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### Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	4 September 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Freshwater
Tyer	Wayne Stegen
Pattern	Soft Hackle Midge
Special Instructions	Bring dubbing spinner 70 denier or thinner brown thread, If you have them, Loon or Solarez (or similar) UV thin and torch.

## CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

By the time you get to read this the river season should be just about to open. Those of you whom enjoy the challenges of the rivers are no doubt itching to get your feet wet. There's been much speculation about the prospects for the new season given the fantastic ending to last season and the recent snow. Time will tell...



DFT was hosted by The Kingfisher in Durban earlier this month and it gave the club a very nice window to show what we do. There was a fair degree of interest with even some ladies trying their hand at tying. Following on from this event we have been asked to do the same at The Complete Angler in Kloof at a date still to be determined. If you missed out, this is an opportunity to get involved.

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.

We've had favourable report backs on the Step by Step recipes from the monthly tie and we will endeavour to make this a regular insert in the Bobbin. On that subject, congratulations must go out to Tom Gifford as his Clouser featured in the recent FOSAF newsletter. Well done Tom! This month's meeting we will have Wayne Stegen tying a Brown Soft Hackle Midge.

See you then.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you Jan Korrubel for the photograph of the snow clad berg. This can only be a sign of good things to come.

It seems winter has been a mixed bag for trout anglers with some areas (or is it anglers) reporting excellent fishing and others not so much. I would place myself in the not so much category but perhaps that has more with a tendency to somnambulate bankside rather than any inherent quality or lack thereof in the fishing.



I of course dispute that. I have often found that success or a lack thereof has a lot to do with your rate of retrieve, Mike Backhouse, who is a notably successful still water trout angler will tell you to slow your retrieve down. Wolf Avni says much the same thing as did the late but still iconic Arthur Cole. What can be slower than [the dead to the world drift?](#)

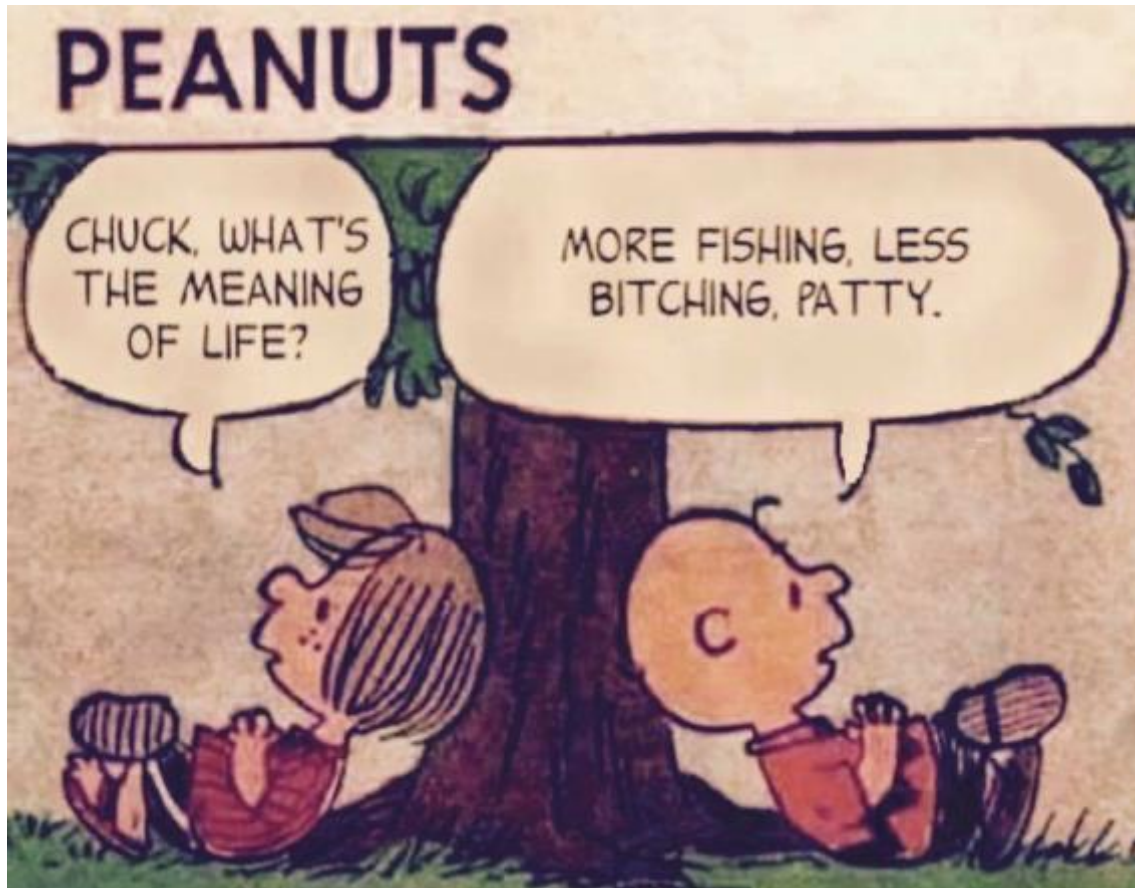
Winter has also taken from us, NFFC stalwart and all round good chap, Roy Ward. [Laurence Davies touching account of his time on the water with Roy](#) is a wonderful memorial to him.

You may have noticed that many of the articles in the Bobbin are in fact links to articles that were published elsewhere. This is not a case of laziness on my part. Publishing has changed. Whereas in the past you were heard only if a magazine or newspaper accepted your article, now you can self-publish on the web. Being heard is determined by how on widely you are read and that depends in no small measure by the extent of your network. I see the Bobbin as an important part of that network. So in this Bobbin I am pleased to link you the Bobbin

readership to articles published by local stalwarts [Peter Brigg](#), [Andrew Sava](#) and our chairman [Andrew Mather](#). If you have already read these articles or others like them, move on but if not, all I can say is enjoy.

*"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, other when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."* Roderick Haig-Brown.

## IT'S A GIGGLE



"Sorry, pal. Illiteracy is no excuse for breaking the law."

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - W. C. Fields

# THE MONTHLY TIE

## THE KLINKHAMER VARIATION

by Peter Brigg



### Materials

- **Hook** - #14 to #16 Klinkhamer styled hook
- **Tag** - red tying thread
- **Abdomen** - moose mane (2 hairs, one white and one brown) or stripped peacock herl **Legs** - natural squirrel hair
- **Post** - white Antron or similar
- **Thorax** - peacock herl
- **Para Hackle** - hackle feather, preferably grizzly.

### Tying Steps

1. Add the red tag roughly 3/4 the way around the bend and tie off thread.
2. Dress the hook in tying thread leaving about 1.5/2mm behind the hook eye free.
3. Add the moose mane or peacock herl on the top of the shank tying in loose turns to a point touching the top of the tag, secure at this point before winding forward.
4. Wind the abdomen material forward in touching turns making sure not to twist the two moose mane hairs in each turn. They must be laid side by side to give the barred effect.
5. Secure at a point about 1/3 of shank length back from the eye and trim excess.
6. If you are going to add UV resin to strengthen the abdomen, now is the time to do it, but just a very thin layer
7. Add a small bunch of squirrel tail hairs behind the hook eye tips facing forward still leaving the small gap behind the eye clear. The length of the squirrel over the eye is arbitrary, but must balance with the overall fly. I prefer to keep it to no more than 10mm for a #14.
8. Secure the squirrel and trim excess butt ends
9. Add the parachute post followed by the hackle feather and secure.
10. Optional, but if a thorax is wanted tie in a single peacock herl and wrap around the shank behind and in front of the post, secure and trim excess
11. Wind the hackle feather around the post in 3 or 4 turns, secure and trim excess
12. Take the tying thread underneath the squirrel and make a few turns to form a small head in the space you left behind the eye. Make a couple of these warps up against the base of the squirrel so that they spread into a fan shape and slightly upwards.
13. Whip finish and varnish the head.



# FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

## Cool flies



Flies by Simon Graham

## From the web

- [Fly tyer of the month](#) – This blog stream is full of hidden gems and is really worth spending time reading.
- Korrie Broos: “A problem we have is that we tend to wade to fast. If you watch fly fishers like Pascal Cognard, Edoardo Ferrero, Jiri Klima etc. they wade so "soft" and gentle. If you wade a bit slower, your ankles will not take such a beating and you will spook a lot less fish. I started to wade slower and it is amazing how many more fish you spot.”
- From Hatch magazine
  - [Casting style vs good technique.](#)
  - [5 tips for better streamer fishing](#)
  - [The down and across swing](#)
  - [Carp techniques](#)
- From Midcurrent
  - [Tickling trout](#)

## REPORTS

### Update on the War on Trout

By Ian Cox

DEA has gone quiet since dropping July's bombshell that it is their intention to declare trout invasive throughout South Africa. Of course this is cannot be done lawfully but you have to be deaf dumb and blind, not to mention stupid, if you have not yet worked out that legality is not something our government cares very much about.

This propensity to abuse law to achieve unlawful purposes is the subject of the attached representation that Trout SA and FOSAF made to parliament earlier this month. Click [here](#) to read that representation.

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. -Walter Bagehot

## Roy Ward



Thanks to Wayne Stegen and the Creel for the photograph

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Roy Ward earlier this month. Roy has been battling cancer these past few months. Roy with characteristic courage and good sense chose to let the disease take its course rather than submit to chemo. The result was a very special women's day in Howick where Roy was made an honorary member of the NFFC, was told that the fund created by the recent NFFC fundraiser was to be called the "Roy Ward Fund" and then got to enjoy a day's fishing with a few close friends. Roy died a few days later.

One of those close friends was Laurence Davies who an article about Roy for the NFFC newsletter, The Creel, just before Roy died. It is well worth reading. Click [here](#) for more.

## ARTICLES



With spring on our doorstep and the weather warming (ha bloody ha) it is maybe time to relook at that old FOSAF gem, [Yellowfishes](#) by Dean Impson and Turner Wilkinson,



## [Zipper Mouth Creek rods](#)

By Andrew Mather



Club chairman Andrew Mather is at it again. Not content with just making bamboo rods, he and a few mates have made up a batch of artificial ones as well. He tells us how and why in this delightful read. Click [here](#) for more.

## [The dark side](#)

By Peter Brigg



It was pure coincidence that fly fishing maestro Peter Brigg published this article on fishing with bamboo on his Blog. I could not resist. Click here for [more](#).

## [Nothing new under the sun](#)

By Andrew Sava



I've had this idea for a killer fly floating around in my head for a while now. It's entirely unique too. Never been seen before. Unique. Revolutionary. Quite possibly patentable ...click [here](#) for more.)

### Law and conservation

[Part 19: What is a species?](#)

[Part 20: Working against decency.](#)

[Part 21: Born a crime.](#)

[Part 22: Bad law.](#)

## IN THE MARKET

### South African Fishing Flies



Peter Brigg and Ed Herbst's masterpiece will be hitting the shelves soon. Published by Penguin, this is what the blurb says.

*South African Fishing Flies* is a celebration of this artistry – the innovation, the talents of the originators and their vision of imagination, masters of the craft – and of all the fly-tyers of South Africa. It is not an exhaustive reference to all South African flies, but is rather an anthology of those that by virtue of their innovation in design, materials used and tying techniques have helped shape and, in some cases, change the thinking on fly-tying in this country. It is also a visual celebration of these flies, the waters we fish, an introduction to some of the individuals in our fly-fishing community, and creators of South African flies.



# CLUB STUFF

## General club stuff

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## 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 Fish Eagle	105 Victoria Rd Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal <a href="https://www.facebook.com/THEFISHEAGLE/">https://www.facebook.com/THEFISHEAGLE/</a>	Jan Korrubel runs this shop. Say no more!!!
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