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FLY FISHING CLUB INC.**

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“TO PROMOTE ALL FACETS OF FLYFISHING
AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP”

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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

August 13th Fly Tying-Devonport Library 7.30pm

August 22nd Fishing Four Spring-Noon onwards.

August 27th General Meeting-7.30

August 29th & 30th Cressy Trout Expo

Bronte Camp 10th January 2010

FISHING TRIPS

Craig Kuns hopes to do some back water (flood) fishing in the next couple of weeks. The trip will depend on the weather. So if anyone is interested in going with Craig please contact him on 0412 614 652.

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

There are also plans for a Lake Burbury trip and another trip to Talbots Lagoon. Keep your eye on the newsletter for further details.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Just a reminder that subs are now due. No changes have been made to the subs and they will still be \$15.00 for a single and \$20.00 for a family. Subs can be sent to the treasurer at the club address or be paid at a general 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; 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
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 of any cancellation or booking change
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. **Key from Central Highlands Lodge is to be returned at all times when not in residence at the Devon Lodge.**
15. Electric bar heaters are not be used in the lodge. Only approved heaters may be used, i.e. the Wood heater.
16. Any comments, suggestions or maintenance requirements are to be forwarded to the Secretary at the above address..

THE FIVE ESSENTIALS IN FLY CASTING

By Roy Wybrow

This is my take on the “Five Essentials” in fly casting, originally formulated by Bill Gammel.

1 Casting Arc-The casting arc is directionally proportional to the amount of line outside the rod tip.

When carrying a short length of line, only a small casting arc is needed. The longer the line carried, the greater the casting arc required. Tailing loops will result from too small a casting arc. Wide loops will result from too large a casting arc.

2 SLP-The rod tip should travel in a near straight-line path.

This is closely related to number one, the casting arc. The rod bends as force is applied. If the correct casting arc is used, the rod tip will travel in nearly a straight line. Remember that the line always follows the path of the rod tip. Therefore, if the rod tip travels in a nearly straight line, tight loops will result.

3 Timing-the length of the pause at the end of the stroke is directionally proportional to the line outside the rod tip.

At the end of the forward or back-cast stroke there must be a pause before beginning the subsequent stroke. The longer the length of line outside the rod tip, the longer it takes for the loop to unroll and the longer the pause should be. If the pause is too short, slack line will develop. Too short a pause is often indicated by a “whip crack” sound or snapping off of the fly. If the pause is too long, slack will develop and eventually the line will fall to the ground.

4 Slack Line- Slack line should be kept to a minimum.

There are a multitude of causes of slack line and a multitude of problems which result. Keep the line as tight as possible during the cast and these may be avoided.

5 Power-The hand should accelerate smoothly during power application.

From the beginning of the power application to stop, the hand should accelerate smoothly. Accelerating smoothly means starting slow and ending fast. This is not only necessary to make efficient loops, it is the most efficient way for humans to move, so the resulting final speed is greatest with smooth acceleration.

These five elements are inextricably linked; meaning a problem with one will likely cause another. No matter what faults you have in fly casting, it’s almost certainly covered in the above five principals. Learn these principles, get these right and you’ll be a really good caster.

(It’s worth noting that there are particular advanced casts which may violate one or more of these principles.)

DEVON LODGE NOTES

GAS HOT WATER SYSTEM

NB: In extremely cold weather, you may observe water spraying from the insulated box beneath the gas water heater. **THIS IS COMPLETELY NORMAL.** The unit is fitted with a relief valve to prevent it freezing up; when the water temperature in the pipe work in the vicinity of the water heater drops, the relief valve opens to ensure a stream of water flows through the heater to prevent freezing.

Please be aware that if the outside air temperature approaches freezing point overnight, the relief valve may emit a loud noise similar to a fog-horn on the "Queen Mary" or a mating moose. The noise has been greatly reduced by lagging and enclosing the outlet pipe but you may hear it on occasions. A short-term fix is to run some water for a minute or so in the bathroom; should the problem persist, the only solution (apart from staying awake all night) is to shut the pump off and close the outlet valve on the tank.

WOOD HEATER

Please burn DRY wood only from the wood shed (the key is on a metal bar hanging on the coat rack inside the back door). Burning wet or damp wood will result in incomplete combustion and cause a build-up of creosote etc in the heater flue.

GAS BARBEQUE

A gas barbeque is available for use by all users of the Lodge but you **MUST** supply your own gas. The hose fitting on the barbeque fits into a 9kg gas bottle but an adapter has also been provided to enable smaller gas bottles to be connected. It is currently stored in the pump shed.

Under no circumstances is the barbeque to be used inside the Lodge. It must be only be used outside. Gas bottles from the hot water system **MUST** not be used on the barbeque.

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President's Report 2008/09

This is the close of my first year as your President and in reflecting on what has happened during the year I am overwhelmed by what the club has achieved and how little I have contributed.

Our club dam outings have been very well attended with smaller attendances at other venues. It seems that the further the distance the lower numbers of members that participate. We have started the process of member led trips and I am keen to see this continue. Many of the locations we wish to fish could not stand the pressure of a large group so the concept of one or two car loads of fly fishers seems to be the correct approach. On the basis of this I encourage all members to volunteer to lead an outing during the next season. It doesn't take much effort - just select the venue, date and start point and bring it to the meeting.

On a different note, the trip to St Helens, organised by Graeme Bourke, attracted only he and I. We had a ball! If we organise another trip put your name down. We ended up with two boats and only two fishers so there was plenty of room and a super abundance of fish.

The Bronte camp was again a resounding success with record numbers of attendees. The publicity value, the fund raising, the new members and the new friendships gained are some of the reasons for the growth and strength of this club.

Devon Lodge (the shack) has progressed to the stage where it is basically completed and now we need to plan improvements and enhancements. We called for volunteers for a management committee and this committee is starting to plan the future development of the Lodge. We had very good support in getting

firewood up there and the provision of hot showers has been well appreciated by the occupants. There have been some minor adjustments to the booking and payment system to make life easier for our treasurer.

Fly tying has been attracting great numbers with many new skills being developed all round. The club has purchased more tying gear for the beginners which has been well appreciated.

Club meetings have been very well attended with a variety of guest speakers and a David Scholes video evening that was very well received. The monthly raffles are raising good funds for the club and I am pleased to report that I am winning more than my fair share!

The last outing for the year was a fly casting clinic put on by Roy Wybrow. Despite howling wind, scudding showers and freezing temperatures - 37 members attended. It was an outstanding success! Because of the wind Roy was unable to properly demonstrate the on water casting and has volunteered to conduct a further clinic next autumn.

The DFFC website is being redeveloped by Justin Rigby and the prototype is looking great. I am hoping that we will get the web site to the state where we will all go there for trip information, trip reports, photos etc. Thanks Justin for your efforts.

Finally I would like to thank Peter Burr and David Best for their work supporting the club at the executive level, George Surman, Graeme Bourke, Athol McPherson, Barry Jacobson and Peter Bonney for their assistance and all other members who have contributed to a very successful year for the club. Now for those contributors that I have not named - sorry I can't remember - but thanks very much.

Reid McLachlan

DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting

Held on 30/7/2009

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

ATTENDANCE: 41

MEETING OPEN: 8:12pm.

APOLOGIES: E. Norman, G. Leary, J. Burr, N. Day, M. French, J. Martin, L. Martin

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved M. Hulsman sec A. Maney that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated was a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Held over to later in the meeting

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D. Best sec G. Bourke that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**
D. Best spoke about the clubs share that is held with Mystate.
Moved D. Best sec N. Walker that the club cash in the Mystate share. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- Valuer General Acknowledgement of lodge valuation objection
- IFS- Club dam stocking
- The Tasmanian Trout Expo - Exhibitor confirmation

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Valuer General - Notice of lodge valuation objection

G. Bourke moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. Seconded: A. Maney - **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Held

over to general business

REPORTS:

SHACK: D. Best reported on the new booking and payment procedures

CAMP COMMITTEE: Nil

FISHING: J. Rigby and G. Gillard both gave reports on their recent fishing trips.

FLY TYING: Next fly tying on August 13 at the library. Nathan Parker to be the tutor.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Opening day fishing is to be held at the club dam from 8:00am.
- Resolved that the date of our annual dinner is to be on Sat October 24. Venue and time to be confirmed.
- Moved M. Murray sec P. Bonney that we have Jane Shadbolt as guest speaker at our annual dinner and the club funds \$500 to cover the associated costs. Carried.
- A discussion was held in regards to the restocking of fish into the club dam.
- Justin Rigby reported on the development of the new club website devonportflyfishingclub.net.au. It will be up by the end of the month with some work still then required. Club members are encouraged to have a look and report any feedback.

TRIPS:

- Four Springs Sat 22 August 12:00 noon onwards
- Craig Kuns is intending to fish some backwaters. Ph. 0412 614 652 if interested
- G. Bourke is intending to organise another trip to Georges Bay late February

MEETING CLOSED: 9:50 pm

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I have enjoyed my second stint at editing the club newsletter, but unfortunately I have to move on as I have been elected President of the North West Branch of the Fellowship of Australian Writers and I wish to give most of my time to this new position. In other words, I want to concentrate on my writing career. I will still be an avid member of the club and will continue to be involved at a member level.

I would like to wish the new newsletter editor, Stephan Muether, all the best and I would hope that all the members will give Stephan the same support that I have received.

Graeme Bourke

FLY TYING MATERIALS NEEDED FOR NEXT FLY TYING NIGHT

Guest fly tyers are Nathan Parker and Stan Laskey

Hook; Kamasan B830, size 12-14,
or a Dun hook, size 12-14. (Long dry fly hook)
Grey dubbing and the wing of a duck
Flexi-cement

INSTRUCTORS - BRONTE CAMP

The Camp Committee are currently seeking “expressions of interest” from members who are prepared to help out as instructors at 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.

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