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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	2 June 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Peter Brigg
Pattern	Petes Hopper
Special Instructions	Bring 8/0 black thread

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Another AGM done and dusted. The previous committee have all made themselves available for another year and we also welcome Neill van Rooyen on committee.

I am sure we all agree that we had a very interesting presentation from Sudesh with regards to himself and also the history of The Bobbin. Great to see some of the old guard at the meeting and hear some of the chirping that went on. It was a privilege for me to welcome Kevin Cole to the meeting as the founding Chairman of DFT and we have kept up a good friendship over these many years.



Once again the race for senior tyer of the year was a very close run one with Neil Scott taking the title by a hackle width from Tom. Junior winner this year is Kyle Hammond who it appears will be giving Grandad a tough time shortly. Well done guys and here`s hoping the next twelve months will be as competitive. The Foul Hook was awarded to yours truly for a so called questionable achievement and this nominated and seconded by two very good friends but I have accepted it on the chin. All in good fun.

By the time you get to read this we would have had our first committee meeting and will have put in place some tentative dates for outings and these will be posted so all can start planning day and longer trips away.

Peter Brigg is our guest tyer this month and no doubt we are in for something special. I will organise all the materials required.

I don't appear to have any more to waffle about so I will stop. Tight lines and see you on 1st June.

FROM THE EDITOR

I found Sudesh Persad's talk on the early years of the Bobbin fascinating. Indeed it was much in my thoughts as I commenced the large job of producing a 21st anniversary edition. It was then that I realised that the anniversary is next month rather than June. This is not the first time I have got an anniversary wrong. I initially thought the 125 anniversary of the first successful stocking of a trout in South Africa was 7 May last year. Thankfully I don't miss wedding anniversaries or birthdays but those come annually so minimal mathematical ability is required. Come to think of it our 25th wedding anniversary did go by rather quietly last year so perhaps I have missed a big one. I just haven't had to face the consequences as yet!



IT'S A GIGGLE

A man and a woman were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant. They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands.

The waitress, taking another order at a table a few steps away, suddenly noticed the woman slowly sliding down her chair and under the table - but the man stared straight ahead.

The waitress watched as the woman slid all the way down her chair and out of sight under the table.

Still, the man stared straight ahead.

The waitress, thinking this behaviour a bit risqué and worried that it might offend other diners, went over to the table and, tactfully, began by saying to the man, "Pardon me, sir, but I think your wife just slid under the table."

The man calmly looked up at her and said, "No, she didn't. She just walked in."



Ever wondered what the difference between grannie and grandad is? My daughter tells me that this works equally well for mums and dads.

A 5 year old granddaughter is usually taken to her school by her grandfather. But, when he had a bad cold his wife took the grandchild. That night she told her parents that the ride to school with granny was very different.

"What made it different?" asked her parents.

"Gran and i didn't see a single tosser, blind bastard, dickhead, foreign prick or wanker anywhere on the way to school today."

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

On the Internet

By Stelios Comminos

Stelios sent me a whole batch of tips a month or so ago and being the wombat that I am, I went and published them all in last month's Bobbin. Turn out he sent me a batch with the idea that they would be rationed out over time. Stelios is in the Sudan at the moment so has not had a chance at restocking my larder. The good news is that he should be back soon. The bad news is that I am going to have to find some tips myself!



Here is a cool swim tank for those who take fly design very seriously.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=959449224107711&set=o.1548500122081869&type=2&theater>

Triploid Trout



This is an idle thought, really, spurred on by Stelios' appropriation of one of those New Zealand farm fed monsters we are reading more and more about. You see that fish is undoubtedly a triploid trout. Triploid trout are much loved by trout farms that grow out big fish. You see triploid trout are sterile and thus do not go off their nosh because of a fixation on boys or girls for that matter. All they do is eat and eat and because of that they grow to some humongous sizes. There is quite a lot of talk in environmental circles, spurred on no doubt by the success local producer Three Streams is having in Lesotho with these fish, about limiting stocking of South African waters

to triploid hen fish only. Triploid egg production much more expensive as about 40% of the eggs doesn't make it. They also need to be imported. This impact significantly on the viability of out trout farms most of whom are not in the business of growing trout out to any great size. There is also the question of water temperature.

Temperatures in Katze dam remain ideal all year round which means that fish feed constantly. South African farms have to deal with high summertime temperatures and low volumes of water in winter both of which impact negatively on fish feeding patters. This is not to say that triploid trout may not increase the trophy weight of your dam. It is that care must be exercised in determining if the resultant bang is worth the buck as sex is not the only thing that puts trout off their feed.



Big nets for big fish

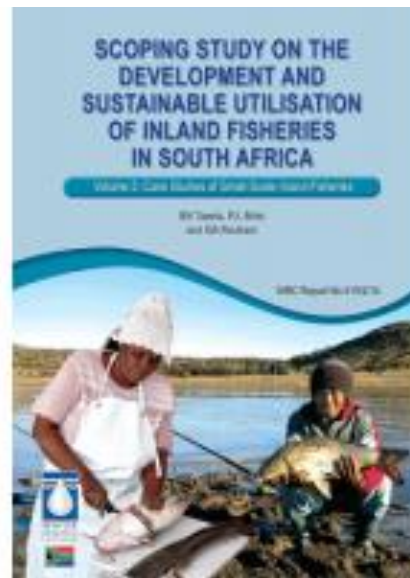
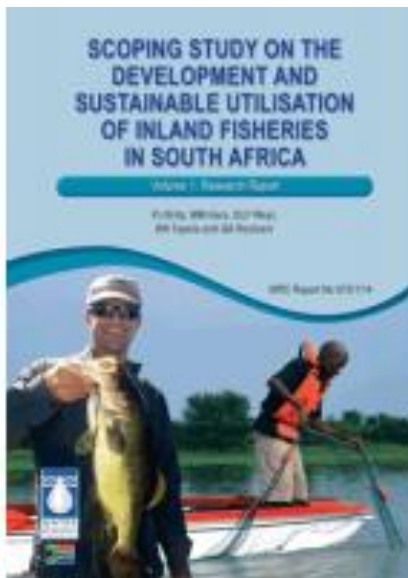
Member and administrator of the hugely successful Facebook page "Trout Talk" wrote recently of the importance of taking a big net to waters known to hold trophy fish. I cannot agree more and judging from the responses may other feel the same way. I recently came close to losing a fish because the net was on the small side. Wayne Stegen, who now boasts a net the size of a Jacuzzi, complains that he lost three fish over ten pounds because of a weenie net.



REPORTS

[New fresh water fisheries policy](#)

By
Ian Cox



Students members may recall that back in February I wrote that the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry was about to develop a fresh water fisheries policy. (Click here for the [article](#)) Well that process is now officially under way. The Water Research Commission recently invited key stakeholders to a meeting in Cape Town to explain and discuss the policy. Interestingly the trout value chain was not invited. This has since been rectified with the result that Trout SA and FOSAF should both be represented at the meeting which is due to take place in Cape Town on 2 June 2005. Click here for [more](#).

Trout SA AGM



Trout South Africa will be holding its first Annual General Meeting since its inauguration at Old Halliwell (near Howick) on Friday 5 June 2005. Proceedings commence at 9h30 with presentations by Professor Peter Britz on the development of a fresh water fisheries policy and myself (Ian Cox) on where we are we the regulation of trout in South Africa.

Clubs such as DFT are invited and the DFR will be represented at the meeting. The actual AGM will take place in the afternoon. There may be space for individual members who want to attend. Please let me know if you are such a person.

IN THE MARKET

[Gordon's fly tying courses](#)



I wrote to members a while back advising that Gordon would be in KZN in August September with a view to conducting some fly tying courses. I have got one workshop filled, the following expressing interest in an intermediate workshop or workshops, namely Andrew Mather, Ian Jackson, Mike Backhouse Steven Brooks and Kevin Cole Stelios Comminos and Wayne Evans. If anyone else is interested click [here](#) for what Gordon said. Contact me if you are interested or are dropping off the list.

Dentists Pick



This is an amazingly nifty little item that was kindly given to me some months ago by Ed Herbst. I meant to write it up some time ago but it slipped off the radar screen. I have used it quite a bit and find the curved tips hugely helpful socially when parting zonker material which is necessary when tying the salmo taddy my way. Wayne the fly's inventor says I tie it all wrong just like his step dad. Mine takes five minutes to tie to Wayne's 15 minutes and it still catches fish. Perhaps Anton and I must come up with an old farts edition and see once and for all which works best. But I digress... I think Clicks stock these picks but I am not sure.

CLUB STUFF

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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
TBA in June	Scalies	Umkomaas	I Cox	Booking Open

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