



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

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Newsletter - July 2024

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 3rd July 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 10th July 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Guest Fly Tyers

Join members - Stephen Hill, George Dale & Gary Cullen as they display their skills in tying the flies that should provide you some success in the early part of the season.

Next Club Outings:

'Christmas in Winter' at Noonamena - 6th July

Basic Fly Fishing class - 3rd August

Intermediate Fly Fishing Class - 10th August



President Martin Hingston (L) making a special presentation to Ian Webb for his outstanding service to our Club over the last year. Ian, who owns Webb's Hunting & Fishing in Longford documents all of our Shack bookings.



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:	Graeme Frankcombe

And now for something completely different!

For those members that were lucky enough to catch a lot of trout and noticed that they lose their flavour after being kept in the freezer for a long time.

Don't discard them—here is your answer received with thanks to Charles Peck.

Phil Fisher's Fish Loaf recipe.

Ingredients

1 chicken bouillon cube	1/2 cup "coffee" cream
3/4 cup of boiling water	1 Tspn grated onion
1 & 1/2 cups soft bread cubes	1 Tspn salt and a dash of pepper
1/2 cup chopped celery	2 Tspn lemon juice
1 tbsp chopped parsley	2 eggs beaten
1 nice trout	

Directions

Used day old white bread ,cut into finger slices ,then into cubes

Dissolve chicken cube in boiling water.and pour over bread cubes.

2 cups of flaked fish

To flake fish, simmer skinless boneless fillets in salted water for 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl - mix well.

Place mix in well greased loaf pan.

Bake in moderate oven (350 F/ 180C) for 1hour or until loaf is firm in the centre .

Turn out on a warmed platter and garnish.



Dunkeld

History:

The Dunkeld was first recorded in 'A book on Angling' by Francis Francis in 1867. It was initially created as a salmon fly but became an attractor pattern for trout on both rivers and Stillwater.

While many claim that it is a "fancy fly", with no obvious entomological parentage, it fishes well when the nymphs are on the move. When the fish are on daphnia the dunkeld seems to be more successful than other flies.

The Tie

Hook	#10, #12, #14 Drennan traditional wet fly
Thread	Black
Tail	Pheasant crest
Body	Flat gold tinsel
Rib	Gold wire
Hackle	Dyed hot orange
Wing	Bronze mallard
Cheeks	Jungle cock



Process

1. Set the hook in the vice and lay down a bed of silk.
2. Tie in the pheasant crest and rib, return the silk to near the hook eye.
3. Tie in the tinsel and wind the tinsel to the end of the body and back again in uniform even turns and tie off.
4. Take a small, preferably poor-quality dyed cock hackle and double it.
5. Tie the hackle near the hook eye with the barbules facing backwards.
6. Wind the hackle in open turns to the tail. (palmered version)
7. Secure the hackle end with the with the rib and lock it with reverse turns to the hook eye.
8. Trim the rib and add a rolled mallard wing and small jungle cock eye.
9. Varnish

This fly would be used by Jim as a first dropper in the early part of the season, progressively reducing the size as the season progresses.

This fly appeared in the August 2001 newsletter by and with thanks to Jim Ferrier for the tying instructions of his fly.

Inter-club Casting Competition 2024

For the past eight years or so there has been an annual casting competition on a 'home and away' basis between the now defunct Corralinn Fly Fishing Club and the Devonport Fly Fishing Club. The competition is to continue but from this year on it will, of course, be between the Fly Fishing Club of Tasmania and the DFFC.

The first leg of the 2024 competition was held at the DFFC venue at Northdown on Saturday 8th of June and took place at the property of one of their members. There were about a dozen members from each club that actually cast plus a few who came along just to see what it was all about. Congratulations to those who had never done the competition casting before but had a good go at it.

The weather couldn't have been better for casting, nice and sunny with barely any wind and pleasantly mild.

Competition was close and the lead changed a few times during the course of the day. But after the scores of the top four casters in each event were added up it was Devonport who finished the day winning by just seven points. Which means that had just one of us Fly Fishers casters hit the ten point ring in the final event we would have won by three points. But it was not to be and we must wait until the return leg of the competition at Grindelwald on Sunday 21st July to try and beat Devonport by at least seven points.

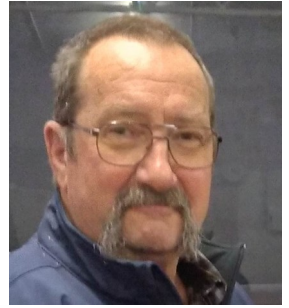


President's Report

Hello members.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the last meeting due to testing positive to covid. Thanks to Jimmy for filling in for me at short notice.

I was very disappointed in not being able to hear Jeremy Ranicar speak about fishing and exploring in the early days.



Recently the FFCT competed against the DFFC in a fly-casting competition. This event was originally run by the CFF&FCA but since the merger it now continues under the FFCT banner. It has been reported that there was a good role up on a perfect day and an excellent spread of food. The next round of this event will be held at Grindelwalde. A date is yet to be set for this.

If you wish to nominate a member or members for club awards such as The Max Christensen (Tanglefoot Trophy) Award, Life Membership or the Snorkel Award (full dunking required) nominations can be passed on to the committee.

At the July meeting we will have some members demonstrating their fly-tying skills so come along and see these tyers in action.

We are now only a few meetings away from the AGM.

If the club is to thrive into the future and continue to provide members with the benefits, we all gain from it, I would urge members to nominate for positions on the committee.

It is not in the best interests of the Club or its members for these positions to be held by the same people for too long because it all tends to get stale and does not keep up with the changing attitudes and values of the membership.

It is good to see members subs rolling in, hopefully this will continue.

Martin Hingston - President FFCT

**Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on
Wednesday 5th of June 2024**

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

Jimmy Ellenberger chaired the meeting due to our President being absent. He welcomed the members, guest speaker (Jeremy Ranicar) and guests to the meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Annie Skarratt, Jack Barker, George Dale, Chris Crawford, Don Cameron, Peter Ray, Peter Berne, Stephen Hill, Joe Conti, James Doherty, Jim Leslie, Matthew Stagg, David Swallow, Tom Seppala

Names of Guests:

Bruce Dean, Heather Becher, Peter Hayes, Mark Youngman, Piers Ranicar, Gary Castles (Harry)

Guest Speaker:

The Chairman introduced Jeremy Ranicar to the members.

Jeremy topic was on his fishing and exploring in the early days of Tasmania and some fishing snippets from the UK and the mainland.

Jeremy, born in India came to Tasmania in 1947 and in 1949/50 his family brought a land rover and caravan. It is believed that this was the first land rover in Tasmania. With this set up the family travelled to many waters in the highlands. They fished the Shannon Rise but because Jeremy and Piers were told their casting was too dangerous, they fished from a boat just below the bridge.

They formed a great friendship with Dick Reed visiting remote waters on horseback, or by walking. Dick had a shack at both Lake Naomi and Lake Malbena. The sight of carrying a dingy on ones back into the back lakes was incredible. Many shacks in the back lakes were built by the 3 R's – Reed, Riley and Ranicar.

A small hut from Red Hills was transferred in its entirety to Penstock Lagoon to become Jeremy's fishing shack.

His favourite water is Lake Archie's – now spelt Lake Ah Chees.

Jeremy finished with some nice salmon caught in the River Towey, Wales, some trout

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in Loch Corrib, Ireland and trout in Scotland.

The Chairman along with the members thanked Jeremy for his most informative presentation.

Appreciation:

The Chairman expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- Keith Blewett for installing the flexible gas pipe, tape and camera consumables for Koongara.
- The members that assisted in clearing the noxious weeds at Isle of Shalom. (Don Cameron, Bill Greensmith, Martin Hingston & Richard Hawley)

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 John Morwood – and **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) VFFA, GFFC, Coffs Coast FFC, SAFFA,
2. Christopher Bassano – (email) Trout weekend may be cancelled due to low water levels. (and was)
3. Corporate Affairs – Certificate of Incorporation between the 2 Clubs - FFCT and CFF & FCA.

Outwards:

1. Scott James – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Greg French – (email) Invitation as guest speaker in March. (has accepted)
QFFC & VDFFC – (email) Invitation to our October Club meeting. {Gary France will be discussing the results of the insect study in the shallow waters in the Highlands}
3. Members – (email) Invitation as guest fly tyers for July meeting. {Stephen Hill,

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George Dale & Alan Taylor}

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

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 229.84 (Plumbing \$92.64, Gas Bottles \$80.00)

Income: \$ 760.50 (Shack \$142.50, Item Sales \$324.00, Subs \$126.00)

CBA: [REDACTED]

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: [REDACTED]

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

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

New Members:

The Chairman and members present welcomed our newest member Bruce Dean (#504) to the Club.

Just some reminders for the members:

Jimmy reminded the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each. This has been running for about 5 years and has provided a good source of income.
- To send photos and /or articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

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

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

Contact Don to confirm the next outing dates.

Christmas in Winter:

This will be held at Noonamena on Saturday the 6th of July – interested members are to contact Graeme.

Graeme indicated that there are **7** members that will be attending. There is room for more if they are interested, but only 1 will be able to sleep at the shack.

Graeme Frankcombe is the contact and coordinator for all Club fishing outings.

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 (usually 6 on a full class) with the instructing.

Fly Casting:

On the **8th of June** the FFCT will compete against the DFFC, this will be held at 42 Springfield Park (near Port Sorell). Interested members are to contact Don Cameron.

This event was originally run by the CFF&FCA and since the merger it will be continue under the FFCT banner. Alan Taylor indicated that this will be held on grass and only the top 4 scores will be counted in the Club's score. It starts at 10:30am.

Club Rooms:

At each meeting we need volunteers to assist in the setting up and return to their original state the tables and chairs. Also, the preparation and clean-up of the equipment in the kitchen area.

CLUB SHACKS:

If you are a regular visitor to any of the shacks and notice that some consumables are running low – remember to replace them the next time you visit or let someone know.

Members are to report any faults or shack issues to the shack warden or Club committee.

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During the off-season the shack rates are half price. This is now a good time to take your partner up to the snow or just to enjoy the solitude and tie flies.

Noonamena:

This is now winter-proofed. That means that the water system is totally drained. If you do stay there you must follow the posted signs. The preference would be the stay at Penstock where the process is easier.

Club Awards:

Members are reminded to forward to the committee nominations for the:

- Tanglefoot Trophy (Max Christensen) or the best clubman of the year.
- Snorkel Award – for anyone that has taken an unscheduled swim. Jimmy noted that this is the first time in 4 years that he is not included.

Other General Business:

Nil

Members Fishing Reports:

Nil

Club Raffle:

The night's raffle was drawn by Peter Hayes and won by Peter Jones.

Next Meeting:

July – We have Club members Stephen Hill, George Dale & Alan Taylor tying flies.



Chairman Jimmy Ellenberger (mid), Charles Peck (L) and guest speaker Jeremy Ranicar.

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.

News from the IFS

The Brady's Lake system will be open for recreational angling from 1st July 2024. The inflowing water at Brady's Lake will remain closed.

From the 1st August anglers will need a 2024/25 angling licence.

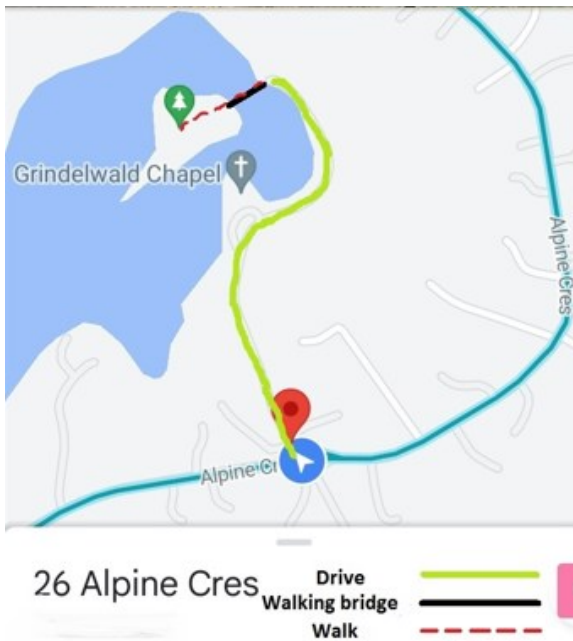
Life Membership Nomination

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.



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 - Confirm Dates with Don

- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

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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