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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: July 30, 2009

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009

July 9th Fly Tying-Devonport Library 7.30pm

July 19th SUNDAY -Casting- Club Dam 10.30am

July 30th AGM

August 1st Opening Day-Club Dam 7.00am

August 13th Fly Tying-Devonport Library 7.30pm

Bronte Camp 10th January 2010

CASTING CLINIC

On **SUNDAY July 19** Roy Wybrow will be conducting a casting clinic at the club dam. A permit has been granted from the IFS allowing us to cast over the dam. No hooks are to be used. Members are asked to be punctual for a 10.30 am start. Members are also asked to park their cars at the top of the hill and walk down to the dam. A barbeque will be provided so everyone is asked to bring their own drinks and food.

FLY TYING

Guest fly tyer this month is Ashley Artis and he will be showing you how to tie an emerger. Equipment required: Hook, B100 12-14; Dubbing, olive or brown; Wing, Float Bizz; Hackle, brown. If you don't have any of this material, don't worry, as Ashley will help out.

DEVON LODGE BOOKING PROCEDURE

Please note the changes (announced elsewhere in this newsletter) to the Devon Lodge booking procedure, effective immediately.

DEVON LODGE

ALTERED BOOKING PROCEDURES

At the recent Club meeting (see minutes elsewhere in this newsletter) it was agreed that the Lodge booking procedure be changed. The reason for the change is the need to make it easier for our Treasurer to reconcile bookings against actual stays at the Lodge AND to ensure that all payments are collected in a timely manner.

As a result of the change, **Barry Jacobson** will become the Lodge Booking Officer and ALL bookings should be made through him. His contact details are:

Mobile: 0409 947 185 (Preferred method)

Email: jacobson_bg@yahoo.com.au (second pref.)

Phone: 03 6272 2597

Fax: 03 6272 2937

Preferred contact times are between the hours of 7:00AM and 9:00PM seven days per week. Please note that from time to time, Barry may not be in a mobile area (he does go fishing occasionally) so please leave a message and a call back number and he WILL get back to you when he is able to.

Barry will **NOT** be handling keys. They are to be picked up from the existing locations, i.e.:

Mountain Designs,	Devonport	64248699
Spot On Fishing Connection	Hobart	62344880
Ultimate Fishing & Outdoors	Ulverstone	64251968
Doo-Gun Tackle	Longford	6391 1401
Central Highlands Lodge	Miena	6259 8179 (EMERG. use only)

A current membership card is required when collecting all keys

In order to assist our Treasurer to reconcile bookings/stays/payments, Barry will issue invoices to those members who stay at the Lodge. These will be based on the booking which was made. Consequently, if you decide to not go to the Lodge or change the length of your stay, Barry should be advised of the cancellation/change of duration at the earliest possible opportunity. The invoices will be issued a couple of days after the end of your stay (as booked) and will be distributed by email where possible but if you don't have an email address (or prefer not to use it for the purpose), the invoice will be posted to you

Finally, we would like to thank Mountain Designs, Devonport for their assistance over the years. Their preparedness to assist us by taking bookings for the Lodge up until now and for being (and continuing to be) a pick-up point for keys is greatly appreciated.

CASTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tracking

Tracking for those who don't know what we are talking about, is the bird's eye path of the rod tip during the stroke. *If an incorrect application of power is the main cause of casting failures, then tracking comes in at close second*, especially when it comes to distance. There are two main faults, the first is the back cast not being in line to the forward, and second is a forward cast not being in line to the back.

The vast majority of flycasters throw their backcast **at least** 20 degrees off to the side(I don't mean that the rod is tilted-that's okay-I mean that the backcast is aimed 20 degrees off centre). If the forward cast is then delivered straight, the end of the flyline, as it unrolls, will flip over to one side. If you're casting off the right shoulder, this normally appears as a dogleg to the left. This is not a forward casting fault; rather it is where you have positioned the backcast.

Fixing this error can take rather a lot of hard work, but it is well worth the effort, especially if you are casting long distances.

One of Steve Rajeff's tips is to constantly practice stroking the butt section of an old 4-piece rod along a wall. Yet more good tracking advice is to study your casting in front of a mirror. But perhaps the best advice of all comes from the 'Federation of Fly Fishing,' Flycasting instructor, Bill Gammel, his advice is to work on casting practice to a point straight in front of your shoulder, a fixed distance away, and when you consistently hit it, to move it forward one foot at a time (a good tip here would be to take ones step back, instead of moving the object one step forward, but both methods work).

Correct this tracking problem in your casting stroke and your casting will improve dramatically. Don't just be a good caster, try always to be a better caster.

Roy Wybrow 'FFF. CCI. (see below)
Federation of Fly Fishers - Certified Casting Instructor

Tight belts!

Report on the wader safety day.

On 18th June 11 members took the opportunity to experience what it is like to have a swim in their waders. The water depth of the in-door swimming pool was a convenient 900 mm. Everybody was wearing his usual fishing clothes (socks, jeans, shirt and wader). It was an interesting event, were I was able to try out a few things in a safe environment.

1. Tight belt

When wading in 900 mm depth it is important to tighten the belt relatively strong to keep enough air in the wader. As soon as you trip or step in a hole you have to bring your knees up, which will trap the air in the wader. You are now 'sitting' in the water. At that stage you suddenly realise, that you are 'wetting your pants'! The belt won't hinder the water from very slowly soaking through your clothes into your wader. Don't panic every confident swimmer should be able to paddle back to shore. We also rolled over and tried swimming breaststroke and crawl style and both worked pretty well.

2. Additional floating devices

People with little confidence in their swimming skills are likely to panic, straighten the body and get their head under the water. They should wear a lifejacket. Trials showed that the lifejacket stabilises the body very well.

3. No belt

Various persons told me so far that once the wader is flooded with water it will drag me down. Now I had the opportunity to find out how big that force

was. I took the belt off and filled the wader completely with water. To my and everybody's astonishment I wasn't dragged down at all. It was very easy to swim with the wader filled with water. The explanation for this is quite logical. Water in the wader has the same density or weight as the water surrounding the wader. Hence it can't pull you down. The belt keeps air in the wader before tripping and it prevents water from entering once you are floating. Water entering the wader too fast is dangerous especially in fast flowing waters where you need to keep control over the body at all times.

4. Getting out of the wader

When you make it back to shore it is very difficult to walk in wader filled with water. Once you are in shallow waters you can unclip and get out of them.

It is not recommended to take the wader off while swimming.

Under certain circumstances (entering a boat, steep shore, rocky shore ...) you might be forced to take the wader off while swimming.

My wader is of the cheaper range with gumboots attached. It was no big trouble taking them off while swimming. Most important in this situation was again to keep calm and not to panic.

Participants wearing wader with integrated socks had even difficulties taking them off while standing in the water.

It was another fantastic event conducted by the Devonport Fly Fishing Club. I gained a lot of confidence from that experience.

Thanks.

Stephan Muther

DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting held on 26/6/2009

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

ATTENDANCE: 34

MEETING OPEN: 7:35 pm.

APOLOGIES: E. Norman, N. Day, M. French, J. Rigby. Moved G. Surman sec D. Thomas that the apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved T. Scott sec C. Morley that the minutes of the last meeting as circulated were a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: The secretary gave a detailed report on the status of Caroline Creek in respect of water quality.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D. Best sec G. Bourke that the treasurers report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Valuer General	Lodge valuation objection
IFS	Letter of Authority (Permit)
Barry Jacobsen	3 x Emails (Lodge Bookings)
AAT	3 x Emails

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

IFS	Letter of Application
Mr John Treloar	Letter of Thanks
Colin & Diana Atkins	Letter of Thanks

J. Kirkpatrick moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. Seconded: P. Leahy - **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:
to general business

Held over

REPORTS:

SHACK: Nil

CAMP COMMITTEE: Nil

FISHING: T. Scott all gave a report on recent saltwater trips.

FLY TYING: Next fly tying on July 9 at the library. Ashley Artis to be the tutor.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Resolved that a new booking system be introduced for Devon Lodge. Effective immediately the contact person to make Lodge bookings is Barry Jacobson. Keys are still to be collected from Mountain Designs, Spot-On and DooGun Fishing. Please read the info sheet in the newsletter.

Resolved that we change the date of our Annual Dinner to late September or early October.

Opening day fishing is to be held at the club dam.

Resolved that the club purchase a copy of "The Source" for the club library.

Members were reminded that the next meeting will be the AGM.

Casting practice will be held at the club dam on Sunday July 19 at 10:30 am.

Thanks were passed to Stan and Max for tuition at the recent fly tying nights.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:25 pm

DEVON LODGE RULES

(As at 25 June 2009)

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..



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Nomination/Voting Form

2008/09 CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

I wish to nominate _____ as the 2009 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.