



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

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Newsletter - December 2024

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 4th December 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 11th December 2024

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Social Night

This is our end of year get together. Come along and enjoy some nibbles, drinks, test your knowledge in the trivia, great company and maybe win some raffles. Bring plenty of change to support the Club.

There is no General Meeting in January.

Next Club Outings:

Penstock Lagoon "One Fly" - 14th December (See page 2)

Little Pine Lagoon "Pine Plunder" - 11th January (See page 2)

Little Pine Lagoon "Cane Day" - 26th January (See page 2)

Club Outings

Unless noted the Contact for all Club Outings is

Graeme Frankcombe (0458 421 909) graemef59@bigpond.com

December: 14th Penstock Lagoon “One Fly” (RSVP 04/12/2024) Fee \$15

- Assemble at Koongara at 9:30am for an Egg ‘N’ Bacon breakfast.
- Fish from 10:30 — 4:30pm.
- Return to shack for reviews and presentation.

January: 11th Little Pine Lagoon “Pine Plunder”

- 9:00am Assemble at shack; Fish until 5:30pm.
- Return to shack for reviews and presentation.
- Members are encouraged to bring their guests.

January: 26th Little Pine Lagoon “Cane Day” (RSVP 17/01/2025)

- 9:30am Register at FFCT shack; Fish from 10:00 — 4:30pm.
- Return to shack for supplied BBQ and presentation.
- An entry charge of \$20.
- All proceeds for “Prostate Cancer Research”
- Contact Chris Crawford - clcrawford@netspace.net.au

March: 8th Four Springs Lake “CUAD”

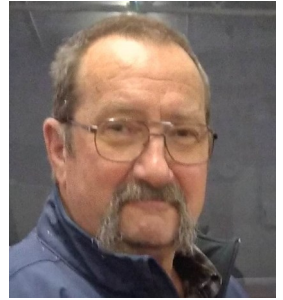


President's Report

Hello Members,

Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any good news regarding fishing at the moment, I have not heard any good reports. The season so far seems to have been very disappointing, hopefully this will get better as the weather improves.

There are a number of club members who need to be thanked, Terry and Patrick Horan and Peter Rasmussen for representing the Club at the Great Lake Tie-in. Don Cameron, Bruce Irwin, Allen Taylor, Peter Berne, Bill Green-smith and Charlie Gall for spraying the weeds on the Isle of Shalom.



We are thinking of holding fly tying lessons in the off season for the general public, if there is any interest. For this to go ahead we would require a club member willing to co-ordinate the lessons, who is a competent fly tier who knows the correct way to tie the flies and the correct materials to use. There are a number of members willing to assist, if you are able to assist it would be greatly appreciated.

On the 22nd – 24th – November, there will be an outing to Pine Tier Lagoon, some members are planning to camp, others staying at the club shacks. This is a come and go as you please event. (this may have already happened by the time you read this).

December – 14th is the Penstock One fly. You are required to nominate one fly pattern and fish with that pattern for the day. An egg and bacon breakfast will be provided at 9.30 am prior to commencing fishing, with a few drinks at the end of the day where we decide who gets their name on the trophy. There is a \$15 charge for the day. Numbers to Graeme Frankcombe by the December meeting.

The December meeting is our social / trivia night. There will be some snacks and drinks available. To help cover the costs the normal \$2 entry charge will be increased to \$5 for this meeting only. There will be several raffles for members to purchase tickets in, so come along, test your knowledge and have some fun.

Martin Hingston—President FFCT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 

The Scud

Background:

Class: Crustacea; Order: Amphipoda; Family: Gammaridae.

Scuds (Amphipoda) have a rounded profile when resting otherwise their sides are compressed. They have short bodies, and their size varies from 5 to 25mm and have 7 pairs of walking legs and 2 pairs of antennae. Their colours include light green, greys, reds and blues.

They are mostly found in still to slow moving waters and feed mainly on decaying vegetation. They are active swimmers and crawlers and often appear in mating couplets. Amphipods can be extremely abundant in lake shallows, particularly at Little Pine Lagoon and throughout the Little Pine River system in the Western Lakes, where hundreds can be picked up with one fistful of weed. Every healthy body of water with an abundance of weed beds will have Scud and Shrimp. And they will typically be in greater abundance than nymphs.

Some of this information has been collected from "The Waterbug Book" (John Gooderham & Edward Tsyrlim).



The Tie

Hook	Grub hook #10
Thread	White 6/0 thread
Weight	Flat Lead Strip
Body	1mm Clear Stretch Elastic
Head	7X Clear Mono
Flash	UV Crystal Flash Sparkle Dubbing
Legs	White Ostrich Herl Feathers

Process

1. Set the hook in the vice.
2. Starting at the bend wrap the lead forward to short of the hook's eye.
3. Tie in the thread starting at the end of the lead wrap and wind back to end.
4. Wind thread forward then back to the bend.
5. Tie in the body at the bend.
6. Tie in the legs at the bend and wind thread forward to the hook eye and whip finish and trim off.
7. Tie in the head behind the hook eye.
8. Wind the body bacterial forward in tight wraps and secure off at hook eye.
9. Trim off waste then wind the legs forward in between the body wraps, then tie off at Hook eye.
10. Whip finish and trim off.
11. Using your thumb and finger stroke the legs down below the hook shank.
12. Place 2 strands of flash between each body wrap bond in place with a dab of UV resin on the top.
13. Trim lengths to point of hook.
14. Place dots for eyes using a black permanent marker.
15. Smear the top of the body with UV resin and cure with the UV lamp.



Note:

- Use a match to melt the end of the stretch elastic, then stretch to form a catching point to tie on the hook.
- Cure each dab of UV resin with the UV lamp.
- Rotate fly upside down to form a hump with the UV resin smear.

How to Fish it

Shrimps are bottom dwellers, so you need to have the fly on the bottom. They are normally still or very slow movers but can move fast in sudden jerks. Using either a floating line in shallow water or a sinking line in deeper water strip the fly in small jerks then with a slow 'figure of eight' retrieve then a pause to make it sink.



Weed Warriors

On Wednesday the 23rd October 6 members attended the spraying of the noxious weeds at the Isle of Shalom, Grindelwalde. The areas were marked out by Don Cameron and the project completed in a very short time.

The 6 present were Don Cameron, Bill Greensmith, Bruce Irwin, Allan Taylor, Charlie Gall and Peter Berne who took the photo.

News from the IFS

Little Pine Lagoon

On the 30th October the IFS undertook a small scale electrofishing survey along most of the shoreline, the middle and where the river enters it. The survey was for about 4 hours and 42 brown trout (124—495mm) were captured.

- The number captured was lower compared to previous surveys.
- All fish were in good to excellent condition.

A more detailed report can be found on the IFS website.

Trivia? NIGHT?

In Our December meeting we will be holding a trivia night. The questions are all set by our most knowledgeable member Charles Peck. They will be on anything related to the trout or our Club history.

There will be a group of 5 - 6 members that will be placed randomly together to answer as many questions as possible.

It should be a fun night.



On the 17th of August 1955 David Scholes planned a meeting at the Cornwall Hotel with a group of fly fishermen from the North of Tasmania with the hope of forming a fly fishing Club. Our Club was formed that night and David became our inaugural Secretary, he also held many other position on the committee.

Next year, 2025 will be our **70th anniversary**. It was suggested that we should hold a special function to celebrate this achievement. The planning is only in its infancy at the moment but to get things rolling we need to know how many people will be joining us.

If you are interested please forward your details to the Secretary.

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 6th of November 2024

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 26 members and 1 guest to the meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent. He noted that as there is no guest speaker tonight, we will complete the meeting first then end the night with a social chat.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Don Sweatman, George Dale, James Doherty, David Swallow, Andrew Wood, Phil Harker, Dan Dempsey, Peter Radford, Bill Greensmith, Jim Leslie, Stephen Hill, Peter Jones

Names of Guests:

Richard Fela,

Appreciation:

The President expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- Terry Horan, Patrick Horan & Peter Rasmussen for representing the Club at the Great Lake Tie-in.
- David Swallow for the donation of the timber fly boxes.
- Don Cameron, Bruce Irwin, Allan Taylor, Peter Berne, Bill Greensmith and Charlie Gall for spraying the weeds on the Isle of Shalom.
- George Dale for removing some of the waste mattresses from Noonamena.

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 **Bruce Irwin – and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

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Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) VFFA, Coffs CFCC,
2. Ron Thresher, Jules Stevens & Dan Dempsey - (email) confirming new dates as guest speaker.
3. CHC – Second rates and charges notice for Noonamena.

Outwards:

1. Gary France – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Ron Thresher – (email) Confirming availability and requirements and new date as guest speaker.
3. Corey Harris – (email) Requesting the return of the shack key.
4. CHC – (email) Mattresses at Waste Transfer Station.
5. Richard Fela – (email) Confirmation of membership.
6. Jules Stevens, Dan Dempsey – (email) Requesting a new date as guest speaker.

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

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 9,744.46 (\$2,068.20 Mattresses, \$7,250 Shack Insurances, \$150 Raffle vouchers, \$126 Ink Cartridges, \$56.68 Gas Fittings)

Income: \$ 366.00 (\$240.00 Shack Rental, \$76 Meeting raffle)

CBA: \$ 6,571.91

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 6,571.91

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

Matters arising:

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It was raised that even though we go through an insurance broker the Club should explore other options from different insurance companies prior to accepting.

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

New Members:

The President and members welcomed Richard Fela (#505) - our newest member to the Club.

Martin outlined some reminders for the members:

- Of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each.
- Timber fly boxes donated by David Swallow. (\$10 for the small and \$20 the larger one)
- 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 and want extra company may also place their information on the white board, or have it included in the newsletter.

November - 22nd – 24th Pine Tier Lagoon

This can be a 3-, 2- or 1-day event with camping or staying at one of the shacks as an option.

December - 14th Penstock "One Fly"

Bookings are required before the December meeting; there is a fee of \$15 to cover the foods and day rate. An egg 'n' bacon breakfast will be ready at 9:30am.

January - 11th Little Pine 'Pine Plunder' (no confirmations required)

26th Little Pine 'Cane Day'- Confirmations to Chris Crawford. Chris noted that he has 12 starters so far. The TFTC have booked a table at the Miena Hotel for a pre-fish dinner. If you wish to attend, you must book.

February – There are no confirmed outings this month, but options could include:

- Mid-Week outing in the Botsford area

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- Saltwater fishing in St Helens (Michael Burgess)

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 17th of November.

Contact Don to confirm the future outings.

Fly Tying:

If this is to succeed, we will need a coordinator to prepare the course and ensure that the students are using the correct materials and processes to create a fly. Possible options for this role are Gary Cullen and Stephen Hill. We may not receive any students when advertised, but we need to be prepared. It is planned to begin in May on a Saturday for 2 – 3 weeks, with each class of 2 hours.

Gary has indicated that he will assist the Club.

Club Rooms:

Martin expressed his thanks to the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and clean-up of the kitchen area.

CLUB SHACKS & REMINDERS:

- 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.
- Shack bookings are done simply and **ONLY** by a phone call. Do not send an email as this may not be read until the next day.
- We now have some small GI tanks to keep the wood dry. Make sure that you replenish the supplies for the next person.
- There is a position available on the committee now with the resignation of George Dale. Interested members are to contact the Secretary.

Other General Business:

If the Club is planning to celebrate its 70th anniversary next year we would need a

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small committee to organise it. John Stagg has agreed to be involved.

Fishing Reports:

Good fishing in either of the rivers or lakes appears to be happening later this year (hopefully). We have had strong winds and some lengthy cold spells that have affected the spring fishing.

Penstock water is cloudy, 'Pine and Great Lake have low water levels. There have been reports of no tailors seen at 'Pine.

Four Springs has been more challenging this year. With days of many duns and no rising fish, or no duns with no rising fish.

Some of the smaller rivers have most likely been ravaged by the cormorants.

Club Raffles:

Mike Stevens drew the night's raffle which was won by Colin Nye.

Next Meeting:

December – Trivia, nibbles and drinks. Some tables will be set up so that we can hold our trivia night. The cost will be \$5, and with that you will receive 2 tickets in the door raffle. The questions have been drawn up by Charles Peck.

There will be other raffles held on the night.

Meeting Closed: 8:00pm

The Tom Jones

Background:

"Its Not Unusual" that most fly fishers have this fly in their fly box. Maybe it is their favourite one?

The Tom Jones was originally tied by John Lanchester for use in Victorian still waters and is now a popular searching fly Australia wide. It can, of course, also be used in streams and rivers. Most fly fishers take it to be a damsel nymph imitation, a smelt pattern or even a stick caddis pattern. It is just a versatile fly that can be used 'blind searching' or directly to a spotted trout.

The name came about by John's wife Sue indicating that it looked like a piece of grass and not a fly. And at that time on the radio Tom Jones was singing "The Green, Green Grass of Home".

Sue's suggestion of the fly's name being the Tom Jones was adopted.

Like most popular flies a few variations have crept in over the years. Beadhead and beard hackled versions are popular, and colours can be varied. Wallaby fur is sometimes difficult to obtain so kangaroo or rabbit fur is often substituted. This tie may not be the original, but it is still very effective.

The Tie

Hook	Wet fly #8 - #14
Thread	Black
Tail	Black Squirrel tail
Rib	Fine copper wire
Body	Olive rabbit fur dubbing, or substitute
Wings	Olive wallaby fur



Process

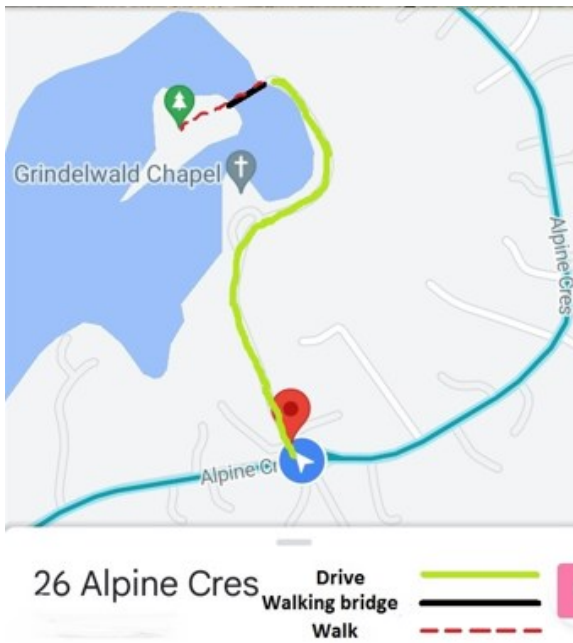
1. Set the hook in the vice and lay down a bed of thread.
2. Tie in the tail (shank length), and ribbing.
3. Dub on a slim body – halfway along the shank.
4. Tie in a wing - a sparse bunch roughly the shank length and trim off the butts.
5. Add more body dubbing to just behind the hook eye.
6. Then tie in another wing – as per number 4.
7. Build a fairly large head with the black thread.
8. Whip finish and varnish head.



Note:

1. The original tie for the wings and body calls for soft underbelly fur from a Bennetts wallaby. The head is also to be glossy black nail polish.
2. The fly can be fished in a rapid, stop start retrieve, or as a slow figure of eight retrieve.

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



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26 A Alpine Crescent .



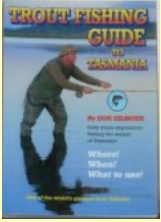
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Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don

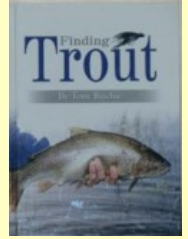
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

Coordinator Don Cameron (ph. 0409 636 273).

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.

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



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Koongara

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