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OUR AIM  
“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: January 28, 2010**

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2009/2010

December 12th Working bee at the Lodge 9 am

January 10<sup>th</sup> Bronte Camp

January 23<sup>rd</sup> Fishing Lake Huntsman 3 pm

January 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting-Devonport Library 7.30 pm

### FISHING TRIPS

The accommodation for the fishing trip to Lake Burbury (2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010) is booked. The house costs \$25 per night. It sleeps 12 persons. If you are interested in going please contact Roy Wybrow on 64391138 or 0429391137 or roy.wybrow@gmail.com.

Graeme Bourke intends to once again have the trip to St. Helens in February of 2010-tentative date is the 27-28<sup>th</sup>. If you need accommodation, contact Percy on 64381393.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is the last newsletter for this year. As we don't have a Club meeting in December our next Newsletter will be published in early February 2010. I hope you enjoyed reading the Newsletters with the 'German accent'. I like to thank Peter Burr, Roy Wybrow, Graeme Bourke, Max French and Barry Jacobson for supplying articles for different Newsletters and like to encourage everybody to send me articles on interesting topics like, fishing trips/locations/techniques, flies, gear, books, etc., this should bring a bit more of an Aussie accent into this little booklet. If you have ideas on changes or improvements feel free to tell me. This is our Newsletter and not mine. Anyway, so far I enjoyed editing the Newsletter and look forward for the January edition. *'Ich wünsche allen eine frohe Weihnacht und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr'*. This was a bit too much of a German accent. Here is the translation: 'Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year' Hope to see many of you in Bronte.

# Devon Lodge – Rubbish Removal

Members using Devon Lodge are reminded that it is their responsibility to take their rubbish with them when they leave. It can be left at the Miena Waste Transfer Centre (limited hours – see below) or taken home to be collected with your normal garbage. It is no longer an option to climb over the gate at the Waste Transfer Centre as the height of the fence and gate has been significantly increased recently.

Rubbish should NOT be left at the Lodge as there is no collection facility in Miena; someone else will have to remove it for you. The metal bin outside the Lodge is for use during extended stays or when large numbers of members are in residence. When the kitchen tidy bin fills up, the full bag can be placed in the metal bin to prevent the local wildlife tearing it open until you have time to arrange disposal. When there are several members present at the Lodge, please discuss disposal of the rubbish; do not just leave it for the last one to leave.

While on the subject of rubbish, vacuum cleaners should not be emptied directly into the metal bin outside. Either scatter the contents around the yard or empty it into a plastic bag before placing it in the bin and should then be taken with you on departure.

<b>MIENA WASTE TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTRE</b>		
<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</u></b>	<b><u>REMAINDER OF YEAR</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 pm - 4 pm</b>	<b>1pm - 3 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 pm - 4 pm</b>	<b>1 pm - 3 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9am -12noon</b>	<b>10am -12 noon</b>

Also open every Monday Public Holiday 2:00PM to 5:00PM

**NB: Closed Christmas Day**



## One fly competition 2009

The one fly competition on 14<sup>th</sup> October at our Club dam was attended by 19 competitors. 6 members of the NWFFC participated in the competition.

It was a warm day with mainly blue sky and hardly any wind at the start. Fly choice was the big question. At the start no fish was seen at or near the surface. Hence 12 of the competitors decided to choose a wet fly. Three participants tied on an emerger and four were fishing a dry fly. Prizes were for the first, the last and the most fish caught.



*Keith Credland playing a winning fish*

The competition started at 9:00 am and was very quiet for a long time. At around 10:00 am a lot of damselflies and red spinners started moving onto the water. The fish started to feed on them but mainly offshore far out of casting distance. The more I watched the fish leaping out of the water, the less confidence I had in my damselfly nymph.



**Stuart's First Fish on Fly**

At about 11:00 am the first fish was caught by Stuart MacAulay on an Emerger. Stuart joined the Club in September and so far hadn't caught a trout on a fly. Unfortunately he didn't play the fish enough which resulted in a straightened hook and a lost fish. That was the end of the competition for Stuart. He continued fishing, hooked a second fish which he lost

too. But then he hooked a third fish which he landed successfully. Stuart would have cleared all three prizes if he hadn't lost his first fish. He is definitely a person to watch in next year's competition.

From 11:00 am (one hour before the end of the competition) the wind picked up and the fish were coming in. Bob French from NWFFC finally caught the first legal fish on his Red Spinner.

Some more fish were caught by participants who disqualified themselves by swapping from wet fly to dry fly. The last fish of the competition was landed by Keith Credland from NWFFC on an Emerger. As Bob and Keith landed the only legal fish they won the competition too.



*Organiser and 2007 winner Anthony Maney presents Bob French (left) and Keith Credland (right) with the Trophy*

Everybody enjoyed the day which ended with a barbecue. George's road kill was plenty and delicious as usual. Thanks George.

A big thank you also to Peter Bonney for letting us use his dam, to Athol McPherson for making a great trophy and to Anthony Maney for organising the competition.



## Update from the Camp Committee

The Camp Committee had the last meeting and are very pleased with the preparations for the next camp in January.

So far 23 first years and 12 returnees have enrolled. 22 instructors will be present.

In addition to the whiteboard on which every fish caught will be mentioned we are going to have an A1 map of the Bronte Lagoon. On this map the locations of the catches will be marked with coloured pins. No secret spots any longer.



*The group of the 2009 Camp*

The syllabi are drafted and filled with heaps of interesting topics and activities.

They will be handed out on registration at the camp.

We are still looking for raffle prizes for the camp raffle. If you can assist by way of donation of prizes or by offering to collect from businesses please give Peter Burr (0429437760) or Martin Hulsman ( 64243648) a call.

As in previous years we are after lots and lots of smaller prizes and whilst fishing items are popular other items are welcome. In the past we have had cooking utensils, wine, towels, books, clocks in fact anything you can think of. If it is something that you would not mind winning then it is appropriate!



# Fly Tying



The two Flies in this month's edition are the champion flies of our one fly competition. They were tied by Bob French and Keith Credland from NWFFC.

## Red Spinner

By Bob French

- Hook: Tiemco 102Y No. 13 black  
Thread: Danvilles Fly Master 6/0 Black  
Tail: About ½ dozen brown hackle fibres  
Ribbing: Fine copper wire  
Body: Dull orange (a mixture of dubbing materials to match the colour of the natural spinner) lightly palmer  
Thorax : Peacock herl  
Hackle : Reddish Brown hackle



Secure the hook in the vice.

Tie in thread behind hook eye and wrap the hook with thread to the bend.

Tie in the tail, copper wire and a small hackle

Dub a slim body about 2/3 of the hook shank.

Palmer tie body, tie in copper wire

Tie in hackle then two turns of peacock herl.

Tie off and whip-finish.

This a lightly palmer hackled fly with a nymph shaped body. Follow normal tying procedures but be sure to leave plenty of room at the eye for the peacock herl, hackles and a well formed head. I use this fly mainly at Talbots lagoon, the palmer tied body makes this fly float high in water like the natural insect which I think is essential.

# Emerger

By Keith Credland



Hook: Kamasan B100, Size 14  
Thread: Danvilles Fly Master 6/0 Olive  
Tail: Possum  
Body: Possum  
Wing case: CDC Feather

1. Secure the hook in the vice.
2. Tie in thread behind hook eye and wrap the hook with thread. Bring the tying thread beyond the normal tie-off point, slightly round the bend of the hook.
3. Tie in tail.
4. Dub a slim body about 2/3 of the hook shank.
5. Tie in CDC feather with the tips facing towards the bend.
6. Add some more dubbing to the thread and build up a thorax (slightly bigger than the abdomen).
7. Pull the CDC feather over the Thorax.
8. Tie off with a few turns.
9. Whip finish.

# **DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.**

## **Minutes of General Meeting held on 26/11/2009**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** 39

**MEETING OPEN:** 7:35pm

**APOLOGIES:** T. Scott, J. Burr, M. French, G. Bourke, A. Parker, E. Norman, G. Gillard.

Moved M. Hulsman sec M. Murray that the apologies be accepted. **Carried.**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Moved R. Wybrow sec R. Bramich 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 J. Kirkpatrick that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:**

DPIPWE	- 1 x Letter
TFFA	- 1 x Letter
South East Qld Fly Fishers	- 1 x E-mail

### **CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:**

Dept of Tourism	- 1 x Letter
Henry Maxwell	- 1 x Letter
Alistair Capp	- 1 x E-mail
NWFFC	- 1 x E-mail

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

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** Held over to general business

**REPORTS:**

**SHACK:** A working bee will be held at the club shack Sat 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am.

**CAMP COMMITTEE:** M. Hulsman reported that we have 35 camp students enrolled. Everything is on track and in order.

**FISHING:** R. McLachlan, A. Maney, S. Muther, G. Leary, P. Gardner, T. Rigby, N. Day, D. Thomas, R. Stagg, D. Best all gave recent fishing reports.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- D. Best reported on his findings for AAT OAMPS insurance. It was recommended that the club leave it's insurance as it is due to the higher costs that would otherwise be involved.
- It was resolved by members that a small committee be formed for the purpose of identifying the potential issues in relation to our club shack operations. All identified areas and suggestions will be put forward to the club at the January general meeting.
- It was noted that M. French has fallen ill. It was resolved that a get well card be sent.
- It was discussed that a club member survey form may be a good tool for identifying preferences and requirements of club members. Further discussions to be had next meeting.
- D. Best moved a motion that the accounts for December be paid as required, due to our next meeting not being held until the end of January. Sec M. Hulsman. **Carried.**
- D. Best advised that planning and preparation would begin

shortly for our fly tying nights that will recommence next year.

- It was reported that the Devonport Library now have a data projector for hire within the meeting rooms for a cost of \$10.00 per night. This could be of great benefit for guest speakers and other club presentations.
- It was confirmed that the club dam will be re-stocked with triploids on Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Call P. Burr Sun night 29<sup>th</sup> November if you are interested in having a look.
- W. Wardrop is moving interstate to N.S.W to be with family. P. Burr, on the behalf of the club thanked Warwick for his friendship and involvement within the club over the years and presented him with a small gift. Warwick spoke briefly.

#### TRIPS:

Lake Huntsman Sat 23rd January 3:00pm

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

A DVD of club members' New Zealand trip 2008 was shown

**MEETING CLOSED:**      **9:45 pm**

# Club fishing trips in November

## Four Springs – November 8<sup>th</sup>

10 members in 5 boats made it to fish Four Springs on a great sunny afternoon. Conditions were perfect with a light sea breeze moving the boats slowly across the water. We headed towards the north shore of the lake and mainly fished wet flies as there were not many fish seen on the surface. Anthony Maney caught 2 fish on an Alexandra, Trent Rigby caught one on a Woolly buggler and Nathan Parker landed a fish on an Emerger tied by Stan Laskey. At 6:30 pm we went ashore to have some refreshments and exchanged our experiences.



*Time for refreshments*

We launched the boats again ready for the evening rise. Reid McLachlan caught a beauty right on his second cast. Alexandra did the trick again. The activity of the fish was amazing with many fish taking food close to the surface. Geoff Gillard caught a nice Rainbow with a Mrs. Simpson and I had the honour to net that fish. Then Trent changed his strategy by tying on an Emerger with a Nymph attached to it. The Nymph was taken but Trent missed it. Right after that a fish took the Emerger which Trent managed to net. Nathan too caught a second fish after dark on a Klinkhammer



*The first four fish caught*

tyed by Ashley Artis. Nathan lost his third fish on the Klinkhammer as the fish tangled the line around sticks and broke off.

And I learned a lesson. Fishing a mud eye pattern I ended up having a snag. After pulling the line a couple of times gently I pulled the fly rod back hard. Suddenly a big fish came to the surface, rolled once and broke off my tippet. Never before I had a fish on which was doing nothing but sit there

and wait. In future I'll treat every resistance of the fly as a hooked fish until I'm 100% convinced that it is a snag. Everybody enjoyed the fishing trip even the five of us who didn't catch a fish. For me it was a great day out.

## **Forth River – November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Seven members turned up for the Forth river experience. Unfortunately Hydro Tasmania generated electricity at Palooka dam which made the river fast flowing and impossible to fish. Glen Leary went with us to the weir and further downstream and pointed out spots where fishing is good.

He suggested to fish the Mersey river at Hamilton Street (Latrobe) instead. The river is shallow and can be waded over long stretches. Apart from Daniel Bowden and Glen the group had only little experience in river fishing. Daniel was the only one who caught a fish which he unfortunately lost at the last moment.

A few fish were seen ambushing whitebait in very shallow water but they were very spooky. Many fish were leaping out of the water feeding on insects. Most of us concentrated on those fish. The one Daniel caught fell for a Caddis pattern. The rest of us didn't catch a fish, but learned a lot from Glen, who sacrificed most of his fishing time to giving tuition to us. I enjoyed the trip, learned a lot and like to say thanks again to Glen.

## **STOCKING OF THE CLUB DAM**

The club dam, Reid's dam and a third dam have been stocked with triploid Rainbow trout on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Details on the stocking, the trout and some pictures will be released in the next Newsletter.

# WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at Devon Lodge on December 12 starting at 9:00 am. This will give everyone a chance to have a fish before and after if the work is done in time.

## JOBS

- The septic plumbing needs rerouting
- Tiles need laying for the splashbacks
- Bedroom doors need fitting
- Gutter needs fixing along west wall
- General cleanup around grounds
- Screen doors need fitting to both entrances
- Cook top needs wiring in
- Light switches to be altered
- Any other jobs that we need on the day
- Doors planed and painted

All tools and materials supplied but if you have anything that may be useful please bring it or them along. We have an electrician but someone who has plumbing experience would be of great help.

There will hopefully be a job for you if you turn up. Remember that the more there the easier it is.