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Next Meeting	
Visitors and beginners are welcome.	
Date	9 May 2016
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Agm	Salt Water
Presentation	Terry Andrews on fisjing in New Zealand

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Another club year about to close. From a tying point of view we have had a great year again. A very closely run race for tyer of the year, and I think this will be the order of the day in the future.

As usual we don't have a tying evening in May but celebrate our AGM. Unfortunately Warren Prior is no longer available to do his presentation due to an unforeseen business trip. Fortunately at very short notice Terry Andrews has agreed to do a presentation on his recent trip to New Zealand. I'm sure this will be very interesting and enlightening.



Once again, when it comes to the AGM, I beg you all to make every effort to attend as it has always been a fun evening and remember that the refreshments are on the house.

Remember that you can't just be voted onto a committee, you have to be nominated and agree or make yourself available.

As normal there will be a slot in the proceedings for any items for discussion under GENERAL. Please consider any proposals in this section that can or will make this club more efficient, fun, interesting or if required better. As a committee we try our best but also need input from our members.

Look forward to see you all on 9th May.

FROM THE EDITOR

I will not be at the AGM. I will be in Pretoria dealing talking with environmental officials about where trout occur. The situation is a bit like a scrum just before the ball goes in. The boys from the DEA are heaving and hefting with every trick in the book but the trouble is they cannot play rugby. In fact I am reminded of a game Michaelhouse played against George Campbell. I heard one of the George Campbell players say afterwards, "man that was a kif fight". The fact that they lost eleventy million to nothing did not seem to bother them. So it seems with the Department of Environmental Affairs! We will deliver this ball over the line.



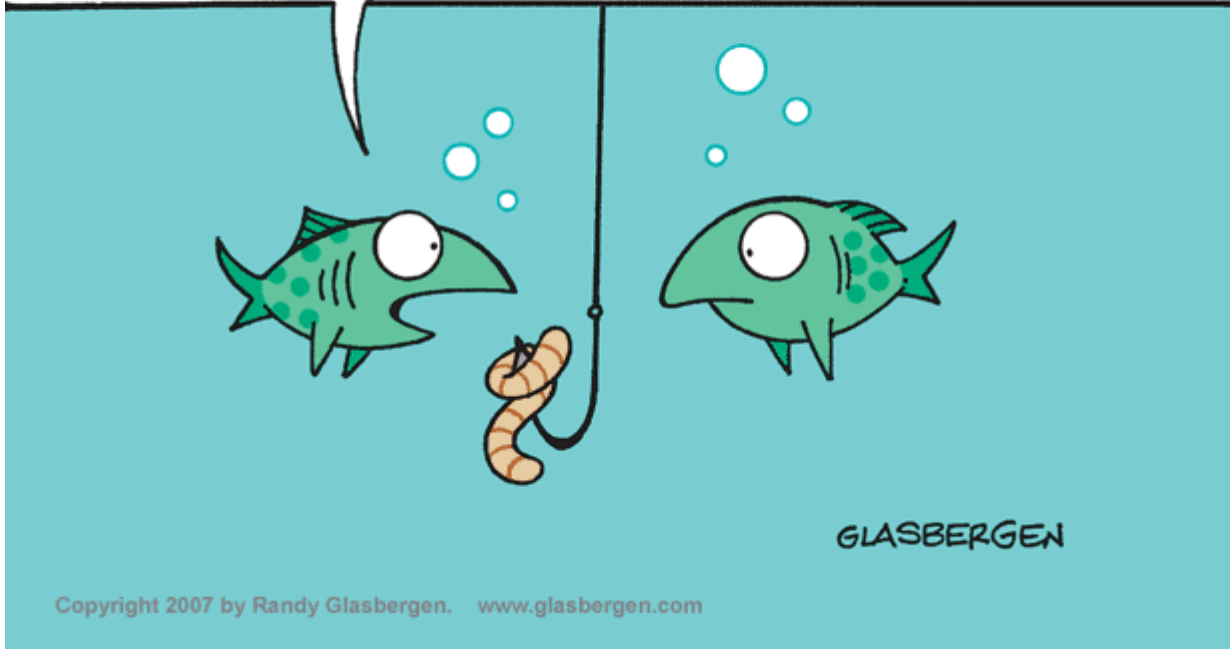
On a much happier note I actually got some fishing in. Andrew Mather and I spent a delightful weekend with Miles and Inge Divett which was preceded by wonderful day fishing with Karl Schmidt and Anton Smith. This last Sunday past was spent on Highmoor again with Karl but this time accompanied by Wayne Stegen and Wonder Women, the extraordinary Roxanne. The trouble is only one day actually resulted in fish. I blanked as we all did on the Ngwakwane and I was the only blanke at Highmoor.

It was my fault. You fish Highmore slow, really slow. It helps to fall asleep. In fact I have been caught by fish while asleep. Trouble is I was on a float tube and I cannot keep still sitting on a float tube. I have to paddle about which is a problem when the rule is you snooze you win!

You know what. It does not matter. A day with friends on the water with at least the hope of fish is often enough.

IT'S A GIGGLE

I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING ONLINE,
BUT I HEARD IT CAN BE DANGEROUS!



Jane and Arlene are outside their nursing home, having a drink and a smoke, when it starts to rain. Jane pulls out a condom, cuts off the end, puts it over her cigarette, and continues smoking.

Arlene: What in the hell is that?

Jane: A condom. This way my cigarette doesn't get wet.

Arlene: Where did you get it?

Jane: You can get them at any pharmacy.

The next day, Arlene hobbles herself into the local pharmacy and announces to the pharmacist that she wants a box of condoms.

The pharmacist, obviously embarrassed, looks at her kind of strangely (she is, after all, over 80 years of age), but very delicately asks what size, texture, brand of condom she prefers.

'Doesn't matter Sonny, as long as it fits on a Camel.'

The pharmacist fainted.

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

More on Dubbing

<https://thelimpcobra.com/2013/01/08/fly-tying-2/>

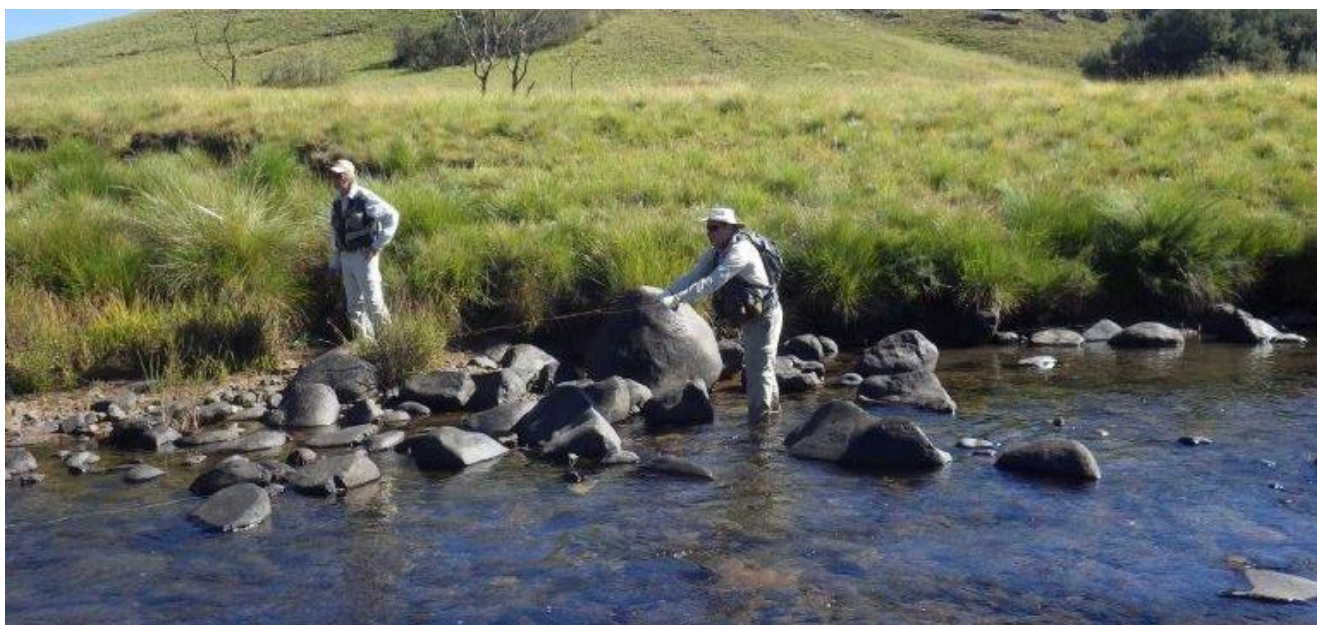
More on Organza

<http://eat-sleep-fish.co.uk/content/2014/09/get-your-ojo-working>

REPORTS

New stuff coming in

Some good news of a more general nature. I bumped into Jeremy Rochester the other day who tells me that a big Wapsi order is in the offing. Neil also says that he has placed a big order with Fishient. So perhaps the fly tying shelves won't be so bare any more. The lack of stock is the result of a volatile rand with importers naturally reluctant to place orders with the currency all over the place. It has now stabilised around rotten to awful which makes placing an order less of the gamble it was. Don't expect prices to come down though!



ARTICLES

Man Caves

By

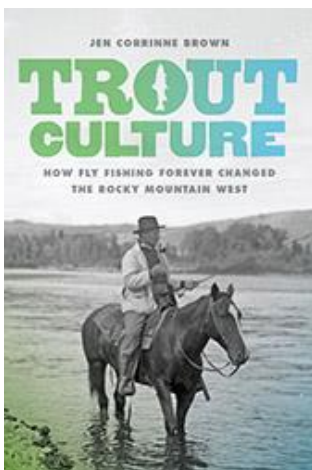
Ian Cox



I draw inspiration for this article from Tom Sutcliffe who of 60 or so years a fly fisher, fly tyer, author and artist has just taken up occupation in his first man cave. (See his April 2016 newsletter for details). It made me wonder how many of the fly tying community can boast a man cave of any sort at all? Click [here](#) for more.

IN THE MARKET

Trout Culture



I came across this by accident. I have just got a trolling motor for my float tube (see next issue) and having a tendency to “throw a hand grenade into the conversation” outed myself on Facebook. Malcom Draper who a learned man referred to what he is called trout culture which of course provoked the response wot culture which caused him to cite this book as his source. I went off and bought it.

The book is subtitled *How Fly Fishing Forever Changed the Rocky Mountain West* which makes the reference to culture all the more perplexing. After all that famous Irish sportsman (of the bed chamber) Oscar Wilde famously remarked that *America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without knowing civilization*. Doubtless he had the Rocky Mountain West in mind so again I ask wot culture. Turns out the reference to culture is a figure of speech employed by

academics, (the author in this case is an associate professor at a Texan university) to sell books. I believe the literary term is that it is an oxymoron or paradox.

That said the book is an interesting take on the growth of trout fishing in the west and the role the introduction of stocked fish played in this regard. The book readable and interesting in its detail but less so in its analysis which tends to try draw politically correct conclusions from an over simplification of history. Stevie Brooks will be interested to learn that course fishing traditions in his part of the world were all but wiped out by the toff's pursuit of trout. It is of course utter rubbish. In Steve's part of the UK one went fishing. Trout were a target species like any other fish and the fishing was likely as not of the course variety. He tells me it had been so for centuries. Steve's part of the UK is where Arthur Cotton of Compleat Angler famed fished. So the author's idea of a trout culture and trout as an imperial fish is a bit overblown.

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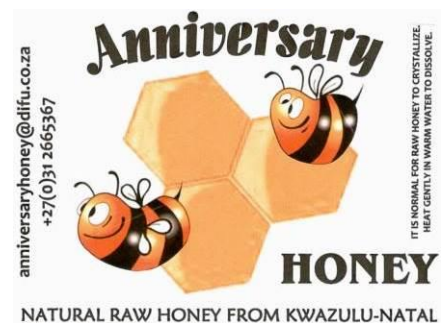


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