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“TO PROMOTE ALL FACETS OF FLYFISHING
AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP”

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BRONTE CAMP STARTS 10th January 2010

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS: August 27, 2009

At the Devonport Library Meeting Room 7:30pm (Side Entrance)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009

September 6th Fishing Winspears Dam – 3:00pm
onwards

September 10th Fly Tying-Devonport Library 7.30pm

September 13th Fishing Club Dam – 8:00am onwards

September 17th Camp Committee Meeting 7.30pm

September 19th Fishing Four Springs – 2:00pm
onwards

September 24th General Meeting-Devonport Library
7.30 pm

Bronte Camp 10th January 2010



FISHING TRIPS

Glen Leary is planning a fishing trip to Little Pine Lagoon from 11th to 12th September. The group will stay in the Lodge. If anyone is interested in going with Glen please contact him on 0418 997 447.

Max French is planning a fishing trip to Lake Burbury from 2nd to 7th February 2010. Accommodation has to be booked well in advance. If anyone is interested in going with Max please contact him on 64423272.

Graeme Bourke intends to once again have the trip to St. Helens in February of 2010-tentative date is the 27-28th.

Monthly Casting Tip

By Roy Wybrow

The attached diagram shows the 'Set Up' for the casting exercise 'Jump the Stump'

Using this 'TOOL' will greatly improve your casting by strengthening your wrist when Over Head casting and improving your Roll Casting action.

WARNING: Gradually increase the amount of time you spend doing this exercise as it can quickly strain the muscles of the wrist, if you experience any discomfort in the wrist stop and rest. Supervise young children, as their bones are still 'Green' in their development.

Apply only **enough** power when going through this exercise; remember it is the 'Power Snap' action that propels the line forward.

Aim the 'Rod Tip' approx. 1 ½ to 2 meters above the target. (The Line will travel in the direction the Rod Tip stops after the 'Speed Up and Stop', of the Power Snap.)

Practice the 'Jump the Stump' cast to gain that positive snap action and wrist strength. Remember to practice 'Over the Shoulder' casting too.

When you get more competent with this exercise then go on to 'Looping' the stump. I would suggest 3 loops over the stump then 'Undo' the loops by over the shoulder casts.

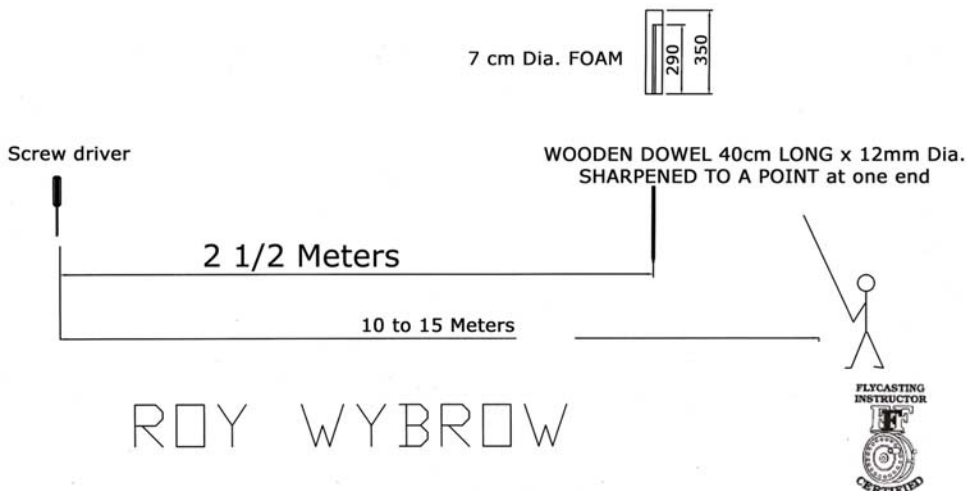
Remember 'Steady progress' makes greater gains in casting, if you don't get the 'Basics' right then all that follows becomes hard work.

"Don't aim to be just a good Caster, always aim to be a Better Caster', Practice, Practice, Practice.

"HOPE" is not a STRATEGY

Roy Wybrow
Federation of Fly Fishers
Certified Casting Instructor

JUMP THE 'STUMP' CASTING AID



Bronte Camp 2010

- Members who wish to sell fishing gear and other items at the 2010 Bronte Camp must send an application to the Club Committee.
- One of the many highlights of the camp is the raffle. We appreciate any contribution of prizes. Anybody wishing to donate prizes for the raffle can do so from now on. Just contact one of the committee members.
- The Camp Committee are currently seeking “expressions of interest” from members who are prepared to help out as instructors at the camp. If you are prepared to help out, would you please contact Wayne Bellette ASAP on 0418 138 672 to discuss those areas of the course in which you may be able to assist.



Fly tying night August 13th



20 members participated in the fly tying night. Guest fly tiers were Nathan Parker and Stan Laskey.

Stan's flies will be published in a future edition.

Nathan tied a 'Stonefly (dry fly) pattern', which is best fished from November through the summer months. The most productive method for fishing a stonefly is the dead-drift presentation.

The picture shows the version used 'wicked wing' instead of duck wing. The photos were supplied by John Clark.

Thanks Nathan and Stan for sharing their knowledge with us.

Stonefly

By Nathan Parker

Hook: Kamasan B830 Size 12-14
Thread: Black waxed nylon
Tail: Grey hackle
Body: Grey dubbing
Feet: Grey hackle (small)
Wing: Duck wing brushed with Flexi-cement or wicked wing
Hackle: Grey



1. Brush Flexi-cement on duck wing feather
2. Tie in thread behind hook eye and wrap the hook with thread down to the bend. Tie in the tail
3. Dub an even body about 2/3 of the hook shank. Body must be very thin.
4. Tie in small hackle with the shiny side facing backwards and wind twice. Zig-zag the thread through the hackle and tie off. Cut the top hackle fibres level with the body.
5. Tie in the wing.
6. Tie in hackle and wind it. Zig-zag the thread through the hackle, tie off and trim.
7. Whip-finish. Trim wing with scissors.

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Minutes of General Meeting held on 27/8/2009

The meeting was preceded by our guest speaker Mr Neil Morrow from the IFS giving a presentation on the Angler Access Program.

The meeting was then opened by President Reid who welcomed members and guests.

ATTENDANCE: 39

MEETING OPEN: 9:00pm.

APOLOGIES: J. Rigby, G. Gillard, R. Wybrow, B. Williams, C. Williams, G. Leary, T. Scott.

Moved P. Bonney sec N. Day that the apologies be accepted.

Carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved M. Hulsman sec J. Kirkpatrick that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Stocking of fish into the club dam is expected to occur in the coming weeks.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D. Best sec C. Morley that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- Anglers Alliance Tasmania - 3 x E-mails
- TFFA - 1 x E-mail
- NWFF Club - 1 x E-mail
- Vince & Lynda Lammin - 1 x E-mail
- Gemboree 2010 - 1 Letter

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Nil

C. Kuns moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. Seconded: D. Thomas. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resolved that members individually write to The Minister for Primary Industry and Water with concerns over the allowance of water from Lake Sorell into Lake Crescent. Further details to be published in newsletter.

The NWFFC have extended an invite to all club members for their next meeting on Tue 8th September at 7:30pm. Venue – 43 Mace St Montello Burnie. Guest Speaker – Neil Grose.

REPORTS:

SHACK: Nil

CAMP COMMITTEE: The previous camp meeting was well attended. Preparation and organisation is underway for Bronte Camp 2010.

FISHING: G. Bourke, P. Burr, D. Best, C. Morley and N. Day all gave recent fishing reports.

FLY TYING: Next fly tying is on 10th September at the library. Stan Laskey to be the tutor.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Confirmed that our annual dinner is to be on Saturday 24th October.
- Resolved that the venue for our annual dinner be at The Argosy.
- Assistance and numbers were confirmed from club members for our site at the Cressy Trout Expo 29th & 30th August 2009.

TRIPS:

- Winspears Dam Sun 6th September 3:00pm
- G. Leary is holding a trip to Little Pine for 11th/12th September. Stop over at lodge on Friday night for an early morning start Saturday. Ph. 0418 997 447
- Club Dam Sun 13th September 8:00am
- Four Springs Sat 19th September 2:00pm at carpark
- Lake Burbury 2nd to 7th February. RSVP to M. French ph. 64423272 by next meeting.

MEETING CLOSED: 10:00 pm

Urgent notice to all anglers by Anglers Alliance Tasmania

Anglers Alliance Tasmania sent a notice to all its members regarding the transfer of water from Lake Sorell to Lake Crescent.

They urge all Clubs and individuals to write or email Minister Llewellyn on this matter.

A brief summary of the concern:

Sufficient water was previously taken from Lake Sorell and transferred to Lake Crescent to encourage the spawning of the endangered golden galaxia

There is now sufficient water in Lake Crescent to enable a galaxia spawning. There is still a continuing transfer of water from Lake Sorell which is no longer necessary as it is believed that the galaxia are doing well.

Given the current circumstances of rising water levels it would seem that there are no grounds for further increasing the water levels of Lake Crescent to the detriment of Lake Sorell and its ecology

Detailed information can be obtained at **www.anglersalliance.org.au**

ANNUAL DINNER 2009

Join other members and their families for a night out on Saturday October 24th at the Argosy Motor Inn at 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm sit-down at the clubs annual dinner. As in other years it is sure to be an enjoyable night in good company and a lot of conversation. Please feel free to bring family and friends as the more that come the better. The costs are \$35 per head for a 3 course meal. Please book via the treasurer or secretary ASAP as we need to get an idea on numbers attending. As usual there will be a raffle on the night and this year to make the night more interesting there will be a guest speaker as shown below.

SOME INFORMATION ON THE GUEST SPEAKER OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

Jane Shadbolt is one out of a group of 10 females (8 Australian and 2 American) who participated in the first '3 Peaks in 3 Weeks Challenge' in 2007.

The 3 Peaks 3 Weeks Challenge is an annual all-female climbing event which aims to summit three of Africa's highest peaks in three weeks, raising money and awareness for the three key issues currently facing Africa; the environment, education and health. The climbs of Mt Kenya, Mt Meru and Mt Kilimanjaro aim to raise awareness for these peak issues and to support and encourage grassroots community organisations in Kenya and Tanzania who are focused on environmental, educational and health development.

Most participants had little to none climbing experience. At one point Jane did a vertical 500 feet climb on a shear rock wall. She was guided by a professional climber.

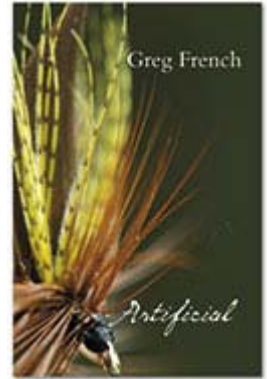
The challenge was filmed by Michael Brown and a professional American film crew. So far the film won the following awards: Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival - Most Inspiring Adventure Film Award; Boulder International Film Festival - Best Adventure Film; Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival - People's Choice Award; The Accolade Film Awards - Award of Excellence; 41st WorldFest Independent Film Festival - Silver REMI.

More information and a trailer of the film can be obtained at www.3peaks3weeks.org

BOOK REVIEW

Artificial

By Greg French



I am a great believer in anything that is written on Tasmania, especially anything that records the social history of this state, and this book certainly does that. Written in a laid-back style, it tells of Greg French's journeys through out Tasmania and in British Columbia. It reflects on his experiences with the people he meets, the observations he makes, and the sometimes funny predicaments he finds himself in.

The soft-cover book is well presented and the cover catches the eye. I do have a problem with the actual cover though, as I feel it is a little misleading. One could easily pick this book up thinking that you were going to get a book about fishing, although it has a fishing content, it is more about Greg French's life, in other words, it leans more towards a biography and I feel that the title should have reflected this.

Greg's love of the outdoors, his love of fishing, and his friendships with some colourful characters of varying nature come out in this book. He relates of the many tales of incidents that have occurred to him over the years.

I must admit to be drawn into the book in some places by some of the observations and by a few of the stories, but I found these too few and I was also frustrated by the fact that the writer would go off on a tangent, away from the subject of interest. I felt that the writing, for a lot of its time, lost its flow and rhythm.

This book is a niche book, a treasure of memories for Greg French and his family, relatives, and friends. For the average reader who doesn't know any of the characters or the writer, you may find this book hard going.

Graeme Bourke

INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LAUNCESTON AREA

The key for the Lodge is at **Doo-Gun Tackle, 21 Marlborough St, Longford Tel. 63911401**. After booking with Barry Jacobson, the key can be collected at Doo-Gun Tackle and has to be returned within one business day.

TO THE MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY POST

Most members receive the newsletter by email, which is the fastest and most cost-efficient method. The club would appreciate if those members receiving the newsletter by post and having an email account could swap to the email version. Anybody wishing to swap should inform the secretary on:
paradymesolutions@live.com.au
or **0439 155 305**).

FLY TYING MATERIALS NEEDED FOR NEXT FLY TYING NIGHT

Guest fly tier is Stan Laskey

Material needed:

**Long Shank Hook Size 8
Chenille (any colour)
Zonker
Wire for ribbing**

DFFC Library

Sorted by Author

Contact Club Librarian to borrow

Books

No	Title	Author
66	Fishing-An Angler's Dictionary	Beard&McKie
16	Tasmanian Threatened Fauna Hand Book	Bryant & Jackson
63	Fly Tying for Beginners	Bucknall
17	Tassie Trout Tips and Tactics	Cadle
59	Fisherman's Atlas	Cape
11	Rigby's Complete Book of Australian Fishing	Capel
38	Futuristic Fishing	Cazalbar
1	Australia's Best Trout Flies	Cross & Sloane
60	An Introduction to Fly Tying	Cuckwill
62	The Atlantic Salmon Fly	Dunham
69	Life And Flies	Eggleton
19	The Aus & NZ Fly Fishers Annual	FFA
14	Tasmanian Trout Waters	French
15	Tasmanian Trout, Where & How	French
34	Trout Fishing in Tasmania	French
2	Come Fly Fish With Me	G Bourke
68	If Only The World Would Go Fishing	G Bourke
24	Trout Fishery of Tas Vol 1 (1865-1910)	Gilmour
25	Trout Fishery of Tas Vol 2 (1910-1950)	Gilmour
26	Trout Fishery of Tas Vol 3 (1950-1999)	Gilmour
28	Trout Fishing Guide to Tasmania	Gilmour
30	Trout in NW Tasmania	Gilmour
31	Trout in NW Tasmania	Gilmour
43	An Introduction to Fly Fishing	Grose
56	Index to Orvis Fly Patterns	Harder
22	The Salt Water Angler	Hardy
39	Inland Waterways	HEC
52	Salmon Flies	Jorgensen
53	Modern Fly Dressings for the Practical Angler	Jorgensen
55	American Nymph Fly Tying Manual	Kaufmann

DFFC Library Continued.....

18	Taxidermy (Step by Step)	McFall
58	The Angler's Companion	Murphy
7	Fur & Feather	P Leuver
32	Where the Bright Waters Meet	Plunket-Greene
5	Fly-Fishing Fundamentals	R Sloane
50	Work Place 1st Aid	Red Cross
8	Guide to Meetings & Organizations	Renton
36	The Lure of the Trout	Roberts
9	Memories of the Shannon Rise	Roy Dean
44	Fly Fishing Lakes (Booklet)	Rule
37	Fresh Water Trout Cook Book	Russell-Clarke
23	The Way of the Angler	Scholes
29	Trutta the Trout	Scholes
35	Trout and Trouting	Scholes
61	Ripples, Runs & Rises	Scholes
6	Fly Fishing Pictorial	Scholes & Ritchie
3	Field Guide To Birds In Australia	Simpson & Day
13	Tasmanian Trout Fly Patterns	Stokes
4	Finding Feeding Trout	T Richie
12	Shannon Rise Revisited	Taylor
21	The Great Trout of Lake Pedder	Terry
42	The Hardy Book of Fisherman's Knots	Vane
40	Reservoir and Lake Flies	Veniard
41	Further Guide to Fly Dressing	Veniard
54	Fly Dressing Guide	Vennard
10	Origins of the Tasmanian Trout	Walker
20	The Complete Fly Fisher	Walker
33	60 Ways to Fool a Trout	Wedlick
64	Fly Fishing in Australia	Wedlick
65	Trout Stories	Weigall
27	Trout (Wild Life Series)	

FILMS

No	Title	Author
48	2000 DFFC Mystery Tour Video	
67	Running down The Man (DVD)	
71	The Source Tasmania (DVD)	
49	Airflo in Australia Video (Fly Lines)	Airflo
51	Introduction to Fly Fishing (DVD)	Gillies
45	Fly Tying Video 1	Hall
46	Fly Tying Video 2	Hall
47	Bronte Camp '04 Video	Hepburn
57	DFFC New Zealand Trip 2007 DVD	N Day
70	DFFC New Zealand Trip 2008 (DVD)	N Day

IMPORTANT

Annual membership payment is now due:

Single \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Please note that this will be the last newsletter posted/emailed out to you if you have not paid your membership. If you wish to remain a member of the DFFC and continue to receive the newsletter please make arrangements to send your subs to the treasurer at the club postal address (see inside front cover of this newsletter).

Thank You

Trent Rigby Secretary