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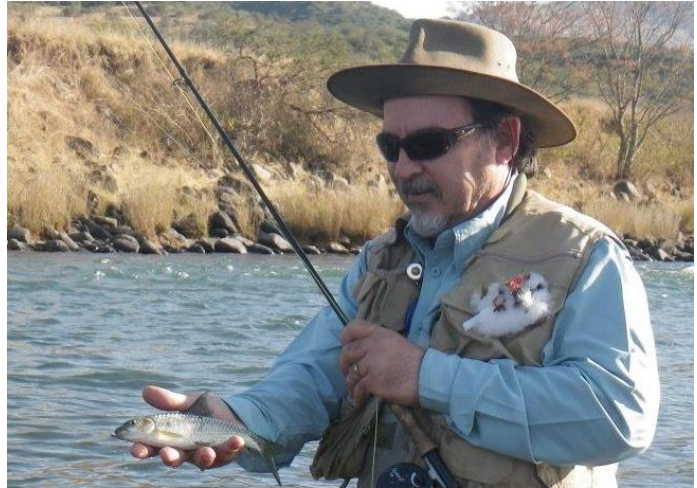
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Next Meeting Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	3 November 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Wayne Stegen
Pattern	Taddy
Special Instructions	Bring olive 6/0 thread and superglue

Chairman's Chirp

Norman Maclean wrote in *A River Runs Through It* that "If our father had had his way, nobody who did not know how to fish would be allowed to disgrace a fish by catching him," For modern-day fly-fishing purists, nobody should be allowed to disgrace a fish by eating him.



We all practice catch-and-release and I am sure that our reasons are noble – we want to preserve our fish stocks so that we can catch more and bigger fish. Over the years, catch-and-release fishing has changed from a marginal activity to a sound conservation practice - and almost a religious dogma.

These days, an angler that admits that he still enjoys frying a trout or two risks excommunication from some of his buddies.

As a conservation measure, catch-and-release makes sense. Large size is inherited, and large fish lay more eggs than small fish. So, the old practice of throwing back the little ones and keeping the big ones quantitatively and qualitatively ensures the continuing shrinking of our fishery.

But eating a few small fish from a healthy population doesn't really harm a fishery not already threatened by other factors, and it connects us with what we actually do. Perhaps we have simply forgotten that, in the right conditions, in the right place, for the right reasons, fish are actually food.

Anglers are predators, regardless of our pure intentions, no matter how indulged we are by clichés like “noble battle” and “worthy opponent.” A fish counts its “tender” release not as a gesture of interspecies solidarity but as a lucky escape from a terrifying and painful death.

The facts show that the release mortality range is around 4 percent to well past 40 percent.. With catch-and-release, lack of knowledge quickly turns “Probably Survive” into “Might Survive”. Take a fish home for supper, though, and it always ends up dead. Perhaps we have simply forgotten that, in the right conditions, in the right place, for the right reasons, fish are food.

However, catch and release is important for me because I hate cleaning fish!. I don't like touching the fish and, cutting them open and cleaning out their insides. I can't stand the mucous-like texture of the fish and the horrid smell of the guts - a smell that lingers for a while and then gets transferred to my dinner plate!.

From the Editor

Those who read newspapers (See [Pigeon racing not banned](#)) will have read that bird fanciers woke up on Friday 1 August 2014 to discover that their cherished racing pigeons were invasive they were all criminals. And boy did the NSPCA waste no time in pointing that out to the hapless members of the pigeon racing community. Not so say the authorities but they are wrong. Pigeons used by the racing pigeon community (defined as feral under the regulations) are listed as



category 3 invasive which means that certain restricted activities may be prohibited or exempted. The regulations promulgated on 1 August 2014 prohibit the breeding, transportation, sale and release of feral pigeons so yes Pigeon racing has been banned and the responsible officials are telling porkies when they claim the position to be otherwise.

And that, dear friends would have been the fate of the trout industry it not decided to make a stand. So I think it is appropriate to commemorate a very important, anniversary of that fight.

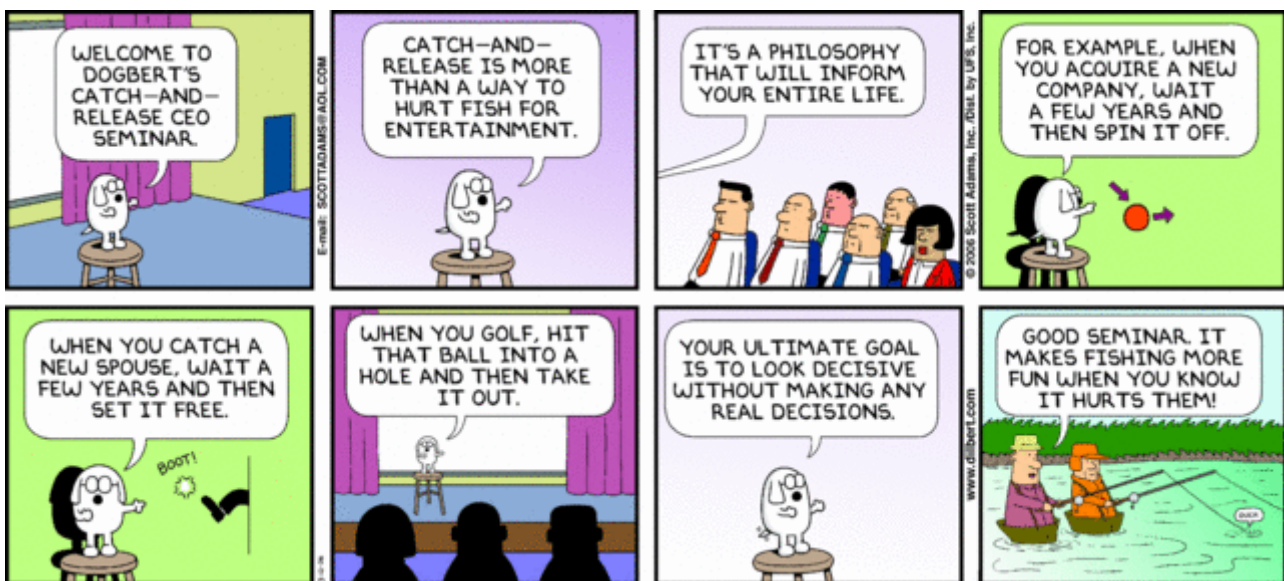
Few people know it but this month marks the first anniversary of the date when matters trout took a turn for the better. On 8 October 2013 Dr. Motseki Hlatshwayo of the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries convened a workshop on alien and invasive species. It was at was then Professor Peter Britz of the department of Ichthyology at Rhodes University presented a paper which highlighted the need for the Department of Environmental affairs to align their policy of promoting the eradication or prevention of called invasive species with the broader priorities of government such as combatting poverty, creating jobs and in the case of DAFF enhancing our food security, particularly through the promotion of aquaculture.

The Trout industry owes a great deal to Peter Britz. It is largely due to his efforts that we now have what we previously lacked, a champion in government. I stress the fact that we are now supported by DAFF is why the DEA is now listening to us.

So it is that I personally thank Belemane Semoli who is the Deputy Director General in DAFF responsible for aquaculture for attending the trout mapping workshop that took place in Howick in mid-October. The success of that meeting, which was convened specifically to map the whereabouts of trout so that the industry can be protected in those areas, was in no small measure due to the fact of his presence and the wise counsel he brought to the meeting. Peter Britz who has since become a key member of the trout SA team was in China so could not attend but was there in spirit.

It is still early days but I think the meeting may have broken the back of the impasse that has prevented progress in his matter. An ideological gulf lies between the trout industry and the officials in DEA responsible for protecting biodiversity which is unlikely to be reconciled soon. However I think a bridgehead is being built in what I think is the shared realization the practical business of balancing human needs with environmental needs offers the best opportunity to protect South Africa's biodiversity rather than the belief that every species has its natural place or homeland out of which it may not go without a ministerial permit or exemption.

It's a Giggle



If people don't occasionally walk away from you shaking their heads, you're doing something wrong." John Gierach

Articles

[Shopping for fly fishing materials in London –](#)

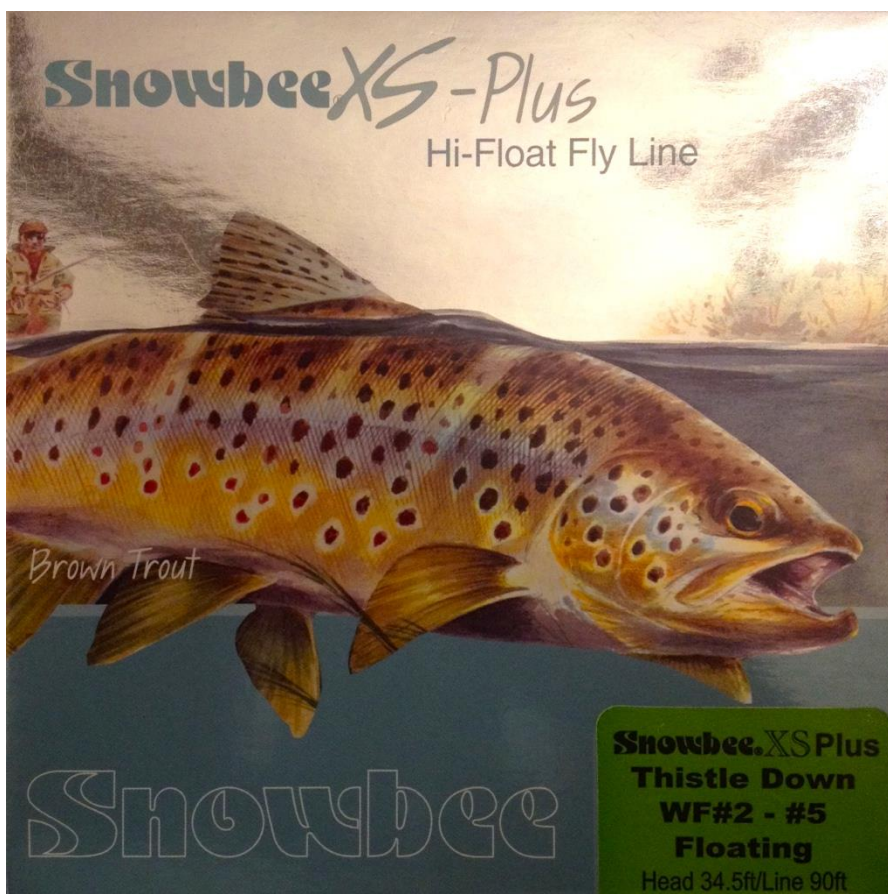
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By

Laurence Davies

I have visited family in London about 4 times in the last twelve years, each trip being two to three weeks in duration. We did the touring and sightseeing bit on our first two trips, but the focus each time has been on the family. On each trip however I have managed to sneak some shopping of my own, mainly for fly tying materials. My favourite shop has been Farlows in Pall Mall which has a wonderful range of fishing equipment and apparel which I so dearly wish I could afford. Click [here](#) for more

Reports In The Market



Andrew Miller is a scientist and an engineer so it should come as no surprise that he is fascinated by claims that a line can be both a 2 weight and a 5 weight at the same time. Click [here](#) to read his review on [the Snowbee XS Plus Thistle Down](#) which claims to be just that.

In every species of fish I've angled for, it is the ones that have got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn't, much of the thrill of angling would be gone." Ray Bergman

Club Stuff

Subs for 2013 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

Joining Fee	R20 senior R10 Junior
Senior Member	R150
Junior Member	R80
Family Member	R150 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member.

Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Westville

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Account number: 055 169 047

Please advise e mail Dave Smith 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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Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
TBA but end October 2014	Bass Bashing	TBA	Bruce Curry	
TBA but early November	Bay Centre Banks	Café fish	Stelios Comninos	
21 to 23 November 2014	Vidal	Vidal	Nick Nortje	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

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Contact Dave Smith

Advertisements

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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		
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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
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All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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Jeremy Rotchester	083 607 6100	
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