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Next Meeting	
Visitors and beginners are welcome.	
Date	7 March 2016
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Daniel Factor
Pattern	Ant
Special Instructions	Bring olive thread.

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

A few reports have been doing the rounds recently that some areas inland have experienced some good rains. By all accounts the Midlands rivers seem to be better off than a few months back but not all dams are filling up. Experts say we can expect more rain in the coming weeks, so with the cooler weather on the way we can get few trips in before the rivers close.



Unfortunately our friend Billox has not been in a good place since his knee op .He has been taken back to hospital a few times due to infection setting in and had drains inserted each time. Bruce Curry and Jeremy Rochester have both been man down in hospital both having had very similar back surgery done .Both will be out of action for at least six weeks so if you have the time I'm sure they would appreciate a quick phone call. Our rate of exchange is still making our money look like toilet paper and therefore new product coming in increases in price all the time .Fortunately for retailers there are still folks with a fair bit of disposable cash under the bed .We have a client at the shop who recently spent just over R70K on tackle for a trip to the Seychelles. All we can hope is that he catches with it.

I recently went to East London for a few days and managed a few hours on two occasions at the Nahoon river mouth. Unfortunately no fish but was assured fishing has been quiet for a while. Possible catches would have been small kingies, springer and kob.

Look forward to see you at the meeting on 7th March.

FROM THE EDITOR

Oh gawd another Bobbin. It is Thursday afternoon and the tie is next week and I am only starting putting the Bobbin together now. I have been promised contributions from those lucky members who get to fish exotic locations we would all love to go to if our bucket list didn't involve staying solvent to the month end. I am not envious. Truly I am not. I just want to be able to put it in the Bobbin! (**Note** the delay in getting this out was occasioned in waiting for the excellent contribution of former club FL (fearless leader) Stelios Comninos. I am sure you will agree it was worth the wait.)

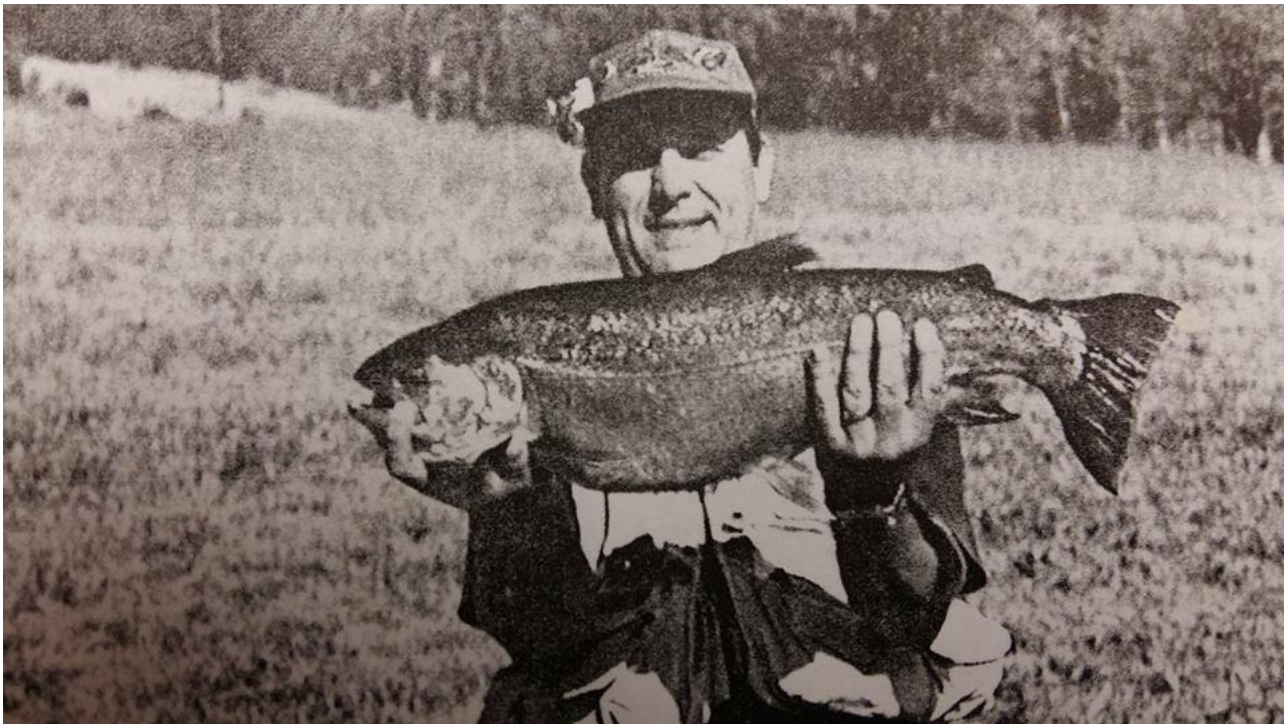


I can tell you that stuff is happening on the trout wars front but it a lot of it is very hush hush at the moment. Again I had hoped to have good news in this Bobbin but the wheels of government grind even slower than those of justice that is when they grind at all! That is not to say there is not some stuff. See the reports section.

I had also hoped to report on the two fishing trips I have done since the last Bobbin as well as the river clean up but caught next to buggar all on the two trips and could not clean rivers because I had to write a report for Trout SA and FOSAF on fishing surveys gone or going wrong. I can give you a short article on no fish and a short report on the unfolding debacle that is the recreational fishing survey.

Onto stuff that matters. As Graeme wrote, Billox is taking time to get better and Jeremy has taken his back out. Bruce has also had surgery. Billox we are all thinking of you. We want you back amongst us. Our fly tying evenings are somehow not the same without you. Bruce – not again. Vasbyt mate and get well soon. Jeremy - WTF- back trouble at your age! Bummer. I hope the operation went well and you will be out and about soon.

IT'S A GIGGLE



This is not a giggle but guess who is smiling!

fly tying The art of attaching feathers, fur, wool, and silk to a tiny hook to create artificial lures that imitate insects, a skill easily mastered by anyone who can peel a grape blindfolded with a pair of tweezers and a butter knife while wearing oven mitts.

An elderly, tough old Chelsea Pensioner once told a young female tourist that if she wanted to live a long life the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning.

She did this religiously and lived to the age of 101.

She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40 foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

Wife texts her handy husband on a cold winter morning: - "WINDOWS FROZEN ~ WON'T OPEN"...

Husband texts back: - "GENTLY POUR SOME LUKEWARM WATER OVER THE EDGES AND THEN TAP EDGES SHARPLY WITH HAMMER".....

Wife texts back 5 minutes later: - "LAPTOP REALLY BUGGERED NOW."

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Using hot glue to tie flies

<https://thefeatherbender.com/tag/melt-glue/>

Davie McPhail: Tying the Organza Nymph

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snMotVre6EU>

From the FFT Facebook page

<http://activeanglingnz.com/2016/03/01/understanding-flow-behaviour-in-rivers/>

<http://activeanglingnz.com/2016/02/14/demystifying-indicator-nymphing/>

<http://troutbitten.com/2016/02/03/the-mono-rig-and-why-fly-line-sucks/>

From Stelios on photographing flies

<http://www.flytying.ro/how-to-make-macro-photos-for-your-flies-part-1/>

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REPORTS

Kicking up a storm

By Ian Cox

FISHING SURVEY 2015 / VISVANG OPNAME 2015

Dear angler,

This project, funded by the South Africa Fishing Tackle Agents and Distributors and the Department of Trade and Industry will help us provide policy makers with information on the socio-economic importance of recreational fisheries. This research will provide evidence to support the feeling that recreational fishing is important to the South African economy. Similar research has led to the formal recognition of recreational fishing as a valuable industry in other countries such as Australia, the USA and Mexico and has had positive outcomes for recreational fishing interests. The research will also assist fisheries managers understand the consequences of changes to regulations and improve the planning and management of recreational fisheries.

We have several prizes "up for grabs" for those who complete the questionnaire. In order to qualify please supply your contact details at the end of the questionnaire.

Please make sure that your web browser is up-to-date as it might cause problems with completing the questionnaire. We recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

For questions email: Dr Warren Potts - w.potts@ru.ac.za

I tread warily into this topic aware that I have already stomped on a lot of toes and because I am involved in a process that is trying to fix the mess that I think is this survey. That said I have never believed in secrecy or in trying fudge what perhaps shouldn't be fudged so here goes. For [more](#) click here.

[Does the Aquaculture Bill affect trout fishing](#)

By Ian Cox

DRAFT AQUACULTURE BILL: PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) hereby invite interested and affected stakeholders to participate in the public consultations on the Draft Aquaculture Bill. The Draft Aquaculture Bill seeks to create an efficient regulatory regime for the aquaculture sector in order to create an enabling environment to promote aquaculture sector growth.

The objectives of the Aquaculture Bill are to promote responsible aquaculture development; promote the development and management of the South African aquaculture sector; promote coordination of aquaculture research and development activities; enable the aquaculture sector to be regulated more effectively, and to promote transformation of the sector.

The much awaited Aquaculture Bill has been published for comment. Representations must be in by the end of this month. But does the Bill affect trout fishing per se or does it merely apply to trout hatcheries. That is a bloody good question if I may so so myself. I don't think so but it could. Click [here](#) to read more.

ARTICLES

[Fishing the rivers of Patagonia in Argentina](#)

(December 2015)

By Stelios Comninos



After months of planning our fishing trip to Patagonia, we flew from Durban to Johannesburg to Sao Paulo and then to Buenos Aires for the first “wives diversion”. Our wives were keen to get going with their plans to run around Buenos Aires, do the tango and spend money on shoes and bags – “very good leather goods” there they said. However, due to unexplainable delays we were forced to stay the night in Sao Paulo and arrived in Buenos Aires a day later than planned and at the cost of forgoing the first night of our B&B there. (See more later about the unreliability of flight bookings for internal flights in South America!) Click [here](#) for more.

Chilling out while catching bugger all

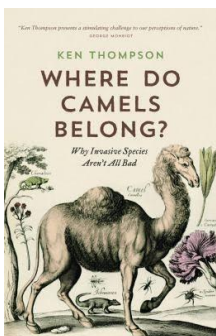
By Ian Cox



This is not a good start to a fly fishing article especially if you want your reader to click through and read more. May I lure you in by saying its short? Click [here](#) for more.

IN THE MARKET

Where do Camels belong?



I came buy this book via a circuitous route given how widely I have written and read up on subject of invasion biology and how many papers I have read that have been written by this author. It was referred to in an article written in the New York Times that Stelios' wife sent to Ilan Iax who then sent it to me.

This is a very readable account of why the idea that native species are superior to alien ones or why you should make the distinction at all is a load of rubbish. I could bang on for pages but if your interest is piqued read the article in the New York Times by clicking here.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/01/science/invasive-species.html?emc=edit_th_20160301&nl=todaysheadlines&nlid=51289173&r=0



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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“Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of Being and Nothingness. He says to the waitress, “I’d like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream.” The waitress replies, “I’m sorry, Monsieur, but we’re out of cream. How about with no milk?”

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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
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Leon Vermeulen	082 442 4846 / leon@wildbrowns.co.za	River
KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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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	
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