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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: October 29, 2009

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009

October 8th Fishing Lamberts Dam^{*1} 5 pm onwards

October 15th Fishing Bells Parade^{*2} 6 pm

October 17th Fishing Four Springs 2 pm

October 18th Fishing Club Dam^{*3} 10 am onwards

October 22nd Camp Committee Meeting 7.30 pm

October 24th Annual Dinner, Argosy Motor Inn at 6:30 pm

October 29th General Meeting-Devonport Library 7.30 pm

November 14th One Fly Comp. Huntsman Lake 3 pm – 5 pm

Bronte Camp 10th January 2010

*¹ – Lamberts Dam is located at Native Plains Rd in Railton. Please sign the book which is on the porch of the last house (left-hand side) in Native Plains road.

*² – We meet at the Axeman's Hall of Fame. High tide will be at 9:20 pm. For further information contact Rod Stagg on 0429671387.

*³ – The fishing will only take place if the paddocks are dry enough. It is essential to contact Peter Burr on 0429 437 660 or 6424 8287 on October 16th if you wish to participate.



FISHING TRIPS

The accommodation for the fishing trip to Lake Burbury (2nd to 7th February 2010) is booked. The house costs \$25 per night. It sleeps 12 persons. If you are interested in going please contact Max on 64423272.

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

New members

Stuart MacAulay and Peter Gagin are two new members who attended the last Club meeting. Welcome to the Club. I'm sure you will meet a lot of interesting people and characters and hope you will have a wonderful time.



The Bronte Camp is getting nearer

The Camp Committee (Wayne Bellette, David Best, Rex Bramich, Peter Burr, Geoffrey Gillard, Martin Hulsman, Barry Jacobson, Anthony Maney, Athol McPherson, Stephan Muther, Trent Rigby, George Surman) had its monthly meeting on September 17th.

The organisation of the Bronte Camp is well advanced. We had stands at Liawenee and Cressy where a lot of people showed interest and collected our flyers. The majority of major tackle shops in the state are in the progress of being informed about the camp and supplied with posters and flyers. Soon 'The Advocate' and 'The Mercury' will publish articles on the camp. Usually the camp is attended by more than 100 people of all age groups.



Greg Lowe, Wayne Bellette and Barry Jacobson at Liawenee

The number of the 1st year participants is limited to 30. Already six 1st years and four returnees have enrolled.

This year's Camp Survey revealed that 44% of the 1st years were informed about the camp through 'word of mouth'. We can only encourage every member to start chatting about the camp as much as possible. The course covers: "Safety Theory/Wader Recovery, Bush safety and Fishing etiquette, Casting sessions, Fly rod set-up, Fly vest contents, Striking (How to play and land fish), Leader set-up/Tying knots, Fly patterns (types and how to fish them), Reading lakes, Intro to Fly tying, Entomology, Stream craft Theory and Practical, Night fishing, Cleaning fish, Fishing sessions".

The committee is working on improving handouts for the participants and on booklets for the instructors. Our aim is to make the Bronte Camp more professional every year. Everybody is invited to help making the upcoming camp another fantastic week.



Fly tying night September 10th



Again 20 members participated in the fly tying night. Guest fly tier was Stan Laskey.

Stan tied a Yetuka (cross between a Yeti and a Matuka) using red chenille and black zonker. You can choose any colour combination of chenille and zonker as the Yetuka is a style more than an exact pattern.

Thanks Stan for demonstrating your techniques which make the flies last longer and look better.

Yetuka

By Stan Laskey

Hook: Long shank hook
Thread: Black Uni Thread 0/8
Body: Chenille colour of choice



Red bodied and black winged version

Ribbing: Brass wire (Stan's preference), or any wire of choice
Wing: Zonker colour of choice

Build up a solid pat of thread along the hook

Tie in the chenille and the wire.

Bring thread to the hooks eye and wrap chenille, leaving about 3 mm for the head. Tie off the chenille.

Tie in zonker at the hooks eye and secure it by winding the wire forward. The first turn is around the chenille only. Use the dubbing needle to lift the fur up when winding the wire.

Tie off and cut the wire, build up a head and whip-finish.

Trim the zonker about level with the hook bend.

Apply flexi-cement to the head.

Some information on Matuka flies

The Matuka fly pattern was named after the New Zealand Bittern bird (a kind of heron) whose feathers were originally used in the construction of the fly's wing. Matuku is the Maori word for the Bittern bird. The name changed from Matuku to Matuka due to the English pronunciation of Matuku.

The idea of binding the hackle wing along the top of the hook shank originated in New Zealand over 50 years ago. The person who invented the Matuka seems to be unknown,



Matuka



Stan demonstrates Ryan Forster how to tie a Yetuka

The term Matuka fly has since come to mean a winging style of fly tying where the the wing feathers are secured to the top of the hook shank by turns of ribbing. The fly represents fry or minnows, but also makes an effective suggestive pattern of something a hungry trout would like to eat. They were introduced to the USA and the rest of the world about 1975. The

Americans tied their streamers also by using feathers, which were tied on top of the hook but fastened only behind the eye of the hook. This method gives the fly a lot of action but has the disadvantage that the feather can get caught in the hook bend. Such a fly acts as a propeller when stripped in the water.

As the Bittern birds are now protected, good substitutes are the flank feathers from the hen ringneck pheasant, hen hackles, cheap cock hackles or rabbit zonker (Yetuka).

Matukas and Yetukas have been tied in just about every colour combination you can imagine.

They are best fished early and late in the season.



Stan's Whitebait version

Next month: How to fish Matukas, Yetukas and other Streamers

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

DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting held on 24/9/2009

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

ATTENDANCE: 38

MEETING OPEN: 7:35pm

APOLOGIES: G. Gillard, T. Scott, R. Wybrow,
A. Mcpherson.

Moved D. Thomas sec P. Leahy that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved M. French sec P. Bonney
that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were a
true and accurate record with an amendment of M. Murray as
an apology. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Held over to later in the meeting

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D. Best sec M. Hulsman
that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for
payment. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- Anglers Alliance Tasmania - 4 x E-mails
- Graeme Bourke - 1 x Letter
- G. Gillard & Family - 1 x Card

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- Vince & Lynda Lammin - 1 x E-mail

- NWFFC - 1 x E-mail
- Gemboree 2010 - 1 x Letter
- Gunns Limited - 1 x Letter
- G. Gillard & Family - 1 x Card

T. Rigby moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. Seconded: C. Kuns.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

REPORTS:

SHACK: A working bee is to be arranged soon.

CAMP COMMITTEE: The number of first year attendees will be set to a maximum number of thirty. Volunteers are required for the distribution of posters. A volunteer is required for the photographing of the camp.

FISHING: R. Mclachlan, D. Best, R. Stagg, C. Kuns, G. Bourke, M. French all gave recent fishing reports.

FLY TYING: D. Best advised that fly tying was now finished for the year and thanked tutors for their valuable knowledge and assistance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A brief discussion was held in regards to the club dinner. Further confirmation of members attending was obtained.
- Resolved that the club's one fly competition be held at Lake Huntsman as opposed to our club dam. The

competition will be held on Sat 14th November from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. \$3.00 BBQ at picnic ground after the competition. An invite to be extended to the North West Fly Fishing Club.

- R. Mclachlan noted that the constitution requires attention as to clearly define both single and family club memberships.
- Members who represented the club at the Cressy trout expo gave reports on the weekend.
- D. Best spoke briefly on a 41.45lb trout caught in Canada. A short movie can be viewed from www.youtube.com
- D. Best advised that the Devonport show society has asked of the club's interest in having a demonstration area at the show for 2009. It was resolved by members that our method of fishing would not be suitable within an environment of that type.
- M. Hulsman reported on the club's recent invitation to the North West Fly Fishing Club's September meeting.

TRIPS:

- Lamberts Dam Thurs 8th October 5:00pm
- Bells Parade - Axeman's Hall Of Fame Thurs 15th October 6:00pm
Phone Rod Stagg on 0429671387
- Four Springs Sat 17th October 2:00pm
- Club Dam Sun 18th October 10:00am to 4:00pm. Phone Peter Burr the Friday night prior to be informed of dam accessibility.
- One Fly Competition Lake Huntsman Sat 14th November 3:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER: A DVD was shown by Norm Day on his recent adventure to Alaska

MEETING CLOSED: 10:00 pm

Club fishing trips in September

Winspears Dam – September 6th

12 curious members turned up to find out if there was any fish left in our former Club Dam. The dam was last fished by the Club two years ago. The weather conditions were good with no wind and a warm afternoon. Frequent ripples looked promising. A wide variety of different flies were used with no success at all. There seem to be none or only a few fish left in the dam.

Club Dam – September 13th

The weather conditions weren't too good. It was windy but not too cold. 7 keen fisherman turned up, trying hard to get a few more diploid trout out of the dam before it is stocked with triploids. Graeme hooked one fish but lost it. Reid had a take but the fish did not hook.

On both fishing occasions I observed how members received advice by others on how to improve their casting. Those advices and casting sessions are great and in my opinion worth more than catching a fish.

Four Springs – September 19th

I couldn't make it to that fishing trip.

The weather conditions were nasty again. Reid arrived there at 1 pm and had to cope with gale force winds and high waves. He left after an hour without having seen a fish.

David and Noel arrived there after 2 pm when the wind had changed from gale force to strong. It was still no fun fishing and they too had no success.

David recommends to check out www.youtube.com and search for '41 pound trout' in order to see what other people experience on their fishing trips.

Our trip to Lake Burbury

Percy his brothers Brian and Greg and myself went to Lake Burbury fishing last week. We fished different types of trolling (rapalas and flies). Two of the days were better trolling flies and the other days were better trolling rapalas. We never fished all day. Every day we fished from 7 am to 1 pm.



We ended up with 117 fish for the week. The biggest fish was 4lb and a lot of fish were in the 2lb to 3 lb range. We did not see any fish in wind lanes as it is too early we think, as the water is still too cold to bring them up. Most of the fish were caught in the shallows as the lake is full at this time of the year. So have a look at some of the fish we caught. For the trip to Burbury next year it should be better in February as the lake lowers.

Max French

One fly competition

The one fly competition will be held on November 14th. It was decided to shift the venue from the Club Dam to Huntsman Lake as the Club Dam should have been stocked with young triploids by then. The competition will start at 3 pm and finishes at 5 pm. One fly is permitted per participant. If you lose it you are out.

After the competition we will have a barbecue for \$3 per person. Later on we will fish the evening rise.

The NWFFC will be invited too.

I'm sure it will be a good fun day.