

THE BOBBIN

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CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Well I'm still trying to come to terms with a most unbelievable trip down the Orange River in the Richtersveld. I'd put it up there as one of our best fishing waters in the country. If you haven't already fished it then get it on your bucket list. There are several operators with varying prices...you just need to pick the one that suits your level of luxury! Stelios has done an article on our trip later in the Bobbin.

Our home rivers are in a ghastly state at present. I'm told the total rainfall over the last 4 months has been 5mm in the catchments of the Bushman's and Mooi rivers. If you need to fish then target our local Scalies they are a worthy adversary, or your favourite still water.

See you soon.



FROM THE EDITOR

The Red Butt Wooley Worm demonstrated by Peter Brigg last month was also featured as a heritage fly in the September/October edition of the Southern African Flyfishing magazine. The recipe for this simple yet effective fly is described below.

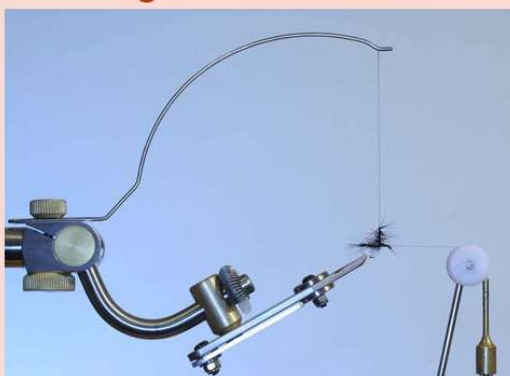
I have written a very short article on the trip that Andrew and I took to the Richtersveld 2 weeks ago. I say article – but it's more a pictorial. I may be ridiculed for saying this, but I thought that the Richtersveld scenery was oftentimes more stunning than the fishing - I surely missed many fish while staring at the strange alien terrain!



NEXT MEETING

7 October 2019 /19.00 for 19.30/ Room G1 Westville Library

**Jay Smit will tying a paraloop fly using the
Jvise gallows attachment**



RED BUTT WOOLEY WORM - BY PETER BRIGG

MATERIALS:

- **Hook** –streamer hook in the size of your choice
- **Thread** – strong black thread
- **Body** – peacock fibres or dubbing
- **Tail** – black hackle fibres with short red tag
- **Ribbing** – stiff dry fly hackle about hook gap size

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

Step one: Start thread and tie in tail fibres about half the length of hook shank

Step two: Tie in 4mm red tag and then tie in 2 strands of peacock herl.

Step three: Tie in hackle at but end so that when you palmer it forward the fibres face forward.

Step four: Advance tread and wrap shank to front with peacock herl and secure.

Step five: Then palmer hackle forward and tie off at head.



A SHORT REPORT ON A LONG RIVER – STELIOS COMNINOS

On the 19th of September, six eager anglers took an early morning flight to Cape Town and then hired a Toyota Quantum minibus and drove to Sjabok River Camp in the Richtersveld on the Orange River Namibian side of the border. We arrived very late evening had dinner, repacked our gear to fit in the boats and got to sleep at about midnight.

In the early morning we were greeted by a strange desert mountain landscape with a cobalt coloured river running through it. We loaded our gear into the Ark inflatables and began making our way down the river – stopping to fish where water looked productive.



We were all amazed at the almost pristine state of the river and the remoteness of the location. However, if you are planning a trip there – avoid holiday times and the hundreds of noisy canoe tours passing by at frequent intervals. This did disrupt the fishing by putting the fish down until the waters settled again.

The tour operator was Jacques Marais with his new partner Etienne Erasmus. Both were excellent guides and they ensured that every member of the party caught a Largemouth Yellow Fish of large to trophy size (84cm to 92cm) mostly on a black Muishond flies tied on 5/0 circle hooks. In addition, we all caught more than enough sizeable Small Mouth Yellow Fish in the rapids on tiny 18-24 sized nymphs fished euro style.



We camped 5 nights in different locations and fished over about 30km. On the last night we stayed at the Norotshama River Lodge - and were pampered with an excellent dinner, hot showers and comfortable beds..... before our long ride back to Cape Town airport on the 25th September in the 100kph goverened Quantum which was a real pain in the butt.

I have, over the years, fished many international destinations at considerable cost. I would consider this trip (fishing wise) to be comparable if not better than some of those international destinations – and far more affordable. In my opinion, fishing for yellows on this part of the Orange River should be made a compulsory rite of passage for all South African flyanglers



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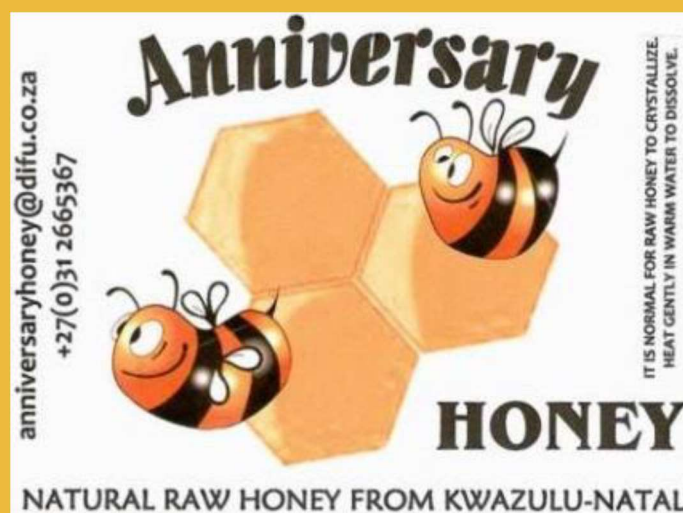
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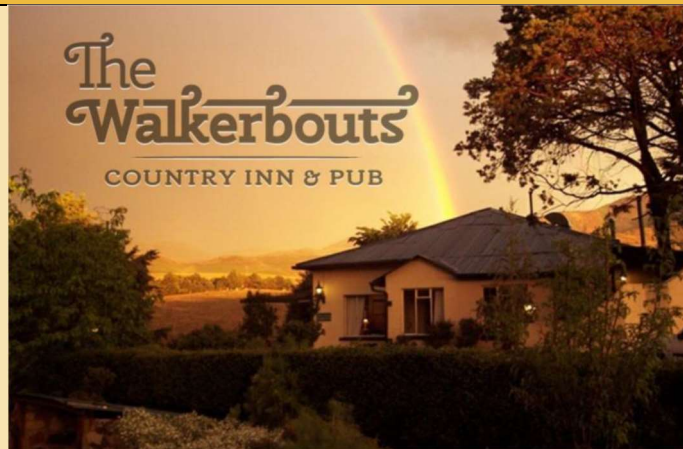
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