

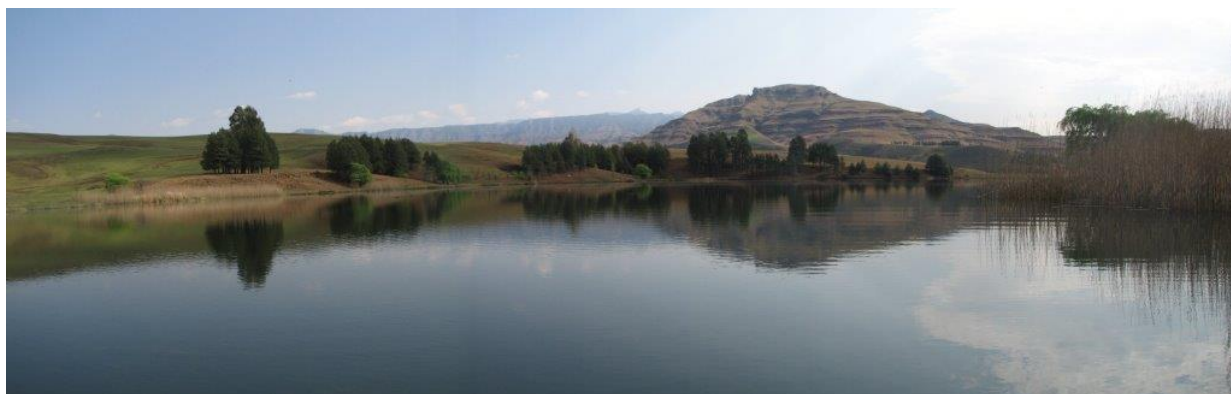
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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	May 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
AGM	Ian Cox will give a short presentation of the state of the NEM:BA fight

Combined Chirp

Strewth another year has come and gone and it is AGM time again. It has been a topsy turvy year for the DFT with Jay and Geoff bailing from the committee mid-year. But for all of that I think we have soldiered on reasonably well. This was not a year of great events or highlights but the things that matter have been well supported. The core of our club, the fly tying evenings remain well supported and Cape Vidal remains as popular as ever. That said the general appetite for fishing trips seems to have dropped off slightly but I think that is as much an indication of the rapidly increasing cost of living as anything else. The only good thing one can say about the official inflation rate is that it makes the most crooked politician appear honest by comparison.



A general election is nearly upon us but before that we have a much more important task and that is the election of the committee for the forthcoming year. And for the first time in many a year we go into that election without any one putting their hands up for the role of chairman and secretary. Neither are hugely time consuming jobs but both need energy and commitment. And that is what drives the success of the club. A chairman who is thinking of new things, keeping the good ship pointed in the right direction and ensuring that the club remains true to its ethos of being a fun place to be. The secretary is the guy who keeps things tidy who runs the fly tying evenings keeps score and ensures that someone remembers what is actually decided at committee meetings. Guys we need a couple of members to put their hands up. Maybe it's you?

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.
~Aesop, Greek slave & fable author.

It's A Giggle

One from John Warrick

Ethel was a bit of a demon in her scooter and loved to charge around the nursing home, taking corners on one wheel and getting up to maximum speed on the long corridors.

Because the poor woman was one sandwich short of a picnic the other residents tolerated her and some of them actually joined in.

One day Ethel was speeding up one corridor when a door opened and Kooky Clarence stepped out with his arm outstretched. 'STOP!', he shouted in a firm voice. 'Have you got a license for that thing?' Ethel fished around in her handbag and pulled out a Kit Kat wrapper and held it up to him. 'OK' he said and away Ethel sped down the hall.

As she took the corner near the TV lounge on one wheel, weird Harold popped out in front of her and shouted 'STOP! Have you proof of insurance?' Ethel dug into her handbag, pulled out a drink coaster and held it up to him. Harold nodded and said 'On your way, Ma'am.'

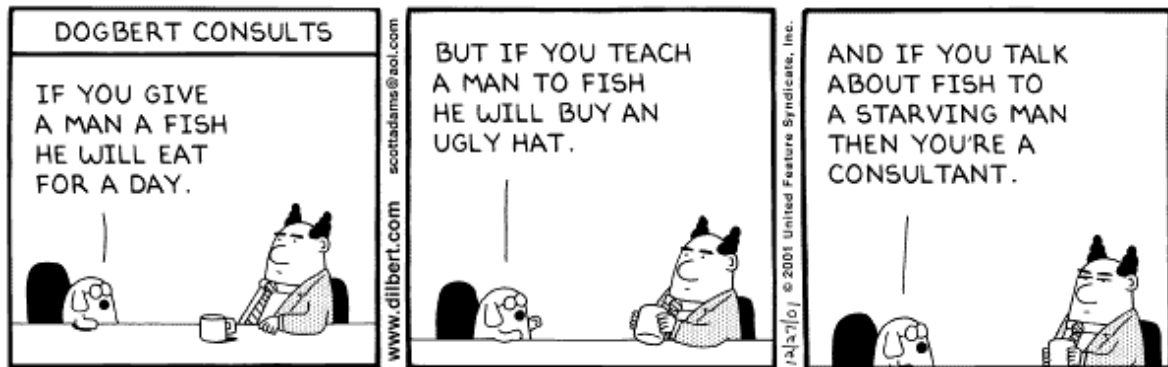
As Ethel neared the final corridor, Crazy Craig stepped out in front of her, Butt-Naked, and waving his dick around in his hand. 'Oh, good grief,' yelled Ethel, 'Not that Damn Breathalyser Test again.!!!'

I am reminded of a joke: What happens if a politician drowns in a river? That is pollution.
What happens if all of them drown? That is solution!!!
(Anonymous)

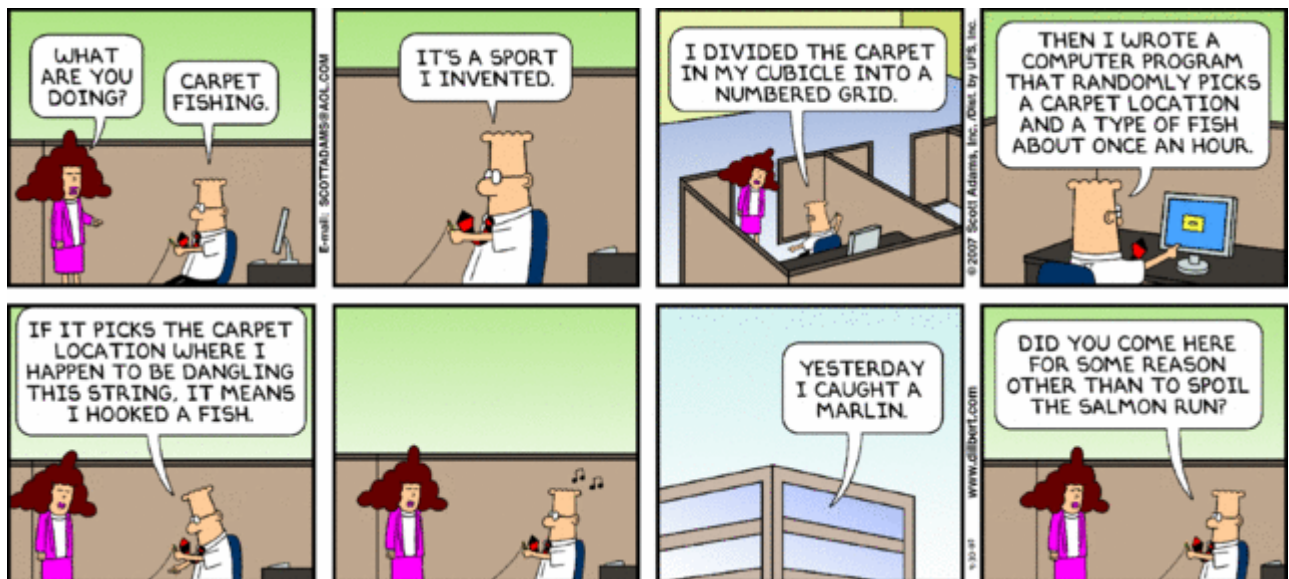
Of course I talk
to myself.



Sometimes
I need
expert
advice.



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Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

~Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Soviet politician

Fly Tying and Other Tips

A blast from the past.

At My Fly Tying Bench

by Jack Blackman

When dubbing the thread we have been taught to use various waxes, which are put onto the thread by stroking, this so often results in too much wax on the thread and even leaves small lumps.

I am currently using Overton's Wonder Wax, but any suitable dubbing wax will do. Holding the material to be dubbed between the finger and thumb of your left hand together with the bobbin in your palm.

Dab the forefinger of the right hand with a stroking movement on the wax. A little wax is left on your finger, pick a tiny amount of material and spin. As you spin, the wax leaves your finger onto the dubbing, exactly where you want it.

This works well for all dubbing, both synthetic and naturals, especially when using difficult to spin seals fur (if you still have some).

A tip from the late great Jack Blackman. (published in the Bobbin in August 1994) And by the by. Seal fur is now readily available though Antron does the job just as well. And you don't need to rush out and buy wax. Pritt does the job just fine.

How to get your girl hooked on fly fishing

By Montana Fly Girl

One great thing about the upsurge in female fly fishers is the new take on what has been a fairly male dominated activity. That's all changed. First there was Joan Wulf who rewrote the rule book. Then along came the likes of April Vokey. And now well there lots. A recent addition is Tracy more who blogs as [Montana Fly Girl](#). Here is her take on how to put a fly rod in the boss's hands and keep it there. I reproduce it in full as blogs are hard to find.

Okay boys, listen up. This one's for you.

Ya'll keep emailing me asking how to get your ladies to appreciate your love of fly fishing, and how to get her to love it like you do.

Short answer. She may never love it. She may never appreciate your love of it. She may be un-hookable. Like that fish that taunts you... the one you can never land. But there might be hope. I'm here to help.

This girl was me. Years ago, I would have never thought I would be obsessed with fly fishing. I would have bet money on it. Matt would always take me out on the raft and I would just sunbathe, eat sunflower seeds, and cast a few times just to shut him up. True story.

Then, his persistence paid off. Somehow, someday... it *finally* hit me. My husband and his stubbornness... finally used for good. ;)

So here are some tips for you guys out there. Get to work, be persistent, and do what I tell you... and you may be able to pull this off.

Also... 50% of the time, I may have no clue what I am talking about... so feel free to help and add your own tips in the comments section.

Top ten ways to get your girl hooked on fly fishing:

10. Start off small. Go somewhere close & start with a couple hours. None of this 6am to 9pm sh*t. She will be ruined. You want enough time to be able to teach her a few things, but do not give her time to be frustrated, get bored, or want to quit. Short and sweet here fellas.

9. Make sure the sun is shining. Check the weather, kids. Most girls are not big fans of being cold. We get grumpy, we don't want to move, and all we can think about is cuddling up with you on a couch by the fire watching our favorite girly movie while you sit there, rub our feet, and pretend you like it. This will change with time, don't worry. The more she loves fishing, the more okay she will be with fishing in colder weather. Because who cares how cold you are when you have a 26 inch rainbow trout in your hands?

8. Floating is better for the first time. If you have a boat, or can get one, do it. We are girls, we like to be pampered. Row for us, show us your muscles. Know what I'm saying? Don't make her work too hard the very first time or she might just hate it forever. I know. *Girls*. Relax... she'll learn to appreciate hiking and wade fishing later. Hopefully.

7. Buy her cute stuff. Seriously. Go shopping with her. Show her how excited you are to fish with her. Help her pick out a new hat, or a cute new jacket to wear. Don't buy her ugly polarized glasses, let her pick out cute ones herself... then she will actually wear them. The cuter she feels, the happier she will be. Plus, we just get happier when you let us buy stuff... or better yet, when *you* buy it for us.

6. Tell her that her ass looks amazing in those waders. Because we all know they don't. Waders suck for girls. We don't feel cute. I hated them so much for so long, and I still don't really love them, but Matt tells me that my butt looks amazing in waders, and I pretend he is telling the truth. Then I shake my butt and do a little happy dance and I'm all good.

5. Bring extra stuff, and double check. Another great trait that lots of us ladies share? We forget *everything*. We don't know what we need when we fish. Her cute new jacket? She left it in the garage while she was yelling at you for waking her up so early. Her glasses she just spent hours picking out? On the coffee table. Round it up for her. Double check that she has everything. Then bring more.

4. Encourage her. A lot. It gets me motivated when Matt tells me I am casting like a champ. "*Good Job!!*" and "*Yeah, girl!!*" goes a long way. Make her feel like she's not the big dummy she feels like. When she gets her fly caught in that tree for the 27th time... don't make fun of her. Then move her away from that tree, you idiot. Don't ever quit with the encouragement. *We need it*.

3. Don't force them to fish the whole time. Let her bring a book, even if it's that 50 shades of grey garbage. Bring her snacks, we love snacks. Let her watch you and be ever so impressed by your smooth casting skills. If she wants to take a break, let her.

2. Be patient. I don't really have to explain this one. Just don't be a dick.

1. Never give up. Never. Like I said, it took me years to appreciate fly fishing, then a few more years to really like it, then another year to LOVE it. She has to want it for herself. Just make it a fun experience for her. Teach her things in a kind way, make her feel good, make it a fun adventure, and keep at it.

After all this, when she finally likes it... save up for a trip. Take her somewhere awesome to fish. Matt took me to Alaska, and it changed *everything*. Seriously, it was amazing. I wasn't even that excited to go, then I

teared up coming home because I didn't want to leave. Alaska, BC, Bahamas, Costa Rica, Mexico... there are so many options! Either surprise her and have it all paid for so she can't say no, or plan it all out together because some girls hate surprises.

Sounds to me it may be easier to leave her at home. Editor

Articles

The song of the wandering Aengus

by: W.B. Yeats

I WENT out to the hazel wood,
Because a fire was in my head,
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,
And hooked a berry to a thread;

And when white moths were on the
wing,
And moth-like stars were flickering
out,
I dropped the berry in a stream
And caught a little silver trout.

When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire a-flame,
But something rustled on the floor,

And some one called me by my name:
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name and ran
And faded through the brightening air.

Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,
I will find out where she has gone,
And kiss her lips and take her hands;
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

Poets talk about "spots of time", but it is really the fishermen who experience eternity compressed into a moment. No one can tell what a spot of time is until suddenly the whole world is a fish and the fish is gone.
Norman Mclean

When I was younger, my family would go camping and fishing on our ranches. My dad loves being around all kinds of animals. He's the one who got me to be a really big animal lover.
Paris Hilton



Why trout?

By Ian Cox



Gordon Van der Spuy on the Crocodile River at Verlorenkloof

Why trout? Why is the Department of Environmental Affairs trying to get rid of trout? These are the questions that come up every time Trout SA or FOSAF talk about this issue. And the answer that is invariably given is that trout have become the victims of the zealots who occupy high office in the department.

Though environmentalism is a movement that boasts more than its fair share of zealots and while it is true that these hold sway at the DEA I don't think that one can say that this is the only reason why trout are being targeted. Though environmental zealotry is scary stuff, the most extreme espousing causes that are far to genocidal for comfort, even the they will tell you that trout rank pretty low on their list of environmental offenders. For more click [here](#).

Reports

Advanced fly tying workshop.



Gordon Van Der Spuy will be in KZN this month. The NNFC have booked him to run an advanced fly tyers workshop on 10 and 11 May. This will take place in Hilton and costs R1300.00 There are a couple of places still available. Contact Graeme Steart on 083 236 6235 if you are interested.

In The Market

Streamworks tippet dispenser



If you are anything like me you go through a lot of tippet material in a day's fishing. If you are not losing a triple nymph rig to some deeply submerged log where the big one must be lying, it's that overhanging branch you think you can beat or to be honest just plain carelessness. Now Xplorer make a cheap and easy tippet holder that works just fine that. But if your tippet gets away from itself and mine always does, you find yourself walking in a cloud of trailing nylon. Then there is the fact that the dedicated gear slut always wants more. This is where Streamworks nifty little dispenser kicks in. Sold by Frontier at R170.00 a box they are not cheap. But if you can't afford to be dressed by Simms, this may be the next best thing.

Cape Storm technical pants



These are simply the best fly fishing pants I have ever used or seen. There is nothing better. Period! First they are as tough as hell. Especially in places that count like the butt which is double or treble layered so no embarrassing moments when your pants inevitably encounter something rough. Second they dry very fast. In fact it has been years since I have taken a pair of waders onto a river. There hardly seems to be a point. Third are windproof to so none of that hypothermia by evaporation nonsense. They also breathe so you won't die of heatstroke. Fourth they are superbly comfortable. You can walk in these for hours with no chafing. Fifth they have big fly box size pockets that are just where you want them. They also look pretty cool if you want to do the SAS man of the moment thing at the mall. In fact they should be called goldilocks pants because they are just right. They cost about R800.00 but trust me they are worth every penny. You can get them at Outdoor Adventure Gear which is at shop 40 in the Glenwood Village Center. That is a cool shop to visit anyway if you like technical gear.

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
	AGM	Normal Monday Venue		
16 to 18 May	Bushmans	Snowflake	Ian Cox	Booking Open
	Ufudu Fair			

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

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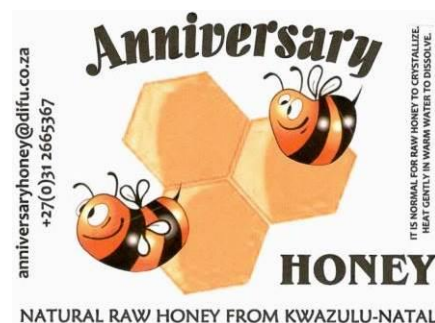


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South African Online Shops		
Frontier Fly Fishing	http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/	Situated at Coachman's Crossing, Centre, Peter Place, Bryanston, and Johannesburg.
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Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
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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
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