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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

Date	5 February 2017
Venue	Room G1 Westville Library
Time	7pm for 7.30pm
Tie	Salt water
Tyer	Raymond Meneses
Pattern	Baitfish
Special Instructions	

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

To all the members may I wish you all the very best for the New Year.

Since the last Bobbin I have attended two meetings of the KZN chapter FOSAF. Those of you whom hate meetings needed worry that I'll send out copies of long minutes. But...all the Clubs which attended the Nov meeting agreed that the Clubs would attend FOSAF meeting twice a year at least to ensure that we give feedback on FOSAF's activities.



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What became clear is that many of us do not read all the information sent to us electronically and as a result many of us are not always up to speed with current events. I guess in the era of social media platforms bombarding us with info is a bit like trying to drink from a fire hydrant!

Nevertheless I came away with three take home messages from the FOSAF meetings:-

1. FOSAF are first and foremost trying to get government to act within the law. They do not wish to litigate unnecessarily. It's not a personal battle between individuals on either side. Sometimes it may appear so but I think some are more passionate at communicating than others,
2. While FOSAF run a tight ship, this all costs money. Now that we can all get the Flyfishing magazine free electronically, why don't each of us consider sending what we would *have* spent on the hard copies of this magazine directly to FOSAF as a donation. Or better still join as a full member for R300 p.a.,
3. FOSAF has a network of other groups and this synergy is just what we need to ensure that our interests are represented.

I came away with a clearer understanding of what FOSAF is trying to achieve. They deserve our support.

Lastly on a sad note for the Club, we bid Warren Prior farewell as he moves his family to Australia. As a dedicated Committee member he will be sorely missed. Warren on behalf of the club we wish you all the very best.

See you soon.

FROM THE EDITOR

It is with considerable sadness that I report that the magazine Fly Fishing is no longer being produced in a print format. The good news is that it will henceforth be published electronically and free of charge.

The latest edition can be accessed online at this address

https://issuu.com/sheenacarnie/docs/flyfishing_201802

Flyfishing started life back in 1990 as a quarterly publication of the Southern African Fly Fishers Association (FOSAF). I am fortunate to have most of those early issues and they make an interesting point of comparison.



I think the most obvious common denominator is that Flyfishing always was and still is a community based magazine. If I can contrast it broadly with that other great longstanding South African Fly Fishing publication, The Complete Fly Fisherman, while the latter adopted the more conventional format of writing for the money (i.e. the

advertisers) as its dominant theme, Flyfishing has always been a little bit different in that it writes for the ordinary fly fisher as its dominant theme.

Though I will miss the print format the move is probably a wise one, especially if it to keep its community ethos.

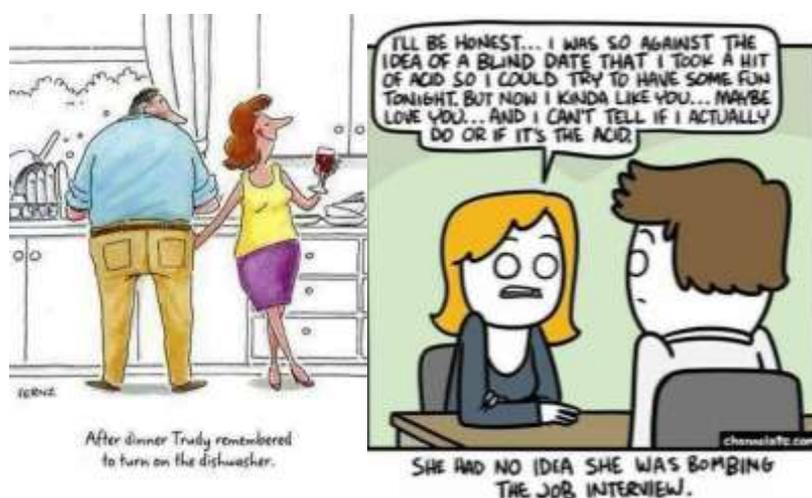
FOSAF NEWS

A lot of fly anglers ask what FOSAF does. I tell them is a public advocacy group that looks after your fly fishing. Eyes glaze over but that is the truth. Without FOSAF trout would be invasive, a great deal of river health work would not happen and people who need to come together to make things happen would never happen. You may not see it or even respect it but often the road that demarcates your fly fishing journey is only there because FOSAF was there.

This segment of the Bobbin is dedicated to all things FOSAF so you can get an idea of what FOSAF is doing for you. And I can tell you I have missed things.

- Membership
 - Subs R300 per annum
 - Join <http://www.fosaf.org.za/join.php>
- Publications.
 - Website <http://www.fosaf.org.za/>
 - Facebook Page <https://web.facebook.com/Fosaf/>
 - Fishing report <http://www.fosaf.org.za/> for example [on Sterkfontein](#)
 - Fly of the month Salmo Taddy <http://www.fosaf.org.za/read-Current-231.php>
 - [Tippet February 2018](#)
 - Yellowfish Working Group [January Newsletter](#)
- River Health- Chris Williams is chairperson of the North Vaal Chapter. He is actively involved on behalf of FOSAF and in his personal capacity if community based fly fishing and river health projects. Click [here](#) for one of them.
- Trout Wars. – an ongoing issue which is dealt with later under that heading. Click here to access it.
- Environmental –
 - Considering and making representations if necessary the Draft Mopani Bioregional Plan for the Mopani District. The Haertnesberg fly fishing club operates within that district
 - Working with the SAVE the Vaal and attending SAVE the Vaal meetings of November 2017 and January 2018.

IT'S A GIGGLE



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Hidden Gold

A fly tier's guide to recycling a dead CFL globe

By Bruce Curry



We all know Bruce Curry is a handy kind of bloke so when he promised some time ago to do an article on a cool source of copper wire, I said yes please. Well here it is and given what fly shops charge for wire these days it is literally worth its weight in gold. Click [here](#) for more.

Cool flies

- Rohan Koegelenberg – For those who do not know Rohan, he is a Transvaal based Flyfishing guide and professional fly tyer. Check him out on [Facebook](#) or at [Rapid Hunter Fly Fishing Safaris and flies](#) His flies are works of art.



From the web

- Scotty Kyle the long-time producer of the FOSAF Kosi Bay Fishing report has retired. Click [here](#) for his last report.

REPORTS

2015 recreational fishing survey

Some of you may remember this. It caused a bit of a furor when the survey was first launched because those responsible for the survey did not consult with the fly fishing community in designing the survey. This failure materially departed from the applicable Southwick Associates protocol that requires surveys of this nature to take place in consultation with a project team made up inter alia of leaders from the various fishing communities.

The exclusion of the fly fishing community from the project team resulted in material flaws in the design of the questionnaire which would have resulted in a serious undervaluation of the value of the fly fishing and in particular trout fishing value chains.

This material defect was pointed out to those carrying out the survey. Expert opinion confirmed that while this defect would make invalidate any attempt to disaggregate data regarding a particular type of recreational fishing, such as for example, trout fishing, the data could still be used in an aggregated way to draw conclusion about the value and socio economic contribution of fishing as a whole.

FOSAF sought and obtained an assurance from the Department of Ichthyology at Rhodes University who carried out the research that:

“the disaggregation that will take place will be by habitat (marine vs freshwater vs estuary) and by province and not by sector.”

You may recall that mention was made of this in FOSAF's [May 2016 Tippet](#)

Well we have just learned that the final report on this survey has now been completed but has not yet been published. The fly fishing community was not represented on the project team that finalized the report and consequently we have no idea what is in it. FOSAF has consequently written to the South African Fishing Tackle Agents and Distributors (SAFTAD) who commissioned the report as well as the Department of Ichthyology at Rhodes University requesting a copy of the report.

[Trout Wars Update Jan 2018](#)

It's been a busy Christmas and for those who want the longer story click [here](#). But the big news is that we now know why DEA have apparently reneged on the trout mapping exercise. They are trying to pass a new Biodiversity Act. This is not a recent thing. It what can only be described as a breathtaking act of bad faith, they have spent 3 years negotiating with the trout value chain on one basis while knowing full well that they intended to change the law to try and take away everything that the trout value chain has been negotiating for.

The trouble is that while the Biodiversity Bill is well written it is also hopelessly unlawful. It seems that DEA are now in a space so far removed from reality that they have forgotten that laws must be constitutional and that parliament makes laws rather than DEA. I do not know what is worse about this pitiful attempt at law making, the law itself or the fact that DEA thinks they will get away with it.

The Bill has not been published for comment but if but if you want to read an early draft, you can read access it by clicking on the link in my article [New Biodiversity Bill and the end of rights](#).

ARTICLES

[Angus' Trout](#)

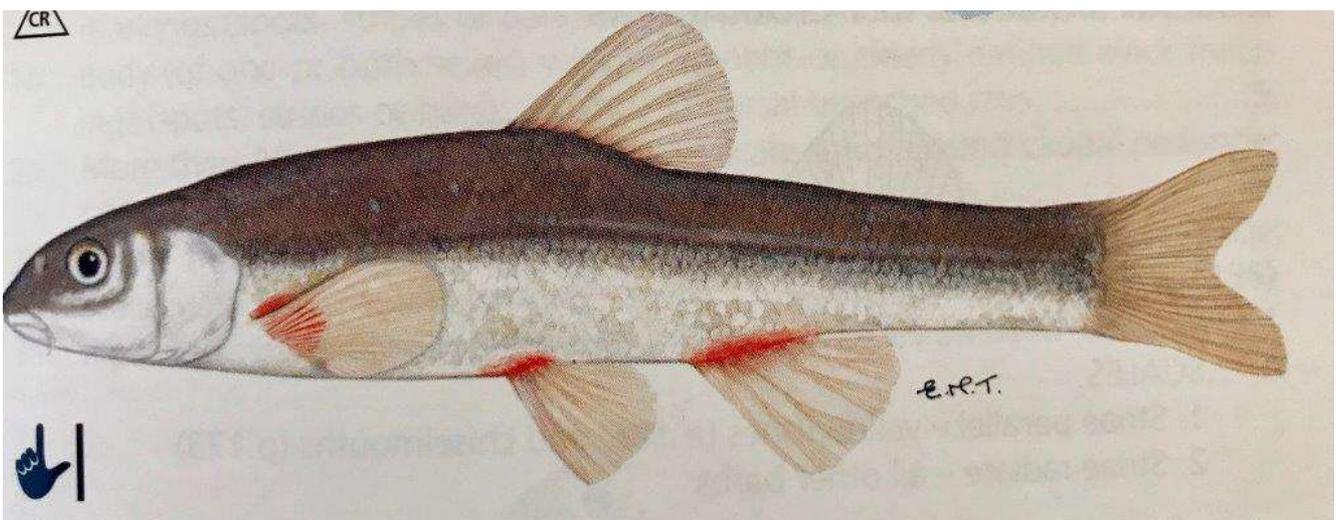
by Marshall Fullstone



Scottish stories are hard to get right. There is a tendency to over romanticise, to miss the essence of such tales in pursuit of heather, whiskey and the myth of the noble Scot. Don't get me wrong, there is a great deal admirable about the Scottish, but it is the contrast between canniness, integrity and what the Scot's call "squint" that I think defines the true soul of what it is to be Scottish. This story which was published in the September 1967 edition of the Field and Stream magazine does it to a nicety. Click [here](#) for a fishing story that is so much more. Thank you Laurence Davies once again for the treasure trove that are these back editions.

[Native or Not](#)

By Ian Cox and Andrew Mather



I wrote on this in the last Bobbin. A lot has happened since then. We did a bit of sleuthing and as a result we are reasonably certain that the Maloti minnow is not native to the uMkomazana River. We wrote an article on our

research and it was published in the first online edition of SA Flyfishing. You can access a pdf of that article by clicking [here](#) or the magazine itself by clicking [here](#).

Research is ongoing but happily the new information we have received corroborates this conclusion. We have also learnt the Skhumbuzo Khubeka and his team have completed their research on the Ingeli fish and are presently writing up an article on it. They are keeping the news under wraps so we will have to wait until it is published. It could change everything we thought we knew about this fish, but then again it might not.

[A better book review](#)

Impressions of impressions are caught in a volume of meaning

by Neels Blom



I subscribe to business day, at least I did last year for only one reason. It is so I can read Neels Blom. He is a superb writer with insight and sometimes prose that transcends the sublime. This is a book review to anyone who is not a fly fisher. To a trout angler it is a brief time spent with an old friend. [Read and enjoy.](#)

IN THE MARKET

Flyfishing is now free online.



I dealt with this in some detail in my editorial but Flyfishing is now available for free online on this link https://issuu.com/sheenacarnie/docs/flyfishing_201802

SA Fly Tying Expo 2018



Built for fly fisherman by fly fisherman

The 2018 South African fly fishing and fly tying Expo will take place at Lourensford wine estate in the Western Cape from 27-29 July. The occasion is really more of a reunion than an event really, an entire weekend of fly fishing bliss in beautiful surroundings with fellow feather crazed lunatics. It also happens to be the only event of its kind in Africa in that it caters exclusively for fly fisherman. [Click](#) here for more

CLUB STUFF

General club stuff

Subs are **OVERDUE** and are:

Joining Fee	R200 senior R100 Junior
Senior Member	R220
Junior Member	R120
Family Member	R220 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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Account Number: 053 189 647

Please 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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Outings	The Committee		

There's only one sport that has more books written about it than fly fishing, and that's chess. It's the same reason for both sports. It's a mental game. It's the challenge of trying to catch fish. La Fontaine

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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.
The Fish Eagle	105 Victoria Rd Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal https://www.facebook.com/THEFISHEAGLE/	Jan Korrubel runs this shop. Say no more!!!
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
Stream X	http://www.streamxflyfishing.co.za/	
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Jeremy Rochester	083 607 6100	
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The Natal Fly Fishing Club	http://www.nffc.co.za/	
FOSAF	http://www.fosaf.org.za/	
The Underberg and Himeville Trout Club	http://www.uhtfc.co.za/	
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Durban	http://www.swell.co.za/durban/tides	Gives you a surf report too.
Weather		
Durban	http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=4865	