

## 2011 Fly Tying - Auction Night

This year's Fly Tying and Auction Night was held at the Union, University and Schools Club and some of the beautiful paintings in the function room brought back memories of our long term involvement at the Pioneers' Club where they were previously displayed.



Thanks to Chris Blyth's organising skills, we had a good roll up of 45 members at this special venue.

I know my limitations and would never consider taking up fly tying but I do enjoy watching master craftsmen such as Karsten Neben, Charles Barrett Jnr. and David Wilson at work. Charles with his Taimen flies, Karsten with CDC flies and David with Duns provided a broad sample of techniques appreciated by all. A big thanks to all our fly tiers.



**Karsten Neben**

Whilst on the subject of master craftsmen, Sean McSharry again demonstrated his substantial skills as our auctioneer, although his bid acceptances were a little dubious at times. Our secretary will vouch for this having been landed with a winning bid merely by lifting his arm to sip his wine. When he said his action was taken because he was "thirsty" Sean accepted it as a further bid of "thirty"\*\$+. I am sure I spotted Sean at a used car lot along Parramatta Road on Saturday morning. Joking aside, Sean again excelled in keeping things moving and adding much enjoyment to the night.



**(Above, Sean McSharry in full flight)**

One auction item resulted in double benefits to NZ with the \$150 from the sale of Andy Harris' fathers old Hardy's rod being donated to the Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake Fund and the successful bidder, Mike Timbrell, passing the rod on to our old Auckland mate Grant Ashby to hang in his Taupo "Bitch" .



**David Wilson**



**Charles Barrett Jnr**

This was all great, but again the main enjoyment was the great camaraderie we share as members of Rod Fishers

John Garrett