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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

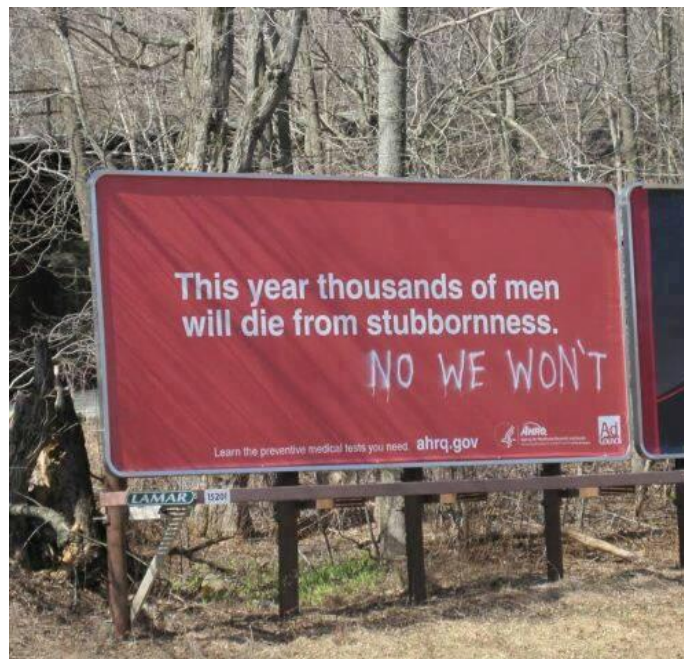
Date	2 September 2014
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt Water
Tyer	Paul Leisegang
Pattern	Crab
Special Instructions	Bring Orange Thread

From the Editor

You know what it's like when deadlines loom and time runs out. Well that is where I am as I put out this Bobbin. It is why there is nothing in this issue on the diamond UV tack free resin that Morne Bayman of African Angler kindly made available to try. It is hot stuff so much so that it deserves a comparative study, which as you guessed, I have not had time to write. And No, I haven't forgotten Peter. This is also time of blessed relief that others have submitted articles – thank you Laurence and Graeme and self-inflicted pain. I did not remind Stelios about the Chirp in the fear that he would say his term as chairman is over. I also forgot to chase up Bruce regarding the certificates and cannot remember who won last month. I know it was not me. But whoever you were, well done and congratulations. I will try and find the time to find out who they were and print the certificates from this and last month. Damn and this is meant to be fun! I am having so much fun working on trout these days that I have no time to fish. And no Craig (Thom) that does not mean I am in the market for a fly fishing shop no matter how many books you throw in. Yes for those who have not heard Stream X and Netbooks are for sale. Takers anyone?



It's A Giggle



This happened to an Englishman in France who was totally drunk.

The French policeman stops his car and asks the gentleman if he has been drinking. With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married in the morning to a French man, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception and a quite few glasses of single malt thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcotest (breath test) him and asks the Englishman if he knows under French Law why he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with humour: "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you know that this is a British car and my wife is driving... on the other side!!"

Fly Tying and Other Tips

Some Thoughts on Trout Management

By

Bob Crass

The late Bob Crass was by far the most accomplished aquatic field biologist this country has ever seen. His was not the world of theoretical conjecture but rather hard research based on observable fact built up over decades. His observations though increasingly ignored by the desk bound "theory equals belief" scientists of modern day remain extraordinarily valuable. Set out below is an article written by Bob Crass and contributed by Laurence Davies from that treasure trove that is his library of stuff that is fly fishing.

Fishery management is action designed to make the best use of a natural resource. The critical words are, of course, 'best use'. It all depends on what your objectives are, on the one hand, and what sort of natural system you are dealing with. I include dams as natural systems, even though they result from human intervention. Once established, an artificial pond or lake becomes an ecosystem subject to the same biological processes as any other body of water. Click [here](#) to read more.

Articles

CAR VS CAD

By

Laurence Davies



Many people have spoken of why they fly fish, be it in salt or fresh water. Many will tell you that it is: because of the beautiful surroundings; to pit your wits against a wily fish; to enjoy the thrill of the fight; being out in the elements; to be able to hold in the hand and release a beautiful fish to fight another day i.e. Catch and Release (CAR); to extend your knowledge and understanding of the quarry and its habitat; the thrill of the outing; the friends made and the camaraderie of like-minded fishing nuts. I could go on and on. Very few will offer, "Because I like eating fish" i.e. a Catch and Devour (CAD). Click [here](#) to read more.

In this busy, noisy, impatient world, faster often seems better. Many of us wear stress like a badge of honor and take pride in exhaustion. Perhaps we won't solve these problems by going fishing. But I like to think it can't hurt.

Reports

Day Outing To Brewitts

Saturday 23rd August

By

Graeme Neary



The meeting place was the BP Oasis near Cato Ridge so that we could stock up on takeaway caffeine and any other edible paraphernalia required. This duly achieved we made tracks for the Notties area and hopefully a good day on the water. As we went over Hilton Hill we could see a good coating of snow on the Berg which is hopefully a forerunner of better falls to come. This area is extremely dry as they have had no rain at all.

Arrived at the dam and some were on the water by about 8.30 or so. Some of us had to endure the usual session of sarcastic jibes and dissing that seems to have become mandatory to these outings. Once on the water the going was tough for a while and then the fish set the lockjaw aside and were obliging to a degree. It was very interesting to see the number of different flies used during the day. Mike backhouse used a black emerger all day fished low down and was the most successful of the outing. It appeared that there were windows of time when the fish were attracted and quite long periods when nothing happened. I don't know if this was because of the weather conditions being quite cold or the water temp at only ten degrees.

As well as some really nice fish we were treated to four Wattled Cranes that seem to stay around most of the day. Add to that a pair of Long Crested Eagles and six Cape vultures. For me this is what rounds off a near perfect day.

In all, seven anglers landed thirty one fish with six kept. Before leaving we all enjoyed a few sips from our hip flasks in memory of absent friends.

On the way home we stopped in at the Windmills to purchase some of their gigantic pies .Probably a little extravagant at R25 a shot but reserve judgement till you see these monsters.

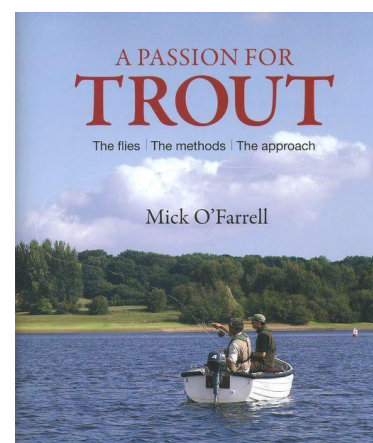
Thanks to Bruce for organising and to Ernie, Mike, Andrew, Peter and Harvey for joining in. It will be great if we can put together some more day outings in the future.



In The Market

A passion for trout

This book on Irish fishing and flies was leant to me by our Chairman Comrade Stelios who if you read the Bobbin has just got back from that fair place. I took it thinking yeah, yeah another coffee table book intended to lure the spendthrift fly fishermen, but it isn't. It is a fascinating insight by a competition guide and fly tier who comes from a family with a long tradition in these things. The author, Mick O'Farrell is a tad detribalised having enjoyed 30 years in the wilds of ye old England but even so tells a good tale. What I particularly liked were his patters which to me seem blended the latest in competition fishing with the beauty and practicality that is a traditional Irish trout fly. I think it is a must have for any competition fly fisherman or for those of us who like from time to time to sit down and tie something that compliments the whiskey next to your tying bench.



Xplorer Xtenda Rod

This is something new from the boys at Jandi. They were testing it last year but wouldn't let me have a try so it's amazing that I am writing it up. The idea is to add an extension to an existing 9ft rod thus giving you the added option of a 10ft nymphing stick. Those of you who read the Bobbin will know that I enthused about the Stealth

Infiniti Nymph stick a couple of editions back. Xplorer have still not asked me to review this rod so I cannot say whether it is good or bad. What I can tell you is that the extra 12 inches makes all the difference when nymphing so this is probably a welcome and being Xplorer well priced addition for someone who wants the advantage of two rods in one. Neil at Compete Angler has them in stock.



Petijean CDC

Good CDC is essential and hard to come by. So thank you Neil at Compete Angler for bringing in some truly superb CDC and in great colours. The price is high but not bad given what the brand is doing but the feathers are as shown, superb. They are tucked away so you will have to ask him to point them out to you.

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

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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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Poets talk about "spots of time", but it is really the fishermen who experience eternity compressed into a moment. No one can tell what a spot of time is until suddenly the whole world is a fish and the fish is gone."
Norman Mclean

Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
TBA but in November 2014	Vidal	Vidal	Nick Nortjie	Booking open
TBA but in October 2014	Bass Bashing	TBA	Bruce Curry	
TBA but in November 2014	Hunting Springer	Durban Harbour Centre bank	Stelios Comninos	Meet at Wilsons Warf at a time TBA

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



For the OCD Fly Tier

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog—now that's cool."

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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
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