



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

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Newsletter - May 2024

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 5th June 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 12th June 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Guest Speaker– Jeremy & Piers Ranicar

Both Jeremy and Piers are some of the early explorers of the western lakes. Jeremy was fortunate to highlight some of their many expeditions on camera.

Next Club Outings:

'Christmas in Winter' at Noonamena - 6th July

Basic Fly Fishing class - 3rd August

Intermediate Fly Fishing Class - 10th August

Taxidermy of Trout

There are some anglers that like to physically see their trophy trout on the wall rather than just a picture in a photo album.

If one such trout is caught, and the angler decides to preserve this for posterity as a wall mount then there are a few basic rules to follow.

To preserve the integrity of the fish, all care immediately after capture is required. It is to be 'dressed' as soon as possible without letting the fish flap about. This limits the damage to the skin by muscle damage – which is difficult to repair.

If you are fishing in an area where you are likely to catch a leviathan you should include a plastic bag large enough for such a fish. A camera (mobile phone) is also very important. The fish should be photographed many times from all angles. Do not gut the fish, or scale it, wrap it in a towel, or hold up by the chin.

The fish is to be placed in the plastic bag with some water to keep moist and cool. Do not let the fish dry out or freeze in the bag.

In a cool room decide on which side is to be mounted. Often one side looks better than the other. Source a board that is wider and longer than the fish and cover (all sides) it with 'Gladwrap'. Place a piece of 'Gladwrap' under all the fins (pectoral, pelvic, dorsal, adipose, tail and anal) then completely wrap the fish in 'Gladwrap'. Measure the length and breadth of the fish.

Now it is time to locate the taxidermist.

Once located all information collected by the angler is to be sent to the taxidermist to enable him to quote a price. Then deliver the photos and fish for mounting as soon as possible.

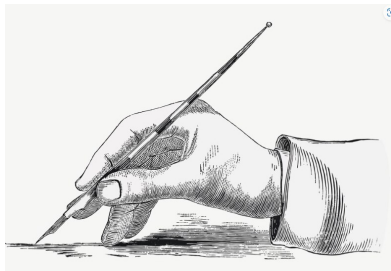


An Anglers Wish

I fish with a fly, they say its an art
But I don't give a, 'cause hard as I try
whenever I'm fishing, I'm always wishing
the water was calmer, or the weather was better
unlike any farmer, I don't want it wetter.
But if it was easy, I'd lose interest
I love a test, So if its breezy
I set forth with zest, with flies made of feathers
I go out in all weathers, No not all the time,
that's just for the rhyme, If I catch Salmo Trutta
I frequently utter, "Well bugger me thighs,
that's a pretty good size", Do I eat it though?
No I let it go, My friends think I'm queer
but over a beer, I say "Why would I kill
one that's given a thrill, It's just for the sport".
So here's a tip for all fish in the sea, If you're gonna get caught,
GET CAUGHT BY ME!



Thanks to Paul Boer for his poetic skills





You may be wondering who this person is that is writing about fly casting in our newsletter. There are more qualified and knowledgeable fly casters than I in the club. I don't claim to be a writer or an expert but I love my fly fishing and I enjoy casting and teaching others how to go about it. My story is not a very interesting one but you may want to know how I came to write these articles. Once you have read a few, you will realize it has nothing to do with talent or money. I write because it keeps my mind active, makes me think more about teaching casting and helps fill up the space in my club newsletter.

If that's not turned you off from reading further, maybe the fact that I am a Mainlander will. I grew up and worked in New South Wales before retiring and moving to Tasmania. I spent 12 years on the island before we moved back to my wife's home town of Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast of NSW where we live now. With no fly fishing clubs in the area, I started the Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club.

While in Tasmania, I joined the Corralinn Fly Fishing and Casting Association and the Devonport Fly Fishing Club. It was my involvement in these clubs that led to my becoming a certified casting instructor and writing articles for club newsletters. I realized I had to improve my casting when I first went to New Zealand and had trouble with the dreaded north west-erlies. I knew I had to find out more about teaching casting when I started helping at Launceston Lakes. Luckily for me, I met Roy Wybrow and had the good fortune to spend some time with Peter Hayes at the Cressy Lodge. With Roy Wybrow, Mr Smooth, as my mentor my casting and understanding took a leap forward and I became a certified casting instructor in 2011.

With my new-found knowledge, I started writing articles for the Corralinn and Devonport Clubs under the banner of "*Casting Corner ... The Random Ramblings of a Certified Casting Instructor.*" When I returned to the mainland, the column became "Casting Around." It was still about fly casting but the focus changed from trout to saltwater to suit the needs of the newly established Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club.

Twelve years after my first column, I'm still writing each month about random subjects that come to mind from someone who should be "certified." I write about things that happen to me and the people I fish with. I write about things I think club members should know about casting. I write because I have a newsletter to fill every month.

If you do find something worth reading, I'm glad I have been able to make you think more about your casting. If you find yourself disagreeing with what I write, that's good too. My aim is to stimulate, instruct and fill up space in the newsletter without being too boring. To those more qualified, I am happy to accept constructive feedback and bow to your superior knowledge. There is always more to learn.



Reproduced with thanks from Allan Ekert's "Casting Around"

There will be another story in another newsletter.

Life Membership Nomination

Members are reminded that at the AGM the honour of a Life membership may be presented to a member or members.

The member must be nominated in accordance with Rule 5.1(d) and satisfy the conditions as set out in Rule 4 (a) and (c) of the Club constitution.

The nomination and a resume of the nominee must be received by the Secretary by the August meeting to be discussed at committee level.

All nominations received are in strict confidence.

Important Notice

As all members are aware, we are currently living in difficult and unprecedented times. So, to keep all members notified on what is happening within the Club, either by our monthly newsletters or important notice issues.

It is therefore extremely vital that we have your current contact details.

If you have recently changed your postal address, or email address, or phone number, or are uncertain that we have your correct details, then please tell us.

By contacting the Secretary by email at:
secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

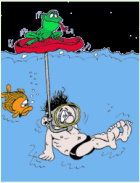
Max Christensen Award & Tanglefoot Trophy



In recognition of a member/s who have provided, over the last twelve months, a substantial and continued service to the club via many forms of contribution.

Past recipients of our highest accolade have been recognised for their valuable contributions in a wide range of areas / fields, including (but not limited to):

- outstanding service on committee
- undertaking additional duties on behalf of the club (sub-committee)
- significant contributions on working bees, projects, etc...
- representing the club on external activities (Adult Ed, AAT, IFS, etc...)



Snorkel Award

Members who have witnessed some unusual activities over the last twelve months and are prepared to 'volunteer' information, leading to the successful prosecution of any member guilty of going the 'full dunk' as part of their fishing / boating activities.



Club Outing



Christmas in Winter

Our annual event "Christmas in Winter" will be held at Noonamena soon. Members are encouraged to confirm their bookings by our June meeting. Places for the luncheon are limited to **15** so book early - also Noonamena can only sleep **8**.

DATE:	6th July
TIME:	10:00 am. (To help prepare & setup)
LOCATION POINT:	NOONAMENA
COSTS:	\$25 (includes member's shack rental)
RSVP:	12/06/2024
CONTACT:	SECRETARY

President's Report

Hello members.

Another season has passed us by, and most brown trout waters have closed, for me it is time to put the fly-fishing gear away but, there may be some hardy members who will continue to fish the waters that remain open.

For me the season was not as good as some in the past, with the weather usually turning bad when the opportunity for a fishing trip arose. Having said that the last two trips at the end of the season were the best. Some of you may not believe this but I may have even converted Chris Crawford to wet fly fishing.

On the last weekend of the season at Little Pine the first day was overcast with a moderate westerly wind and choppy water. We easily boated over twenty small but good conditioned fish. On the second day there was blue sky, no wind and glassy conditions, only three fish for the day. The third day was overcast and very still early with only one fish caught. By mid-morning there was a light breeze and nice ripple on the water, we both caught our bag plus some in a short time. A great way to end the season.

For those of us with boats the off season is a good time to get the boat motor serviced, check the trailer wheel bearings and lights and do any maintenance required.

If you have an inflatable life jacket and it is due for a service now is a good time to have this done.

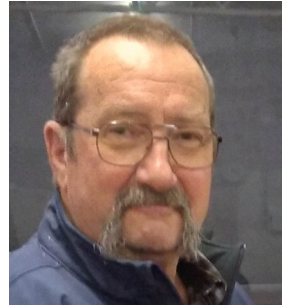
Due to low water levels the IFS Trout Weekend has been cancelled. Thanks to those members who volunteered to tie flies at this event.

The committee is looking into placing some sort of structure at Koongara to house the wood. If anyone knows of anything suitable ie; old water tank or garden shed please contact a committee member.

Christmas in winter will be held at Noonameena on Saturday the 6th July. Numbers are limited at this event. Contact Graeme Frankcombe.

Subs will soon be due prompt payment would be appreciated.

Martin Hingston,



Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 1st of May 2024

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 29 members, guest speaker and 1 guest to the meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

He also made note of the items listed for sale that can be purchased either pre-meeting, during the break, or post meeting. Any reasonable offer will be accepted for the books, but the fly-tying materials are priced.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Annie Skarratt, Jack Barker, Graeme Frankcombe, Bob Wolf, Glenn Becher, James Doherty, Charles Peck, Andrew Wood, Jim Leslie, Matthew Stagg, Bruce Dean

Names of Guests:

Richard Fela

Guest Speaker:

The President reintroduced Scotto James to the members. Scott's presentation will be on estuary bream fishing and the rods that he has created for that purpose.

Scotto divided the State into 4 sections.

1. The South and South-East coast (Cockle Creek to the Derwent River) where there are lots of fish in micro waters.
2. East Coast (Derwent River to Musselroe Bay) where there are lost of fish and the best section for that type of fishing. Every water that opens to the sea hold fish.
3. North Coast (from Musselroe Bay west) where the largest bream can be found. Hybrids between black and yellow are also found.
4. West Coast - at present Scott has not found any areas that contain bream. That does not mean that there aren't any.

He then played a video from 2 trips in an East Coast stream showing the proper method of catching bream. He made it look so easy with a spinning rod.

For those that prefer to use a fly he suggests that a crab/shrimp/prawn type fly with delicate strips and pauses to suit would be the best method. A long leader of 16 – 18 ft would eliminate the line's shadow.

Scotto displayed some rods that he has created both for fly fishing and spinning. The

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“messiah” rods are designed to be long and light and made especially to cast longer distances.

Following a few questions from the members the President, along with the members, thanked Scotto for his most informative presentation.

The President again noted the items up for sale and asked Bill Greensmith to highlight the ‘Norvise’ system that is included for sale. It was brought by the President.

Appreciation:

The President expressed the Club’s appreciation to:

- To all the 17 members that attended the working bee at Koongara: especially to Graeme Frankcombe, Nathan Merriman, Phil Lebski and Martin Hingston.
- Keith Blewett for sourcing the flexible gas pipe for Koongara. (Keith will collect and install them in 2 weeks’ time.)

Minutes of last meeting:

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by Tom Seppala – **and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) VFFA, SAFFA, CoffsCoast FFC
2. Parks – (email) Response to our concerns on the toilets at Little Pine Camping ground.
3. Gary France (AAT) – (email) Accepting role as guest speaker for October.
4. Hydro Tas – (email) Closure of some Great Lake boat ramps.

Outwards:

1. Chris Bassano – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Parks – (email) Concerns about the camping ground toilets at Little Pine Lagoon.
3. Bruce Dean – (email) Membership acceptance letter.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence was accepted; and outward was approved, seconded by David Swallow – **and carried unanimously.**

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Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 360.35 (LP Rates \$228, Hollis Banks Road \$100)

Income: \$ 875.50 (Shack \$585, Subs \$126, Club projector \$100)

CBA: \$ [REDACTED]

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ [REDACTED]

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Chris Crawford – **and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

Just some reminders for the members:

Martin reminded the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each.
- Whip finishers (created & donated by Dan Dempsey \$5)
- To send photos and /or articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

Members heading out on an excursion may also place their information on the white board.

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

The next outings are – May 5th and 19th (committee members will also visit the site on the 19th to assess the maintenance works). Don Cameron suggested that there may be some buzzies to spray.

Christmas in Winter:

This will be held at Noonamena on Saturday the 6th of July – interested members are to contact Graeme Frankcombe. The spaces are limited with 12 - 15 for the dinner and 8 to sleep the night at the shack.

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Fly Fishing Class:

The Club plans to hold 2 more classes for the public in August (3rd & 10th). Once we know how many clients are listed Bill will need some assistance with the instructing. And depending on how many clients that attend will determine where it will be held.

Club Shacks:

Remember:

- If you are a regular visitor to any of the shacks and notice that some consumables are running low –replace them the next time you visit and discard any items that are 'out of date'.
- Report any faults or shack issues to the shack warden or Club committee.

The rate to stay at any Club shack over the off season is half price.

Noonamena:

This shack is now winter-proofed. That means that the water system is drained, and all taps are open. Anybody wishing to stay there over the winter period must follow the posted list.

A new SD card and a set of batteries have been installed in the camera by Martin Hingston. The old SD card is now being viewed.

Koongara:

The reason that some fridges (particularly 'Waeco') are displaying errors during the night is that they are sensitive to their voltage supply and need a minimum of 13volts. During the night it drops down to 12.5volts causing the errors in the fridges. Some fridges have a setting mode that may need to be changed from HIGH to either MEDIUM or LOW.

A new SD card and a set of 8 AA batteries will be taken up by Keith Blewett. They are to be left in the drawer if he cannot open the lock.

Trout Weekend:

The fly tiers (FFCT) that will represent the Club on the 18th May are Corey Harris and John Dekkers.

The fly tiers (old CFC&FC) that will represent the Club on the 19th May are Gary Cullen and Keith Blewett.

Fishing Reports:

Camden Dam has yielded some nice fish as has Curries River Dam. The big surprise is the last month at Little Pine where no surface insects and low water levels has promoted wet fly fishing to a new level. A small shrek with a floating line has provided outstanding results.

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Club Raffles:

The night's raffle was drawn by Terry Horan and won by Lyndon Haines.

Next Meeting:

Prior to closing the meeting, the President noted that at our next meeting Jeremy & Piers Ranicar will discuss Fishing & exploring in the early days.

Meeting Closed: 9:15pm



News from the IFS

Tyenna River

244 native trees, shrubs and grasses were planted along the Tyenna River at Maydena. This work is part of the ongoing rehabilitation of the Tyenna River by the Inland Fisheries Service, Derwent Catchment Project and SFM Lenah Estate.

The planting species included blackwood, hakea and tea tree that will help provide shade, river bank stabilisation and improved water quality in the Tyenna River as part of the Tyenna River Recovery Plan.

Tippet Rings

Tippet rings are becoming more popular with fly fishers due to their ease of use in quickly changing the tippet section. Whether it is a series of nymphs, emergers, duns or a combination of all three and it protects the upper section of the fly cast.

The rings are very small metallic rings that are in a variety of sizes from 2mm to 3mm. The 2mm is used for lighter leaders and tippet material and most trout fishing. The 2.5mm for heavier leaders and tippet material and bigger flies for trout fishing. The 3mm is used for salmon fishing.

The simplest method of attaching the ring to your leader and tippet is by a standard clinch knot. The only trick is to keep the ring on the snap swivel whilst tying it to your leader. This eliminates losing the ring before it can be secured to the leader. Then remove it from the snap swivel and tie the ring to your tippet material.

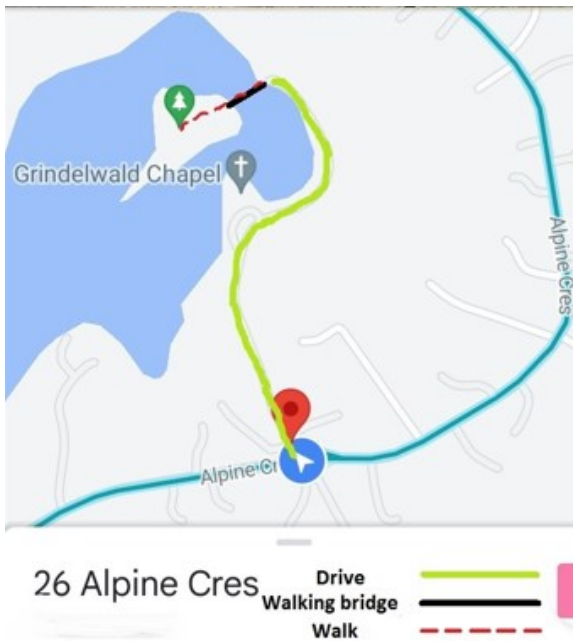
Having a tippet ring does not affect the effectiveness of the fly casting. Your leader will turn over the same as if tied without it. Quality tippet rings should last longer than a season and rated to over 20 pounds breaking strain. Some poorly manufactured rings have flat edges or even small sharp burrs that can weaken or cut your knots. The best rings are completely round and polished smooth.

If you are interested in making the change to using tippet rings take a visit to your nearest fly-fishing store.



HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for extra hands to volunteer to assist in the preparation and clean-up of the kitchen area. This is not a big job, but always left to the last person in the room. **Will you help?**



Access to the property of 26 A Alpine Crescent .



Gate to enter the property of 26 A Alpine Crescent.

Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirmed Dates

- ◆ May 5th, 10:00am - 12:00pm BYO Barbeque
- ◆ May 19th, 10:00am - 12:00pm (Committee members will also attend)
- ◆ June 2nd, 10:00am - 12:00pm BYO Barbeque

Coordinator Don Cameron (ph. 0409 636 273).

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 2024

Subs are due soon, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

Annual Subscriptions for 2024 / 2025 are:	Amount
Ordinary Member	\$84
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$42
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution)	\$42

For Booking of the Club Shacks go to our website

www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/

Remember booking is made only by a phone call



Noonamena



Koongara

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer - John Quarry**

at: john.r.quarry47@gmail.com

Payments and club banking Details

Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania Inc

BSB: 067-603; ACC: 1052 0644

Please ensure that your surname & what the payment is for is included

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