

# THE BOBBIN

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Well those of you that braved it out to the last monthly meeting would have seen a very different tying meeting. It definitely a first for the DFT and Semperfli. Though the combined efforts of Semperfli and Jandi Trading we set up a live feed using zoom. Paul Procter, Semperfli pro tyer, demonstrated 5 different flies on the night and Jandi Trading kindly donated fly tying materials and free beer for the event. The venue was perfect for the event with two large screens opposite two large board room tables for people to tie. For this we must thank Tavis Cairns for the generous use of the SASFIN boardroom.

Stillwater season is in full swing with some nice fish coming out dams in particular around Sani Pass/Underberg and Eastern Cape. Those river fisherman amongst us, now is the time to service your tackle and stock up flies for next season.

Till next time.



## FROM THE EDITOR

So here it is, the Bobbin that almost did not get published this month due to a lack of content!

Thanks to Andrew Mather for compiling the recipes and pics for the Zoom tying session with Paul Procter – and to Graeme Neary for his report on fishing the spring tide at Rock Bay.

There is nothing else to read in this edition.....let's hope some members eventually decide to write something in future editions!

Until then, we will only have a lightweight and minimalist Bobbin being produced.....



### NEXT MEETING

1 July 2019 /19.00 for 19.30/ Room G1 Westville Library

**Rob Pretorius will be tying Roos's Pineapple Emerger..**  
It is a technical fly to tie but Rob intends to show us some tricks that make it far easier to tie.



## LIVE FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION BY SEMPERFLI AMBASSADOR PAUL PROCTER

Paul Procter is one of the most well-known fly anglers in the UK. Aside from being extremely modest he is an outstanding angler, fly tyer, writer, and fly caster. He is best known for his prolific writing in the UK's leading publications, Trout & Salmon and Trout Fisherman, Paul Procter is a qualified Association of Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructor (AAPGAI) at master's level and is regarded by many to be in the forefront of UK fly fishers. Based in Cumbria, with some 30 years fly-fishing experience, Paul provides first-class guiding, fly casting and fly fishing tuition to all levels and abilities. He has a comprehensive knowledge of his home waters, he is equally experienced on rivers, stillwaters, and saltwater throughout the UK and abroad. If you search the internet you will find that he frequents exotic destinations worldwide.



*Paul demonstrated tying the All Foam Beetle, the Waterhen Bloa, the Foam Elk Hair Caddis, the Mobile Caddis Pupa and the Pearly Butt Shuttlecock.*

### ALL FOAM BEETLE



**Hook:** Partridge supreme dry size 12-18  
**Thread:** Semperfli black 8/0 waxed thread  
**Body:** Semperfli copper Ice Dub  
**Shellback & Head:** Semperfli 3mm black foam sheet  
**Post:** Semperfli 2.6mm booby tube foam in orange/yellow/white  
**Legs:** Semperfli black straggle legs

### WATERHEN BLOA (PEARLY BUTT)



**Hook:** Partridge supreme dry fly or SLD2 size 14-18  
**Thread:** Semperfli primrose 8/0 waxed thread  
**Butt:** Semperfli pearl Micro Glint  
**Body:** Natural mole's fur  
**Hackle:** Marginal covert hackle from moorhen

### FOAM ELK HAIR CADDIS



**Hook:** Partridge supreme dry fly or SLD2 size 10-14  
**Thread:** Semperfli primrose 8/0 waxed thread  
**Over-body:** Semperfli 2.6mm green booby tube  
**Underbody:** Olive or pale yellow dubbing  
**Underwing:** CdC  
**Wing:** Elk hair

### MOBILE CADDIS PUPA



**Hook:** Grub size 12-14  
**Thread:** Semperfli primrose 8/0 waxed thread  
**Rib:** Semperfli brown Micro Glint  
**Body:** Olive/primrose dubbing  
**Thorax/Legs:** Pine squirrel fur  
**Thorax cover:** Black thinskin

### PEARLY BUTT SHUTTLECOCK



**Hook:** Partridge supreme dry size 12-18  
**Thread:** Semperfli primrose 8/0 waxed thread  
**Butt:** Semperfli pearl Micro Glint  
**Body:** Superfine olive dubbing  
**Thorax:** Grey squirrel dubbing  
**Wing:** Natural CdC





## SPRING TIDE AT ROCKY BAY – GRAEME NEARY

Monday 17th June was dead on spring tide with a low at 09h44. Weather predictions were good all round. Rocky Bay here we come – and with Laurence Davies, Bruce Black and Neary, anything can happen.

We met in the car park at 07h30 as arranged, quick tackle up and off to work. The water was clear if a bit rough from a big south to north swell running. I have fished this area often over the years but had my attention drawn to so many more areas on the south side of the caravan park. Bruce has fished here extensively over the years with his competitive angling and researching his books.

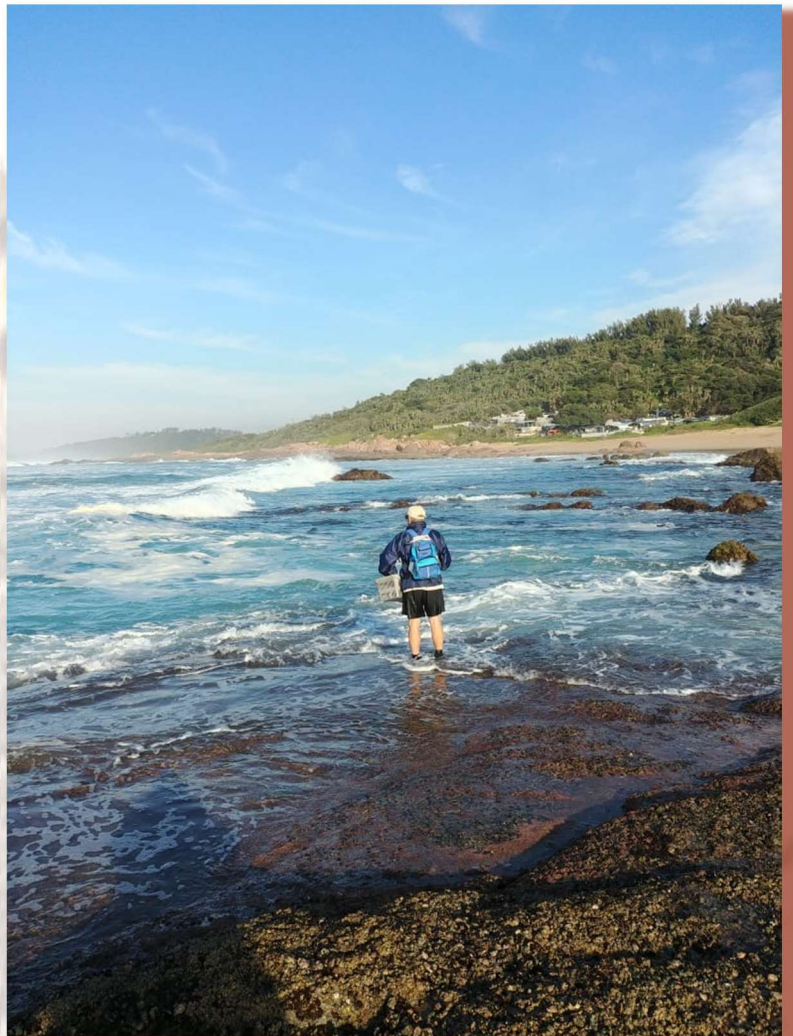
We saw lots of stone bream on the front of the ledges and at the entrances to gullies but they all had lock jaw. I had taken a 3 wt and a 6 wt with but used the 6 wt because of the rough water. The plan was to fish a 3 wt for a while in gullies and pools to try and increase my specie count. Bruce stuck to a 4 wt and had an absolute blast with a shoal or two of cape moonies, some of them a reasonable size. Laurence stuck to his trusted 8 wt and so good to see him pretty mobile on the rocks again after quite a long time.

It was really encouraging to see the abundance of life in and around the pools. Whether this is common or fluke I don't know but let's be positive. Also good to see was a few families of dassies including some juveniles. While cruising the rocks Bruce managed to get a good size octopus to add to his bait stash for his next boat trip. Our catch included black tail, threadfin mullet and cape moonies.

This is an area I would like to concentrate on again as it has always produced for me. I bumped into Greg Montiele, a customer from our shop, who was spending a few days here with his family and he too had caught a few nice fish on fly. Among his catch was a rainbow wrasse - a really beautiful fish.

I spent a morning here with Bruce Curry a month ago on springs and we also got a good number of fish.

There is a really good stretch to fish along here if you look from Scottburgh south to Umdoni Point which is just past Pennington. Tight lines



**"I love fly fishing. My daughter is into body piercing. It's my attempt to bond with her"**



**"Son, your reason not to find a job is here!"**

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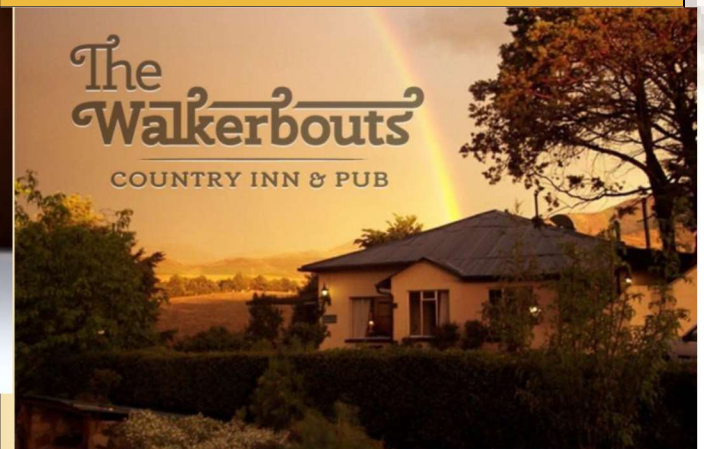
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