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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	7 November 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh water
Tyer	Mac Muller
Pattern	HBD Dragon
Special Instructions	Bring olive green or black 6/0 thread

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Wow these newsflashes come around so quickly. I must confess I've probably fished more days this last month than I've worked. I got to fish the Riet/Orange and Vaal for Yellows over a two-week period. If this is what retirement will be like then bring it on! What a trip that was.

At the next meeting we will be selling off the donated fly tying materials, hooks, books, etc at reasonable prices to club members. Don't forget to bring along some cash!

I spent time with Jacques Marais and heard all about the World's flyfishing championships. My favourite story was the Frenchman, who eventually came second, decided on a very different tactic to what we all are taught. Previous anglers had managed a maximum of 2 fish from this beat. He started at the bottom of the beat, preceded to run up the middle of the river making as much noise as possible. Got out at the end of the beat and ran back to start. On his knees and keeping so low water was coming in his waders, proceeded to fish the banks. Did he caught any fish I hear you asking? Yes, a total of 57 fish just from this beat! If you are going to do this then do it alone. At least then, if it doesn't work, you don't have to spill the beans!

This month's meeting we will have Mac Muller coming down from the big smoke to tie his HBD Dragon. Terry has been pulling out all the stops so we hope for a bumper turnout.

See you then.



FROM THE EDITOR

The end of another year is almost upon us. Mac Muller will be tying for us on Monday. He ties a cool fly as the featured fly section shows. You may have noticed that I am trying to make this more tyer specific. My source is Fly Tying South Africa's Facebook page so chaps post your stuff there as often as you can. Who knows?

Next month sees the Xmas party Jay will be speaking to us about his trips to exotic fishing locations.

This Bobbin is a mixed bag of fun and not so fun stuff. Some members are fishing a lot. Our chairman in particular has had more than an abundance of joy. Thank God I say because he publishes a blog from which I can filch articles. His article on [fishing the Riet](#) is particularly good.

Wolf let me publish one of his stories from Bitch Creek Nymphing. Sorry about the quality but I could not get it to text convert.

The NEMBA fight drags on. It has become part of the horror which is the country's descent into madness. I report back on this with this as usual but in particular I urge members and anyone who reads the Bobbin to Join FOSAF not because FOSAF neds you but rather because you need FOSAF.



"Perhaps fishing is, for me, only an excuse to be near rivers." - Roderick Haig-Brown

IT'S A GIGGLE



"I'm sorry, young lady, we had a run of unlucky fisherman."



THE MONTHLY TIE

The Crease Fly
by Arno Van Der Nest



Recipe

Hook: Mustad 34007-SS Size 2

Thread: 140 Denier in white

Tail: SF flash blend /UV flashaboo (thin)

Body: Foam covered in holographic film

Body finish: Solarez thin hard or Loon Thin UV clear fly finish and UV torch

Other: Permanent markers/eyes

Steps:

Wrap hook shank with thread,

Tie in first layer of tail,

Add UV flashaboo on top of shank,

Add top layer of SF flash blend in a colour of your choice

Apply a thin coat of superglue to thread behind eye of hook.

Secure foam head over hook and ensure bottom is flat.

Add eyes and colour body to suit.

Apply a thin coat of UV resin over body.

Where to fish:

Estuaries, dams and lakes

How to fish the fly: Fish the fly on a floating line with a long leader with sharp erratic strips.

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool flies

- Mac Muller



From the web

- [Tying a prince nymph variation](#)
- [Sink rates for beads](#)
- [Anders Halverson speaks on his book and entirely synthetic fish](#)

REPORTS

NEMBA Update - November 2017

DEA's silence has been deafening. There has not been a peep out of the department since Dr Preston wrote in June this year advising that DEA was reneging on the agreement that trout would not be listed as invasive outside certain nature reserves where they already occur.

Trout SA and FOSAF have been busy. They have escalated this act of bad faith in terms of the Phakisa process. A copy of their letter can be read by clicking [here](#).

My ongoing saga with DEA regarding the legality of NEMBA laws is proceeding. I have now written to the Minister. You can read that letter by clicking [here](#). You can also access it via [Ed Herbst's powerful article](#) just published in Biznews which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

It should be obvious to anyone by now that this is all part of a larger attack on the Constitution, democracy and the rule of law by the President, government and the ruling party. The country is fighting for its life. This is no time to stand idly by. This is why joining FOSAF is so important. I speak to this in the article '[You need FOSAF](#)' published later in this Bobbin.

ARTICLES

Megan Boyd

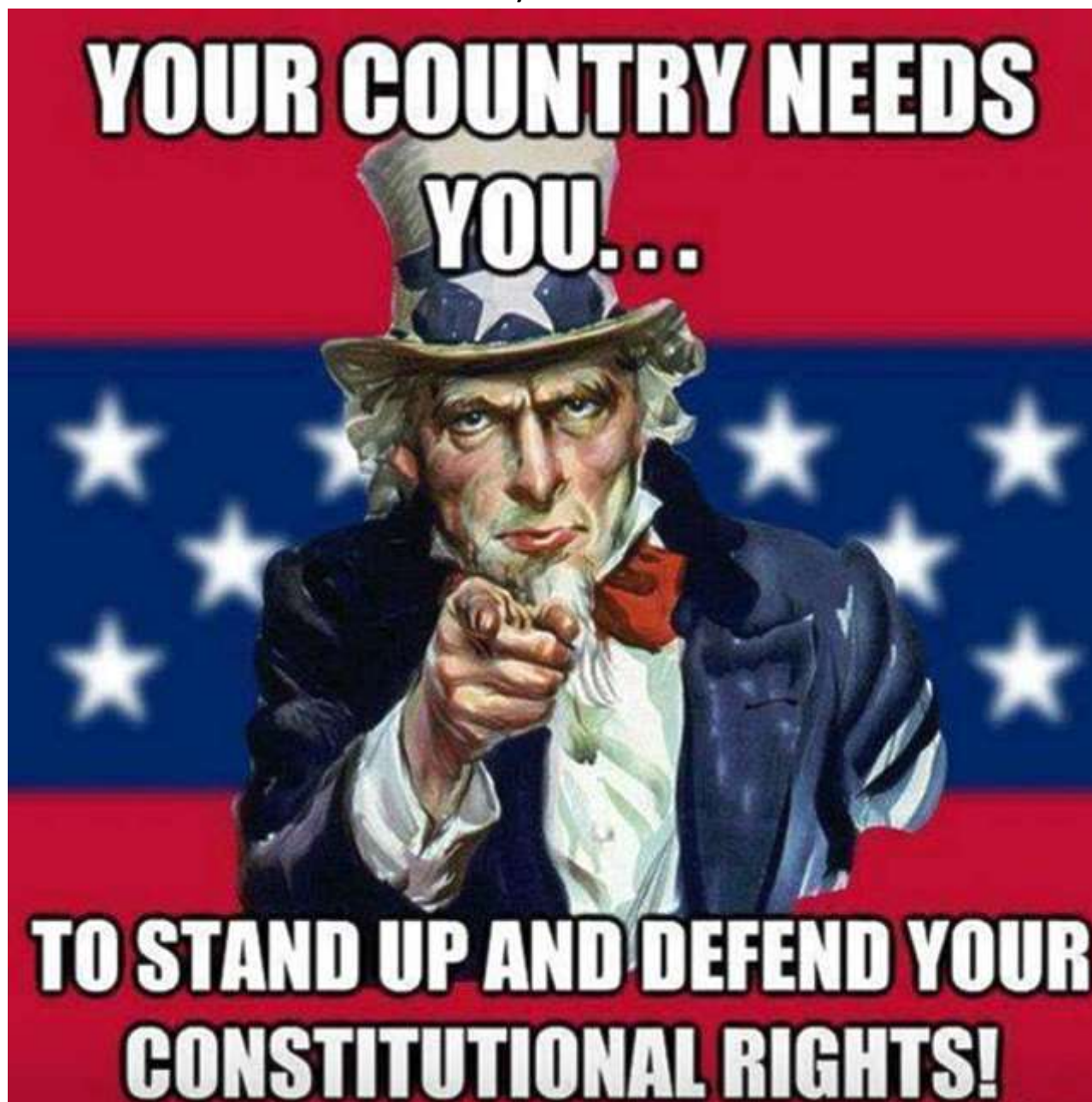


"In a small cottage on the northern coast of Scotland, Megan Boyd twirled tiny bits of feather and fur, silver and gold into fishing flies that were at once works of art, magical - and absolutely lethal. Wherever men and women cast their lines for the mighty Atlantic salmon, her name is whispered in mythic reverence, and stories about her surface and swirl like fairy tales. "

A must watch - [Fly Fishing Kiss the Water](#)

[You need FOSAF](#)

By Ian Cox



FOSAF president Ilan Lax wrote [a thought provoking article](#) on what FOSAF does and why fly anglers should join the organisation. It was duly published on [Trout Talk](#) by a number of people with a call to support the organization. And predictably it fell into the crater of indifference and apathy that drains South Africans of every ounce of decency when we are called upon to stand up for something that does not immediately gratify our personal self-interest.

So I stepped in with this provocative post: Click [here](#) for more

Fishing for Yellows on the Riet River

By Andrew Mather



Our chairman has been doing more than his fair share of fishing these days. I have a good mind to speak to his wife about it. Then again envy is a terrible urge that all goof folk should try and avoid. Sadly this is my own fault. This story is about fishing the Riet river near Kimberly . My brother in law's farm abuts a long stretch of the Riet river not far from where Andrew was fishing so I have only myself to blame for not fishing there more often.

I have copied Andrew's write up of this trip from his blog "[Streamside](#)" to the Bobbin to make access easier. You can access it by clicking [here](#).

His trip to the orange will appear in a later edition of the Bobbin.



Blanking
and
Other mishaps that contribute to the fun
By Andrew Mather



This is another article by Andrew that was published in the latest SA Flyfishing magazine. It is also published on Andrew's blog or you can read it by clicking [here](#).

IN THE MARKET

South African Fishing Flies

— a review

by David Weaver

published on the Spirit of Fly Fishing



Fly fishing, like life, is all about choices. The more choices we make the more instinctive our decisions become, the more we rely on our instincts the more fun we have.

As a fly fisher, you will spend a lot of time standing alongside water pondering things. Hopefully all work conundrums are solved before you get to the water. The problems of life and the opposite sex are best debated after a few whiskeys, and politics, well that you just leave behind. But one of the most interesting things that you will ponder is “who was the genius that decided to tie this brilliant fly that is just smashing the fish”, and then there is always, “I’m not catching fish but I’m sure one of those other patterns in my box will”. Click [here](#) for more.

CLUB STUFF

General club stuff

Subs are **OVERDUE** and are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R220
Junior Member	R120
Family Member	R220 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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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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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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