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OUR AIM
“TO PROMOTE ALL FACETS OF FLYFISHING
AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP”

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BRONTE CAMP STARTS 9th January 2011

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS: July 29th, 2010

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 / 2011

- July 15th** Fly tying – Devonport Library 7.30 pm
- July 29th** AGM - Devonport Library 7.30 pm
- August 7th** Open day fishing (Club dam) – 9:00 am
- August 19th** Camp Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- August 15th** Casting/fishing session at Waratah
- November** Tasmanian Casting Championships
- January 9th** Bronte Camp 2011
- Feb. 1st - 6th** Fishing trip to Lake Burbury* 1

*1 Contact Max French on 64423272 for further information.

Note from the editor

Another year has past since our last AGM. I hope many members will attend our next meeting. With this Newsletter you will receive a nomination form for the Club member of the year. Just send it to our mail box or bring it along to the meeting.

Most of you will have already received your fishing license. This is always an indicator that the Opening day is not too far. We will meet at our Club dam at 9 am. George will serve some "Road kill" for \$3.00 per person. Keep in mind that the Club dam is a 'barb less hook only water'.

Roy Wybrow informed us at our last meeting that we have 2 certified Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) casting instructors in our club. A third member is about to sit the exams. The Club wants to encourage especially the younger members to consider becoming a FFF instructor. A lot of information can be obtained at www.fedflyfishers.org or by having a chat to Roy.

While you are on the net, try out www.flylife.com.au/emag/tasmania
This is a special electronic fly life magazine.
Have fun and hope to see many of you at our AGM.

Casting Sessions

The date and venue of the Tasmanian casting championships has changed. This year's championships will be in November (the exact date is not confirmed yet) at Peter Hayes's compound. Unfortunately the attendance at our first practice session at Reid's dam was a bit disappointing.

Only five members turned up. The weather conditions were excellent, maybe too good as we can't expect this calm conditions on the day of the competition. Roy demonstrated the casting technique which is a bit different to the usual cast when fishing. We practised the dry fly accuracy on the lawn. All you need are a few tennis balls which need to be placed at different distances.



Try to hit the tennis balls with the wool at the end of your leader and you should be able to hit the ring on the water.

Practising the roll cast is better done on the water. The roll cast is going to be the toughest challenge. Within three minutes each ring has to be hit twice with the fly before you can target the next one.



During our fly tying weekend Roy offered some casting sessions on both days. Four members participated each day. The weather was completely different to the first session. It was cold and windy. A big thank you to the Highland Lodge which let us use the lawn and the pond.

Our next session will be on Sunday 15th August in Waratah. We will have a session on casting and do a bit of fishing thereafter. Details on the venue and carpooling will be in the next newsletter.

Fly tying weekend

The fly tying weekend was again another success 19 members met at the Lodge to watch Jan Spencer tying flies.

Jan demonstrated some interesting techniques and answered heaps of questions. The flies tied by Jan were all filmed and should be available on DVD in the near future.

I will also publish most of the flies in the newsletters.

Those flies will be: 2 varieties of black spinners, red tag, grasshopper, shaving brush, 2 varieties of possum emergers.

Thanks Jan I am sure everybody learned something on that interesting day with you at the Lodge.

Apart from learning new tricks from the guest tier or other club members the annual fly tying weekend has more to offer.

George did a fantastic job catering for us on both days. He certainly knows how to prepare the “Road kill” and feed a large group. Thanks George.



For me an interesting aspect of the weekend is the opportunity to meet members of our club. As we have participants from Hobart, Launceston and the Devonport area I met fly fishermen who I have never seen before.

I was a bit irritated that nobody was interested to stay awake and watch the Soccerroos beat Serbia!!

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Minutes of General Meeting

held on 24/06/2010

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

ATTENDANCE: 38

MEETING OPEN: 7:35pm

APOLOGIES: E. Norman, M. Murray, J. Rigby, T. Scott, D. Urquart, C. Morley. Moved J. Burr Sec R. Wybrow that the apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved S. MacAulay Sec M. Hulsman that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated was a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Held over until later in the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D. Best Sec P. Burr that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Moved D. Best Sec G. Bourke that the financial statement be accepted. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- Harcourt's Real Estate 1 x Letter
- AAT 4 x E-mails
- Rise Fly Fishing Film Festival - 1 x E-mail

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- Darren Llewellyn - 1 x Letter
- DPIPWE - 1 x Letter

T. Rigby moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards correspondence be confirmed. Seconded: S. MacAulay. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Held over to general business.

REPORTS:

SHACK: A shack committee has now been formed. A committee meeting is to be held in August.

CAMP COMMITTEE: Bronte Camp flyers are being distributed throughout the state.

FISHING: Both D. Bowden and G. Bourke reported on recent Australian Salmon fishing trips.

FLY TYING: D. Best reported on the recently held fly tying night and the Devon Lodge fly tying weekend. Next month's fly tying will be a Woolly Bugger.

FLY CASTING: R. Wybrow reported on recent fly casting practice that was held throughout June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

T. Rigby reported on some options that would be available if we held our annual club dinner at the Argosy. It was resolved that D. Best look into some other potential venues also. Further discussions to be had next meeting.

It was resolved that the next fly casting practice session would be held Sunday August 15th at Waratah.

It was resolved that further information be sought in relation to land within Bronte and the surrounding areas. Further discussions to be had next meeting.

It was resolved that D. Best and S. Laskey obtain suitable Devon Lodge contents insurance as soon as possible.

N. Day reported on our existing public liability insurance policy. It was resolved that a letter be written to our insurance provider to raise some queries in relation to our cover.

It was resolved that members look further into the details of a proposed Western Lakes development and report back next meeting.

TRIPS: Club Dam Sat 7th August 9:00am

MEETING CLOSED: 8:50 pm

GUEST SPEAKER: A presentation was given by our guest speaker Hairy Castles of a trip to the South Island in New Zealand.



Fly tying



Red Tag By Jan Spencer

The red tag was tied by Jan during our last tying weekend. The tag shouldn't be made from wool and it shouldn't be too long as it gets too heavy when wet. One good quality peacock herl is sufficient to build the body.

Hook: Kamasan B160 Size 8 -12

Thread: Unithread Black

Tail: Red floss silk

Body: Peacock, brown hackle

Wing: 2 brown hackles



- Tie in thread behind hook eye and wrap the hook with thread down to the start of the bend. Double over the tail and tie it in.
- Tie in hackle feather.
- Tie in peacock herl and bring thread to about 1/3 of the hook
- Wind the peacock herl and then the hackle to form the body about 2/3 of the hook shank.
- Tie off and shape the hackle with scissors. The body should taper towards the tail. Trim tail.
- Tie in 2 hackle feathers, wind them forward and tie off.
- Build a head and whip finish.

Fly tying with Stan

Our monthly tying sessions are attended by a good crowd of people. Last month 15 members attended the red or black spinner's session.

For our July session (15th July) Stan plans to tie a woolly bugger

Materials needed are:

- ◆ Size 8 or 10 long shank hooks
- ◆ Black or olive chenille
- ◆ Black or brown hackle

Fly fishing film festival 2010

This year 's venues in Tasmania are 9th August in Launceston (Village Cinema), 11th August in Hobart (Eastlands Village Cinema) and 12th August in Burnie (Metro Cinema). It is \$25 per person.

The following text is part of a press release:

Crisscrossing the globe, RISE - Fly Fishing Film Festival 2010 showcases a variety of stunning movies from Broome, New Zealand, Mexico, California and Iceland. Gin-Clear Media's The Source – New Zealand is the feature movie of the festival. Part of a series, The Source exposes the best fly fishing destinations from around the world. Nick Reygaert, The Source – New Zealand's director, says, "New Zealand offers a seemingly limitless amount of variety for fly fishers yet each person enjoys and values the fishery in their own unique way. With The Source – New Zealand we set out to capture those special moments that define a fishing trip and through these get a glimpse of what the Kiwi experience means to each of the featured anglers. For some, it means casting size 18 emergers to delirious brown trout during a blanket hatch, for others it's the triumph of catching a 10lb + fish on a dry fly, for others it's a jet boat ride into a remote fiord!"

More information and some trailers can be obtained at :

www.gin-clear.com

Carpooling for members of the Devonport area will be arranged on our next meeting.

DEVON LODGE RULES

1. **Bookings for the Lodge must be made with the Club Booking Officer, Barry Jacobson (7:00AM to 9:00PM 7 days per week); preferred contact number is 0409 947 185 (leave a message for a call back if not answered).** Alternative contact number is 03 6272 2597 or email jacobson_bg@yahoo.com.au
2. **Keys may be collected from Mountain Designs, 2 Rooke Street, Devonport Ph. 64248699; Spot On Fishing Connection in Hobart 62344880; Ultimate Fishing and Outdoors in Ulverstone 64251968; Doo-Gun Tackle in Longford 6391 1401 Central Highlands Lodge, Miena 6259 81796. A current membership card is required when collecting all keys.**
3. Keys must be returned to original place of collection within one business day after your return . **The key from Central Highlands Lodge is for EMERGENCY USE ONLY and must be returned at all times when not in residence at the Devon Lodge.**
4. Financial club members only are able to book the Devon Lodge and shall be in residence and be responsible for that period.
5. Members are welcome to bring one guest. Special dispensation can be granted for more than one guest, at the Secretary's discretion .
6. The maximum booking shall be of six days duration.
7. The Lodge fees are \$7.50 per night for club members, non-members fees are \$15.00 per night. Invoices will be issued by email (if available) or post based on the number of nights booked. Consequently the booking officer **MUST** be advised **IN ADVANCE** of any cancellation or booking change otherwise the fee will apply
8. Fees (as per the invoice) are to be sent to the Treasurer, Devonport Fly Fishing Club, PO Box 956, Devonport 7310
9. There is no current limit on numbers in the lodge.
10. On arrival for an overnight stay or longer the log book must be filled in. The diary is for general information, fishing etc.
11. The lodge is **non-smoking** for the enjoyment of all users.
12. A replacement cost of \$20.00 will be charged for any lost keys.
13. Camping is permitted around the lodge. Fees still apply.
14. Electric bar heaters are not be used in the lodge. Only approved heaters may be used, i.e. the wood heater.
15. Any comments, suggestions or maintenance requirements are to be forwarded to the Secretary at the above address..



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Nomination/Voting Form

2009/10 CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

I wish to nominate _____
as the 2010 Club Person of the Year

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

NB: There is no election for Club Person of the Year. It is awarded on the basis of nominations; i.e. the person receiving the most nominations receives the award so please take the time to make a nomination.

Completed forms should be mailed to the Club at the address above.