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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	7 September 2015
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Fresh
Tyer	Laurence Davies
Pattern	Sick Puppy
Special Instructions	Bring olive thread 6/0 or heavier.

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

Another month done and dusted. I haven't had a chance to fish over the past few months but by all accounts surf fishing is pretty good at the moment. If anyone has some news please let us know.

A very good and informative tie by Jan Korrubel last month and I'm sure it can very easily be turned into a salt water fly as well. Congratulations to Ian Jackson and Kyle Hammond being selected the winners of this tie.



This month Laurence Davies is tying the MINKY. A trout fly of some repute. It is similar in looks to the Sick Puppy but different materials and tying techniques. You will need to bring along olive thread.



Once again I beg all to seriously consider membership of FOSAF as we can do with all the help we can get right now and our contribution will at least help to keep the coffers ticking over.

I still have a few slots available for the Cape Vidal trip so anyone interested can contact me. Please do this asap as I need to wrap this up soon.

See you all at the meeting

FROM THE EDITOR

The Gordon (Van der Spuy) has arrived. As I write this one weekend course is done and dusted, the night course is over half completed and four good men from Durban are waiting for directions to Stelios house for the Durban course. (Hopefully you got them before you read this!) Gordon is a gifted teacher so in order that others might benefit from what he has had to say, Dr Andrew Mather has kindly agreed to do an article on the takeaway messages from Gordon's course. Dr Steven Brooks may also weigh in. With a bit of luck we will see that in next month's Bobbin.



Gordon was meant to come bearing goodies. Goodies you pay for certainly but sadly goodies that one does not find in the ordinary fly shop in KZN. Sadly he stopped off in Bloemfontein and those Gannets stripped him nearly bare, with the result that there were slim pickings by the time he got to Pietermaritzburg. It was nonetheless an example of what can be had routinely in Cape Town but which cannot be had here in Durban.

I am talking about UV dubbing, ultra-thin rubber legs or tungsten beads that really are made of tungsten rather than only having met the stuff briefly on the way to the foundry. Yes it's true. Apparently the tungsten beads we buy from the shops are not really tungsten. They are really ordinary metal alloyed with a smidgen of the stuff. Gordon came with the real shit which I am told is 90% tungsten.

The tough part is that none of this stuff comes cheap. With the rand worth nearly half of what it was a few years ago, the basic ingredients are getting pricey. A barbless competition hook will cost you around R3.00 today and faceted tungsten beads cost R3.00 each going up to R6.00 each for the super-hot stuff Gordon is selling so you are at R6.00 to R9.00 a fly before you strap a feather on. As I said PRICEY!!

IT'S A GIGGLE

Swearing at Work

Dear Employees:

It has been brought to management's attention that some individuals throughout the company have been using foul language during the course of normal conversation with their colleagues.

Due to complaints received from some employees who may be easily offended, this type of language will no longer be tolerated.

We do, however, realise the critical importance of being able to accurately express your feelings when communicating with colleagues.

Therefore, a list of 13 New and Innovative 'TRY SAYING' phrases have been provided so that proper exchange of ideas and information can continue in an effective manner.

1.	Try Saying:	I think you could do with more training	Instead Of:	You don't have a f***ing clue, do you?
2.	Try Saying:	She's an aggressive go-getter.	Instead Of:	She's a f***ing power-crazy b*tch
3.	Try Saying:	Perhaps I can work late	Instead Of:	And when the f*** do you expect me to do this?
4.	Try Saying:	I'm certain that isn't feasible	Instead Of:	F*** off a*se-hole
5.	Try Saying:	Really?	Instead Of:	Well f*** me backwards with a telegraph pole
6.	Try Saying:	Perhaps you should check with...	Instead Of:	Tell someone who gives a f***.
7.	Try Saying:	I wasn't involved in the project.	Instead Of:	Not my f***ing problem, mate.
8.	Try Saying:	That's interesting.	Instead Of:	What the f***?
9.	Try Saying:	I'm not sure this can be implemented within the given timescale.	Instead Of:	No f***ing chance mate.
10.	Try Saying:	It will be tight, but I'll try to schedule it in	Instead Of:	Why the f*** didn't you tell me that yesterday?
11.	Try Saying:	He's not familiar with the issues	Instead Of:	He's got his head up his f***ing a*se.
12.	Try Saying:	Excuse me, sir?	Instead Of:	Oi, f*** face.
13.	Try Saying:	Of course, I was only going to be at home anyway	Instead Of:	Yeah, who needs f***ing holidays anyway.

FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Tying the Quick Taddy

By

Ian Cox



The Salmo Taddy is a killer dragonfly imitation designed by Wayne Stegen. Even if you lose the tail hackle which Wayne now does, the fly is a slow tie. It takes Wayne about 15 minutes to complete one fly. That is too long for me. This is a stripped down thinner version of his fly that catches fish for me and takes about 5 minutes to tie. It also uses the ordinary Grip deepwater fly hook that is about 20% cheaper than the jig hook that Wayne uses. Click here for [more](#).

On the Internet

By Stelios Comninos

- For hopper legs (multiple fibres) <http://www.intheriffle.com/fishing-videos/fly-tying-tips-tricks/making-perfect-hopper-legs/>
- For daddy long legs (single fibres) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGp5YepGzYI>



"Jesus Loves You." - Nice to hear in church but not in a Mexican prison.

Fay Dubbing

I stopped by Jay's house the other day for a coffee and Gordon was there, raving about a new dubbing technique he has learnt. "Man" he said. "Its frikken awesome! That Rex Fey he is an original dude." So of course I said, "Well Gordon, Rex is a good chap but didn't you see it on Facebook?" But Gordon is correct. It is awesome as you will see if you click <https://www.facebook.com/DurbanFlyTyers> . For Rex Fey's Basotho Basher which also uses this technique see <https://www.facebook.com/DurbanFlyTyers?fref=ts> Rex is an interesting fly tyer. Check him out on [Trout Talk](#) and [Fly Tying South Africa](#).

Ed Herbst on greased tippets

Here is another post on the DFT Facebook page for those who don't do social media. An article that Ed wrote for Tom Sutcliffe on leaders. Click [here](#).

Tying tips from Andrew Fowler

I also posted these on the DFT Facebook Page.

On breaking thread - <http://truttablog.com/2015/07/31/tying-tips-what-to-do-when-the-thread-snaps/>

On bulky brushes - <http://truttablog.com/2015/07/07/tying-tips-bulky-brushes/>

Another lament about hooks - <http://truttablog.com/2015/08/04/bends-barbs-beads/>

ARTICLES

[On legends, carp flies and the pursuit of excellence](#)

By Ian Cox



Matt Gorlei posted on Facebook a while ago of an afternoon he spent with "the Legend". The Legend is of course Ed Herbst. We are very fortunate to have a number of living fly fishing legends in this country. Ed Herbst is one of them. So is his good friend Tom Sutcliffe. Another, albeit still under construction, is Gordon Van der Spuy. The wonderful thing about these legends is that they have not become legendry because of their undoubtedly superb talents. The truth is that the number of outstandingly talented members of our fly fishing community is far larger than the number of legends within this community. Click here for [more](#).

[The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible- George Burns](#)

What happens after catch and release?

By Ian Cox

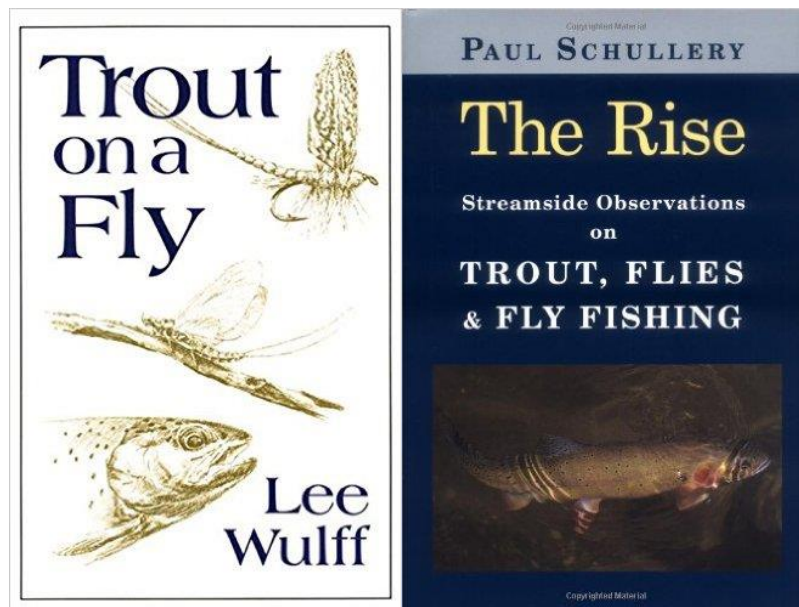


Fish cruelty is a hot topic of debate in my family what with the dearly beloved being a veterinarian who treats fish. For the most part I beat off accusations of cruelty with a combination of science and philosophy. I point out on the one hand that fish are not human and to talk of cruelty is another example of unscientific anthropomorphism and on the other to research which shows that fish don't comprehend pain as we understand it. (see - [Do fish feel pain](#)). Click here for [more](#).

In The Market

More on Books

By Ian Cox



The news that Eddie was sending me a book unleashed a buying spree that saw the expenditure of R380.00 and the addition of two gems to my fly fishing library. The first is the Paul Schullery's the Rise and the second Lee Wulff's Trout on a Fly. Neither is new which may explain the bargain prices I paid for them. The rise was published in 2006 and Trout on a fly 20 years before that. Click here for [more](#).

Tool Caddy



Terry Andrews brought these out a few months ago and Jay reprised with his own version which Ed Herbst mentioned in [Spirit of Fly Fishing](#). I say mentioned because that was all he did his attention being draw more to Jay's brush makers and rubber leg tool. Terry Andrews's version as you can see above is a more rambunctious version of the tool suitable for those fly tyers who have permanent fly tying stations. He gave me one at one of Gordon's courses and I must say I was totally enthralled with it by the end of the evening. It really is a great way to keep all those tools together which in my case otherwise get lost in the clutter that is my fly tying desk. Contact terry for more information. 81tbone@gmail.com



Gordon's Scissors



The second most important tool a fly tyer needs, after a good vice, is a sharp pair of scissors. It is especially important that they remain sharp at the tip, which sadly is precisely where scissors begin to fail. I have worked hard to protect my existing scissors with the result that they have lasted a couple of years, but truth be told they are not what they used to be.

Enter Gordon and the Japanese embroidery scissors he is importing. They are sharp as can be and are robust enough to withstand his constant use while still being sharp right through to the tips. They cost R250.00 and can be bought by contacting Gordon at gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com.

CLUB STUFF

Subs for 2015/6 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

Joining Fee	R190 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R170
Junior Member	R90
Family Member	R170 plus R50% of fee for each subsequent family member.

No Cash deposits. Cash will only be accepted by Dave Smith at meetings of the DFT. All other payment to be made by eft into the club bank account.

Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Westville

Branch Code: 045 426

Account Number: 053 189 647

Please advise e mail Dave Smith 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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Forthcoming Attractions

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Status
November	Cape Vidal	Cape Vidal	G Neary	Booking Open

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Name	Address	Comments
Durban Shops That stock Fly Tying Material		
The Complete Angler	Shop 1 6 Village Rd Kloof,3610 Tel 031 764 1488	Superb freshwater selection of fly tying materials. Salty stuff too
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		
Jan Korrubel	083 99 33 870 jlkorrubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	small streams and custom fly tying
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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.		
Graham McCall	079 303 3735	
Jeremy Rotchester	083 607 6100	
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South Coast Fly Fishers		
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