



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - October 2024

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 2nd October 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 9th October 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Guest Speaker - Gary France (AAT)

Gary will discuss the results of the insect study that was carried out in the shallow waters in the Highlands.

Particularly Penstock Lagoon.

Next Club Outings:

Council of The Aging Class "COTA" - 20th October

Pine Tier Lagoon - 22 - 24th November (Refer page 3)

Penstock Lagoon "One Fly" - 14th December (Refer page 4)

Casting Competition Round 2

The return leg of our annual casting competition with the Devonport Fly Fishing Club was held at Grindelwald on Sunday 21st July. The weather forecast leading up to the day wasn't very encouraging with rain and a southerly wind predicted, but as it turned out the we had a cloudy and cool morning with very little wind. Not as nice as the first leg at Northdown but not bad for casting.

We started the day nine points behind after the first leg of the competition but did well on the day and actually finished up winning by forty points. Details on how that was achieved can be seen on the scoresheet. It must be borne in mind though that Devonport only had five members turn out to compete and we had at least double that. Given that it's the scores of the top four casters in each discipline that count maybe we had a bit of an advantage.

Nevertheless it was a good social morning and everyone there had a good time.

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Inter Club Casting Competition 2024				
Round 2(Grindelwald)				
333				
Fly Fishers				
Top 4 Scores				
Name	Wet	Dry	Distance	
N KING		35		
R WHITT		24		
D CAMERON		22		
C CURTIS		23		
B GREENISH	28			
C PECK	22			
R WHITT	21			
N KING	23			
C PECK		25		
R WHITT		25		
B JARVIN		35		
D CAMERON		50		
Totals	94	104	135	
Round 1(Northdown)			272	
Round 2(Grindelwald)			333	
Competition Total			605	
Devonport				
Top 4 Scores				
Name	Wet	Dry	Distance	
C GREENEY		20		
R GREENEY		30		
A SCOTT		29		
A WOODHOU		18		
S MUNDAY	25			
A SCOTT	23			
B GREENEY	9			
D TILMANS	7			
A SCOTT		50		
S GREENEY		35		
DANNY		15		
ANDREW		25		
Totals	64	97	125	
Round1(Northdown)			279	
Round 2(Grindelwald)			286	
Competition Total			565	



Here is the casting trophy that is now held by the FFCT.

Club Outing

Pine Tier Lagoon

The Club will be holding its next outing at a new venue. Members are encouraged to attend and either stay for the 3 days or make a single day trip.

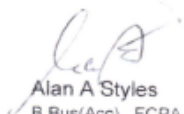
DATE:	22 nd - 24 th November
TIME:	10:30 am.
LOCATION POINT:	Northern End of the Lake
CONTACT:	Graeme Frankcombe (0458 421 909) graemef59@bigpond.com

This outing is a camping, fishing, and social get together. The nights are usually one to remember, everybody discovers something new about their Club member. For those that do not like camping our Club shack at Little Pine can be a great place to start from. Informal camping is available on the North-Eastern shore and boating is allowed.

The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

Statement of Members Equity and Assets as at 30th June 2024

2023		Notes	2024
	<u>Members Equity</u>		
\$584,594.64	Balance Forward 1st July 2023		\$611,614.49
18556.55	Revaluations, additions	2	
(505.00)	Adjust for Liability – Subscriptions In Advance		
8968.30	Members Credit Accounts and Key Deposits	3	(167.00)
	Cash and Receivables Surplus(Deficit) for Year		(3990.50)
27019.85	Increase(Decrease) In Members Equity		(4157.50)
<u>\$611,614.49</u>	Total Members Equity		<u>\$607,456.99</u>
	<u>Represented By</u>		
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
16539.49	Commonwealth Bank		12548.99
16539.49	Total Current Assets		12548.99
	<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>		
5725.00	Subs in Advance, Members Credit Accounts, Key Deposits		5892.00
10814.49	Net Current Assets		6656.99
	<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
	<u>(At Cost or Members Valuation)</u>		
3900.00	Library of Angling Books	4	3900.00
200.00	Library Cabinet	4	200.00
900.00	Fly Rod (Junior and New Member Usage)	4	900.00
2500.00	Fly Rods (Adult Education)	4	2500.00
2350.00	Contents of Angling Cottages	4	2350.00
950.00	Laptop	4	950.00
	Land and Buildings – Freehold Titles at Member Valuations		
80000.00	- Little Pine Lagoon – Land	5	80000.00
250000.00	- Little Pine Lagoon – Building	5	250000.00
60000.00	- Penstock Lagoon - Land	5	60000.00
200000.00	- Penstock Lagoon - Building	5	200000.00
600800.00	Non Current Assets		600800.00
<u>\$611,614.49</u>	Total Members Equity		<u>\$607,456.99</u>


 Alan A Styles
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 Accountant
 1st September 2024

Penstock 'One Fly'

This year the format has changed slightly. On the **14th** of December we will begin at **9:30am** at **Koongara** with an egg 'n bacon breakfast. Then head out to fish, returning at **4:30pm** to review the day and present the trophy. To allow for the catering—booking is required.

Penstock 'One Fly'


Confirmations by the 4th of December

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The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June 2024

2023	Notes	2024
Receipts		
4634.00	Subscriptions Current Year (23/24)	3801 00 -
2352.00	Subs in Advance, Members Credit Accounts	1974.00
44.00	Entrance fees	150.00
560.00	Fly Fishing Tutorials	200.00
4315.00	Shack Rentals	5954.50
150.00	Key Deposits	545.00
138.90	Sundry Income - Gaffer, Badges, Ties, Recoveries, Fly Bowl	521.00
80.00	Tailbots, Plunder and Cane	545.00
100.00	Donations (Includes Gerry Grundy) Grants	110.00
489.50	Annual Dinner, Meeting and Supper Charges	
230.00	Raffles	1052.75
138.83	Sundry Receipts	150.50
0.73	Interest	0.13
9500.00	Bendigo Bank Re Scam	4500.00
4839.11	Funds from Amalgamation Corra Lynn Fly Fishers Club	
75.00	Xmas in July	200.00
27647.07		19703.88
7571.19	Add Bank and Deposit Balances Forward from Previous Year	16539.49
<u>\$35,218.26</u>		<u>\$36,243.37</u>
Payments		
503.00	Public Liability Insurance	527.59
4500.00	Shacks Insurance	5880.00
1604.19	Shacks Maintenance and Other Costs	5365.14
	Cane Day Donation	470.00
551.00	Computer	135.99
625.40	Newsletters, Printing and Stationery	838.43
159.00	Postages and Bank Fees	210.70
68.00	Filing Fees	71.20
210.00	Rent - Chant Street	
490.76	Sundry Expenses	424.43
436.10	Badges, Trophies and Engraving	270.90
9500.00	Security Deposit Returned to Treasurer	9500.00
31.32	Xmas in July	
16539.49	Debtors, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances at Close	12548.99
<u>\$35,218.26</u>		<u>\$36,243.37</u>


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The Squirmy Wormy

Background:

Most anglers began their fishing journey using the humble worm - I know that I did. Starting off with a worm with a running or fixed sinker then graduating to a worm free floating in the river flows. An experience that one never forgets. The worms were by far the easiest to get and always produced results.

The reasons being that early in (or during) the season following heavy rains the rise of water levels flushes out many terrestrials including worms from the earth. This occurs in lake edges as well as rivers – particularly newly created backwaters. The trout gorge themselves on the worms that are either carried in the current or laying helpless on the riverbed or lakebed.



To ensure that the fly angler does not miss out on this type of fishing I have located a very easy fly to tie. This fly represents a worm that escapes from its haven below the surface to become trapped in the water flows.

The Tie

Hook	Heavy wet fly, or grub hook #8 - #12
Thread	Flat thread to suit the body colour (wool or dubbed tying thread)
Body	Squirmy wormy
Head	3mm Bead head (Optional for weight)

Process

1. Set the hook in the vice and lay down a bed of thread.
2. Tie in the body – not too tight.
3. Take the thread forward over the body to behind the hook eye – 3 or 4 turns.
4. Tie off just behind the hook eye.
5. Add a tiny drop of superglue to seal the knot.



Note:

- The silicone material is very soft, stretchy and will roll around the hook. It is also easily cut by ordinary tying thread if pulled too tight. Use 'Superglue' or 'UV-set epoxy' as the material tends to dissolve in contact with most head cements and nail varnishes.
- The material floats, so the pattern is often tied with a bead head. This could be also overcome by placing a weighted nymph on a dropper just above the worm.

The fly can be fished static to drift with the water flow or lay on the river/lakebed. An occasional twitch to bring the fly to the surface is all that is needed to entice a take.

This fly appeared in the "Fly of the Month" archive by and with thanks to Alan Taylor for the tying instructions of his fly.



President Martin Hingston (L) presenting John Quarry with the Max Christensen award for great services to the Club during the 2023 / 24 season.

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 4th of September 2024

MEETING OPENED: 8:10 pm.

Welcome:

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

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Don Cameron, Charles Peck, Glenn Becher, Graeme Frankcombe, Alan Styles, Norm King, Robert Wolf, Phil Harker, Jim Leslie

Names of Guests:

Richard Fela

Appreciation:

The members, particularly the new ones that have volunteered for the committee.

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 **Andrew Wood – and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) SAFFA, Coffs CFFC, GFFC, VFFA,
2. Chris Smart, Corey Harris, Ron Whittington – (email) Resignation from club.

Outwards:

1. Paul Middleton – (email) Appreciation for his Guest speaker role.

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

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 1,721.21 (\$92.10 Casting Comp, \$300 Memorial plaque, \$229.31 Noonamena Rates, \$577.33 Liability Insurance, \$120 Meats)

Income: \$ 1,476.00 (\$135 Shack, \$966 Subs, \$101 Casting Comp)

CBA: \$ [REDACTED]

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ [REDACTED]

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by **Jack Barker – 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.
- To send photos and /or articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.
- To send ideas of locations for Club outings in February.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

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

October - 20th Isle of Shalom "COTA" class

November - 22nd – 24th Pine Tier Lagoon

Members were informed that even though this is a 3-day event. Options

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

also included are single day or night stays.

December - 14th Penstock "One Fly"

The format now will be that members will assemble at 9:00am at Koongara for an egg 'n bacon breakfast then go fishing until 4:30pm. Returning to Koongara for the results and presentation.

January - 11th Little Pine 'Pine Plunder'

26th Little Pine 'Cane Day'

The advert will be going out soon and this year the donations will be for prostate cancer.

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

Fly Casting:

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

The next outing will be on the 8th of September - contact Don to confirm all outings.

Fly Tying Class:

The members were asked for their thoughts on the Club holding fly tying classes for the public.

It is planned to be held during May at the Club rooms on a Saturday afternoon over a 3-week period.

George Dale will be present and will need other helpers. Comments and ideas are to be sent to the committee.

Club Rooms:

The President thanked to the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and in advance for the clean-up of the kitchen area tonight.

CLUB SHACKS:

The President reminded the members that:

- 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. And to discard any items that are 'out of date'.
- Report any faults or shack issues to the shack warden or Club committee.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- Noonamena is still winter proofed so follow the posted signs.
- We now have some small GI tanks to keep the wood dry. Make sure that you replenish the supplies for the next person.

Other General Business:

With 2 modern shacks located at each prime fly-fishing waters and a healthy bank balance our Club compares well with the others within the State.

Fishing Reports:

Some members headed out on opening weekend, but since then with the extreme weather conditions stayed home. The recent rains have filled most impoundments with 'Pine almost 1m over the spillway.

Club Raffles:

Terry Horan drew the night's raffle which was won by George Dale.

Next Meeting:

October – Gary France (AAT) Report on the insect study on shallow waters in the highlands.

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm

Excerpts From the Annual General Meeting Held on 4th September

Executive Committee

President: Martin Hingston Secretary: Richard Hawley

Senior Vice President: Peter Berne Treasurer: John Quarry

Vice President: David Swallow

General Committee

Graeme Frankcombe, Peter Ray, George Dale, Bill Greensmith, Keith Blewett, Andrew Wood

Club Awards

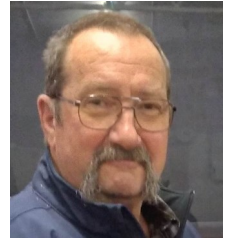
Max Christensen: John Quarry Snorkle: Norm King

President's Report

Hello members.

I hope everyone has made it through the last few weeks of severe weather okay.

It has not been a good start to the season, due to the weather conditions. I went to Little Pine Lagoon for the opening weekend. The weather was better than what was forecast, with light west-southwest winds. The water level was about 500 below full and the water clear. It was disappointing to see large areas of shallow water devoid of weed, I think this would be due to the very low water levels at the end of the last season. I only managed to catch one fish for the weekend. I went back recently to return a gas bottle and check the shack after the recent wild weather, luckily everything was okay. The water level was very high but very clear. It was interesting to see the new boat ramp completely under water and the car park flooded. No fish were seen moving around the flooded margins, no fish were caught, hopefully this will improve in the future.



I would like to thank Richard Hawley and John Quarry (secretary and treasurer) and the other members who put their hand up to be on the committee, especially new committee members Andrew Wood and David Swallow. All these members give up their time to attend committee meetings and co-ordinate and run club events and outings.

There are a number of events and outings coming up in the next few months. It would be good to see these events well supported. The first fishing outing is to Pine Tier Lagoon, on the 22nd- 24th of November. Participants in this outing can camp at Pine Tier, stay at Noonamena, or just do a day trip, as there is no restriction on access. These events are listed in the newsletter.

We are still after members thoughts and suggestions for an outing in February, this could be a mid-week or weekend event, either based at one of the shacks or camping.

Martin Hingston—President FFCT.



The submerged boat ramp



AN EXPO OF FLY TYING AND FLY FISHING

GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

Great Lake Community Centre
55-57 Cider Gum Road
Miena TAS 7030

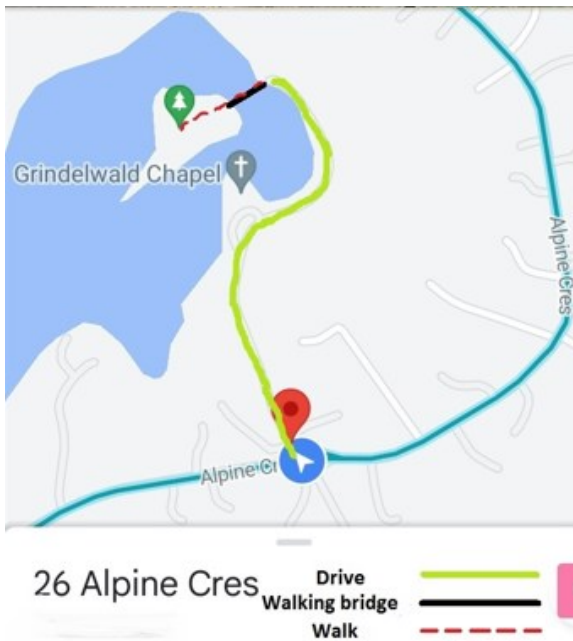
10 to 3pm

12 October 2024

greatlaketiein@gmail.com

This year there will once again a meet and greet, to be held at the Great Lake Hotel on Friday 11 October from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The intention is to give attending tyers, trades and the Committee an opportunity to meet in a social atmosphere prior to the tie-in event. Renowned Tasmanian fly-fishing identity and author Greg French will be guest speaker on the night. If you are planning on staying on for an evening meal after the 'Meet & Greet' we suggest that you book a table with the Hotel to ensure a spot.

If you would like to secure your spot at a tying table or trade table, please contact via email greatlaketiein@gmail.com. There is no cost for a table, but what people have done in the past is donate an item(s) for the Silent Auction which helps us run the event each year.



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).



In front of our shack at Koongara we have placed a memorial plaque in remembrance to all of our past members.

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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