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Next Meeting

Visitors and beginners are welcome.

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

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

The talk of the town is the publication of draft Alien Invasive Species lists which now includes both Brown and Rainbow trout as Alien Invasive Species. After many years of negotiations between FOSAF and the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) the Operation Phakisa agreement is not being honoured by DEA.



However the process of getting the Alien Invasive Species listing requires public consultation. Public consultation requires the public to receive sufficient information in which to meaningfully comment on these draft proposals. Unless you are a scientist working in the respective fields of either plants or animals you will be none the wiser as to the threat of these named plants and animals.

And so with this in mind Government has to provide information to assist you with your evaluation of these proposals. If government cannot, or will not, provide this information, it knowingly compromises all our rights to make comments or representations. One of the easiest ways of setting aside a decision is to argue that the process was compromised. As Estate Agents will tell you...position, position, position...likewise legislation requires process, process, process!

And so on behalf of the DFT, I have written to DEA requesting information on the Alien Invasive Species lists. I would urge you all to do so too in your personal capacities.

See you soon.

FROM THE EDITOR

A big thank you to Luke Saffarek for stepping in at the last minute and agreeing to demonstrate his Safari Shrimp. This was necessary because Raymond Meneses was rushed to hospital for what sounded like major surgery. Fortunately Raymond is well again and back at work. For those who did not attend last month's tie Luke hails from British Columbia where he manages fishing lodges. He will shortly be on his way to take over a prestigious one and we wish him bon voyage and say thank you for an entertaining and instructful evening.



I must also tender an apology. As Andrew has hinted at, things have been a tad busy of late at Casa Cox. The arrival of summer has seen DEA launch a new offensive in the Trout Wars. I deal with what is happening and what we are doing about in a little more detail later. It has proved an interesting window into ANC politics as Dr Guy Preston who is spearheading this new attack would not have dared try to list trout as invasive unless he knew that DEA was keeping its minister. So we know he knew before 16 February 2018 that Edna Molewa was staying. That tells me that the group in the ANC who care less about the people and more about gaining control so that they can run a rent seeking State are still a series force to reckon with. South African environmental officials and the invasion biologist in the scientific community have made common cause with this group.

Anyway the result of this is that this edition of the Bobbin was produced in a tearing rush. I apologize for the lack of content.

Finally my apologies for cutting Lee Ramnaryianout of his own lifer trout photo.(But see later Lee! Lee fishes a lot with Andrew Mather and took this fish out of poacher's pool on the Bushman's. This happy band have been catching heaps fish all summer on a particular fly. I am told the fly is on the club's tying list in the future.

MONTHLY TIE

LUKE SAFARI'S SHRIMP



MATERIALS:

1. **Hook** – Mustad 34007 / Gamakatsu Stinger B10s / Gamakatsu SC15 or any similar saltwater hook in a size 2/0 (or upwards depending how big you want the fly to be).
2. **Thread** - 140 floss/thread in white or tan
3. **Eyes** – black plastic beads strung on hard mono. Ends melted and pressed flat
4. **Body** – SF Blend dubbed and then wrapped with.
5. **Tail** – fake fur in tan
6. **Dumbbell eyes** – 3 mm brass/lead/tungsten. Alternatively try similar sized bead chain if you want to keep it light.

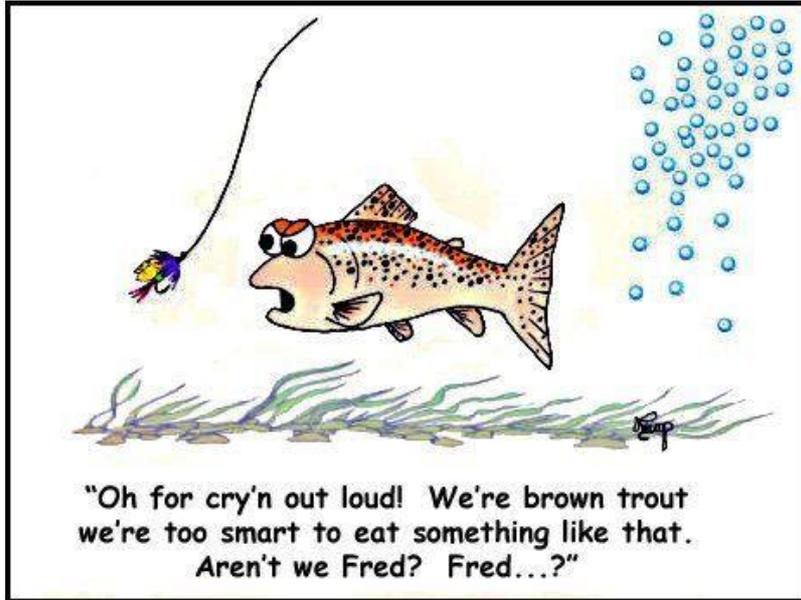
TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Tie in fake fur tail then tie in two eye stalks then the dumbbells.
2. Dub body and then wrap body to eyes
3. Tie in fake fur underside over hook point as shown
4. Dub around eyes and tie off.

FOSAF NEWS

- [FOSAF NEWS - newsflash! – Please respond urgently to new NEMBA AIS List & Regulations!](#)
- [FOSAF NEWS - The New Biodiversity Bill which will Replace NEM:BA](#)
- [FOSAF NEWS - Fly Of The Month - The Pompano Plough By Tim Rolston.](#)
- [FOSAF NEWS - TROUT SA Presentation On The Aquaculture Bill: Update By Ilan Lax 9 Feb 2018](#)
- [FOSAF NEWS - Trout In Mpumalanga: Update By Ilan Lax 9 Feb 2018](#)
- [Yellowfish Working Group - YWG February Newsletter.](#)
- [FOSAF FLYFISHING REPORTS - Trout - Kwa-Zulu Natal Midlands](#)

IT'S A GIGGLE



Original Ties of Iconic Flies

This is a new section. Pete collects iconic flies tied by the person who invented them often according to the original pattern. This is Tony Biggs RAB tied by Tony in accordance with the original pattern. It is a lot more sparsely tied than the more modern versions.



FLY TYING AND OTHER TIPS

Cool flies

Kevin Marc Goncalves ties a beautiful fly. He is a young tyer from Gauteng who has put a few flies in Andrew Savs' fly box. Check him out on Facebook on [Fly Tying South Africa](#) and [Trout Talk](#)



From the web

- Peter Brigg's superb happy visual space that is his blog simply titled [Photography](#)
- Many of us know Sheldon Sink. His little sister is the renowned Dr Kerry Sink. Her [Ted Talk](#) of deep ocean life. It is riveting.
- For those who are interested in learning more about the problems with biocentric preservationism this Washington post article by biologist Professor Alexander Pyron Dr "[We don't need to save endangered species. Extinction is part of evolution](#)" is an interesting read.
- On the growth of Flyfishing in South Africa – from the Financial Mail - [Fly's the limit as a sport explodes](#) by Tudor Caradoc Davies.

REPORTS

[Trout Wars Update March 2018](#)

By Ian Cox

Last month we were all in a tizz over the new Draft Biodiversity Bill. It has got a lot of people in a tizz to be honest. I fly up to Pretoria next week to speak to a wide range of interest groups who are becoming increasingly worried about the extent to which the environmental movement in government is playing Trojan horse to the nationalization of all property rights. Turns out Dr Gup Preston was not kidding when he said I must be in control!

Things changed on the weekend after 16 March 2018 when news began to filter in about new proposed amendment to the AIS Lists and Regulations that would result in trout being listed as invasive. My gazette alert which tells me about these things inexplicably did not work so I only learnt about the new Draft Regulations the on Monday 19 March and of the proposal to list trout in category 2 later that day. Click [here](#) for more.

- [The Draft 2017 AIS Species Regulations](#)
- [The Draft AIS Lists](#)
- The Notice in the Star
- [Letter to DEA requesting information](#)



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Thanks to Tony Sharples for the image



Lee's Fish

A picture often says more than a 1000 words. Check out the bent and battered fly that is doing the trick.



ARTICLES

[Wet Dreams and Home Streams](#)

By Andrew Mather



One of the consequences of the ageing process is that wet dreams become a metaphor for other things. I do not think it is unconnected but it also leads, ageing I mean, to a certain amount of contemplative introspection. So enjoy Andrew's little end of midlife crisis. Much of it will be familiar. Click [here](#) for more.

[A ban on broccoli](#)

by Andrew Fowler

"The local groceries are all out of broccoli, loccoli." Roy Blount Jr

Also trout wars related Andrew Fowler unpacks the attempt to list trout as invasive as if trout are broccoli. An entertaining and lucid must read. Click [here](#) for more.

From the New York Times March 23 1990

President Bush declared today that he never, ever, wants to see another sprig of broccoli on his plate, whether he is on Air Force One or at the White House or anywhere else in the land.

"I do not like broccoli," the President said, responding to queries about a broccoli ban he has imposed aboard Air Force One, first reported this week in U.S. News and World Report. "And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm President of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli!"

[A fake sense of belonging](#)

By Ian Cox



This is my quirky take on the indigenous gardening movement and the origins of “green apartheid”. Click [here](#) for more.

IN THE MARKET

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.

Bank details

Bank: Standard Bank

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Branch Code: 045 426

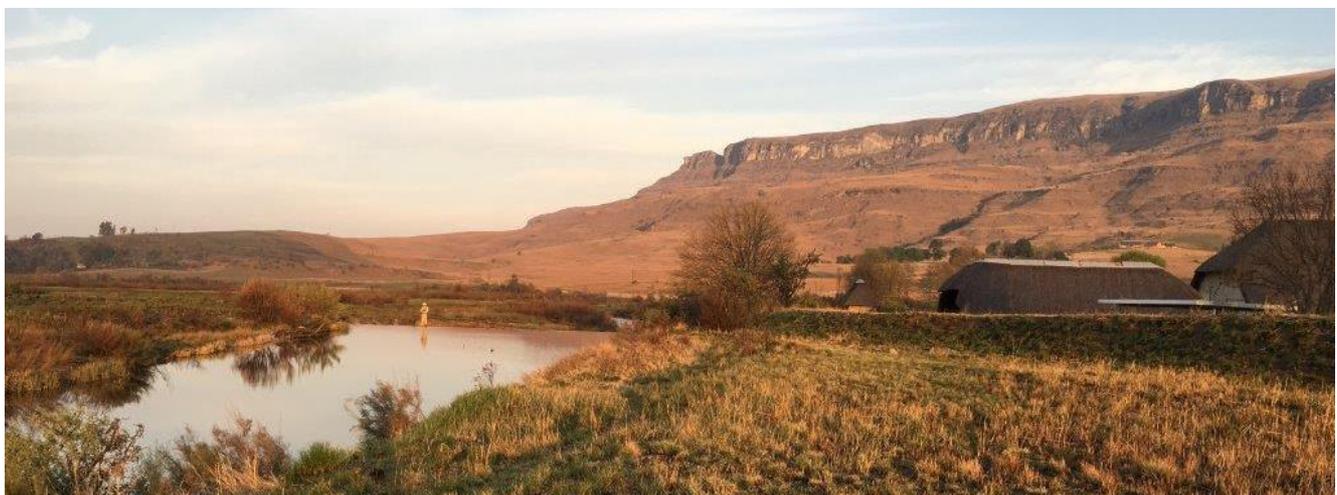
Account Number: 053 189 647

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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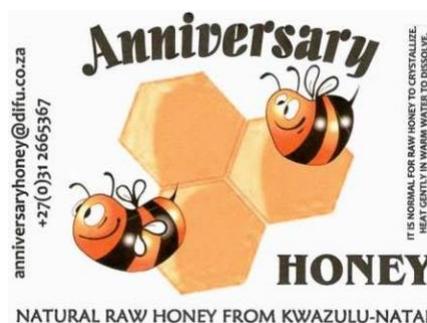


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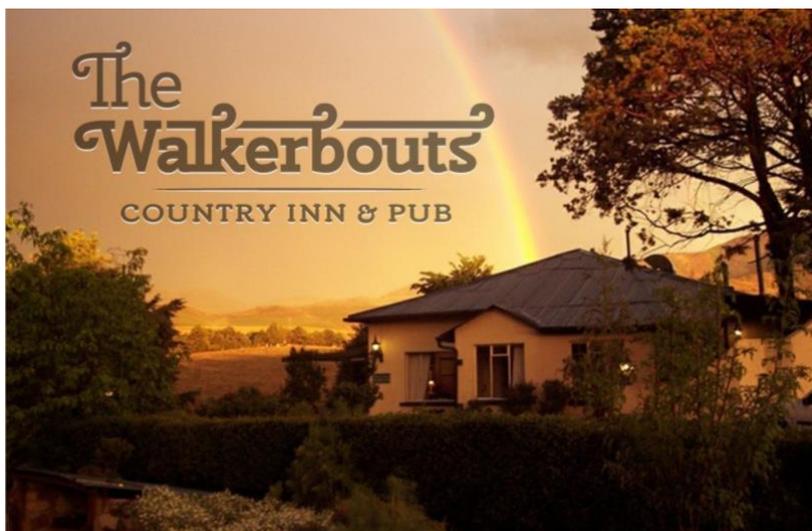
The mesh is hand knotted using a soft multi-strand nylon to protect the fish which is to be released. The lease clip allows the net to hang high up horizontally on your vest so it will not get caught up in vegetation. Personalised name an optional.

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QUICK LINKS

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.
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/	
The African Fly Fisher	http://www.theafricanflyangler.co.za/	Morne Bayman's shop
KZN Fly Fishing Guides		
Jan Korrubel	083 99 33 870 jkorrubel@gmail.com jan@wildfly.co.za	Small streams and custom fly tying
Grevin Price	082 896 3688 grevin@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Juan-Pierre Rossouw	076 208 5602 juan@wildfly.co.za	river and still water (including yellowfish)
Leon Vermeulen	082 442 4846 / leon@wildbrowns.co.za	River
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All the fishing guides listed above also give casting instruction.		
Graham McCall	079 303 3735	
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/	
Wildfly	http://www.wildflytravel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=282&Itemid=451	
Tides Charts		
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	