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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

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| Date | 3 November 2013 |
| Venue | Room G1 Westville Library |
| Time | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| Tie | Fresh |
| Tyer | Keith Falconer |
| Pattern | Buzer |
| Special Instructions | Kieth will demonstrate the new range of Hens products coming to Durban soon |

The Chairman's Chirp

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to Ian for tying his Miley Cyrus for us last month. Congratulations to Neill Scott winning the senior tie last meeting and Christian our junior winner. I never managed to get a line wet this month but hope to put it to the test soon.

When I joined DFT in 2002 little did I know what effect Fly Tying would have on my life. The J Vice took shape in those early days and evolved into what it is today. Never in my wildest dream did I think that I would ever produce 1000 of them. Well it happened and J Vice No. 1000 is shown below. I plan to put it on an online auction with the proceeds going to Cancer research. The finer details of the auction still have to be sorted out.



It has been an amazing journey and I sometimes still don't believe that it all happened and is real. The support from South African tiers and DFT in particular has been incredible. In the first 7 years till the end of 2009 only 14% were exported. 2010 to 2012 exports totalled 54% and this year they are standing at 62% of total volumes. So I'm still pretty small fry on the international scene but making a small mark.

At the next meeting Keith Falconer will be tying a buzzer pattern using Hends products, see you all there.

Cheers

Jay

From The Editor

The format of the Bobbin has changed again. Henceforth articles will not be printed in full in the Bobbin. Readers will instead have the choice to click on a link into the articles or just scroll on by. This will make my task a lot easier as I can now incorporate interesting tidbits by means of a link. Let me know if you like it. If you don't, please do so gently. Even Lawyers have feelings.



This last weekend was a bitter sweet one. On the one hand I was invited to fish what has to be some of the finest river fishing South Africa has to offer; on the other hand the current drought was a constant reminder of just how fragile our trout fisheries are.

I'm told this last winter has been the driest the Bushman's Nek area has recorded in the last 42 years. Its impact on the Ngwagwane is much worse as agriculture was not nearly as intensive back then with the result that much less water was being pumped out of the river. The levels of agricultural pollution were also much lower. So while the fishing offered great promise, not much was in fact on offer in the way of fishing. Indeed a large stretch of the Ngwagwane is official dead leaving one fishing the memory of what was once great fishing rather than the real thing. That is no doubt why a local farmer saw nothing wrong in building a temporary dam so his pumps could keep working.



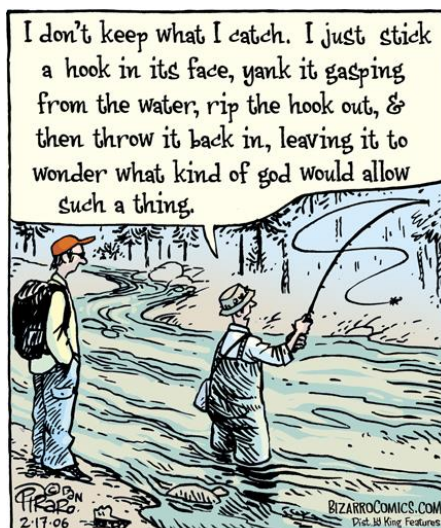
The flows on the Umzimkhulu were a lot better as was the fishing, I actually caught one, but again reports have it that the fishing is increasingly threatened by the impacts of agricultural pollution, especially those related to dairy farming. And I don't think this is going to get any better. Agriculture, like any other business is dependent on growth. This becomes so much worse if the venture is funded by debt as most debt financing schemes require the borrower to grow in order to service the debt.

The consequences of this are all too obvious. The nature and intensity of the farming that is taking place in the foothills of the Drakensberg today is unrecognisable from that which took place ten or even five years ago. What we see now will be unrecognisable from what we will see in five or ten years' time.

Our rivers are and will continue to be the loser in this, which is no doubt why the Department of Environmental affairs tell us that eradicating trout in KZN is a low priority. They can depend on agriculture to do it for them. The fact that the biodiversity in our rivers is being destroyed is irrelevant. I suspect that they see that as a small price to pay for getting rid of the dreaded trout.

On a much lighter note, let us all support Peter Brig and our fly fishing chums in Pietermaritzburg and be at the presentation that will take place in Pietermaritzburg on 11 November. It will be worth the trip.

It's A Giggle



Especially for Dave

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Fly Tying And Other Tips

How to Dub

Jan Korrubel of Wildfly alerted me to this link to the great Mr Humble Fluff Fudger and his magnum opus on dubbing. <http://ukflydressing.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=sbs&action=display&thread=4046> will teach you all there is to know on this subject and Nick he does it in pictures!

[Switching Lines](#)

By
Ian Cox



Ian Cox writes on the importance of finding the right depth when fishing stillwaters. For more click [here](#).

Articles

[Caddisfly](#)

By
Ian Cox



The next article on the series on entomology. This time it's the Caddis Fly, its life cycle, where you find them and how they are fished that is explored. For more click [here](#).

In The Market

Rio on choosing the right fly line.



Some of you were fortunate enough to meet Simon Gawesworth when [Xplorer](#) brought him to South Africa in 2011. Those who missed his excellent presentation on fly lines or who have not bought his books will be able to still be able to get up on what he has to say courtesy of Rio who have brought out a series of educational videos on how to choose a fly line. Catch it on [You Tube](#). Also look at his earlier video on the subject also on [You Tube](#). The Rio [website](#) is also worth a visit.

What is it eating?



Give a fish what it wants and you will catch more fish. Pretty obvious one would think. But not with fly fishing. Ours is a faith based sport built on the belief that our favourite fly always works. This is why so few fly fishermen carry this nifty gadget. In fact very few fly shops even sell them. It's a stomach pump (a basting pump if you also cook)

[Frontier Fly Fishing](#) sell them as do many supermarkets. No fly fisherman should be without one. Go [here](#) to find out how to use it. Alternatively you can use a marrow spoon.



Reports

[Digging Deep For The Team](#)

The 2013 South African Youth Fly Fishing Championships

By Linda Gorlei



As many know, the KZNFFA hosted the 2013 Youth Fly Fishing Championship last month in the Kamberg. It offered up three days of intense fishing in what turned out to be some very testing conditions for the fifty two visiting youngsters. For more read [here](#).

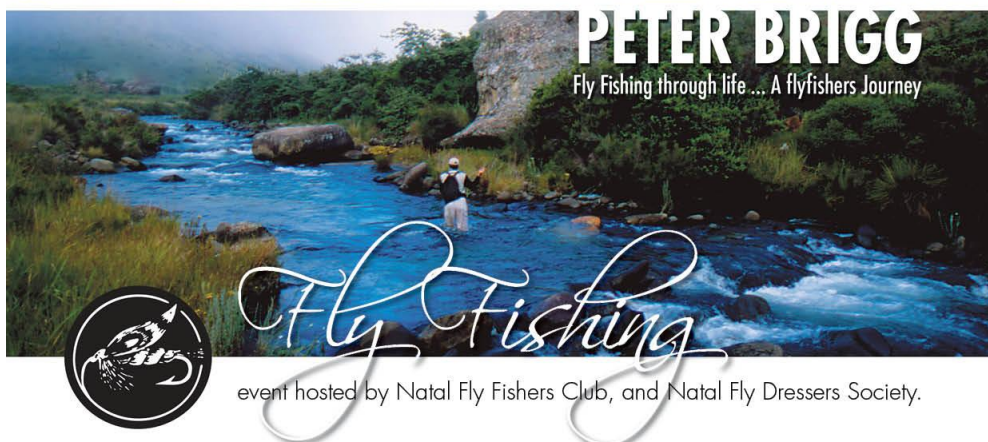
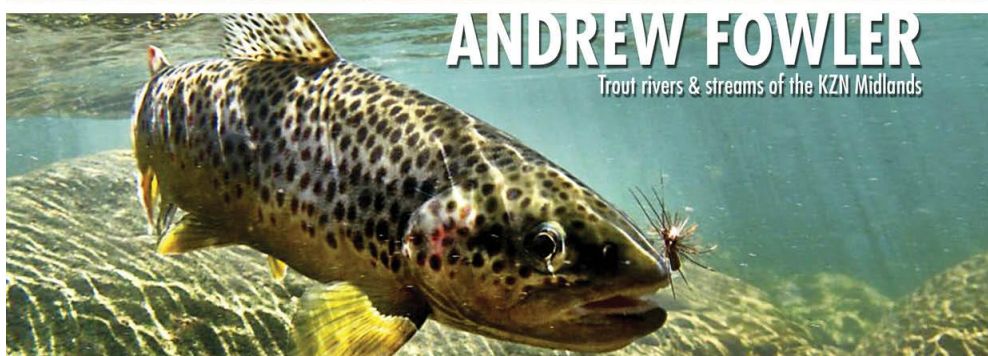
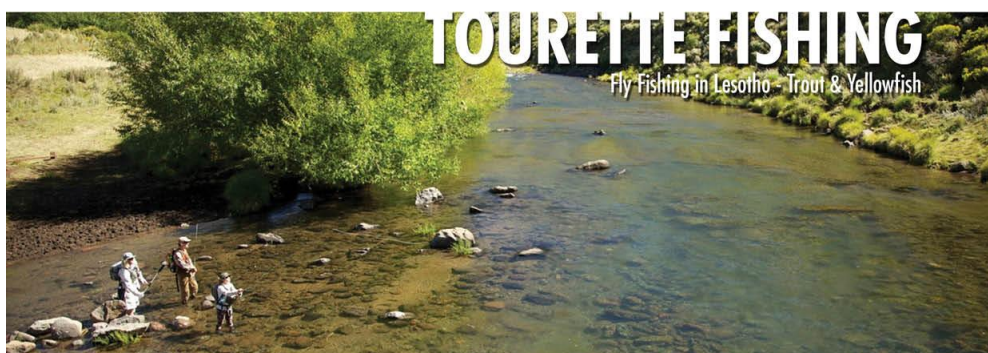
Club Stuff

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 : 11 November 2013

Time : 7 PM

Place : Chamber House (Royal Agricultural Show Grounds)

Cost : No Charge

An honesty bar will be available • Plenty of secure parking within the show grounds

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| Date | Event | Venue | Organiser | Status |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 11 November | Social gathering of KZN fly tyers where Peter Brigg will talk on his fishing life. | Chamber House Royal Show Grounds Pmb | Graham Steart Cell 083 2366235 E mail graamejohnsteart@gfmail.com | Booking open. |
| 29 November to 1 December | Tiger Fishing | Pongola | Dave Smith | Space for 3 to 5 people Booking Open |
| 2 December | DFT Christmas meeting at which Jay will demonstrate various J Vice accessories. | Westville library as usual | None | N/A |
| January | Salt water outing | Mozambique | Dave Smith | Dates to be confirmed but booking open |
| February | Lesotho | Sani Top | Warren Prior | Dates to be confirmed but booking open |
| February | Sterkfontein | With Dave Weaver | Jay Smit | Dates to be confirmed but booking open |
| March | River and Dam on UHFFC Water | Underberg | Warren Prior | Dates to be confirmed but booking open |
| April | Vidal | Vidal | Nick Nortje | Dates to be confirmed but booking open |
| May | Bushmans | Snowflake | Ian Cox | Booking Open |

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

Durban Fly Tyers Shirts

BLUE shirts & BLUE hat @ R200.00 for both
Contact Dave Smith

Advertisements

These are free for club members. A modest advertising charged is levied in respect of advertisements placed by non-members. Contact Dave Smith For details.

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| 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 jlkorruhel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za | small streams and custom fly tying |
| Simon Graham | 081 87 44 855 | still water 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. | | |
| Ben Pretorius | http://www.ufudu.co.za/ | |
| Graham McCall | 079 303 3735 | |
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| KZN Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Clubs & Associations | | |
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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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| Weather | | |
| Durban | http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865 | |