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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	2 October 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt water
Tyer	Arno Van Der Nest
Pattern	Crease Fly
Special Instructions	Bring heavy thread 140 denier or thicker of any colour and UV or epoxy resin

## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Those of you amongst us who prefer river fishing will have hopefully have got your "fix" with a day on our river since we are already one month in to the river season. All those hours spent tying for the start of the river season will hopefully pay off. I fished opening day and you can read about that later in the Bobbin.

As I mentioned in last month's Bobbin, the Club has received a donation of fly tying materials, hooks, books, etc. and the committee has decided to price these for resale to club members. Selected items may also be auctioned at our monthly meetings so come along and get a bargain.



Many of you would have noticed that the quality of the projected video of the guest tyer is not good. It would seem that both the camera and data projector are on their last legs. The committee is looking at replacing these but in the meantime members are asked to bear with us.

An upcoming outreach event will see the DFT showcasing the club at The Complete Angler in Kloof at a date still to be determined. If you are interested in participating please chat to me.

This month, after many freshwater fly ties, we'll be doing the Crease fly.

See you then.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Spring has sprung and the rivers are OPEN so it should not be surprising that this is a bit of a bumper edition with a focus on KZN's excellent trout streams. The drought drove us off rivers last year and while waters are still thin and the fishing hard the results are proving to be spectacular. This season should be a bumper one for those who persevere.

See the following for more:

- [Fishing nowhere](#)
- [Uncovering the Umgeni](#)
- [Opening day with the Zipper Mouth Creek lads](#); and
- Peter Briggs article [Get with the Program](#)



The time has also come for those who were waiting for Peter and Eddies' book on South African Flies. The wait was worth it. This book is going to sell!

I write about this later in the Bobbin but commend to everyone Peter's article "[Writing – My Story](#)" in his blog "[Call of the Stream](#)" in it he quotes Franklin Roosevelt who said. "Happiness lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort" By that measure Peter and Ed should be very happy campers indeed.

An edition of the Bobbin would not be complete without another update in the trout wars saga. There has been no news from DEA since the July bombshell that they are once again intending to declare trout invasive. Trout SA and FOSAF should have taken action by the time this is published. An article of mine on the issue is also in the

October issue of The Complete Fly Fisherman. In the mean time it looks like DEA has bigger problems to deal with I write about this in an article in this Bobbin called "[Fake Laws?](#)"

Finally for those who, like me, are getting the zig with the fundamentalism of the CAR evangelicals take a look at [Tribalism and Trout](#).

## IT'S A GIGGLE



# THE MONTHLY TIE

## Brown soft hackle midge by Wayne Stegen



### Ingredients

- Hook: Tied on Hanak #12 H310 barbless buzzer.
- Bead: 2.7mm black nickel
- Thread: 70 Denier or 8/0 Brown
- Body: Flattened cotton built up to a taper
- Ribbing: XS silver wire or dubbing brush wire
- Body finish: Solarez thin hard or Loon Thin UV clear fly finish and UV torch
- Thorax: Brown squirrel dubbing
- Hackle: Natural partridge (small collar feathers with brown marking)

### Steps

1. Secure the bead 2 mm from the eye of the hook by tying a figure of eight either side of the bead. Three or four secured threads over the top of the bead will suffice,
2. Start building up the body from 2mm behind the bead. Thus leaving space for the dubbing,
3. Tie in the wire ribbing; build the body by flattening the thread to obtain the maximum amount of sheen while ensuring a fine taper.
4. After building the body and tying in the ribbing whip finish the fly off, 2mm behind the bead.
5. Apply a thin coat of UV resin and cure. Ensure the 2mm section contains no resin.
6. Attach the thread behind the bead and make a dubbing loop. Spin the dubbing and wrap it in ensuring the fibres are not trapped. Whip finish just behind the bead for durability purposes. Take the thread over the bead.
7. Tie in the partridge feather by holding the base of the feather in your left hand, curving away from you. Make 2 wraps clockwise from the bead toward the eye of the hook, while pulling the fibres backward. This ensures the feather is palmered correctly. Whip finish and varnish the eye.

**When to fish the fly:** 365 days a year, as Chironomidae's are present all year round and are a trout's main source of food.

**Where to fish:** Where you find a muddy bottom. This is where the blood worms live and feed and evolve. The trick is to determine the depth at which the midges are at.

**How to fish the fly:** I fish the fly on a floating line with a long leader. I prefer to fish it with another lifecycle below it, the blood worm. You can however use an intermediate or a sinker should you not be getting deep enough. Counting your sink rate down will ensure that when you do find the fish that you can constantly return to the same depth.

**Retrieve:** The most effective. Firstly, fishing it static with the occasional inch retrieve to impart life and induce a take. Secondly to cast it at a 45 degree angle to the wind. Allow the fly to sink by mending against the wind. When you feel the flies are at the correct depth hold onto your line and create tension, which gets your fly swinging up from the bottom and thus inducing a take.

**Tip:** Imperative to keep an eye on your leader during the drop and the tip of your fly line for any subtle takes during the retrieve. If you have never fished the midge, I highly recommend them and guarantee your success rate will increase substantially!



# FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

## Cool flies

Flies by Arthur Cove



- [Davie McPhail on tying the Coves PTN](#)
- [More on Arthur Coves flies and his leader set up](#)

Flies by Raymond Meneses



## From the web

- [The 2017 5wt fly rod shoot out](#)
- [Cutting rabbit strips for dummies](#)
- [Writing My Story](#) by Peter Brigg
- [Get with the Program](#) by Peter Brigg

## REPORTS

### [Fishing Knowhere](#)

By Craig Ebersohn



My wife was left unamused when my alarm woke us before sunrise and my response to her seeing me donning my fishing garb and asking where I was going, was .... Knowhere.

Me insisting I was going to Knowhere took some explaining.

Not having heralded from the Midlands I am often fascinated by those who do, but are blissfully unaware of the beauty and serenity that surrounds them, or just don't get it. The benefit of many of the NFFC waters is that they are so close, allowing one to work a full day and squeeze fishing the afternoon rise in, during the work week. During summer Knowhere is a splendid stretch of water just thirty kilometres from Howick, allowing me to allocate a few hours in the morning or afternoon to ply my skills against the stippled beauties of the Umgeni ... as Andrew Fowler calls them. Click [here](#) for more



## [Opening day with the Zipper Mouth Creek lads](#)

By Andrew Mather



The day finally arrived for many South Africans. 1st September...opening day of the season. It's an exciting time. The chance to see our beloved rivers again after a seemingly long winter layoff. Some have likened the experience of anticipation to meeting up with an old flame after the school holidays! I can relate to that. But with age I was a bit more cold-hearted, or should I say, realistic about my expectations. Unashamedly I was more excited to get away from city life and to spend a few days away with the lads than the fishing! Some of us had to take the day off work...those who have their own business made an easy decision to play hooky. Click [here](#) for more

## [Fake Laws?](#)

By Ian Cox





Recent correspondence with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has revealed that nearly every measure requiring public consultation that has been introduced into our law in terms of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 or NEMBA may be unlawful. The reason for this is that it is looking increasingly likely that DEA failed to properly follow due process when introduced these laws to the public for consultation. In particular if failed to provide the public with sufficient information to enable proper consultation and also failed to publish the notice calling on the public to make representations properly. Click [here](#) for more.

## ARTICLES

### [Uncovering the Umgeni](#)

By Ian Cox



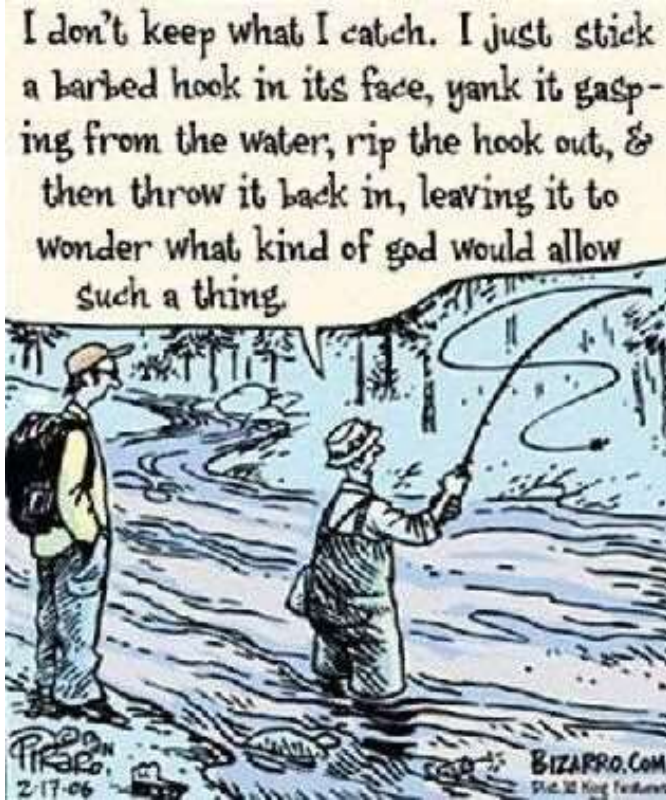
A good sign of a healthy organisation is its ability to regenerate and build better things on the foundations of its previous successes. The Natal Fly Fishers Club is a very health organisation by that measure. Click [here](#) for more.





## **Tribalism and trout**

By Ian Cox



There are trout anglers in this country and abroad who think that their fellow trout anglers who do not practice catch and release as a religion are schmucks or even worse criminals engaged in the crime of trout genocide.

The extremity of these views, the irrationality of the arguments, if indeed you can dignify the drivel that is spewed forth in defence of these prejudiced notions as arguments at all, are so nasty that one wonders how it can be that our community has come to this. Click [here](#) for more.

## **IN THE MARKET**

### **South African Fishing Flies**



This book is special for me. It's not just that I wrote the foreword or that I witnessed the painstaking work that took place over 4 of the 6 years to take a rough outline to the superb book that hit the shelves the other day. It is special because I think that Peter, Ed and Struik have produced a very readable book that even only mildly interested fly fishers will buy.

I looked back over my e mails written around the time Peter asked me to do the forward. This is what I what I said in the e mail enclosing my first draft.

"I would like to write to the average fly fisherman who has fished a handful of times a year using the same shop bought flies he has used for years."

I would say that this is what Peter and Ed have done but somehow they have managed to write so as to engage the expert fly fishing guru as well. This takes some doing. The book is also extraordinarily well priced at only R300.00.

I am told it is already selling well. I predict it is going to be the go to stocking filler for those who are wondering what to get fly anglers for Christmas. And we will not be disappointed. It's an easy and informative read that is sumptuously illustrated. It will add to the knowledge of even the most jaded expert while also enthralling the novice.

You will be a better fly angler for reading this book.

It's that good.

## CLUB STUFF

### General club stuff

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Please e mail Dave Smith [smiffam@absamail.co.za](mailto: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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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	<a href="http://www.nffc.co.za/">http://www.nffc.co.za/</a>	
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