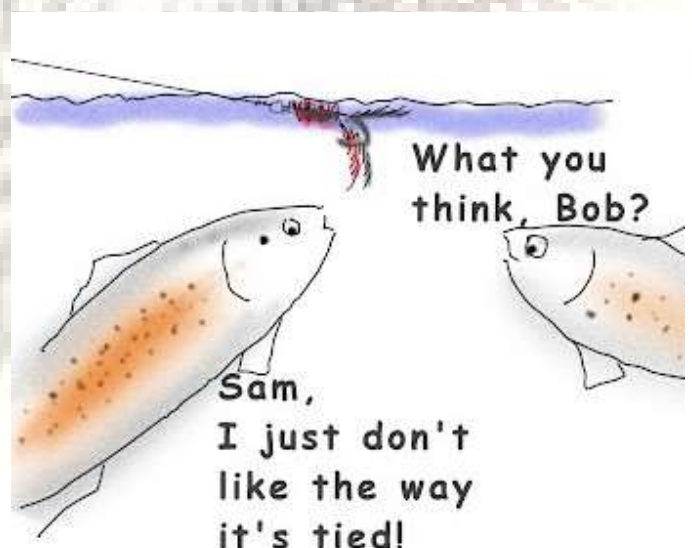
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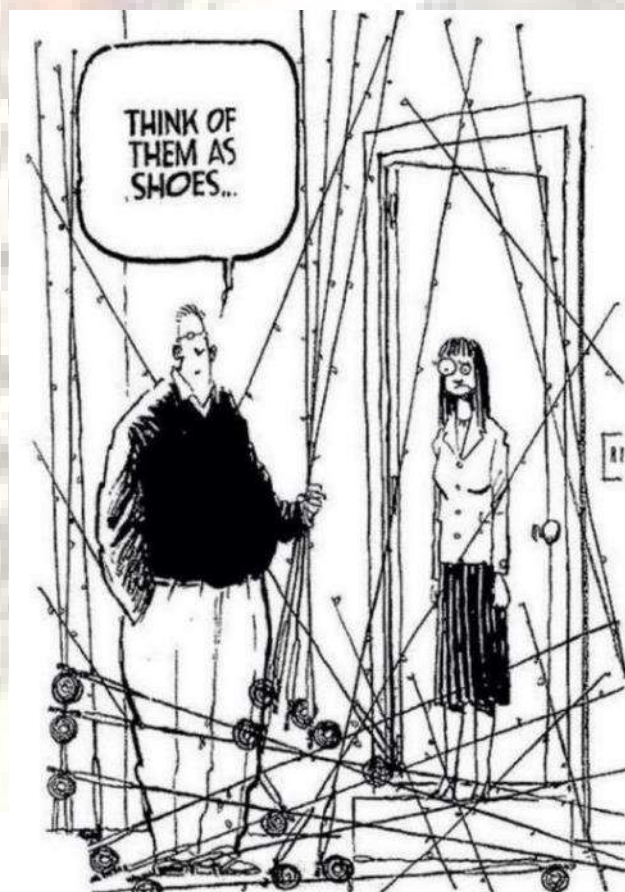
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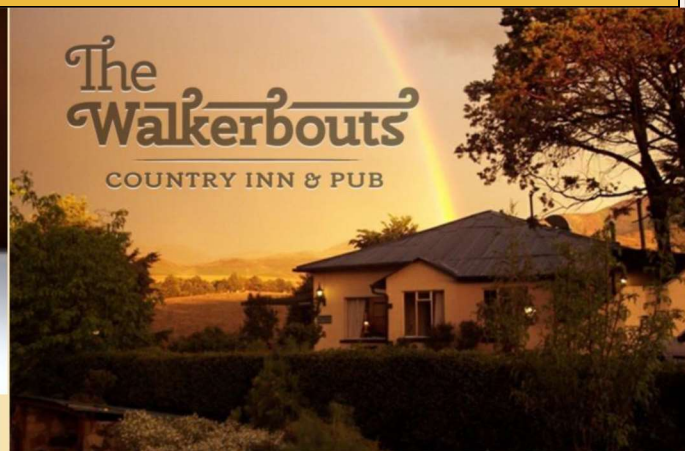
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