



# Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

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## Newsletter - August 2024

### Coming Up

**Next General Meeting:**

7:30pm 7th August 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

**Next Committee Meeting:**

7:00pm 14th August 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

### Guest Speaker

**Paul Middleton - Senior Fisheries Officer.**

**Paul will introduce the new “infish App”, “Anglers Diary” and cover other contentious issues for this season.**

### Next Club Outings:

**Basic Fly Fishing class - 11th August**

**Brown Trout Season Opens on the 3rd of August**

## **Gear Maintenance**

Maintenance on your fly-fishing gear will increase its life and identify any issues that otherwise would go unnoticed. At the end of each season is the best time to thoroughly check, clean and assess each item.

### **Fly Line:**

Normally checking and cleaning the fly line should be done regularly. Depending on the type of water fished will determine how often it is done. It should be cleaned after a visual inspection, or if it retains its coil memory. Over time a layer of grime will accumulate on your fly line which will cause your floating line to sink below the water's surface. This will result in shorter casts due to increased friction in your rod guides and even wearing a groove in the rod guides.

To clean your fly line, you will need 2 containers with warm water and 2 soft cloths. One container has 2 drops of gentle liquid hand wash and 1 cloth. Strip the line off the reel down to the backing and place in spools in the container that contains warm soapy water. Allow to soak in the soapy water for 15 - 20 minutes. Using the wet soft cloth pull the full length of the fly line through that cloth and lower into the other container that has clear warm water. The line is then dried and stretched gently by pulling through the other dry soft cloth.

Your floating line will now need to be recoated with a 'fly line dressing'. Add a few drops to a clean cloth and pull the entire fly line through the cloth in both directions. Now you can re-wind back onto your reel.

### **Fly Reel:**

Depending on how you have cared for it your reel should not need a major overhaul except for regular lubrication. Apply the lubrication to all moving parts and wipe away any excess lubricant.

If an overhaul is required you will need a toothbrush, screwdriver, a dish with warm water and a little liquid soap. Strip off the fly line and backing and place in large spools to avoid tangles. Place the reel and spool in the dish and scrape off the dirt and grime with either the toothbrush or screwdriver. Dry off the reel's spring clip and clutch bearing, then add a few drops of reel lubricant to the bearing and reel shaft. Reassemble the reel and spool and wind on the line.

## Fly Rod:

Even if you do not have an expensive rod it pays to regularly inspect your rod for any nicks, frays, cracks or worn guides. There is nothing worse than arriving at your favourite water with a rod that suddenly snaps.

If there is any visible damage return the rod to a professional for repair, or replacement as required. Otherwise wipe clean with a dry soft cloth after each use and never store near any extreme heat or cold areas. When your rod is not in use it is to be stored in a safe air-drying area out of direct sunlight and always transport it within its case.

Occasionally clean your rod with warm soapy water, then dry it before storing away.

## **Solution to Twisted Fly Lines**



Most fly casters have experienced a twist in their fly line causing it to tangle and knot at their feet. I know that I have.

The reason could be many - a flawed casting stroke, a palmered fly or the wind. It definitely is frustrating particularly when you are casting to a sighted fish only to have your final cast drop short because of a knot in your line.

I have found a solution which takes only a few seconds to rectify the problem.

Zack Dalton from RIO Products explains why and shows you how.

<https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishingtips-technique/fixing-a-twisted-fly-line-in-seconds/>

I probably will test this many times this season.

**The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc. in accordance with Rule 11 of the Constitution, is to be held on Wednesday the 4th of September 2024 in the Clubrooms at 1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston at 7.30p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be:

To confirm the Minutes of the previous A.G.M. of the 6th of September 2023

To receive reports.

To elect Officers and Committee.

To appoint the Auditor and determine his/her remuneration.

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED**

1. President
2. Vice President - Senior
3. Vice President
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Committee (6)



Some photos of frozen lakes during from the extremely cold spell in July. On the left is Shannon Lagoon, the right is the boat ramp at Little Pine Lagoon.

Photos by Peter Berne

## Will you run for Committee?

Prior to each Annual General Meeting volunteers are called upon for nomination for committee. If you are considering standing for committee and feel slightly daunted have a chat to an existing committee person. You may even attend, as a guest at one of our committee meetings to see first-hand how the system works.

There are plenty of diverse Club business projects each year and each requires a dedicated close knit group to see them through to completion. The Club survives on volunteers from all walks of life sharing their various talents to reach a common goal.

So if you believe that you can offer some time and expertise – please complete the nomination form.

### Committee nomination form 2024/2025

I hereby nominate ..... (please print)  
as ..... (position)

of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc, for the year 2024/2025

Nominator ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

Secunder ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

I hereby accept nomination

Nominee ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

Nominations for any of the above positions in the Club must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting (Rule 24.1.b).

To clarify, your nomination must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the 27th August 2024

## Club Library

Members are reminded to take full advantage of our comprehensive selection of books and DVD's that are available in the library.

If you are intending to visit an unknown water, or after a particular fly pattern, or just researching our Club history you will find the answer there.

Contact our librarian - Jimmy Ellenberger.

## 2024 Christmas in Winter



Members from left—John Dekkers, Peter Ray, Ross Frankcombe, Phil McKendrick, Graeme Frankcombe and Martin Hingston.

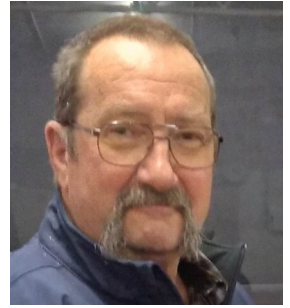


All seated for the meal. The empty chair and photos by Peter Berne

## President's Report

Hello members.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 7 club members attended the annual Christmas in winter at Noomameena. Myself and two other members venturing up the afternoon before. Due to the severe cold weather in the previous days, I wasn't sure what to expect. First job was to light the wood heater then proceed to turn on the gas and water, luckily, I had taken 20ltrs of water with me because both taps on the tanks were frozen. After pouring several kettles of hot water on the main tank tap, I finally had water running at the outside tap, but not into the shack as the pump was frozen.



After removing the tap from the small tank and driving a screwdriver through the ice in the tank I was able to get water out of that tank. At about 8pm I turned the pump on, and we had water in the shack. A quick check found everything to be in order. This just goes to show how important it is to drain the system during the winter period.

On Saturday 4 other members arrived, food was prepared and put on to cook, some drinks and nibbles were had while waiting for the meal to be served.

Appetizer: Quail marinated in honey, soy sauce, red wine, Worcestershire sauce and garlic.

Entre; Slow cooked rabbit stew.

Mains; Seasoned venison, potatoes, pumpkin, carrots, parsnip, peas and corn.

Desert; Apple crumble and pavlova and cream.

With only a few weeks until the opening of the brown trout season it would be good to see some more rain to raise the level of the lakes. At the moment Great Lake is -15.51, Arthurs -2.80, Little Pine -0.66 and Penstock-0.10.

With road access to Lake Fergus being denied for the 24-25 season, if any members have suggestions for another outing let the committee know. Pine Tier Lagoon is one suggestion.

Paul Middleton from the IFS is our guest speaker at the next meeting.

Please consider nominating for a position on the committee.

Martin Hingston - President FFCT.



# Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 3rd of July 2024

**MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.**

## **Welcome:**

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 31 members to this cold July meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent. He noted that this will be a quick meeting. Followed by a short break where our fly-tyers will set up for their demonstrations.

## **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Chris Crawford, Bruce Irwin, Robert Wolf, James Doherty, Peter Ray, Matthew Stagg

## **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, TFTC, Coffs CFFC, SAFFA, GFFC, VFFA,
2. Tim Butcher – (email) Resignation from Club.

### **Outwards:**

1. Jeremy Ranicar – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Randall Trethewie – (email) Requesting permission to gain access to Lake Ferguson.

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

## **Matters arising:**

The President noted that Randall will be undertaking roadworks and will not be ac-



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cepting invitations for access to Lake Fergus this season.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Expenses: \$ 247.78 (Voucher \$200, Newsletters \$36.38)

Income: \$ 1,880.00 (Subs \$1722, Shack \$66, Meeting \$62)

CBA: [REDACTED]

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: [REDACTED]

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Andrew Wood – **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.
- The list of fly-tying items for sale on the table.
- 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

Contact Don to confirm all outings the next one will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>).

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To date we have had no interest for the public.

### **Fly Tying Class:**

The idea of the Club holding fly tying classes for the public was discussed. A nominal fee will be charged. It was supported in principle by the members present. It could be held in the Clubrooms on any weekend day.

### **Fly Casting:**

The previous inter club meeting was covered in the last newsletter with the DFFC winning in a close battle. The next outing will be held on the 21st of July at Grindelwalde.

### **Isle of Shalom:**

#### Bridge Safety:

During the cold frosty months of winter, the access bridge becomes slippery. The option of securing chicken wire and a warning sign was discussed and refused.

The last 2 boards on the bridge appear to be covered in moss. It was decided that at the next meeting these boards will be cleaned.

#### Access Door:

Graeme Frankcombe will liaise a time and day with Don Cameron to view the broken services door to assess what can be done.

### **Club Rooms:**

Martin thanked the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and clean-up of the kitchen area at the last meeting.

### **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 for the 'off season' is half price. (Will be back to normal in a few weeks)

### **Noonamena:**

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This is now winter-proofed. (The extremely cold last few days will have hopefully caused no issues there)

### **Koongara:**

We will be installing a woodshed to keep the wood dry. We have been searching for an old GI tank, but it looks like it will be a prefabricated garden shed.

### **Club Awards:**

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

Tanglefoot Trophy (Max Christensen) – no nominations from the floor.

Snorkel Award – Norm King was nominated for two dunking.

### **Other General Business:**

Peter Berne informed the members that he has been exploring the idea of a PA system to assist the members hear the guest speaker or President. At present he has not had any success.

A suggestion to rotate the seating arrangement so that they face the TV will be adopted as a trial at our next meeting.

### **Fishing Reports:**

One member fished the Upper Goulburn and Howqua rivers – very little water and no fish.

### **Club Raffles:**

The night's raffle was drawn by Dan Dempsey and won by John Quarry.

### **Next Meeting:**

August – Paul Middleton (IFS)

Prior to closing the President thanked the members and re-introduced the 3 fly-tyers that will be demonstrating their skills tonight.

**Meeting Closed: 7:50pm**

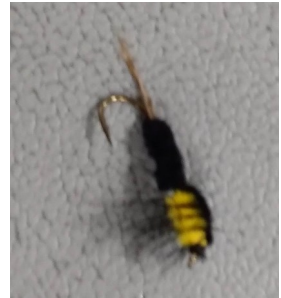




George Dale at  
the Vice



Stephen Hill at  
the Vice



Gary Cullen at  
the Vice



Some of the flies that  
were tied tonight

## **Annual Subscriptions were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

To continue as a member, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

<b>Annual Subscriptions are:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ordinary Member	\$84
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$42
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by the Club Rules)	\$42

*Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as the subs rate (\$84) for membership.*

### **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):

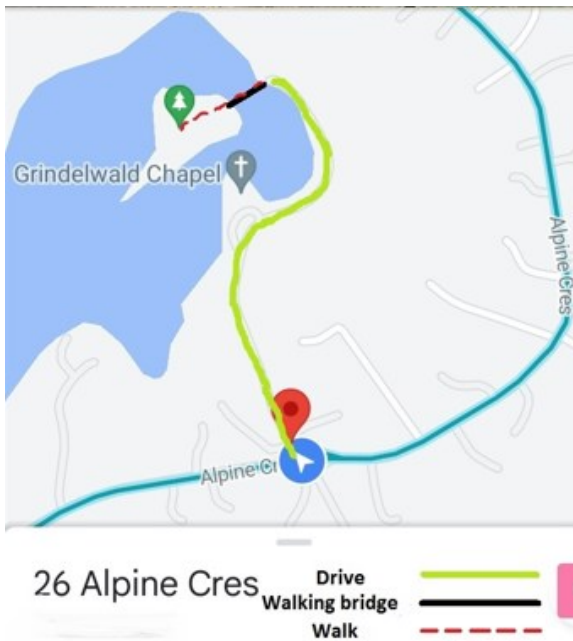
- outstanding service on committee
- undertaking additional duties on behalf of the club (sub-committee)
- significant contributions on working bees, projects, etc...
- representing the club on external activities (Adult Ed, AAT, IFS, etc...)



### **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.





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).

## 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](mailto:secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au)

### **For Booking of the Club Shacks go to our website**

[www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/](http://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](mailto: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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