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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	2 November 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Saltwater
Tyer	Keith Falconer
Pattern	Your guess is as good as mine
Special Instructions	White thread

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Thank you to Marco for showing us his swimming frog pattern at the last meeting. Once again some very good looking flies were put forward for judging and that was not easy. Congratulations to Tom Gifford on winning and Jay Smit the runner up. One of the visitors that night was Clive Gager who popped into the shop on the Wednesday morning to tell me that he fished his frog on the Tuesday and landed four good size bass with it at Shongweni.

Our guest tyer this month is Keith Falconer who works for Jandi Trading/Explorer. He will be tying a salt water fly for us and will show us a few other tricks if time permits. You will require white thread for the fly.



The Cape Vidal weekend is closed and will take place over the weekend 6/7/8th November. I am looking very forward to this as it is a very special place for me. I have heard some very favourable reports regarding the fishing here and it sounds great. Hopefully we can enjoy a few stretched lines.

I have organised a fly tying demo at THE KINGFISHER on Saturday 14th NOVEMBER from 8.00 till 12.00. As usual we will tie for our personal stock and just have a great morning of passing on info and chatting in general. This is always a fun time. Anyone interested in joining in please let me know.

FROM THE EDITOR

We have a first for the Bobbin this month. Inspired by the penmanship and all round wisdom Laurence Davies, my good mate Ed Herbst has contributed a piece on movement. If you are even the teeniest bit obsessed about things fly fishing or fly tying, then Ed is a treasure. I doubt there is a person on the planet with his grasp of the stuff fly fishing.



I have to say it that Ed is an inspirational fellow which is why I hope he won't take it amiss if I comment on what is fast becoming my favourite still water technique – the dead to the world drift or the art of fly fishing while takin a nap.

I am sorry to have to do it to you all again but the mandarins at the DEA are trying to clarify NEMBA again which impacts on trout again which means that I have to write about it again. You would think that trout was the modern equivalent of the bubonic plague the way they go on. But that is what happens when you allow prejudicial notions of alienness to cloud your judgement. I'm afraid it is a case of trout and Somali's, they are all the same!

The preparation that was necessary to draft yet another submission had me reading old affidavits. Who said law isn't fun! This one was from Dr Guy Preston. He is the deputy director general in Environmental affairs who won't let trout be free and sadly he has friends. The Aussies have a joke that says that the difference between a Rottweiler and a social worker is that you can sometimes free the victim from the Rottweiler! Australian social workers are pussies compared to South African environmental officials. Let me tell you if you think we are trout bevok well these guys are in another dimension entirely!

Anyway what caught my rather jaded attention was caught a paragraph from an affidavit he deposed to over two years ago where he said that we spend more per capita on eradicating so called invasive species than any other country in the world. Yup we are number 1. However we rank about 48th in the world on per capita spend on education and we rank 46 out of the 50 countries measured for higher education.

This raises interesting questions about what we take more seriously. Must we weed the nation or educate the nation- that is the question? Could it be that government's idea for decent employment is a casual weeding job with Working for Water and are investing in education accordingly? Probably not but you could be forgiven for thinking this is true.

IT'S A GIGGLE

Everybody Told Him Not Name His Dog This. But The Result Is Priceless.

Everybody I know who has a dog usually calls him "Rover" or "Boy." I call mine "Sex."

Now, Sex has been very embarrassing to me.

When I went to the City Hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk that I would like a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like to have one too." Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was nine years old." He said, "You must have been quite a kid!"

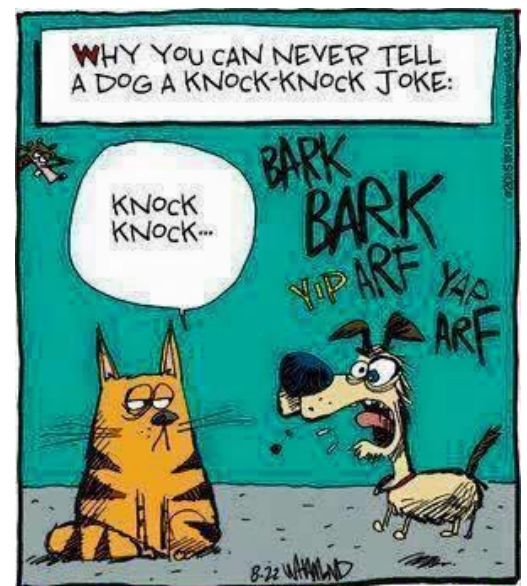
When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the hotel clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and me, and a special room for Sex. He said, "Every room in the place is for sex." I said, "You don't understand. Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said, "Me too."

One day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just looking around. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me that I should have sold tickets. "But you don't understand," I said, "I had hoped to have Sex on T.V." He called me a show-off.

When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married." The judge said, "Me too." Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me too."

Last night Sex ran off again. I spent hours looking around town for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in the alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I said, "I'm looking for Sex."

My case comes up Friday.



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Interesting web sites

[Active Angling New Zealand](#) – this is a great site that is featuring more and more amongst those who do their fishing on Facebook. It's got stuff on [Skues](#) and [Halford](#) and a renegade Scott called [Alexander Wanless](#) which is a must read. There is also some technical stuff about the [sink rates](#) of tungsten vs brass beads. It is not what you think.

[Davie McPhail](#) has opened up a channel on you tube entitled [fly tying tips](#) which is well worth a visit. Also drop by [fly tying for beginners](#) if you want to brush up on a point or two.

Back at home Leonard Flemming has a good thing going with [Feathers and Flouro](#). Rex Fey is contributes some of his off the wall up late at night dead tired with the baby stuff like the [para daddy](#) which he says catches fish – trues Bob! The focus is more saltwater.

REPORTS

River clean up



The NFFC and the Dargle Conservancy were on the Umgeni this month cleaning the river at Brigadoon to make it a better fly fishing venue. It is painstakingly slow work but well worth the effort. Andrew Mather and I went along to provide a little moral support as well as the occasional bit of hard labour. Click [here](#) for the Facebook link.

Fracking in the Midlands



[Rhino Oil & Gas](#) have applied for an exploration to locate gas worth fracking permit in the Midlands (see map). Public meetings are being held to present the process, show where they plan to mine and describe the impacts.

I must say I am open minded on the issue of fracking. For me it is case of separating facts from bullshit and making sure that if we do frack that it is done properly by people who have the capacity and character to do it properly. In this case my

bullshitometer is sounding off rather loudly.

It seems one of the founding directors of Rhino Oil and gas Lugisani Daniel Mantsha (who has since resigned) was struck off the role of attorneys in 2007 for shortfalls in his trust account. The other attorney on the team, the chairman, Mr Mulligan is a colleague of a very different kidney. He runs a very successful Texas based personal injury firm. It seems that he has taken the profits of that success and like any patriotic Texan who can, has branched out into the oil business. Very little can be said about Mr Steyn who is the other director other than he seems to be a young man with an ambition to make something of his life.

I am concerned whether this company has the capacity or will to do things properly. Truth be told it all looks a bit Yee Ha to me. They have employed a first rate firm of environmental consultants but that is what any sensible company does when its own credentials are iffy. There will be a meeting at the Lions River Polo Club on Tuesday 3 November 2015 to provide more information. Click [here](#) for their proposal if you are interested.

ARTICLES

[Contrast, movement, vulnerability](#)

By Ed Herbst



The September issue of the Bobbin contained two interesting articles – the pine cone-eating trout of Heatherdon Dam and the article by Laurence Davies on stillwater retrieves.

The latter interested me because it related the story of how John Mills achieved success with a dead drift Bow Tie Buzzer. This was the ingenious invention of Frank Sawyer which imitated a Buzzer pupa at the most vulnerable stage of its life cycle, the moment of eclosion when it is trying to penetrate the surface film and is hanging in a vertical position.

Click [here](#) to read more.

[The dead to the world drift](#)

By Ian Cox



I have fished still water a bit too much lately. In fact it has been so long since I fished a river that I may have forgotten how. Worse still I fear with the mother of all droughts on its way, it looks like it may be some years before I get to fish a river properly again. That is the downside. The positive is that when you do one thing or one type of thing for any period of time you begin to get better at it. You may even become reasonably good. I wouldn't be so bold, but I do think that the added time I have spent on the Dam has resulted in me picking up a tip or two. Click [here](#) for more.

IN THE MARKET

The Steampunk Café



I have not been there yet but I am assured that the Steampunk Café situated in Thokans Garage in Lions River is well worth a visit. It is getting seriously good [reviews](#) and even Jay speaks highly of it. Check it out on [Facebook](#). My other

mates rave about it. So if you are in the area and if you are fishing you must be it is probably worth a small sacrifice of valuable fishing time.

CLUB STUFF

Subs for 2015/6 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

Joining Fee	R190 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R170
Junior Member	R90
Family Member	R170 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

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Please advise 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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Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
November	Cape Vidal	Cape Vidal	G Neary	Booking Open

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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.
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