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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	8 May 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
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CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

I must start by apologising for the sparse nature of this Bobbin and for getting it out a week late. The brain has been over engaged sorting out knotty problems of a legal nature this last month. Apart from a lack of time I have also run out of inspiration on matters non legal. Clearly I need to fish more!

Happily my dry spell does not mean that the world has stood still. Stuff is happening in the world of fishing which I need to either tell you or remind you about. No. This does not mean another article about NEMBA!



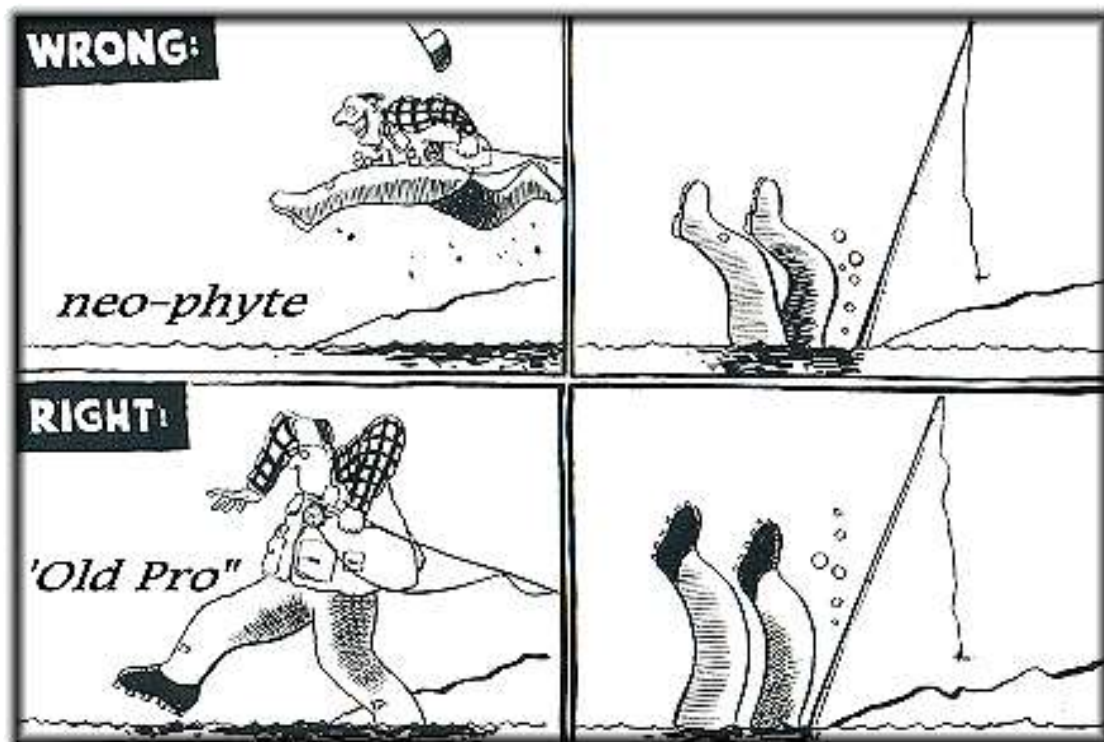
First up is the AGM. It is on Monday so no tying. I deal with it again under ["Club stuff"](#). This is largely a repeat from last month.

Thank you to those who pointed out that tyers is misspelt in the proposed logo. I was not the one! The one is more highly qualified than me. Go figure!

I have just put together the stuff that will be on sale at the AGM. More details are available in the section ["In the market"](#).

Great news the demo with Petijean and Moreno is on. It will be a joint gig with the Pmb Fly Tyers Guild and NFFC. The date is 20 June 2017 and the venue will be somewhere in Hillcrest. Ideas regarding the specific venue will be gratefully received. I deal with this in more detail in the updated article ["Press Alert"](#)

IT'S A GIGGLE





FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool Flies

This is a selection of the coolest flies supplied by master tyer and fly designer, Alan Hobson. For those that do not know Alan owns the anger and antelope guest house and runs fly fishing in Somerset East. I wrote about this in the [February Bobbin](#).



"I might be wrong, but I doubt it." ~Charles Barkley

From the web

- An article by Jeremy Rochester – [The infallible trout fly](#)
- More on hurting fish. [The truth about leaving a fishing lure in a fish's mouth](#)
- Warren Prior writes on [his return to Grantchester](#)
- From Orvis [Untangling knots in your leader.](#)
- [Are fast action rods really better?](#) – Don't be silly!

IN THE MARKET

The AGM material sale



We will have a selection of threads, holographic eyes, tinsels and chenille on sale at prices way below what you will get anywhere. You will however be required to buy bulk lots so your spend will range between R75.00 and R150.00 per lot depending on what you buy. Prices are at cost with a small margin added (about R30.00 a lot which will go to club funds. This is what is on offer.

1. 300D Thread pack of 6 assorted colours R100.00
2. 240 D Thread pack of 6 assorted colours R100.00
3. Tinsel pack 3 spools R75.00 per pack
4. Red holographic eyes – 200 plus eyes small and medium R150.00.
5. Yellow holographic eyes – 200 plus eyes small and medium R150.00.
6. Chenille pack of 7 assorted colours R100.00.

The NFFC Gala Dinner



You should book for this if you have not already done so. It is being held at the Victoria club in Pietermaritzburg on 6 May 2017. Tickets are R400.00 a head.

Tom Sutcliffe is the guest speaker and Gordon Van Der Spuy will be master of ceremonies. It is a fundraiser a lot of amazing stuff will be auctioned.

It is a bit of a misnomer to call it a gala dinner. Gala day would be closer to the truth.

This is a taste of what is on offer

Cost of the ticket includes:

- Saturday morning fishing (6th May) on a NFFC Water. Meet in Nottingham Road, for dam allocation, map and introduction to the Midlands. If this is of interest please contact Anton Smith (082 805 4962)
- Saturday morning (6th May) guided 7.5km walk along the recently cleared section of the Umgeni River, suitable

for non-fishing spouses, kids, and fishermen alike. Meet at Il Postino in the Dargle and return after the walk, for pizza lunch. (Pizza not included). If this is of interest please contact Andrew Fowler (082 57 44 262)

- Wine tasting
- Luxury 3 course dinner and a generous surprise gift at each and every table setting.

This is all for a good cause as the funds will be applied towards the excellent NFFC river rehabilitation and clearing program. Click [here](#) for more.

The 2017 Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo

The 2017 Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is taking place at Toadbury hall in Gauteng on the weekend of 24 and 25 June. It should be a blast if [last year's expo in the Western Cape](#) was anything to go by. See the video at <https://youtu.be/IVBCznMbgaU>.

Here is a titbit of what organiser Gordon Van Der Spuy has to say about this year's expo.

I'm excited. I look at the line up and I can't believe these talented dudes actually agreed to be part of this thing. It's crazy really.

"We have workshops by Tom Sutcliffe and Peter Brigg (small streams), MC Coetzer (Euro nymphing and Grunter), Herman Botes (hatches of the Vaal), Garth Wellman (Largemouth yellowfish), Terry Babich (Carp and Barbel), Keith Clover (Tigerfish), Tim Rolston (Casting) and Rob van Rensburg (Stillwater trout).

Moreno Borriero will also be attending this year's event. Moreno is one of Italy's top Bamboo rod builders and will be exhibiting his stuff alongside our very own Stephen Boshoff.

We felt the need to bring in some International blood just to spice things up. We need to share what we have here with the rest of the world too. We are part of an International fly fishing community. The sooner we 'kop' that concept, the better! The world is a small place. This [Expo](#) has the potential to become a recognised event on the International Fly fishing calendar. That would be good for South African fly fishing in general."

Click [here](#) for more detail on this years expo.

A promotional poster for the 'FLY FISHING + FLY TYING EXPO'. The main title is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, in green, is 'TWO DAYS DEDICATED TO ALL THINGS ... FLY FISHING'. The dates 'JUNE 24th + 25th 2017' are prominently displayed in yellow and green. Contact information includes 'email: info@ffftexpo.co.za' and 'web: www.fffftexpo.co.za'. Ticket prices are listed as 'R150 pp Adults', 'R 50 pp 18-12', and 'under 12 FREE'. The location 'JHB' (Johannesburg) is shown with a skyline silhouette. Logos for 'TOURETTE FISHING', 'AFRICA'S ORIGINAL FLYFISHING MAGAZINE', and 'TOADBURY HALL COUNTRY HOTEL Lanseria' are at the bottom.

CLUB STUFF

Notice for the 2017 AGM

The AGM meeting will take place the following Monday viz - **8 May 2017** instead. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct the AGM. Click [here](#) for the formal notice of that AGM.

We will be selling off a selection of eyes, threads and other stuff at the AGM at very reasonable prices.

Possible change of the club logo



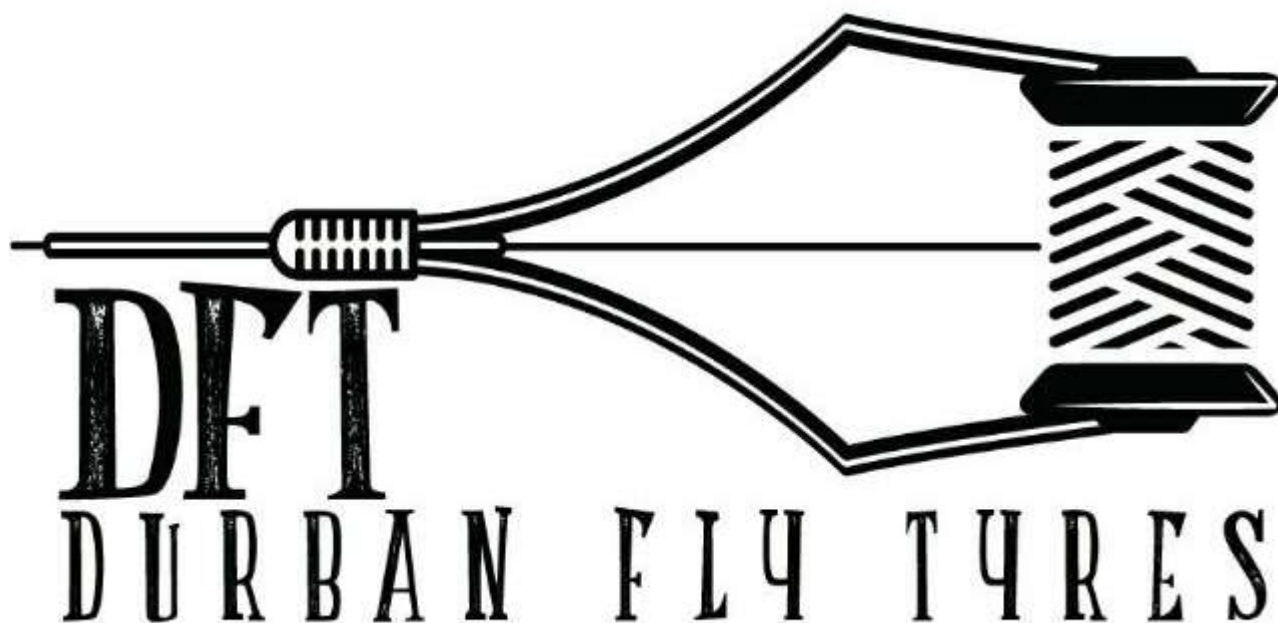
There has been talk in the committee about updating the club logo. Two logos are used at the moment, the one that appears on the front of this Bobbin and the club badge. For those who do not remember what the badge looks like, it is depicted on the left.

Both were designed by Kevin Cole and Terry Andrews when the club was founded. Terry suggests that an update is needed.

We have chatted about it on the committee and the idea is and the idea is to lose the badge altogether and to replace the logo with the one depicted on the next page. The idea behind a simple black on white logo is to make printing cheaper and easier while maintain a bold effect.

The spelling mistake in the Logo has been noted and will be corrected.

This will be discussed at the AGM.



"Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout."

Press Alert

The Tying Demo with Petijean and Moreno is on.



[Marc Petijean](#) and [Moreno Borriero](#) are well known names in fly fishing circles. Marc Petijean is famous from his tools and for popularising Cdc as a fly tying material. Moreno, who is South African born, is respected in bamboo rod building circles and is a successful Italian fly fishing guide and fly tyer. Both (well Petijean still has to finally confirm) will be coming to the 2017 Fly Fishing expo. Both will also be coming to Durban in the week before the

expo. We have arranged for them to do a demonstration at the club while in Durban. This will entail moving the July meeting to 20 June. I will make more details available as they become available.

General club stuff

Subs for 2016/17 are overdue.

The subs are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R200
Junior Member	R100
Family Member	R200 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member.

No cash deposits. Cash will only be accepted by Dave Smith at meetings of the DFT. All other payment to be made by eft into the club bank account.

Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Westville

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Account Number: 053 189 647

Please advise e mail Dave Smith smiffam@absamail.co.za proof of payment stating the type of members and the member(s) names.

"The man who coined the phrase "Money can't buy happiness", never bought himself a good fly rod!"

~Reg Baird

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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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
KZN Fly Fishing Guides		
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)
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
KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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Jeremy Rochester	083 607 6100	
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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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Durban	http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865	