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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	6 June 2016
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Freswater
Tyer	Peter Brigg
Pattern	Guru variation
Special Instructions	

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

The AGM is over and done for another year. Thanks very much to those who attended and a round of applause to Bruce Curry for organising all the refreshment and snacks for the evening.

Neil Scott received the Senior Tyer trophy and Kyle Hammond Junior Tyer of the year. The Foul Hook trophy was awarded to Steve Brooks. I'm sure that the next twelve months are going to be just as competitive. The committee remains as is except for Neill van Rooyen who has stepped down. Thank you Neill for your valued input during your service.



We have recently had a committee meeting and planned some exciting ties and we will have the Basics Table manned at each meet.

I'm sure we all agree it was a very interesting and informative presentation from Terry Andrews on the night. Some huge fish and spectacular scenery and we wish him well on his next trip over later this year. Thanks Terry.

Peter Brigg will be tying at the June meet. The fly is his GURU VARIATION and you will require black thread for the tie.

See you all on the 6th June

FROM THE EDITOR

This is a bit of a bumper edition.

I am sorry I missed the AGM. No really I am truly truly sorry. You see I missed the meeting because I had to attend a meeting with DEA and its "experts" in Pretoria to talk about the mapping of trout. I would have much preferred to be with you guys instead of that lot.



On to happier things (you can delve into the dark side under [Reports](#) if you are so inclined), it does look if things may be beginning to pick up. The drought devastated our rivers (see [A Low Bushman's River](#)) and it will take a while for them to recover but when they do; OH BOY! It also looks like we may have a cold wetter winter than normal. The El Nino (which has been the strongest since 84) is passing and La Nina is on its way. You remember 1984? Well I suspect most members do. Floods, big floods are probably on their way. So it is not just a case of getting over the drought. But as I said when things get better OH BOY!

It also looks like the collapsed rand may not have as calamitous effect on the cost of fly fishing materials as we initially thought. Cliffie Rochester from Fishient seems to have come up with a plan. Look at [In the market](#) for more.

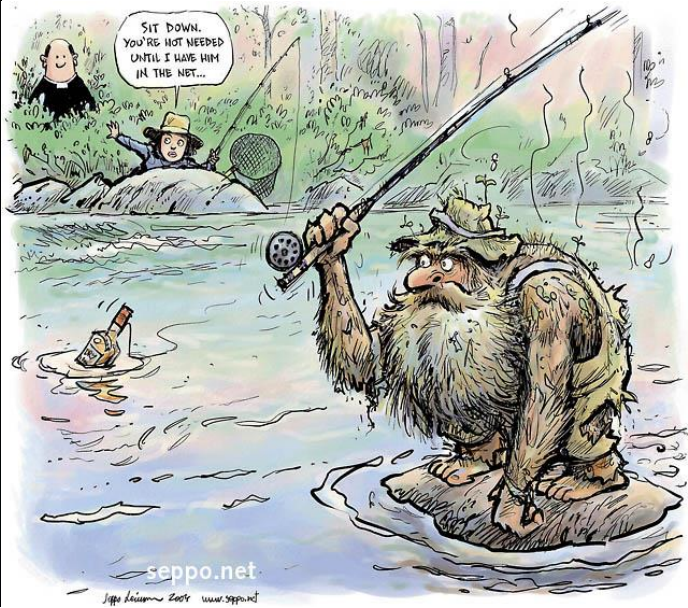
Oh and Peter Brigg is tying this Monday so it gets better and better.

I'm not offended by dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb, and I know I'm not blonde.

Dolly Parton

IT'S A GIGGLE

A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet. The floor's still wet."



Money can't buy you happiness ... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery
- Spike Milligan

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

[A deadly little fly](#)

By Ian Cox



Pheasant tail nymphs is my most used fly tying material by far and the orange hotspot is probably by far the fly I tie most of. This is not just because I use it a lot but also because I tend to tie up a few for mates on our annual Sterkfontein trip. Click [here](#) for more.

From the web

- [Casting by feel](#)
- [Fundamental Fly Tying – The trailer](#)
- [Knots](#)
- [A Low Bushman's River](#)



REPORTS

More updates on NEMBA

Control and eradication

- Appropriate methods
- Executed with caution & manner to minimise harm to biodiversity
- Control methods should be directed to all stages of growth eg. Off springs, propagation material
- The minister must ensure coordination and implementation programme
- The minister may establish an entity consisting of public servant to coordinate such programme



This section comes with a health warning. If you want to be depressed or angry or both, read on. Three reports in on this.

- The first is from FOSAF chair and Trout SA Exco member Ilan Ix which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).
- The second is a heads up on the mapping where trout occur in KZN and what trout fishers are going to have to do to defend their fishing in KZN. Click [here](#) for that.
- The third is more personal in nature and is why I am bowing out at least for now from an active involvement in the trout fight on behalf of trout SA and FOSAF. Click [here](#) for that.

ARTICLES

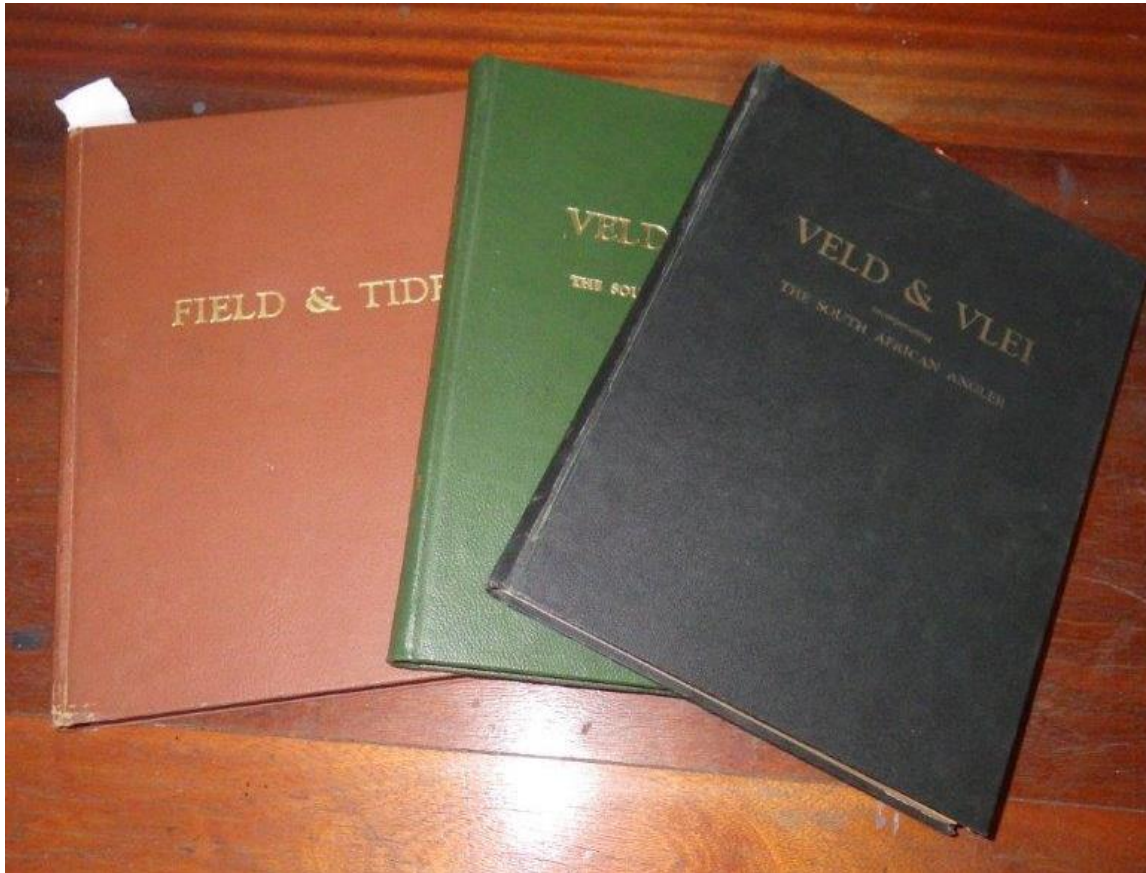
[Making an LED fly tying lamp](#)

By Stelios Comninos



For months I have been looking for a decent LED fly tying lamp. I saw a few at horrendous prices, between R800 and R1200. Way too expensive. In addition, once the LED gives up the ghost on those things, it is not possible to repair because they are all custom made and sealed into units. Click [here](#) for more.

A long time ago



A few months ago Laurence Davies very kindly gave me some of his back copies of SA Angler and Field and Tide magazines. The idea was I would publish them in the Bobbin. I went one better than that, at least to start with. Some of those early editions featured, albeit from illustrative purposes in the December 2015 edition of Fly Fishing magazine.

It has taken a little longer to carry them in the Bobbin but here at last are a couple taken from the 1960 and 1961 editions of Field and Stream.

- [The Advent of nylon and its effects on angling](#) – December 1960 edition
This talks to much earlier age, before WW2 actually, when nylon first starting appearing on the market. It was slippery stuff back then and a lot of fish were lost because of this.
- [Improvements in the making of fly lines](#) – February 1961.
This tells the story of the early development of the modern “plastic” fly line with some interesting stuff on what came before. I did not know, for example, that silk lines were unpopular in this country because the heat made them sticky.

If women dressed for men, the stores wouldn't sell much – just an occasional sun visor.

Groucho Marx

IN THE MARKET

Fly Fishing Film Tour Gateway 20 June 2016



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Fishing and Fly Tying EXPO

Date: 30 July 2016

Venue: Lourensford Wine Estate in Somerset West



The Cape Piscatorial Society is supporting the first ever South African Fly Fishing and Fly tying event to be held at the Lourensford Wine Estate on 30 July this year. A lot of KZN fly anglers are already going including a few from the club. If you are interested click [here](#) for more.

Fishient comes up trumps



The good news is that Complete Angler has got a lot of new fly tying material in from Fishient. The even better news is that the prices are fantastic. By fantastic I mean really fantastic. The latest batch of fishient material is selling at nearly half the price of the imported stuff that appeared on the shelves a couple of months ago. Graeme tells me that this is because Cliffie Rotchester is able to source a lot of his material locally. That is great news in of itself. Cliffie also needs to be complimented for keeping the quality up. The local stuff (if it is indeed local) looks great.

Great service from Stealth



I broke a section of my much loved 5wt Stealth Deep Red the other day. It was just one of those things. I was lifting a line off the water and bang, my 4 piece was a 5 piece. No fault of the rod, mind you. These things happen when you abuse a 5wt like I do. It has got so bad that I am embarrassed to claim on my

Sage warranty I have broken my VXP so often. Bugger, I thought, this will take a while to sort out. I could not have been more wrong. I dropped the rod off at Complete Angler on Tuesday morning and on Wednesday – that is right- THE NEXT DAY, I got a call to pick up the replacement section. It only cost R320.00 which I

thought was pretty reasonable. So take a bow Stealth and of course Complete Angler. Thank you and well done.

CLUB STUFF

Subs for 2016/17 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

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 proof of payment stating the type of members and the member(s) names.



The foul hook as conceived by Graeme Neary

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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Contact G NEARY 083 2322837

QUICK LINKS

Name	Address	Comments
Durban Shops That stock Fly Tying Material		
The Complete Angler	Shop 1 6 Village Rd Kloof,3610 Tel 031 764 1488	Superb freshwater selection of fly tying materials. Salty stuff too
Kingfisher	http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
South African Online Shops		
Frontier Fly Fishing	http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/	Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, Peter Place, Bryanston, and Johannesburg.
Netbooks	http://www.netbooks.co.za/	The Home of Craig Thom Check him out at the Ufudu Fair.
Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
The African Fly Fisher	http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/	Morne Bayman's new shop
KZN Fly Fishing Guides		
Jan Korrubel	083 99 33 870 jlkorubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	small streams and custom fly tying
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All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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Jeremy Rotchester	083 607 6100	
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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	http://www.nffc.co.za/	
South Coast Fly Fishers		
The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	http://www.uhtfc.co.za/	
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