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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	5 June 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt water
Tyer	Tom Gifford
Pattern	Clouser
Special Instructions	Pink thread and supergle.

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Well the AGM is now behind us!! The previous committee members have been re-elected for this year. Those of you who attended the AGM will recall Ian Cox's impassioned plea to stand down as Chairman. Ian felt that he would far rather be working on the production of the Bobbin and I'm sure he will do it justice as he always does. The role of Chairman has now fallen on my shoulders and I hope that I have all the members support and I will endeavour to add value to the achievements of the previous committee. We have a great committee that will remain as before barring the Chairman. I will still help out with sourcing interesting and well-known fly tyers.



Talking of tyers, we have some impressive guys for the rest of this year. As most of you know we have Marc Petijean and Moreno Borriero tying in a joint function with the NFFC on the 20th June at Highbury School in Hillcrest. We have commitments from Rob Pretorius, Wayne Stegen and Peter Brigg and are in negotiations with JP Gouws, Tom Gifford and Raymond Meneses to complete the line-up for the year.

On the fishing front we can report that the river season started off with very meagre pickings but surprisingly ended off as one of the most memorable seasons. If you missed out best get yourself prepared for Sept as it has all the signs of being a spectacular summer season. In the coming months we will see the attention turn to still waters. There are many options to choose from around KZN. The Club has recently launched a WhatsApp group. Those of you who find it hard to find a buddy to fish with... we are just a message away. Get out there... life is too short not to go fishing!!!

FROM THE EDITOR

It is with considerable relief that I give up the role as chairman of the DFT and hand the baton on to Andrew Mather. It is a job he is well suited to. I think we can all be very grateful that he put his hand up and agreed to take it on. I leave it to Andrew to set out the way forward in his Chirp but can say that things are looking up. I return to my happy place as editor of the Bobbin with thanks to my committee for their support and assistance during my brief tenure as chairman.



The Bobbin still cries out for articles from other members. It does not have to be much. A piece short or long about fly fishing or tying or a fun or even a not so fun trip will do. You can even tell us about your wife's view of your sport, if you dare.

It is not a good idea however to reveal how much your stuff coat. That might have consequences for the rest of us!

Please let me know how you like the new logo.



IT'S A GIGGLE

PEANUTS

Though her husband often went on business trips, she hated to be left alone.



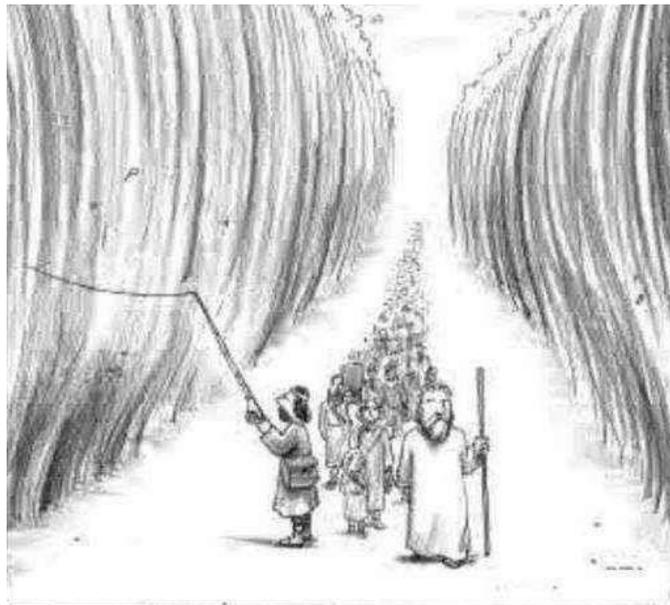
"I've solved our problem," he said. "I've bought you a St. Bernard. Its name is Great Reluctance."



"Now, when I go away, you shall know that I am leaving you with Great Reluctance!"



She hit him with a waffle iron.



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool Flies



From the web

- On fishing better
 - [Nymphing techniques](#)
 - [Perfection loops](#)
 - [Blood knots](#)
- On tying flies
 - [How to tie the sulphur nymph](#)
 - [wrapping materials behind the thread](#)
 - [Davie McPhail on tying a struggling caddis pupa](#)
- Fishing stories
 - [Rhuan Human on the problem with largemouth](#)
 - [Rex Fey on Heaven on earth](#)
 - Rex Fey [A man and his river](#)

REPORTS

[The NFFC Gala Dinner](#)



I cannot do better than copy paste Tom Sutcliffe's report from his latest newsletter on the NFFC Gala Dinner. Click [here](#) for that article.

ARTICLES

[Wise words from Jolyon Nuttall](#)

Culled from the April 1967 Field and Tide



In the same way that some fathers book their sons into their old school half an hour after the little beggars are born, so others deposit their male offspring on the banks of a trout stream as soon as they are out of nappies. This is a fatal step, guaranteed to drive Junior to drink or judo or sea-f fishing or something. The desire to acquire the art of trout fishing must come naturally, with no more than a dose or two of moral persuasion from Father

Law and Conservation

The [Conservation Imperative](#) asked me to do a series of short articles on environmental law related issues pertaining to conservation for publication on their [Facebook page](#). I have done 10 of them this far. They are all short - around 850 words. They deal with a lot of the issues I have discussed in relation to the trout fight but in a much more general and accessible way. They are published weekly on the Conservation Imperative and are reaching thousands of people. Those who follow me on Facebook will see that I publish them on my Facebook page as well.

The trouble with Facebook is that they are hard to find after a day or so. Given that they have relevance to the trout fight I reproduce them here further embellished with a few hyperlinks:

- [Part 1: Introducing the Constitution and the environment](#)
- [Part 2: It's a human right, silly](#)
- [Part 3: The importance of participation](#)
- [Part 4: Obey the rules – the Earthlife Africa climate change case](#)
- [Part 5: New wine in old skins](#)
- [Part 6: Are the environmental principles really that necessary?](#)
- [Part 7: The proof of the pudding](#)
- [Part 8: The meaning of environment](#)
- [Part 9: The role of the state as custodian of the environment](#)
- [part 10: Are we part of nature](#)
- [Part 11 Regulating the domestic trade in rhino horn](#)

Cunning plans and other disasters

By Ian Cox



This is a follow up on my “Joining the dots” article published in the April Bobbin. It is lengthy and fairly technical but speaks to the recently discovered National Strategy for Dealing with Biological Invasions in South Africa that was published in March 2104. Though never officially published for public comment or adopted, I argue it has nonetheless played an influential role in directing how DEA is dealing with invasive species and indeed its behavior in relation to trout. I look at the moves taking place behind the scenes and the apparent failure of the alien invasive species lists and regulations revealed in a recently published preliminary draft report. I conclude with some views on what might happen in the future. Click [here](#) for more.

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~ G.S. Marryat

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Durban

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CLUB STUFF

The AGM

The AGM came and went. It was a well fueled affair thanks to Bruce Curry. The Committee remained unchanged though subs increased R20.00 largely to enable the club to support a club membership of FOSAF. The cost of grog is also up to R20.00 for beer and R15.00 for the lighter stuff. The new logo also got approved but with spelling mistakes corrected. The minutes for those that read those things will be sent to members separately.

"Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout."

20 June Feathers and Sticks



General club stuff

The subs are **DUE** and are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R220
Junior Member	R120
Family Member	R220 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.

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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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 jlkorrubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	small streams and custom fly tying
Grevin Price	082 896 3688 grevin@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Juan-Pierre Rossouw	076 208 5602 juan@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Leon Vermeulen	082 442 4846 / leon@wildbrowns.co.za	River
KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
Graham McCall	079 303 3735	
Jeremy Rochester	083 607 6100	
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The KZN Fly Fishing Association KZNFFA)	http://www.kznffa.org/public/index.asp?pageid=847	
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/	
Wildfly	http://www.wildflytravel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=282&Itemid=451	
Tides Charts		
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