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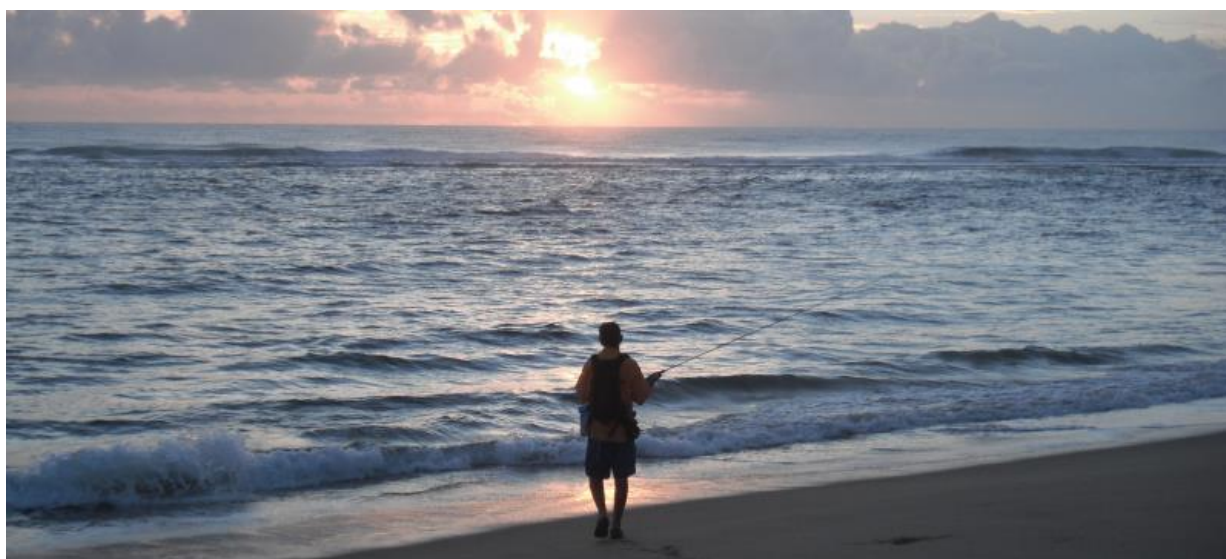
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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	3 March 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
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Tyer	Dave Smith
Pattern	Fred lo Light
Special	None
Instructions	

Combined Chirp

This is not a good idea but in emergencies needs must. So Jay's very understandable resignation as DFT chairman and from the committee to support his wife in her fight with cancer means that I will temporarily be fulfilling both the role of chairman and editor. I must stress the temporary nature of this role. Not only is it a bit more than I can cope with while also trying to earn a living and fighting the good fight on behalf of trout, not to mention trying to catch the odd one, it also isn't a good idea for a single club member to exercise such a loud voice.



This issues all came up at an extraordinary meeting of committee members held earlier this month. The committee endorsed the above view saying that they felt that I should stay on as editor of the Bobbin. I agree as it is a role I thoroughly enjoy. That means we are on the hunt for a chairman.

Having done the job for a year or so I can tell you that it is an important though it has to be said, not a very time consuming one. The chairman must have a passion for the club and if the chairman doesn't have any himself he must be receptive to the ideas of club members. Most importantly he must be prepared to make things happen. This means a lot of motivating and following up.

So all you wannabe chairman out there Please step up.

Jay's resignation is something a double blow because our inestimable secretary of more than ten years standing has dome a bunk and headed to Howick. That is fowl hook stuff in my book! But on a more serious note Geoff has made a huge difference to the club in the time he has served on the committee. The secretaries job is not without its challenges given the attraction fly fishing has for people afflicted with ADD and the copious amounts of alcohol consumed at committee meetings. Jeff's job has been to keep it tidy in a myriad of different ways, from keeping minutes scoring the fly tying evenings preparing award certificates and reminding us of things that need to be done. And there we were hoping he would do it forever. But all good things must come to an end and Geoff is now in Howick enjoying a much deserved retirement. So thank you Geoff for your very considerable contribution as the safest pair of hands any club could wish for.

We welcome back onto the committee Graeme Neary who has with Bruce Curry's assistance stepped into the role of secretary until the AGM.

It's A Giggle

Son: Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.

Mom: Well, you have done the right thing.

Son: But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.

Wife: Do you want dinner?

Husband: Sure! What are my choices?

Wife: Yes or no.

There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned."

The priest said, "Confess your sins and be forgiven."

The young woman said, "Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times".

The priest thought long and hard and then said, "Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice."
The young woman asked, "Will this cleanse me of my sins?"
The priest said, "No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face."



Fly Tying and Other Tips

[Making Foam Poppers Heads](#)

Courtesy of Dustan May and Urban Fly Angler

By

Ian Cox

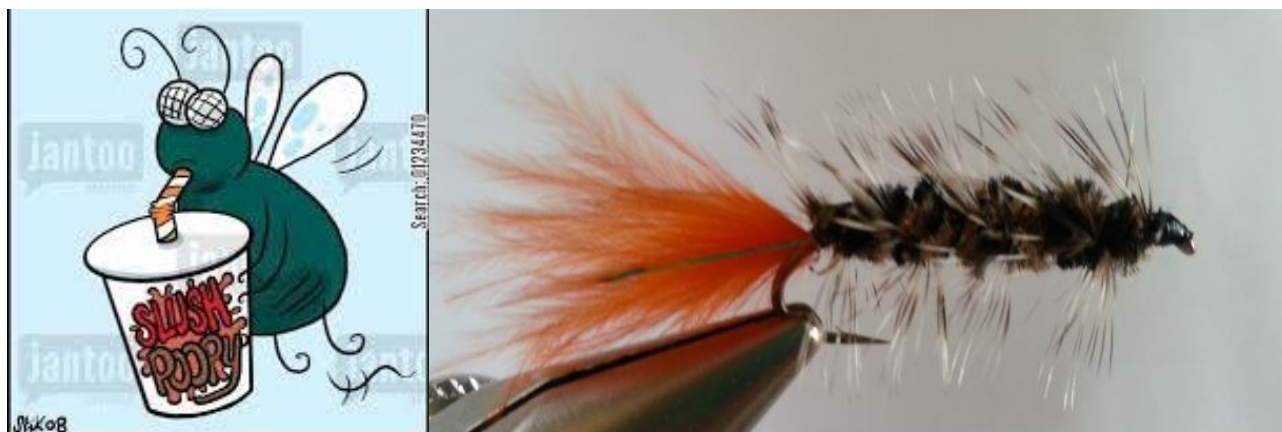


I found myself in Johannesburg one Tuesday last month and remembering that Richard Simkins of [Urban Flyfishers](#) runs a fly tying evening on Tuesdays decided to stay over so I could go along. What a great evening it turned out to be, not only because I met a great bunch of enthusiastic fly tyers but also because I got to see how Poppers can be made. Click [here](#) for more.

Junk Food Fly

Greg – From Transvaal Fly Fishers Association Newsletter July 1987

A contribution by Laurence Davies



Laurence sent me this in January just too late to make the February Bobbin. I thought what the, a woolly bugger but then read his covering e mail. This is what he said.

I came across the article on the "Junk Food Fly" and enjoyed the humour and concept put forward by the author. I must confess that I too like the idea that, even if trout are focused on small/minute insects, they would find it hard to resist a good mouthful dragged past their noses. As the article would not be the same without a visual, I tied the fly using the recipe given; tied on a size 8 hook and using brown/black variegated chenille and a twisted rope of tying thread and flashabou as the rib, the two variants suggested.

The Transvaal Fly Fishers Association was a branch of the Fly Fishers Association, later becoming a sister organisation. As the secretary of FFA, I used to get the TFFA newsletters and recently I found a file with some of these newsletters. It was from one of them that I copied this article. It must be remembered that the article was written before the Woolly Bugger flies became popular, so nowadays, there are many other triggers which could be added as "advertising" for the Junk Food Fly.

And since this newsletter is a bit of a blast from the past and given that orange woolly tailed buggers really work, I thought what the hell! Click [here](#) for more.

Articles

Do fish feel pain?

By Ian Cox

There is an awful lot of malarkey around about the cruelty of angling. The short answer to the question; "do trout feel pain", almost certainly not. For more: click [here](#).

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde.

It's only when you see a mosquito landing on your testicles that you realise that there is always a way to solve problems without using violence – from the centre of the centre of the universe.

In The Market



I have had one of these for about a year now and what a godsend it has proved to be. It's the Airflo Luggage Fly Tying bag and it's stocked by the Complete Angler in Kloof. It is seriously good value at some R700.00 especially when you consider that the alternatives sell for as much as R2 700.00. As the picture shows it has 8 zipper pouches that are velcroed to a central divider 4 on each side. As such they are detachable thus enabling you to bring the materials you want close to your vice without the intrusion of the whole bag. It also holds the J Vice and base perfectly leaving enough room for any of those plastic boxes we all have containing dubbing chenelles and the like. There is also a pouch that can be used to hold hook boxes and tools. Really you could not ask for more.



This is such a simple idea but nonetheless revolutionary. It was last year at Pascal Cognard's clinic that I learned of the many uses of Loon's knot sense. He recommends it for smoothing knots on long leaders. Light tippets and knots are not friends especially when the latter hangs up in the rod eye. I now carry the stuff in my fly jacket for that reason but I find myself using it more and more when fly tying or just looking to add a little something to a fly when on the water. A dab of knot sense on

the thorax of your favorite but presently underperforming nymph and hey presto you have a new fly. It does not always work but it at least gives you the sense of trying. Try it it's not expensive and it cures in sunlight so you don't even have to get the torch.

Reports

[Cape Vidal February 2014](#)



I was not a member back then but judging from the Bobbin the first Vidal Trip took place in October 1995 and was attended by 30 members! I must tell you that the chalets cost R85.00 per adult back then; camping was R18.00 per night and the entrance fee was R5.00 per person. It is now R110.00 to camp. R340.00 to stay in a cabin and the entrance fee is R40.00. That increase I don't have to tell you is considerably above the inflation rate. But what I can also tell you is that Graeme Neary has likely been on most if not all trips Vidal outings since that one nearly 20 years ago. Click [here](#) for his report on the February 2014 Vidal outing.

The report of that 20 year old trip still makes interesting reading. Click here for Allan O'Connor's [Complete Guide to Vidal](#).

Gordon's Fly Tying Courses

I reported last month on a series of courses Gordon is running but since then have had no expressions of interest. Can I take it that there is none or click [here](#) if you need a reminder.

Trout and Biodiversity

The war on trout is entering a new phase. Last year saw trout being listed as an invasive species across the entire country. This was done unlawfully with the result that the Department of Environmental Affairs went back to the drawing boards to craft another plan.

This plan was published for comment on 12 February 2014. As the notice says members of the public are invited to submit written comments to the Minister within 30 days. That is by no later than 14 March 2014. Comments must be e mailed to NSishuba@environment.gov.za

The new scheme is still fatally flawed both in its treatment of trout and invasive and alien species generally but if you can grade degrees of fatality and after working on this law, trust me you can, then it is less fatal than the last attempt. It is impossible to try and summarise all that is wrong here. The list runs to over 1000 species and we took over 40 pages to set out the problems affecting the two species of trout!

Funny I never knew there were a 500 plus invasive species in South Africa all actively engaged in robbing our children of their futures. That is science for you!

The problem in a nutshell is one of misalignment. What the scientists say is the problem does not align with what the law will allow to be a problem. What science says must be done also does not align with what the law says can be done. Add to that a healthy dose of the new religion of environmentalism and the stark reality that none of this is affordable, one begins to comprehend why this is still a mess some ten years and millions of rand later.

The solution is to work within the parameters of what you have got to achieve the best or put differently, least bad outcome rather than ignoring practicalities and pursuing what you can never hope to achieve because you think it is right. That is, to put it bluntly, wrong.

So FOSAF has prepared a response which I will be published on the DFT web site. Nick it starts with an executive summary so don't be put off by the fact it is a small book worse still one written by lawyers and about the law!

The FOSAF position is that trout are not invasive and should not be listed as such. Trout are however alien and should not be introduced into catchment areas where they do not already occur.

Members are encouraged to submit their own comments as this may well be one of the last chances we have to save what is a very substantial 125 year old industry that is worth billions of rands, brings much happiness and provides thousands of jobs often in communities where jobs are in short supply.

Club Stuff

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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Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
March	River and Dam on UHFFC Water	Underberg	Warren Prior	14 to 16 March Fully Booked
May	Bushmans	Snowflake	Ian Cox	16 to 18 May Booking Open

For Sale

If any club member would like advertise some fly tying kit for sale or is looking for said kit , please contact iancox@durbanflytyers.co.za



Graeme Neary is selling off a lot of extra fly tying material he has accumulated. He is also selling two float tubes for R500.00 each.

If you are interested

contact him at gneary@telkomsa.net or on 083 232 2837

Durban Fly Tyers Shirts

BLUE shirts & BLUE hat @ R200.00 for both
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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.
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