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One cannot believe that the year passed so quickly, it was only a couple of months ago when we were still battling the huge flows, and here we are at the end of that year and the fishing has been awesome so far. But I'm getting ahead of myself, more on that later.

This will be the last newsletter this year and let me start off by saying I hope that the festive season that awaits us brings us all some great PB's, and who knows, maybe a rod and a reel for Christmas?

We have had another great year as a club, and I'm sure that all members will agree that there is a diverse year planner with something for everyone. Thank you to each and every club member who made this another memorable year.

The Vaal had us on our knees in the beginning of the year but we still had a blast as a club with all the various activities.

Here's to next year, may we grow from strength to strength!

Speaking of next year, we are having the AGM on the 19th January 2011 @ 19h00, Elgro Hotel – Potchefstroom.

As is the norm at the AGM a committee needs to be elected and we would like nominations for the various seats that needs to be filled.

We need nominations for:

Chairman

Vice-chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Kobus (chairman) and myself (secretary) are stepping down and will not be available for re-election.

If you could send us your nominations well in advance we would truly appreciate it.

The AGM is always a very important meeting and we would urge all members to try and attend if possible.

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Enough of that, let's get to the fishing already!
Like I mentioned, the Vaal is producing some excellent fish!

If the **Windknot/Bells Smallmouth Festival** is anything to go by then the smiles all around told the story!

I'm not aware of anyone who blanked and there were a lot of people who were in the double figures with their catches.

The festival again was a huge success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. If you missed it you should book you seat ASAP for next year, this festival is usually fully booked early in the year, so the sooner you book the better your chances are of getting a spot!

At the festival we honoured some of the people who did some ground breaking work on Yellowfish Conservation in the Vaal and Orange river system.

Pierre de Villiers handed over the awards and gave us some history on the Yellowfish work groups and conservation in general. If it were not for these individuals who took the first few shaky steps in conservation we would not have had the organisations and work groups that we have today.



Harvy Venter (founding member of Windknot), Dries Visser (former Windknot Conservation Officer), Pierre de Villiers (Cape Nature Conservation), Piet Hoffman (Wag-'n-Bietjie).

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Some more photos of the festival that will put a smile on the face!



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There are more photos on our website (<http://www.windknot.co.za/gallery>), be sure to visit the site.

The year-end function will be a fish-and-sleepover again, the 4th December at Elgro River Lodge. If you are planning to attend please book you place before 23rd November. Cost will be R100-00 per person and it will be a bring-and-braai the Saturday night.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Interesting links:

Dubbing is dubbing, is dubbing, right?

How about expanding your knowledge on the subject with this article?

<http://ukflydressing.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=sbs&action=display&thread=4046>

I have heard of “papgooi” and bait, lures, plastics and flies, but this woman takes fishing to a whole new level!

<http://www.vimeo.com/2438166>

[Davie McPhail](#) is a well know fly tier in the UK and he has a channel on YouTube with hundreds of step-by-step instructions on almost every fly imaginable, here are a few that caught my eye:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_iFwxVW5y1w

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wA6_S8EJl-4

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Mi6fhzUx2k>

How about a tutorial on dubbing? Here is a link to a tutorial that leaves no stone unturned!

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Greetings and tight lines, till we meet again!

Joggie Swanepoel

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