

# THE BOBBIN

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

The KZN rivers are in a mess from a lack of rainfall. The onset of summer rains hasn't happened as yet and they are about a month late. Let's hope they come soon. Talking of rain I fished the Cape streams this last month. The first trip was in beautiful sunny weather with water that was absolutely crystal clear. The level of clarity is one that we as KZN fishers rarely see on our rivers. What a special place to fish. I then went down to the Cape Piscatorial Society river festival however heavy rains had come in. Dwarsberg at the top of Jonkershoek outside Stellenbosch had 186,4mm in 18 hrs. Needless to say the fishing was a washout! The trip wasn't wasted as I spent time with the Cape lads casting, chatting, watching Rugby and tying flies.

As you may have already heard we have Hans van Klinken in the country and DFT has managed to secure him for one night only...Tuesday 12th November. Stick it in your diary. Venue will be at Kearsney College in Bothas Hill. A more detailed inform sheet will follow. This one is not to be missed.

See you soon.



## FROM THE EDITOR

We have thicker edition of the Bobbin – thanks to Graeme Neary and Thomas Gifford! Graeme tells about a recent trip to Cape Vidal where a variety of species were landed. Thomas gives us an insight on his experience fishing for Wave Garrick. In addition, I have provided an excerpt from the FOSAF website further describing the Wave Garrick. Of course we have the report on how Jay Smit ties a paraloop using the using the Jvise gallows tool.

Enjoy reading and please consider sending an article, pic, tip or musing for the next Bobbin



### Durban Fly Tyers Club will be hosting Hans van Klinken

*(Designer of the Klinkhåmer Special)*

Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 19.00h at Kearsney College, Botha Hill.



## THE PARALOOP BY JAY SMIT

### MATERIALS

- **Hook:** Klinkhammer styled hook (the fly does sit lower in the film than normally hackled flies so one has a bit more latitude on hook shape).
- **Abdomen:** Dubbing and wire rib.
- **Thorax:** Peacock.
- **Para loop:** thicker thread or polypropylene fibres.
- **Wings:** Good dry fly Hackle to suit size.
- **Thread:** choose a colour that will be used as the head.

### STEP BY STEP

**Step 1:** Start thread and tie in wire rib down to hook bend.

**Step 2:** Dub up the abdomen and leave the top 1/3 clear.

**Step 3:** Set up gallows tool and tie in a loop of thick thread at the point the dubbing stops making sure that the loop is under tension on the gallows tool.

**Step 4:** Tie in the dry fly hackle so that it faces up the para loop ready to wrap.

**Step 5:** Tie in two or three peacock herls (or alternatively dub the thorax).

**Step 6:** Wind hackle up the para loop post stopping where the fibres when pulled forward will form an arc over the thorax. Then wind hackle back down and tie off hackle.

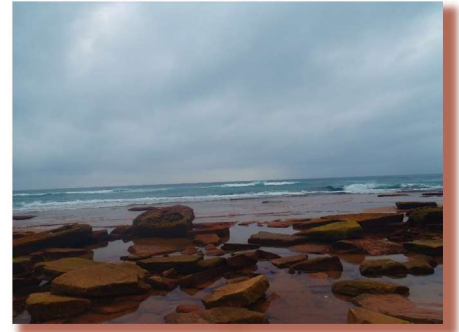
**Step 7:** The hackle can be packed further by using a dubbing needle between the loop and carefully working the hackle wraps downwards. They will improve the look and floatability of the fly.

**Step 8:** Take your fingers and gently brush back the hackle so that the hackle is less likely to be trapped between the loop and the thorax. Detach paraloop from gallows tool and tie para loop in at the head. Hackle should now sit in a semi-circle above the thorax. Use two wraps and then pull the paraloop away from the eye to tension it up. Build up head securing the paraloop and tie off





## CAPE VIDAL JAUNT BY GRAEME NEARY



Friday morning 25th October saw us passing the Zinkwazi turnoff as the dawn made an appearance. Bruce Black had picked me up just before four and we were making our way to Cape Vidal. Following on our heels about a half hour behind were Tom Gifford, Paul Leisegang and Laurence Davies.

I had last visited Vidal 3 years back, and having been a regular visitor here over many years I had withdrawal symptoms. Fortunately a safe journey saw us book in at the gate around 7.30. We were privileged to see a lot of game all the way through. Half an hour later a very kind lady at reception gave us the keys to number 26. A really nice thing to happen as usually one only gets keys for about two o'clock. The others arrived shortly thereafter and we unpacked into our quarters for the next few days.

The north east had picked up by the time we hit the beach. The sea already had a roughness to it but was very clean. Low tide was at 7.42 and we were three days short of new moon springs.

We made our way down south fishing all the way to Meyda Bay at the start of the south ledges. Quite badly sanded up and not many fish to brag of we concentrated on the gulleys and ledges towards the lighthouse area. Towards midday made our way back to the bay area where we were well rewarded with good catches. In the afternoon we again fished the bay area and quite a way north on the high tide. A braai with some suitable refreshments and a big storm and off to bed.

Saturday produced four storms starting at first light. We made our way up north about four and a half kays and were rewarded all the way. A huge storm, right overhead kept our heads and rod tips low for a while but retreated after twenty minutes or so leaving us pretty wet. Again fishing was very good with a nice spread of species. The afternoon saw us in the bay area again and also making our way north. North strangely did not work as well as the morning but did produce. Once again the bay did not disappoint. We had a bit of wind on Saturday but not nearly as strong as Friday. The evening braai once more brought out lots of laughter and joking, great whiskey and some really pleasant Cuban cigars.

Sunday saw Bruce and me on the beach just after first light fishing in the bay area. Some small shad, wave Garrick and cape moonies came out but when the sun appeared so the fish disappeared. We moved a bit north in line with the car park entrance to the beach and had some fun with a whole lot more of the same fish. They were sitting very close in shore as if anxious of something about to happen. IT DID. A shoal of 8 to 10 Blue fin kingies attacked in unison causing fish to become airborne. I put on a 1/0 pearl Clouser hoping to pick up one of the kingies but it wasn't to be. I did however foul hook a 40cm shad which gave me a hard time. Two more of the same size and all went dead. Paul and Tom went south with no reward and eventually Paul joined us. Bruce and Paul also got a good helping of early morning fish. Laurence unfortunately did not get much fishing time in due to an old back injury playing tricks on him. He did however take himself on a long game drive on Saturday morning and saw quite a lot of game.

In all we landed 8 species, unfortunately no big fish but lots of. The tally was made up of Wave Garrick, Cape moonies, Threadfin mullet, Smelt, Shad, Stone bream, Blacktail, Big eye kingfish. All in all a really great weekend in a special place with excellent company and a huge thank you to the guys who participated. The general consensus is that this trip is repeated soon.



## SUMMER WAVE GARRICK BY THOMAS GIFFORD

The onset of summer appears to have restocked Durban's northern beaches with great numbers of wave Garrick again, so much so that I have abandoned my usual strategy of targeting quantity over quality and have been pleasantly surprised that Durban can yield good sized fish. Here are a few pointers:

### WATER

Look for water that you'd find rather dangerous to swim in because the bigger fish handle it with ease and the amount of food sucked out into these deeper rips is highly attractive to them. They're often indicated by V-shaped funnels which discharge into the mid break, sometimes with a fair amount of scoured-out sand across the face of an approaching wave. (Disclaimer – swim at your own risk)

### TACKLE

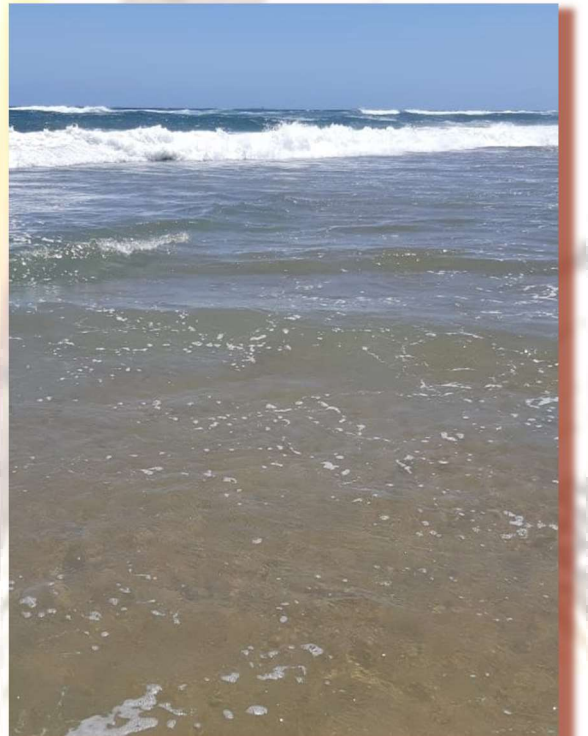
I generally use a 7 weight rod with an intermediate line; a useful compromise when you find yourself switching from Clouser's to Charlie's and back again. I have to admit that I'm really enjoying my new fibreglass rod as it really brings the fight to life, even if it doesn't whip the line out quite as well as my graphite rods do.

### LEADERS

The turbulent water and a weighted fly require a very short leader because you have to maintain contact with your fly at all times. I prefer a 20 pound fluoro-carbon leader of no more than a meter in length and dispense with the tippet entirely. This allows for easy casting, better control in the surf and will handle the odd shad which occasionally enter the deep V's.

### FLIES

The flies have to get down as quickly as possible so you can start stripping straight away to maintain contact. I've had a lot of success using small, lightly dressed 5cm Clouser's Minnows tied on #2 Gamakatsu SC 15 hooks with 4mm real eyes. At the moment the most effective colours are fluorescent chartreuse over hot orange with a bright pink thread adorning the shank, otherwise you can try navy over chartreuse if the water clarity calls for a darker fly. Nice and simple to tie and very robust.





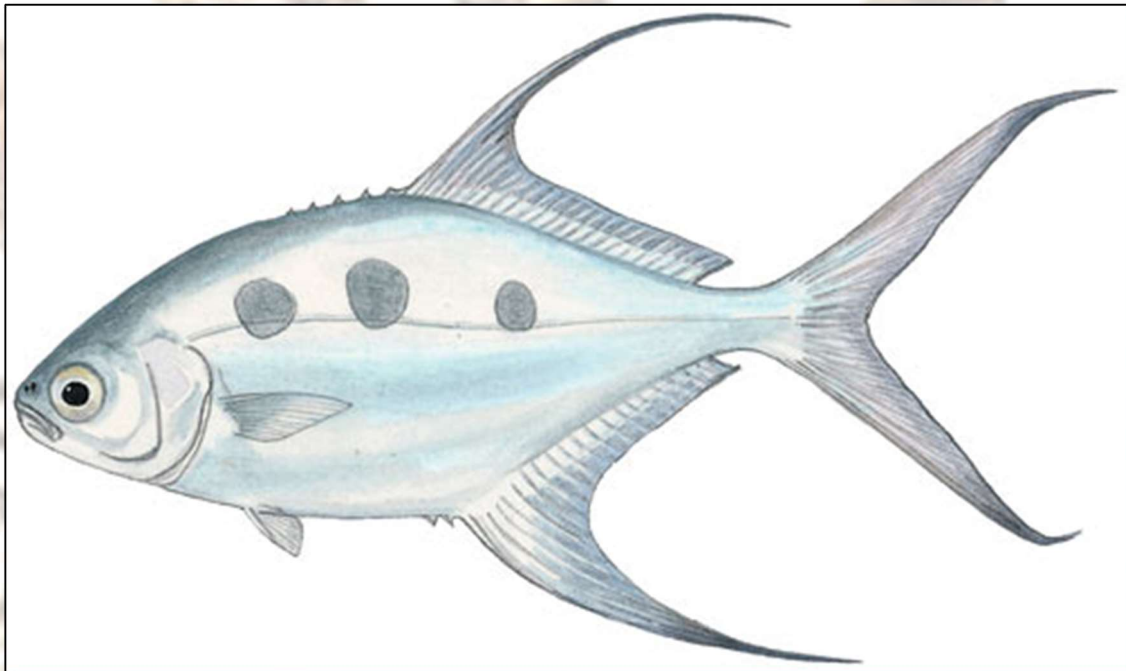
## LARGESPOTTED POMPANO, WAVE GARRICK, THREESpot POMPANO (*TRACHINOTUS BOTLA*)

(Copied from <https://www.fosaf.org.za/guide-onshore-saltwater.php>)

This species frequents shallow water in the surf along sandy beaches. The deep, oval, silver body has one to five dark oval spots along the lateral line, the dorsal and anal fins are very long and the tail deeply forked. Adults invariably have a large parasitic isopod attached to their tongue. They feed mainly on mole crabs, small bivalves and worms. During the day they are commonly seen riding the swells close to the shore and are more abundant during the low and rising tide. They attain 75 centimeters and the SA angling record is 2.6 kilograms.

Sight fishing for wave Garrick can be great fun you often see them in the swells just behind the broken water. Likely places to probe are shallow sandbars that have currents dumping white water into adjacent holes or troughs. Cast onto the sandbank and allow your imitation to be swept into the deeper water. Bring in the fly with a slow two-handed retrieve but don't lose contact while it is drifting in the wash, and twitch it regularly. Smaller fish can be caught virtually at your feet in very shallow water.

A 6- to 8- weight rod, sinking line and 5-kilogram tippet are all you'll need. Pompano are partial to MOE flies in pearl, Salty Buggers and small Crazy Charlies in tan, pink, chartreuse, white and orange.



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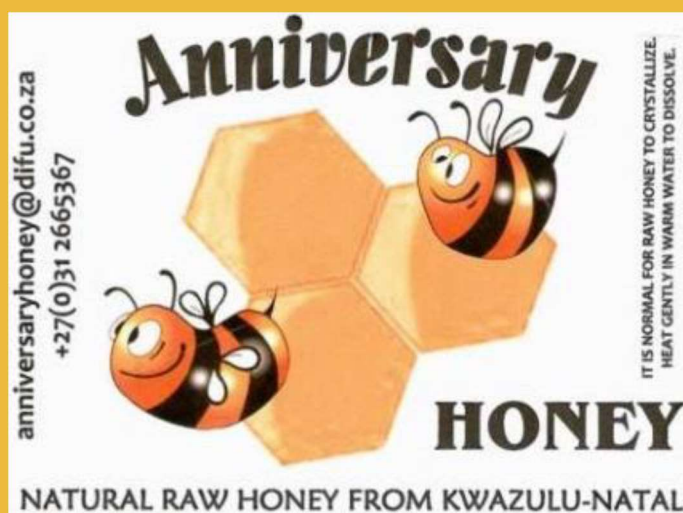
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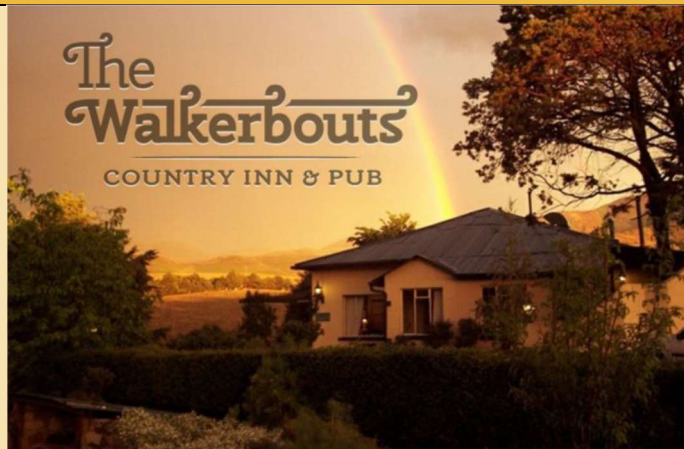
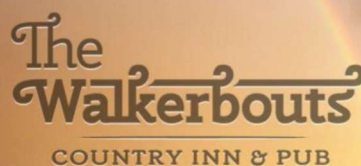
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