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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

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| Date | 5 September 2016 |
| Venue | Room G1 Westville Library |
| Time | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| Tie | Freshwater Bass |
| Tyer | Raymond Meneses |
| Pattern | |
| Special Instructions | |

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

On behalf of the attendees at the August meeting, thanks to Ilan Lax for sharing with us his Bushmans Bi-visible fly. Once again we see how very basic materials can produce a winner that has served him for many years. For the September tie we have Raymond Meneses to tie a bass fly for us. As yet we haven't finalised which one so I will advise everyone later as to what materials you will require.



During the next few weeks we will send out a survey to everyone via e-mail regarding our club. I encourage you to fill this in so we can use this info to help us with the way forward.

Thanks very much to Stelios for his article in last month's Bobbin on the trip to catch bone fish in Yucatan.

The Complete Angler has just loaded some new materials and threads from SciFlies on the shelves, and we are assured that our order from Wapsi will be in our hands within a week or so. Hopefully this will plug a few of the empty spaces.

Please remember that subs are as at May each year so I urge you to pay these ASAP. For those who have done so, well done and thank you.

FROM THE EDITOR

I often say that the secret about doing stuff for a club is that you must not do it if you do not enjoy it. If others enjoy what you are doing as well they are unlikely to say much. If they don't, someone will politely hint that you should stop. The point is that you must not expect praise. This is not because you are unappreciated. It is because members assume you are doing it because you want to.

I enjoy writing the Bobbin. It spurs me to look out for things and to look more closely at them than I would otherwise do. No one has suggested that I stop. On the contrary I receive a great deal of encouragement. It is very humbling.



Laurence Davies, who is a constant source of encouragement (good man Laurence), sent me this the other day from Roger Baert.

That Bobbin and the men who are behind it is definitely one of the very best blogs (or whatever else it is called) on fishing and fly tying. Do congratulate all the boys (and yourself) on a regular job extremely well done and edited: it is so good that one has a tendency to read it twice, making sure nothing has been accidentally left unread.

Thank you so much Roger and to others for their words of encouragement.

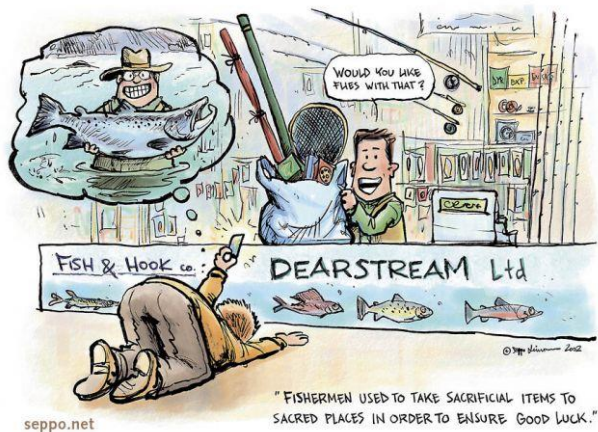
Another form of encouragement is articles from members. So I say thank you to Laurence Davies and Stelios Comninos. I wonder where the founder of the Bobbin in its present format, Alan Jellis has been fishing and why he is not writing about it? Jay tells me his genius, (my observation not his) does not extend to words so perhaps I will need to play reporter and write the story for him. Jay's observations about bucket list fishing are well worth reading.

It is therefore with enormous pleasure I welcome a contribution from Derek Salzman. He writes in this issue on his trip to the Ash River in the Free State. The Ash is special and Derek tells you how to get there.

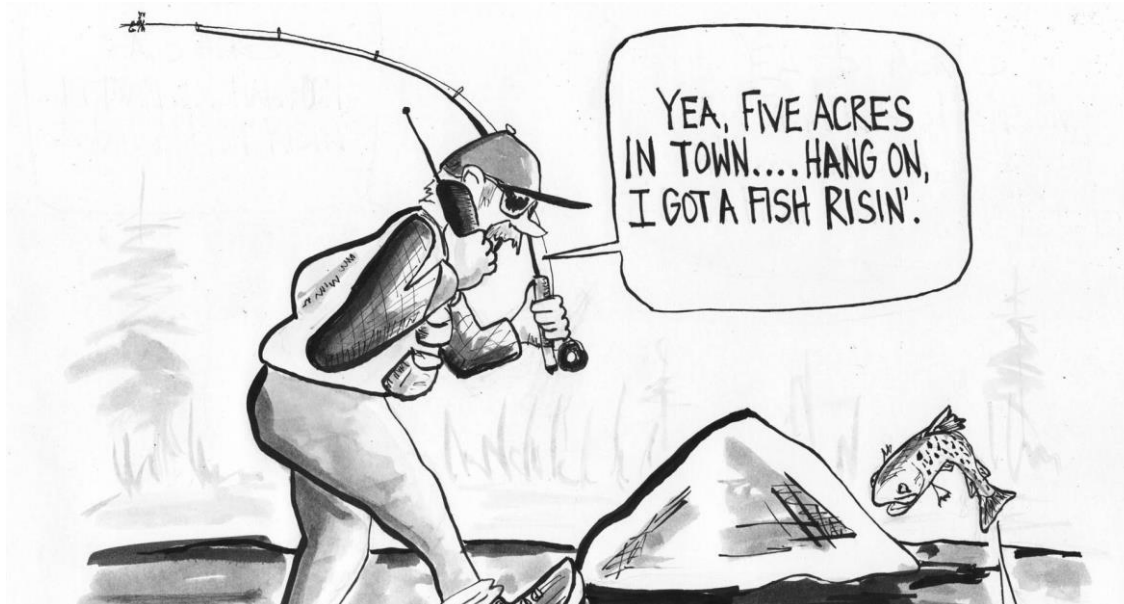
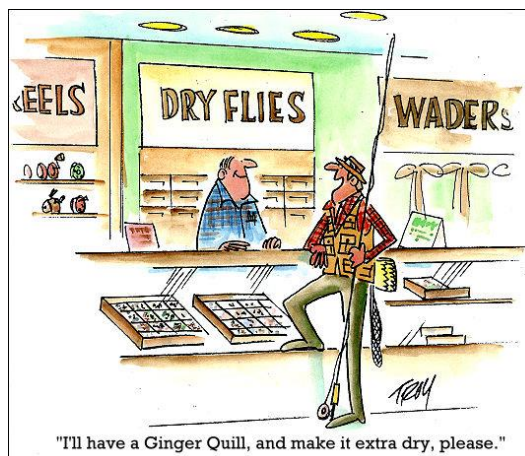
I also delve into the productive world of Dragonfly nymph imitations with the help of Terry Andrews. What a learning curve that turned out to be.

Enjoy what is another bumper issue.

IT'S A GIGGLE



"I've been falling in so often lately, I figured I might as well start taking a look around."



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Wally wings



Some flies tied by Bill Martin and the fly box he made up for Jay before the predation started

Jay came back from a trip to the States with a box of flies tied by his host Bill Miller. Take six, said Jay but write to Bill and thank him. So I did. Jay has been very generous with that fly box so poor Bill has been bombarded with e mails thanking him for what is or was a superb collection of flies.

The Henry's Fork is all about matching the hatch and what hatches is small and very specific. Wooly buggers don't work. Jay said he tried one just to satisfy my curiosity. What works are Bill's flies properly matched to the hatch. Wings are a big deal when you are imitating hatched flies. Wally wings are a cool way on how to do wings

[So click here is a link on how to tie Wally Wings.](#)

They are not very difficult to tie, even on a 24. Enjoy!

[Terry Andrew's HD Dragon](#)

An article appears [later](#) in this edition of the Bobbin on Terry's dragonfly nymph and dragonfly nymph patterns in general. Click [here](#) for the tying instructions.

From the web

- [The Higa S.O.S baetis imitation](#)
- [On spinning burning and sanding](#)
- [Keeping thread tidy](#)
- [Tom Sutcliffe's variation on the Para Rab](#)

A Politicians take on fishing

"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish."

Herbert Hoover

A fisherman's take on fishing

I only make movies to finance my fishing.

Lee Marvin

ARTICLES

[Flyfishing the Ash River at Clarens](#)

By Derek Salzman



It was recently my extreme good fortune to fish the Ash River on Rob and Tali Silcock's farm outside Clarens. This is just a few kilometers below the outflow of the Highlands Water Scheme which releases Lesotho winter snow run off, into the upper Vaal catchment area. The water remains a crystal clear 13 degrees throughout the year as it has passed through close on 80k's of closed tunnel bringing it from Katse Dam.

Click [here](#) for more.

[Terry Andrew's big fish and dragons](#)

by

Ian Cox



Terry Andrews' office is an interesting place. Apart from the framed memorabilia about the early days of Blaikie Johnstone there is always an interesting bit of wood lying around, not to mention the latest fly tying samples sent to him courtesy of his massively successful, [Trout Talk](#), and other Facebook pages.

But what impresses me the most are the pictures of Terry holding monster trout and the fact that he seems to catch them more often than most. (He tells me that he has caught 3 double digit trout this year.) Terry is a still water specialist and big fish are his thing. This and his views on catching big fish are worth paying attention to. Click [here](#) for more.

[Back to school](#)

By Ian Cox



I took a couple of days off earlier this month and met up with Martin Davies at Loch Lochy. It involved 17 hour round trip for two days fishing but if the truth be told, I really like fishing in the Eastern Cape. It is a world, to paraphrase Norman Maclean, with dew still on it, more untouched by wonder and possibility than I have known. It is a fishing destination where the long drive to get there builds one anticipation of delights to come and the drive home gives you time to savour the magic that is ones memories of the place.

Click [here](#) for more.

REPORTS

The Fly Tying Expo

By Ian Cox



Fly tying expo's used to be the done thing. That was back in the distant past when the present crop of old farts were youthful fly fishing tyro's. Well the great circle of life turns and so it is that a new crop of fly fishing tyro's have appeared on the scene.

One of them, Gordon Van Der Spuy, thought it would be a good idea to Hold South Africa's first fly fishing expo. "Not the first, Gordo", I said when he first floated the idea. "Robin Fick and the NFFC did it back in the 80's at Royal National in KZN. Robin has even given me the original advertising material." "Dude", said Gordon. "We don't count ancient history! I am going to do it."

Before click you on I must also thank Kevin Reid who magnificently accommodated the KZN contingent, or at least those who took him up on his offer at his splendid B&B in Camps Bay. Camps Bay is a seriously convenient place to stay when in CT and I recommend [42 Strathmore](#).

Click [here](#) for more

IN THE MARKET

Discounts from Kingfisher



Kingfisher has generously granted club members a 5% discount on its exclusive brands (Kingfisher, Siglon, Daiwa and Snowbee) in addition to the 5% discount it has already given the club on fly tying materials purchased by the club for use at its monthly tie. Speak to Peter Marriot at Kingfisher at the Hunter street branch or Neil at Complete Angler in Kloof. Thank you Kingfisher for the support you have and are giving to our club.

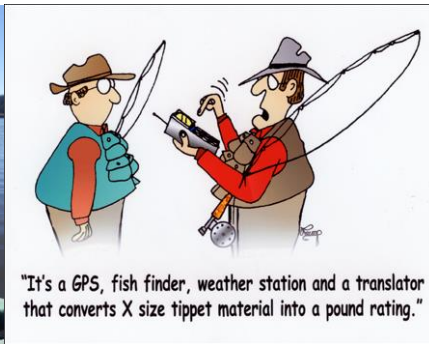
Trolling Motors



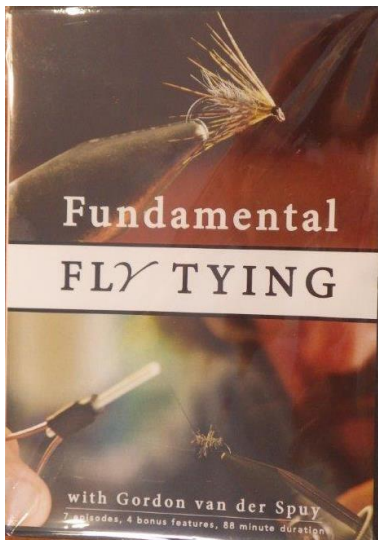
Putting a trolling motor on your float tube may sound strange but I tell you it can be done and what is more it takes a lot, no all of the pain out of beating the wind on dams. I have been thinking about this for some time. I already mount a fish finder on the cross bar of my float tube. What if, I thought, I put a trolling motor there as well? "Nah can't be done", said the chaps at Kingfisher. "You won't get the right battery. You will be out of juice in minutes." So off I went to the battery shop who disagreed. 'We make deep cycle batteries in small sizes these days. Try this for size', they suggested, showing me a deep cycle battery that about 1/3 of the size of the normal car battery. "Cool", thought. "That will fit in the side pocket of the float tube." And so it did. So for the cost of a couple of grand you can motorize any float

tube that has a cross bar on which the motor can be mounted. There is a minor hassle. The cross bar cannot brace the motor so it will tilt away from the direction of thrust. This is easily remedied by using the cross bar

as a fulcrum and counterbalancing the force of the motor by holding the control pod. I am chuffed. wind is now officially a wuss.



Fundamentals of Fly Tying



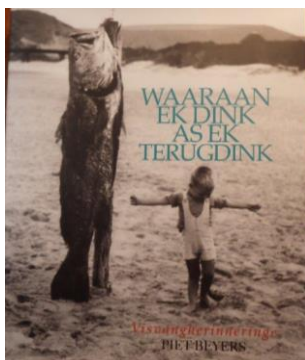
Those who remember Gordon Van Der Spuy's first Fundamental Fly Tying "Tackle the hackle" DVD will want to get the "Don't worry, you too can be a feather mechanic" sequel. This is especially so if you happened to attend his fly tying course last year. Those who did will recognize some of the themes he touched upon during that course and will welcome the refresher that this DVD provides.

Gordon's first DVD was intended for the beginner. This is for the Tyer who is hooked, possibly now the owner of a J Vice or thinking about getting one, who wants to improve his or her skills.

Gordon breaks down fly design, material selection and tying techniques around 7 flies. As usual watching Gordon not only lifts your game, but also inspires you to go out and tie more flies. Well worth the R300.00 bucks.

To get the DVD you can contact Gordon gordon.vanderspuy@gmail.com or go to Wildfly who will shortly have 10 in stock.

Waaraan ek dink as ek terugdink



Piet Beyers is probably not known to many in the KZN outside business circles where he is a "meneer" of considerable standing. But Piet is also a lifelong fisherman and this book is an account of a lifetime of fishing with friends and family. It was originally published in 2010 but for private circulation only. Piet must be thanked for publishing it personally. Though largely salt and course fishing orientated – there is a chapter titled "ongelukkig het riviere vars water" – it is well worth the read especially if fishing is more about your friends and the experience than actually catching fish. Don't be put off by the fact that it is written in Afrikaans. Piet's literary style is simple and direct. Even I had no difficulty in reading this book. It can be purchased online by

clicking [here](#).

"Around the seel no tortur'd worm shall twine, no blood of living insects stain my line; Let me, less cruel, cast the feather'd hook, with pliant rod athward the pebbled brook. Silentt along the mazy margin stray, and with the fur-wrought fly delude the prey."

John Gay, Rural Sports, 1720

CLUB STUFF

Subs for 2016/17 are due.

The new subs remained unchanged at:

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| Joining Fee | R200 senior R100 Junior |
| Senior Member | R200 |
| Junior Member | R100 |
| Family Member | R200 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.

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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 |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Weekend of 10 and 11 September | Scalies | Highover on the Umkomaas | I Cox | Book your own campsite or accommodation at Highover http://www.highover.co.za/ or just make a d trip of it. |
| November TBA | Salt | Cape Vidal | I Cox | Contact Ian Cox to share a campsite or book your own accommodation. |

"Even eminent chartered accountants are known, in their capacity as fishermen, blissfully to ignore differences between seven and ten inches, half a pound and two pounds, three fish and a dozen fish."

William Sherwood Fox, Silken Lines and Silver Hooks, 1954

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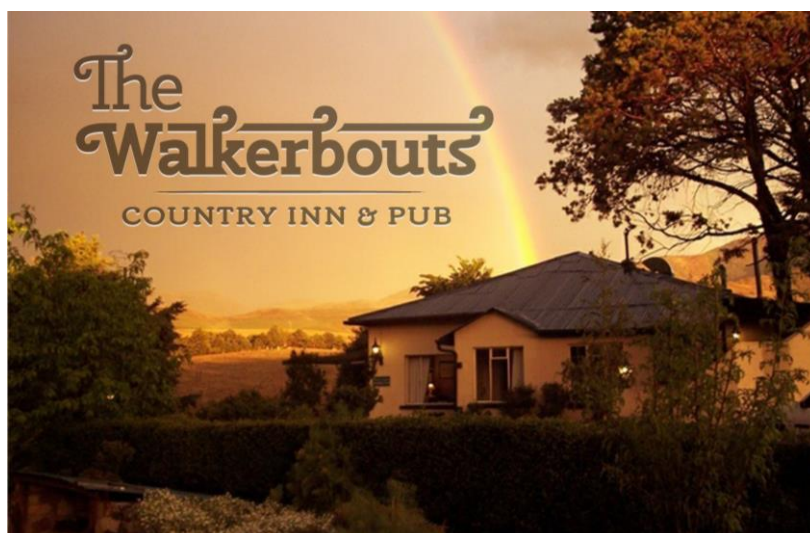
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| Kingfisher | http://www.kingfisher.co.za/shop.php | A wide selection of fly tying materials balanced more towards the salt. |
| South African Online Shops | | |
| Frontier Fly Fishing | http://www.frontierflyfishing.co.za/ | Situated at Coachman's 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 | | |
| Jan Korrubel | 083 99 33 870 jlkorrubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za | small streams and custom fly tying |
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| All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction. | | |
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