

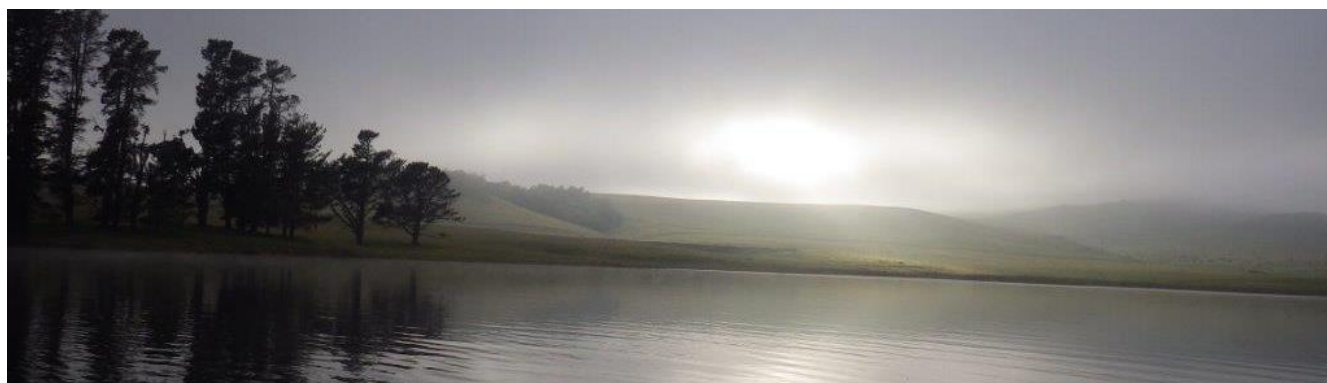
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Next Meeting	
Visitors and beginners are welcome.	
Date	2 March 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt Water
Tyer	Arno van Der Nest
Pattern	Generic baitfish on a #2/0 hook
Special Instructions	White thread

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

I never thought I would see this day, my first chirp as chairman so here goes. It was so good to see such a good turnout at the last meeting after seeing it dwindle for quite a while now.

We welcomed back some old members as well as one new one. A big thank you to Terry Andrews for tying the Mighty Mouse pattern for us. Hopefully some of the members will be successful with it.

I did mention at the last meeting quite a few items that we are looking to try out and hopefully beef our meets up a bit. So we will call it a work in progress.

I am aware of two outings that have taken place recently and hope you all enjoy the Sterkfontein article by Laurence Davies and I also put in one on a Cape Vidal trip.

Arno van der Nest, a very capable salt fly fisher will be tying for us at this meeting and hopefully will quietly impart some wisdom and secrets to us.

One area in our club that is very needy right now is to draw in younger members ie from school to varsity age and a bit older perhaps. We of course still need the ``old guard`` who seem to be the stable group over the years and hey someone needs to keep control. Having watched some of our youngsters who have done extremely well, show us new ways of tying, some very simple but oh so successful. We can only learn from them. These guys have had to sadly move along due to studies in faraway venues as well as time constraints, but hopefully we'll have them back someday .It would be great to see some new lady members as well.

Remember that this club belongs to us all, so we as committee welcome any ideas and/or advise from the members.



FROM THE EDITOR

It's a funny thing but a month does not get any longer when you change the day from which the month is to run. Of course the month of February is shorter than any other month so it in a blink of an eye that am again rushing around to produce the Bobbin.

This month's Bobbin is the first in what will hopefully be a series that where Gordon Van Der Spuy will impart some of his many fly tying tips. Gordon is rather good at tying flies, a point that was eloquently brought home to me when I saw his South African fly collection beautifully mounted in a frame made for this purpose by Steve Boshoff. The result was a work of art which is why it was hanging on the wall amongst all the other art at Sharland Urquart's exquisite Cape Town home.



The Bobbin also includes an article by Laurence on his first Sterkfontein experience. Ah that brings back memories! I will be there this weekend so his observations were carefully noted.

THE MARCH TIE



Graeme has just phoned me enthusing about the variety of and quality of Arnos fly boxes. He has been asked to bring a couple along. You can look guys but no more. Though I have no idea of what this pattern will actually look like, I am told that it has feathers hence the random choice of illustrations. I am also told that that the fly will work at Kosi where I am coincidentally going next month. Looks like a meeting that should not be missed!

IT'S A GIGGLE

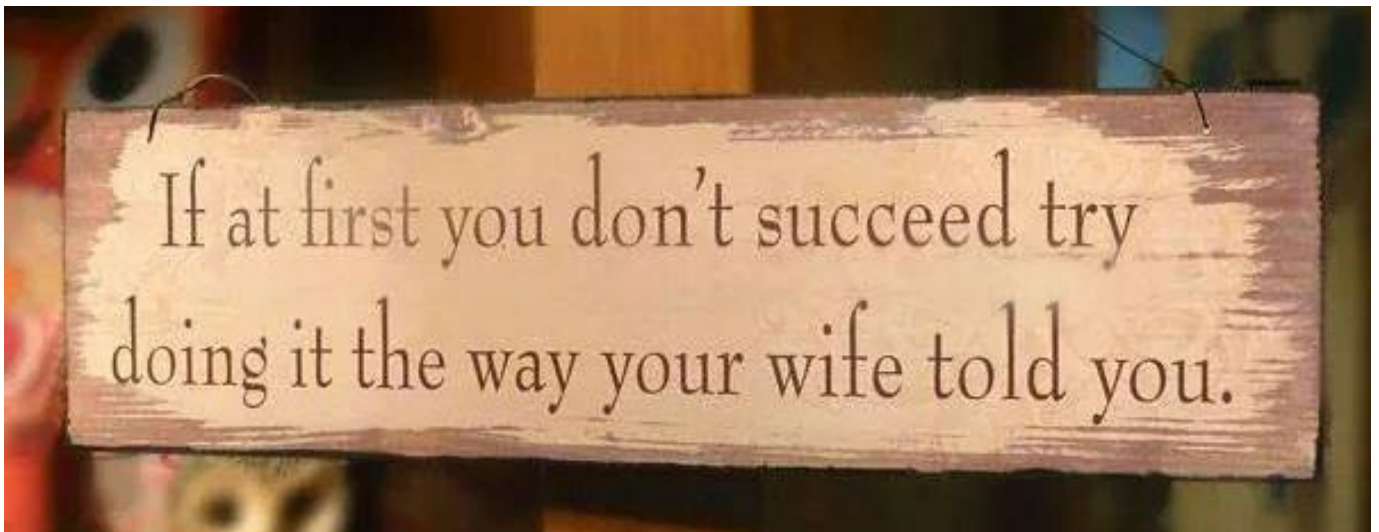
The lawyer says to the wealthy art collector tycoon: "I have some good news and, I have some bad news.

The tycoon replies: "I've had an awful day, let's hear the good news first.

The lawyer says: Your wife invested \$5,000 in two pictures today that she figures are worth a minimum of \$2 million.

The tycoon replies enthusiastically: Well done very good news indeed! You've just made my day; now what's the bad news?

The lawyer answers: The pictures are of you in bed with your secretary.



One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions - John Ashley-Cooper

How to wash a cat

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl...
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'.
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours Sincerely,

The Dog

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

[Tips from Gordon](#)

March 2015



These fly tying tips are taken from Gordon van Der Spuy's weekly e mail. Gordon is now supplying a range of top quality fly tying materials and barbless hooks. He can be contacted at gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com . He has kindly allowed the Bobbin to reproduce his tips [here](#).

REPORTS

[Neary at Vidal: Again](#)

by

Graeme Neary



When I phoned in early December for accommodation here all I could get was a Monday through to Wednesday slot due to a huge off shore marlin competition and a few others. This was not a problem as a trip here is normally good fun. My friend Bruce Conlon, an Australianised ex Durban boy was on his way home for a short break. One of his wishes was to go to Vidal for a few days as he hadn't been for 25 years. Another of our old fishing buddies was due to go with but had to stay home at the eleventh hour due to health problems. Click [here](#) for more.

ARTICLES

[Cape Vidal – February 2015](#)

By

Dave Shepherd

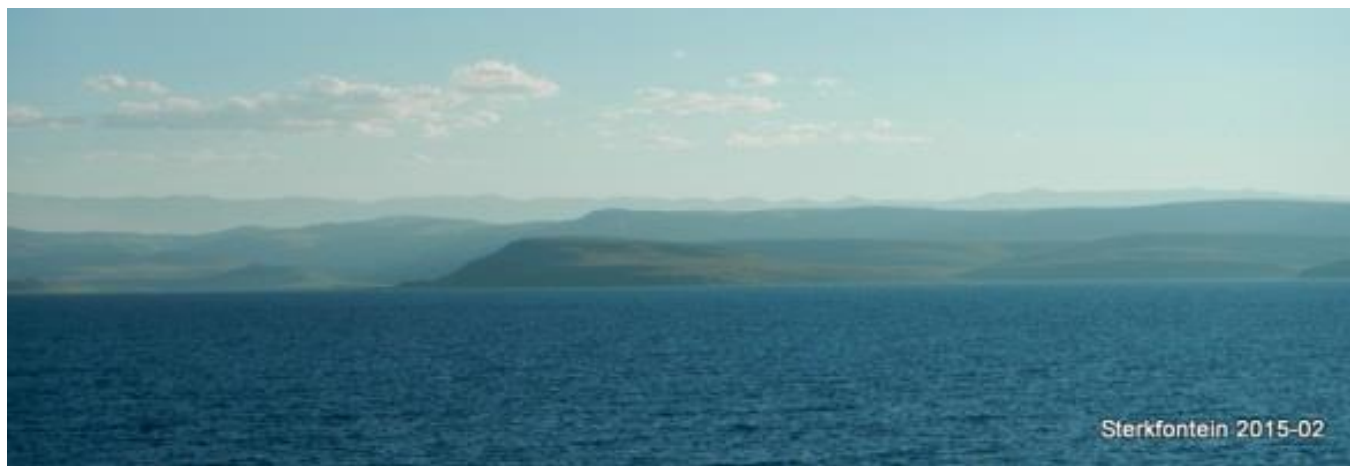


I was fortunate enough to get to spend a week at Cape Vidal during the 2nd week of February. Seven work colleagues and I made the trip up early on the Saturday morning. Upon arrival we found that the Fisherman's Cottage, near the entrance of the resort, had a serious plumbing problem and we were "upgraded" to two 8 sleeper log cabins down near the beach. Bonus! Click [here](#) for more.

OBSERVATIONS FROM A STERKIES VIRGIN

By

Laurence Davies



Picture by Jay

Over the years I have missed out on a number of invitations to fish for yellowfish at Sterkfontein Dam, so when I heard Jay mention to Peter Brigg that he had organised a trip to Sterkfontein, **and** that there was space available, I blurted out that I would love to join the group, as I had never been before. Peter declined because he would be away on the following weekend. The next day I sent a sms to Jay, reminding him that I was available. His response was "great, be at my place at 5h30 on Friday morning and we will pick up Steve Brooks on the way". Click [here](#) for more

In search of orange

By

Ian Cox

Anyone who fishes with will know that I have a predilection for fishing wet and that I go orange more often than not. In fact the more orange (reckoned in the vividity of the colour, not the quantity on your fly) the better in my book. For example I like the orange hot spot. - See <http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/friend-s-articles/item/469-the-hot-spot.html> . Click [here](#) for more.



In The Market

Testing a salt combo



Graeme Neary had the opportunity to try out his newly acquired 9 weight Stealth Infinity on the Vidal trip. Graeme writes:

Up to then I had fished Kingfisher Pygmy's in 6, 9 and 10 weights. They have served me very well but a change was required. It was also his 60th birthday. I was invited to cast a few different 9 weights about two years ago and really took a fancy to the Infinity. Not as stiff as the Pygmy 9 the cast is quite refined compared to the older technology. Once again at Vidal the easterly pumped loudly for the three days and I found that the Infinity punched a good cast into this. I rate this rod right up there with some of the more expensive rods that I have cast with. I also went shopping recently with some gift vouchers I received from some really good friends on my 60th. I took home an Explorer XPS S BONEFISH 8. This is a specialist salt water reel for 8/9 weight. It balances the outfit nicely and feels good. Unfortunately I wasn't able to test it against a fishy friend of any size but I trust this will soon happen.



Hardy's Closing Stock

Andy King mailed me a while back advising that he has some old Hardy stock he is closing out at

bargain prices. Here is the list. You can contact him at andy@conker.co.za if you are interested.

Zenith 8' # 4 – 7 in stock @ R 2,693.00
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Pro-Axis 9' # 7 - 2 @ R 3,304.00
Pro-Axis 9' # 12 - 1 @ R3,199
GRXI+ 9' # 10 - 1 @ R 864.00
GRXI+ 8' # 4 - 2 @ R768.00
XF2 Streamflex 8' # 4 - 4 @ R1,179.00
Streamflex 8'6" # 4 - 1 @ R 995.00
Streamflex 8' # 4 - 1 @ R 995.00
Streamlite reel 4/5 - 6 in stock @ R 804.00

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
17 to 19 April 2014	Bushmans	Snow Cottage	Ian Cox	Booking Open

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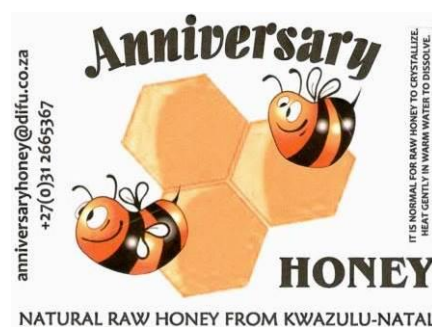


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Kingfisher	http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
South African Online Shops		
Frontier Fly Fishing	http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/	Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, 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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