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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	7 May 2018
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	AGM No Tie (as in flytying: Not the thing wage slaves wrap around their necks)

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

The AGM and re-election of committee members has come around again. It was just the other day...or so it feels.

A good friend of mine was reflecting back on this past river season and how good it has been. With the drought we lost quite a few fish but the older fish seemed to have survived. These were the main catches on my trips out this season. I think I mentioned this before but 4 out of 5 of the Zippermouth Creek lads caught their personal best this season.



Things have changed as the spawn this season has been a good one and there are lots of young fish in our rivers now. Reports this weekend yield some 2"-4" fish which must have spawned in Jan of this year. This is probably unusual but overall is good for the rivers.

The issue of listing trout as "Invasive" continues to grind on in the background. Ian Cox must get a special mention for all his efforts in raising issues with government and also the constant updates of the issues on social media. Desperate times call for desperate measures and so it is only a matter of time before FOSAF lodges papers in the High Court over these issues. This is the time we all need to support FOSAF in this endeavor.

FROM THE EDITOR

A month has come and gone in a blur. It has been a busy one in every respect. I even got some decent fishing done.

I have also been reading the fly fishing magazines coming out of the UK with a great deal of interest of late. They have changed notably over the last few years in that they deal increasingly with environmental matters especially around river health, river resilience and fishing sustainability. These are matters of equal importance to fishing in this country. We have been protected in KZN because of the close relationship that has been fostered for nearly a century between riparian owners and trout fishing clubs.



The foundation of this relationship was laid down by Sherry Sutton nearly 100 years ago. He was KZN's first freshwater fisheries officer and the son of the former Prime Minister of Natal. He craftily suggested the public should be allowed access to all riverbanks, as is the case in the UK so that anglers could enjoy the fishing bounty that is KZN's rivers. This provoked an outcry amongst riparian owners who agreed to allow angling clubs self-regulated access instead.

These are the foundations upon which is built the access that clubs like the NFFC enjoy today. It is a happy partnership that needs to grow to include responsible stewardship of rivers and our fresh water fishing resource. The work done in this regard by the NFFC and Andrew Fowler in particular is an important step in this direction.

Supporting programs like [the "From sea to source" project](#) is also a step in the right direction. The online free publication From Sea to Source is worth a read. It is an international study of the state of freshwater fisheries. South African scientists principally from UKZN, Rhodes and SAIB are well represented. Interestingly dams are described as the major threat to the fishery rather than the trout DEA complains about.

MONTHLY TIE

A Caddis with SAV-vy

By Andrew Savides



MATERIALS:

1. **Hook** – chose a hook with a good keel. A Gamakatsu B10U/B in size 14 was used for this tie
2. **Thread** – white thread but pack marker pens in case you want to change the colour
3. **Body** – CDC feather colour of your choice.
4. **Wing** – fine deer hair with good tips

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wrap thread down close to where you want the abdomen to start
2. Prepare CDC feather. Stroke fibres back towards tip of feather. Tie in tip of CDC using a locking wrap. Locking wrap is straight after a wrap over the CDC place a wrap under the CDC (on hook only) followed by a wrap over the feather and hook. This locks the feather in and it won't slip.
3. Wrap the CDC feather up the hook shank towards the eye. Allow the loose CDC fibres to fan out around hook shank. Don't worry about length of these yet. Tie off near hook eye.
4. Take a bunch of fine deer hair and stack these. Quality of deer hair is everything in this fly. Not only does it give a great wing termination but it also provides the buoyancy of the fly.
5. Offer up the stacked deer hair to the hook. One must be able to see the abdomen through the deer hair. Calculate length so that the deer hair wing is just longer than hook bend. Or any other length you prefer. The wings of the naturals are usually much longer than what is generally tied.
6. The deer hair length is critical as you want to create a ball shaped head straight off. Before tying down the deer hair we need to understand the purpose of the ball shaped head. A neat compact well shaped head will keep the fly floating for hours. A lot of people try to cut it afterwards but this doesn't work out well.
7. Ready to set the deer hair in place. Place deer hair on shank in correct place. Place one wrap over deer hair allowing it to grab but don't tighten up. Place second wrap over first and then set into deer hair by gently tighten up so that the ends of the deer hair form a perfect ball. YOU DO NOT NEED MORE THAN TWO WRAPS TO LOCK IN THE DEERHAIR.
8. Place another wrap over hook shank and pull back under deer hair head. Tie off on bare hook against eye. Colour any thread if required. Place a smidgen of superglue on wraps under head for insurance.

IT'S A GIGGLE



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FOSAF NEWS

FOSAF had its AGM last month I hope to report on it next month.

- Fly of the month
 - [Bloodworm Larva](#)
- Trout Wars
 - [Ed Herbst on the war on Trout](#)
- Yellowfish working group
 - [April Newsletter](#)
- Fly Fishing Report
 - [Tony Kietzman on the waters at Rhodes](#)
- Club Newsletters
 - [Port Elizabeth Fly Tyers Guild March 2018](#)
 - [South Coast Fly Anglers April 2018](#)

ORIGINAL TIES OF ICONIC FLIES

[Harry Stewart: The Millionaire Taddy](#)



This is a new section. Peter Brigg collects iconic flies tied by the person who invented them often according to the original pattern. The source of this iconic fly is [Tom Sutcliffe's web site](#) and Ed Herbst's splendid article on Harry Stewart and his Millionaire Taddy. Click [here](#) for Ed's article.

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool flies



The pineapple emerger

Those who do Facebook will know of Thomas Roos and his impossible to tie micro pattern called the pineapple emerger. Now Thomas is not South African but with a name like Roos he could be. He is a pro or semi pro tyer who hails from Alfta which Google tells me is in Sweden. And to say he ties them small is like accusing the Trumpster of fibbing sometimes. If you want some idea of the level difficulty of what he does check out Fly Tying South Africa where you will find comments from of South Africa's top tyers who have tried to follow in his footsteps attesting to the fact that they have not only failed but failed miserably. ENJOY



From the web

The magazine website Issue has some cool free stuff. Check out

- [Flyfishing SA](#)
- [The Mission Fly Fishing Magazine online](#)
- [Peter Gathercoles Fly Tying Bible](#)

REPORTS

Trout wars May 2018

By Ian Cox

It has been even a busier month than the busy month that was March.

This month we (as in FOSAF the Consortium and I):

- made written submissions to Parliament's Portfolio Committee for the Environment
- Appeared before the Portfolio Committee and presented on those representations

But the big news is that The Minister of Environmental Affairs has written to the Consortium saying that she is not going ahead, at least for now, with the proposed listing of trout and a number of other species as invasive. She says that she will publish a further notice "in due course" giving the public more time to make representations.



Her letter dated [30 April 2018](#) was written in response to [the letter of demand](#) addressed by a Consortium of interested and affected parties. It is a rather churlish letter in my view that seeks to defend what has been the unconscionable conduct of her department by simply pretending that nothing untoward happened. But she cannot deny the fact that this is a climb down that impacts materially not only on what she can now do but also on the legality of what she has already done. Click [here](#) for more

ARTICLES

Those trout were too cunning for me

By J H (Joe Yates) Yates

Copied from Veld and Vlei April 1957

This article intrigued me not just because it was one of a number written in response to an article which suggested that New Zealand was a better trout fishing destination than South Africa. Yes the talk of big fish resonated given the spectacular season we have just had but what really got me interested is the venue. The Waterval River that Yates writes about now called the Lisbon River. It is situated just outside Graskop and is a stone's throw away from Gods Window. What's more there is accommodation available on the river at the Lisbon Hideaway. I wonder if it still fishes as Yates described it some 60 years ago. Click [here](#) for more.

CLUB STUFF

General club stuff

The AGM will be held at the Westville library in Room G1 at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 May 2018. Notices have been sent to members by e mail.

For those who have not paid Subs are **OVERDUE** and are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R220
Junior Member	R120
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Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Westville

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Account Number: 053 189 647

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

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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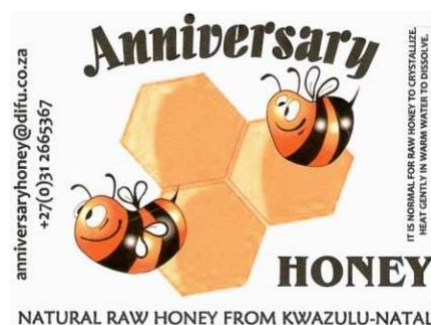


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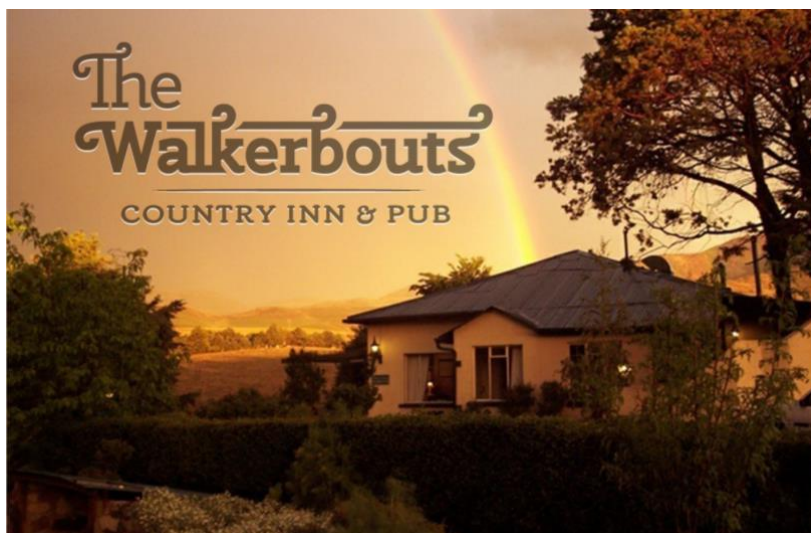
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Name	Address	Comments
Durban Shops That stock Fly Tying Material		
The Complete Angler	Shop 1 6 Village Rd Kloof,3610 Tel 031 764 1488	Superb freshwater selection of fly tying materials. Salty stuff too
Kingfisher	http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php	A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt.
The Fish Eagle	105 Victoria Rd Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal https://www.facebook.com/THEFISHEAGLE/	Jan Korrubel runs this shop. Say no more!!!
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
Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
The African Fly Fisher	http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/	Morne Bayman's shop
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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.		
Graham McCall	079 303 3735	
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The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	http://www.uhtfc.co.za/	
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