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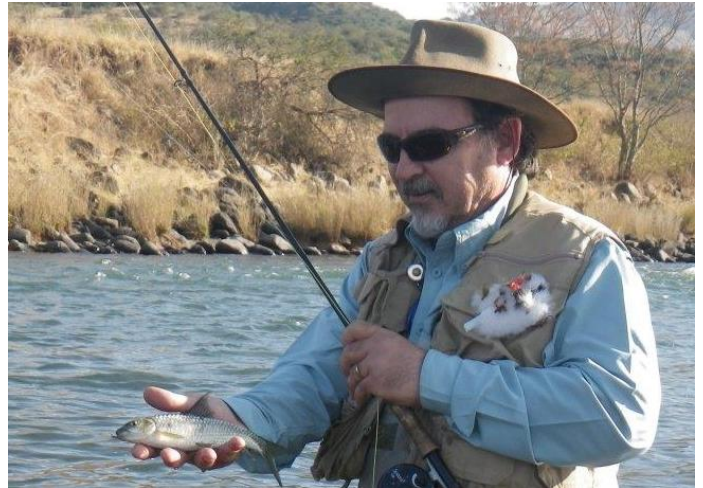
Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	6 October 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh Water
Tyer	Marco Breschi
Pattern	Bass & large mouth yellows
Special Instructions	Bring black or olive 6/0 thread as well orange/red/ cartreuse thread to tie in a hotspot

Chairman's Chirp

I read somewhere on the internet that fly tying clubs are slowly dying out. The reason advanced was that there is so much information to learn from about on fly tying on the internet that clubs are no longer necessary. I must admit that I spend a lot of time on the internet looking at fly patterns and techniques – and I have also learnt a lot! However, there is nothing better than watching someone tie a fly before your eyes – and to be able to interact (and tie) with them!



Using the internet has some disadvantages too – the main one being the appropriateness of fly patterns to our local conditions. So, if I find an interesting pattern and the blurb says that it is a really good fly for fishing the Watauga River in Tennessee in spring – will it work catch a brown trout for me on the Bushmans in summer? Tying that fly may teach me new techniques and I may well be very pleased at my product – but I won't feel confident that it will work for me. Of course, we can delve into the issue whether trout are genetically predisposed to instinctively hunt for certain insects – but does that instinct evolve over time in line with a different environment?

To me, this is the value of a fly tying club - we can collaborate and share patterns and tie flies that specifically work in our waters. How nice is that!

From the Editor

It is nearly the end of the year again and it seems that this one has hardly started! Thank you for demonstrating your crab pattern Paul. Well done Jay Smit for tying it best.

This month sees Marco Breschi tying a bass pattern, the idea being that we would test it during the month at some suitable bass venue. That has not worked out quite as expected. Hopefully we will have a venue arranged by Monday 6 October when Marco ties.



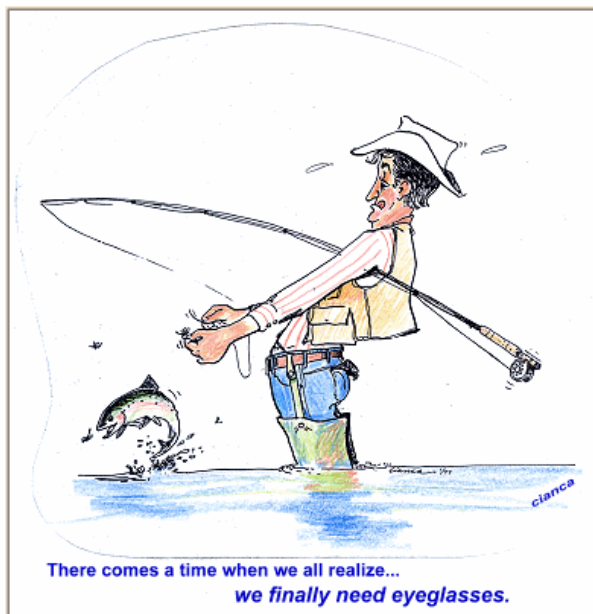
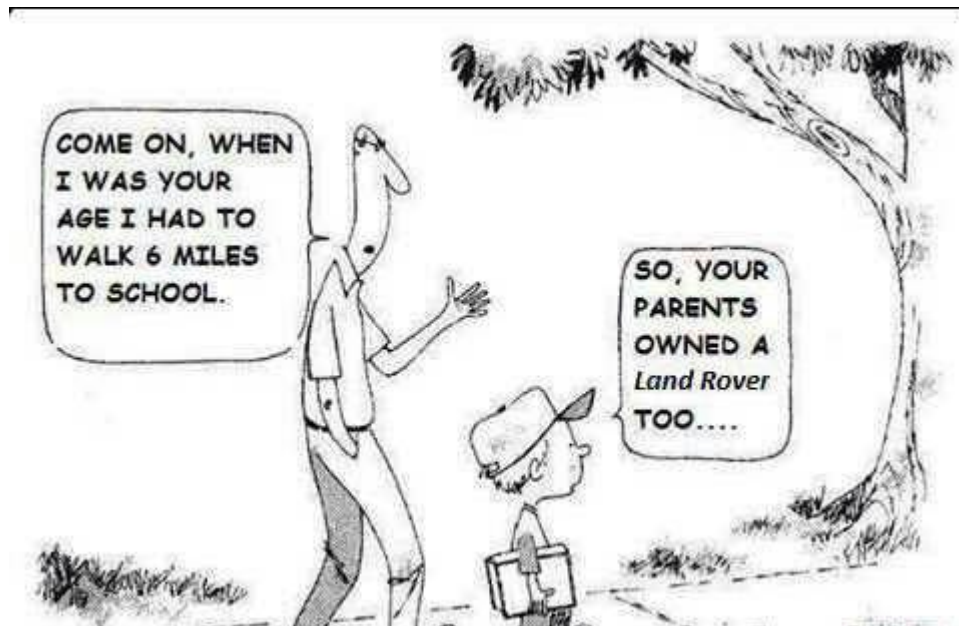
Vidal has been moved to the weekend of 21 to 23 November .November. Nick Nortjie is officiating so contact him regarding bookings. He complains that only two people have confirmed bookings so if there is not an uptake soon we will lose our provisional booking for the cottage. For those who prefer camping that is also an option. Camp sites take up to four at the minimum rate of R420.00 with a supplementary charge of R85.00 per day thereafter so the more is definitely the merrier.

The salt water trip to the bay which was planned for November has been cancelled as Stelios has family commitments he cannot get out of.

November also sees our last tie for the year and then it's the December bash. As was the case last year we have decided to make it a party affair rather than invite a speaker as well.

"Fishing is a constant reminder of the democracy of life, of humility, and of human frailty. The forces of nature discriminate for no man." - Herbert Hoover

It's a Giggle



Appropriate given this time of the year.

At The University of Manitoba, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying; they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Winnipeg until early Monday morning.

Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam.

The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms thought this was going to be easy ... then they turned the page. On the second page was written.

For 95 points: Which tire?

Fly Tying and Other Tips

All you need to know about bobbin holders.



A good bobbin holder is essential to good fly tying. This article by fly tying maestro and prolific writer Martin Joergensen takes an in depth look at what is out there in the world of bobbin holders. The J Bobbin is on the list. Click [here](#) for more. If you want to check out what else he has written, click [here](#).

Mono vs fluoro



The debate between monofilament and fluorocarbon leaders is a bewildering one that has everyone confused. Both have their proponents. I have vacillated between the two sometimes to the point of including both in making up a leader. What I can say is that there is no reason to use fluorocarbon when fishing dry or in shallow rivers. I have used it fishing fast water because I have been told it sinks better and in deep water because I am told it is less visible. Here is a link to an excellent article by Carl McNeil who says it is all bunkum. Click [here](#) to read the article.

Flyloops fly tying course

Remember back in February I mentioned this cool fly-tying site called The Featherbender. Well it seems that Flyloops have picked up on it. They are now featuring Featherbender's series of instructional videos Click [here](#) for more or [here](#) if you want to go to the original site and pick up on all the videos.

Eye candy

The leader article came courtesy of Mario Geldenhuis' Facebook page and so I don't have to tell you it came off a website dealing with glass rods. The page in question is [The Swift Fly Fishing Company](#) who make candy colored horrors that Mario loves and which are branded the Epic. In keeping with the bling they marry these up with Ari Hart reels. As examples of graphic art they are beautiful but would you fish with one of these? Aibo!



Articles

El Nino is back

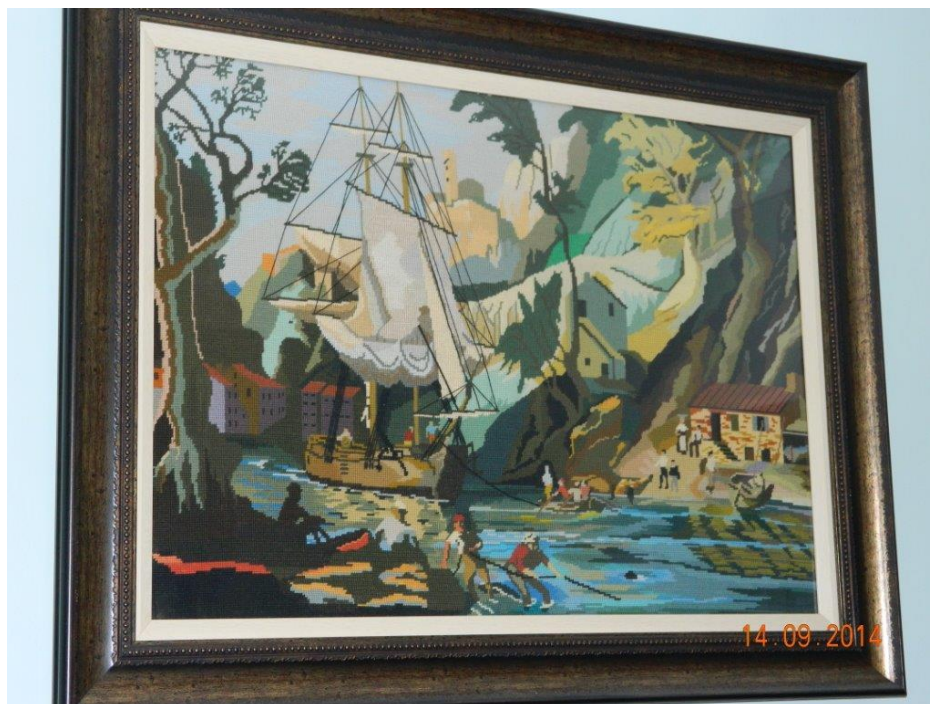
By Ian Cox



Yup it seems it is official, the lack of rain the fly fishing social media is complaining about has a cause. Like Arnie, El Nino is back, and if early signs are anything to go by, with a vengeance. Click [here](#) for more.

Of other talents

By Graeme Neary



The picture attached is of a tapestry that took almost thirty years to complete. Our friend Haydn completed this shortly before he passed away. Just another one of the hobbies that helped him lead a full and busy life. The reason for the thirty odd years was because of young family needing his time, it was put away .Then came work

and other pastimes .It was taken out of the cupboard and dusted off on several occasions and seemed to find its way into hiding again .Once happily settled in Howick it emerged and got a few more stitches now and then. It originated from a centrefold picture in a magazine obviously many years ago. Haydn drew and coloured in a much bigger version of the picture onto the tapestry backing and worked from there. Meryl decided to frame it and it takes pride of place in the lounge. She will be moving shortly into a new house in the same complex but a new section called Amber Lakes. The house overlooks a dam Haydn fished on regularly and it fulfils a dream they had together.

Reports

Trout wars update

For the latest on this, check out Tom Sutcliffe's website by clicking [here](#).

[Catskills presentation](#)

The DFT has prepared a presentation for the Catskills Fly Fishing Museum presentation on fly fishing in South Africa that is to take place next year. Peter Brigg is coordinating this prestigious presentation. Click [here](#) to see that presentation.

[Xplorer scalie weekend](#)

By Ian Cox



The last weekend in September found me at Highover enjoying what has become the far too rare pleasure of a weekend flyfishing trip. Highover is a wonderful resort situated just upstream of the Hela Hela bridge on the Umkomaas river. It is just over an hour's drive away if you live in the upper highway area. Click [here](#) for more.

[Nymph sticks](#)

By Ian Cox



I have mentioned both the Stealth Infinity and the Xplorer Guide II 3wt Xtenda 10ft nymph sticks in recent editions of the Bobbin. Both are superb rods carefully designed to meet their purpose. I got to try them side by side this weekend fishing for yellows at Highover on the Umkomaas.

Though I own a Stealth Infinity and am still happy with the purchase, I think the Xplorer Guide II Xtenda is the better rod. This is why. Click [here](#) to read more.

In The Market

[Tack free Diamond Fine UV Resin](#)



Jay Smit sent me a sample of this a month or so ago on behalf of [The African Fly Angler](#) and I have been trying it out. This stuff claims to be tack free and for once that claim is in fact true. Click [here](#) for more.



Wayne Stegen sat down at his J Vice the other day with a bottle of red wine near at hand and came up with the tadpole imitation you see on the left. His stepdad, Anton Smith, at his wits end, a few days later tied it on and caught the fish on the right. That is 6kg plus! The venue was Highmoor. Wayne has agreed to demo his taddy at a future meeting. Catching that fish is the labour of 40 years of serious fishing. Fisherman the likes of Anton do not grow on trees!

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

Branch Code: 045 426

Account Number: 053 189 647

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

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.

dave@durbanflytyers.co.za



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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)
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Leon Vermeulen	082 442 4846 / leon@wildbrowns.co.za	River
KZN Fly Casting Instructors		
All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
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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	
Tides Charts		
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All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish. Â - Harold F. Blaisdell - The Philosophical Fisherman