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Next Meeting

Monday 4 May is the AGM

Venue Westevill Library 7pm fpr

7.30

[click here for the agenda](#)

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

It was regrettable to have to call off last month's meeting with such short notice. I went to the library on the Thursday to arrange keys for the Monday only to be told that the library rooms are not available on public holidays and Sundays. They could not fit us in for another two weeks later which would take us too close to the next meeting hence the cancellation.

This month brings us to AGM time again. Some happy people enjoying awards and some not so happy receiving others. All will be revealed on the night. We have Sudesh Persad as our guest speaker this month. He is the original editor of the Bobbin which celebrates its 21st anniversary in June. Fly fishing became a passion for Sudesh, so much so that he started his own guiding company called ``BAMBA FLYFISHING``. I had the pleasure of fishing with Sudesh a good few years ago, but I will leave him to tell his story.

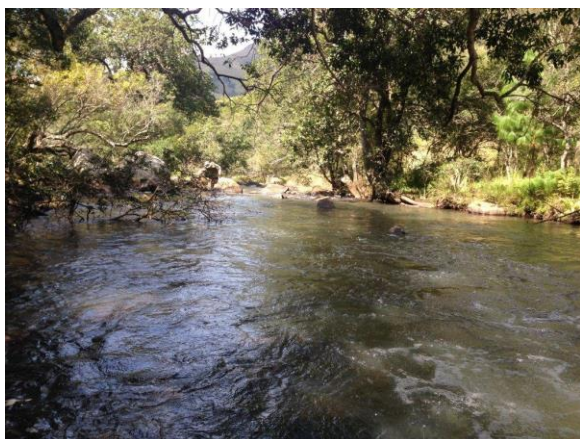


There have been no outings in the last month or so but I hope this will change once the new committee settles in.

It is strange how some folks have a morbid fear of AGMs. The feeling seems to be that if you attend you will be voted onto something. Not possible or legal. You have to be nominated and accept or offer your services willingly to the club. Please don't be intimidated. Let's have a good crowd, it is after all supposed to be fun. Remember that the refreshments are free of charge.

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sorry this is getting to you so late. (I seem to be saying that a lot lately.) April has been a month from hell though paradoxically I did enjoy two outstanding days on trout rivers. Both were on very private waters and both yielded superb fishing in very different ways. The first is why this Bobbin did get to you last week. I spent a superb day on the Umzimkulu where prospecting riffles delivered up a delightful bounty of 6 15 to 30cm beauties. The second trip which was on what has been a month of working to save trout was in Mpumalanga where my first 4 casts delivered 3 fish that between them topped 3kg. All on a Boshoff 2 weight bamboo. It was surreal. What made it i=even crazier was that I had left my nymph box at home so was fishing Wayne Stegen's taddy. All I can say is don't dismiss the idea of big flies on small streams!



IT'S A GIGGLE

Especially for Graeme- when I pluck up the courage I'll do a homage for Stelios

Terrorism High Alert Causing Me Problems

When I was at the checkout and ready to pay for my groceries the checkout chic said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note so I could complain to my local MP about this security rubbish, I did just as she had instructed.

After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors. I hate this getting older stuff.

WOMAN'S POEM:

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man who's not a creep,
One who's handsome, smart and strong.
One who loves to listen long,
One who thinks before he speaks,
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's rich and self-employed,
And when I spend, won't be annoyed.
Pull out my chair and hold my hand.
Massage my feet and help me stand.
Oh send a king to make me queen.
A man who loves to cook and clean.
I pray this man will love no other.
And relish visits with my mother.

A MAN'S POEM:

I pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac with
big tits who owns a bar on a golf course,
and loves to send me fishing and drinking. This
doesn't rhyme and I don't give a shit.

An elderly couple were at home watching TV.

Phil had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel.

Marg became more and more annoyed and finally said, "For god's sake, Phil... leave it on the porn channel... you know how to fish!"

The Irish prostitute

An Irish daughter had not been home for over five years. Upon her return, her Father cursed her heavily.

'Where have ye been all this time, child? Why did ye not write to us, not even a line? Why didn't ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old Mother thru?'

The girl, crying, replied, 'Sniff, sniff ... Dad ... I became a prostitute.'

'Ye what!? Get out a here, ye shameless harlot! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this Catholic family.'

'OK, Dad.. As ye wish. I only came back to give mum this luxurious fur coat, title deed to a ten bedroom mansion, plus a £5 million savings certificate. For me little brother, this gold Rolex. And for ye Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside plus a membership to the country club ... (takes a breath) ... And an invitation for ye all to spend New Year's Eve on board my new yacht in the Riviera.'

'What was it ye said ye had become?' says Dad.

Girl, crying again, 'A prostitute, Daddy! Sniff, sniff.'

'Oh! My Goodness! Ye scared me half to death, girl! I thought ye said a Protestant! Come here and give yer old Dad a hug!

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

On the Internet

By Stelios Comninos

Stelios is an interesting chap. When he is not touring the war zones of the world persuading former combatants to “play nicely” he goes fishing and when he is not doing that he is reading up about the fishing he is going to do. So when Stelios offered to share some of his “finds with me on a more regular basis I was quick to say thank you. Here are four. By the bye the photograph is photo shopped.

- [Fly line care](#)
- <http://globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/tying-with-cdc/>
- [USING CDC \(without Marc Petitjean’s expensive tools\)](#)
- <http://www.eflytyer.com/materials/feathers.html>



REPORTS

[Bushman’s River - Snow Flake Cottage 2015](#)

By Andrew Maher



The annual Bushman’s weekend has come and gone. Sadly I missed it this year but those who went had what has customarily been a superb weekend’s fishing. Andrew Maher tells us all about it. Click [here](#) for more.

ARTICLES

No articles have been forthcoming this month but since the next edition marks the 21st anniversary of the Bobbin I thought I would enclose this blast from the past. Click [here](#) for the late Jack Blackmans thoughts on fly retrieval.

IN THE MARKET

All about fly rods



Another gem from Stelios. A comprehensive database on the international rod brands. Click [here](#) for more.

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
TBA in June	Scalies	Umkomaas	I Cox	Booking Open

"We ... believe that a 12-inch trout caught on a dry fly is four inches longer than a 12-inch trout caught on a nymph or streamer."

John Gierach, *The View from Rat Lake* (1989)

FOR SALE

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

Durban Fly Tyers Shirts

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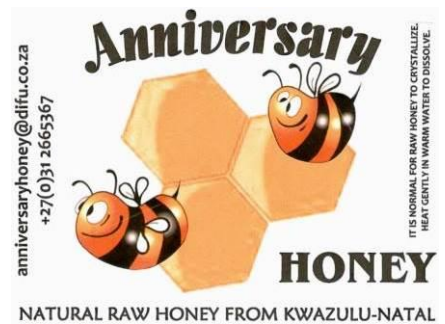


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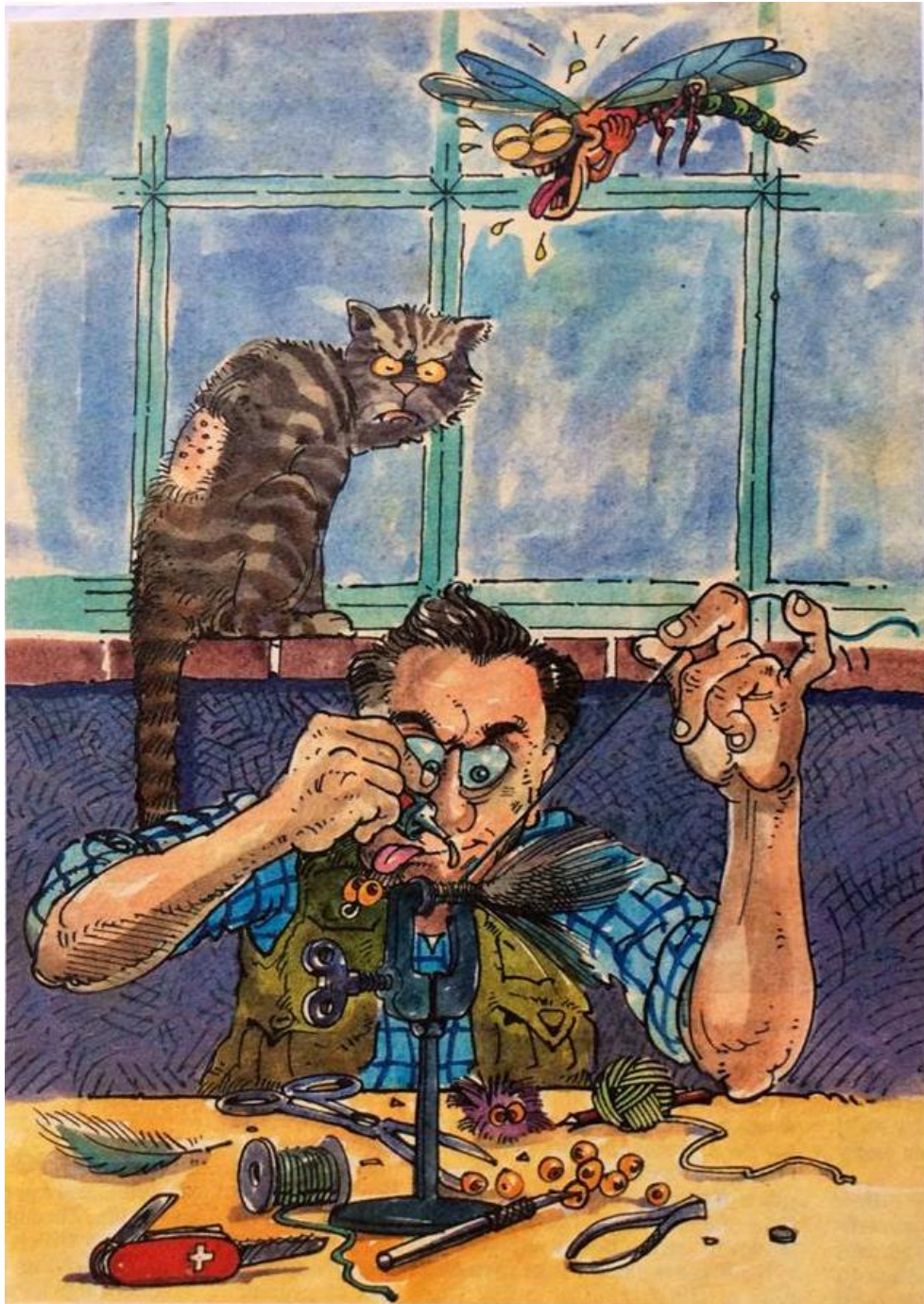
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Russell Henwood

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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
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Jan Korrubel	083 99 33 870 jlkorubel@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)
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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 Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	http://www.uhtfc.co.za/	
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