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President's Report

The past few months has been a very active period for the NSW Rod Fishers Society.

There have been Field Trips to Tasmania, Jindabyne and Perisher. Reports appear elsewhere in this Bulletin. Our thanks to the organisers, respectively Graeme McIntyre, Gerhard Benz and Andrew Burge.

We held our Annual Fly Tying Night in June. The Council wanted to make this function a more practical affair and by the increased number of members in attendance this is something the broader membership also wanted. We were again assisted by a panel of expert tyers including David Wilson, Peter Leuver and John Vaccaro. Our thanks go to them.

There have been some signs that the drought that has been crippling much of our waters and bring such unhappiness to the properties of our Landholder friends may be coming to an end.

One swallow may not a summer make and in the words of one old hand from the Monaro what is required is at least 3 "bastard" winters but the extent of the snows this year and the recent more widespread rain has given us all cause for hope. Wasn't it cheering to see some water go back into Pejar Dam?

As you will all know the Society is presently conducting a survey of the entire membership with a view to framing a strategic plan that will deliver to members the services and facilities you say you want. The result of the survey is dependent on us achieving an adequate response so if you have yet to complete the survey forms please do so over the next few weeks.

It hardly seems a year ago that I became President of the Society yet the Annual General Meeting will be held in just over a fortnight's time. The Council is always interested in having the benefit of fresh

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Rainbow Lake as seen by those on the May Jindabyne Field Trip following the first snows of the 2007 Winter Season. Photograph: Julia Overton

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Presidents Report (cont)

input and any member who is interested in becoming involved should contact our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Andrew Harris ahead of the AGM.

While I started by saying how busy the past few months had been for the Society the coming months will be no less so. There is a Field Trip planned for the Opening Weekend, to be followed in short order by the Members Weekend at Thredbo and Monaro (Cooma) Landholders Dinner. That last function is also a weekend affair and coincides with a further Field Trip for those who have the luxury of time.

All in all the upcoming season is looking to be much better than those of recent years. Here's hoping that you take the opportunity to get amongst it.

Tight Lines.

Jim Eichler

Annual Fly Tying Night

On 22nd June 2007 we held our Annual Fly Tying and Auction Night at the Union, University & Schools Club in Bent Street.

The theme this year was to keep everything on a practical level. Members were asked to nominate a favourite pattern or to provide a sample. Guest tyers included David Wilson, Peter Leuver and John Vaccarro. The hit of the night was a piece of Czech kit known as the Siman Dubbing Block. A fixed spinner device, its is used to make "dubbing brushes" that are then simple tied in the same as a thread.

A knot tying competition was conducted with our illustrious President, Jim Eichler being announced the eventual winner. His "secret" knot is the not so secret "Penny" knot so beloved of Peter Hayes.

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September Luncheon Meeting

The previously planned Luncheon Meeting for Thursday, 6 September 2007 has been cancelled to avoid clashing with the APEC Conference taking place in Sydney at the same time. We were concerned of course that several of the foreign dignitaries attending APEC would choose to skip their APEC Committee Meetings to attend our luncheon instead, thereby creating a security problem that the Union, Universities and Schools Club could not reasonably be expected to handle.

Our solution is to arrange an out-of town luncheon meeting to be held in Newcastle on the same day. Our thanks to Graeme McIntyre for this initiative. While at first instance Newcastle might seem a little far away for some, it is easily reached by inter-city train service and you may be assured that your efforts will not go unrewarded. All interested in attending should contact Graeme McIntyre in advance by e-mail at

graememac@bigpond.com .

Jindabyne Field Trip May 2007

Once again, it was “full house” at Platypus Lodge in Jindabyne, with seven keen RFS members converging on Jindabyne for what would for most be the last fishing session this season.

An initial check of the **Thredbo River** below the Perisher bridge picnic area showed it flowing well but clear after recent rain, with a number of decent sized migrating brown trout (lake-fish) occupying the usual gravelly shallow stretches of the river. Some of them were clearly over 2 feet long! Easy to see, but difficult to catch – over the course of the week, only two fish were landed from the river. None of the browns, but 2-pound rainbows, which had followed the browns up the river in pursuit of stray eggs from the browns’ spawning activities. The browns were easily spooked in the clear water, and tended to disappear at the slightest hint of an approaching angler.

The river-fishing was therefore rather challenging, and the lake-fishing turned out to be tough as well. **Lake Jindabyne** was at about 45% capacity, but clear, with firm sandy / rocky banks. We found the best fishing at Hatchery Bay, and at East Jindabyne and Kalkite.



Gerhard at Hatchery Bay with storm clouds threatening

A few fish were also caught during the early morning sessions right in front of the lodge. However, despite mostly benign late autumn conditions, there were long fishless spells for everyone. Even some late night fishing sorties, so successful the previous year, yielded nothing.

Three very brave members undertook a trip to **Rainbow Lake** one day, following the first snowfall of the season. Parking the car caused some anxious moments in the

slippery conditions. But once underway on foot, it was pure magic walking through ankle-deep powder snow to the lake, and casting flies at the resident brown trout population, with a solid snow cover to the water’s edge. The fish were out and about as always, some took our flies, but none were landed on this spectacular occasion. Even so, it was a unique trip which will stay in the lucky trio’s memories forever.



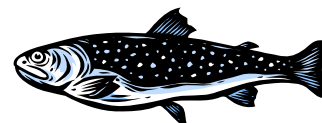
Paul Overton fishing at Rainbow Lake

At the end of the week, the official score-keeper announced a total tally of fish caught during the week of 21, comprising 4 browns up to 4 ½ pounds, and 17 rainbows up to 2 ½ pounds. Given the difficult conditions overall, this was an outstanding result.

Without any doubt, this trip set new standards on the culinary front, with various volunteer chefs trying to out-do each other with their creative dinner offerings. Their efforts were much appreciated by all those present. In addition, whisky appreciation classes were held most evenings before and after dinner...

On our last evening, we hosted a small party of RFS members arriving for the members weekend organised by Andrew Burge at the UAC ski lodge in Perisher Valley. They left us filled not only with all manner of priceless fishing information, but also with a good dinner, followed by an appropriate dose of plum schnapps to fortify them for their home run up the mountain.

Geebee / 30th May 2007.



My Season on the Monaro

Having read John Hedge's two books from cover to cover some 30 years ago I dreamt that, one day, I too would have a "Season on the Monaro" as he had done so many years before. My dreams started to come true when, out of the blue in 1988, I had a call from Sir David Griffin – former Lord Mayor of Sydney and staunch member of Rod Fishers' Society – in which he persuaded me to look at a small property, next to his own on the Big Badja River, which was coming up for sale. Sir David had previously persuaded two other Rod Fishers to buy adjoining properties and was keen to keep the upper Badja valley well cared for and owned by fellow members so that our like minds could co-operate in all respects and we could enjoy its pristine dry fly waters, as well as each other's company.

We first saw "Badja Springs" on a wild July day amidst snow flurries and a freezing southerly gale. The house was correctly described by Sir David as a "Renovator's Delight", but was superbly sited, sheltered below a great granite outcrop and looking north over the river, just 100 metres away, as it meandered its way through open fields up the valley to the Big Badja mountain, on the Great Dividing Range in the distance. Jenny and I fell in love with it immediately and, thanks to last minute negotiations by my Solicitor and fishing friend, Andrew Harris, we managed to buy the old place with its total of 750 acres of high country bushland.

By the end of the next season the house had been totally renovated and finished to this architect owner's satisfaction, complete with new concrete floors, new windows, new roof, new ceilings, new wiring and new plumbing. The original parts had been built in the 1920s and, despite various owners – including Robert Lovett, the official artist for the Snowy scheme in the 1960s – it had never been painted before, either inside or outside!

The property has had a long and interesting history with the Rod Fishers' Society – in the July 1934 issue of its Gazette (now Tight Lines) "A.C.E." wrote a long article on the fishing and referred to "Howard Joseland, Dr. Brady, Sir Herbert Maitland, Alfred Lee, J. Kilby and Dr. Kendall ... and our President (un-named) who has done a considerable amount of fishing there." I have a photo of Sir Charles Bickerton Blackburn and his friends – mostly Knights of the Realm – all holding their fly rods at the river in 1911. The Badja is one of the seven in Douglas Stewart's beautiful book "The Seven Rivers". In later years, the late Did Gadsby and his M.A.S. friends always opened the season at Badja Springs. John Sautelle featured Schofields Pool (where John Hedge caught his 10lb 2 oz Brown) in his book "Fishing for the Educated Trout", and Sir Roden Cutler was a regular

visitor to the property. Sir David's list of Badja VIP guests is also extensive.

Over the years we planted trees, grew vegetables, caught and released many beautiful big brown trout, and we enjoyed the company of a large number of Rod Fishers' members, bushwalkers and other friends, who were able to appreciate the beautiful high country days, followed by more than a few red wines around the BBQ. After I retired in 1993 I was able to spend every season at "Badja Springs" – my own "Season on the Monaro" had become a reality.

However, the last eight seasons have seen our river twice dry up completely as drought ravaged the Monaro. First the pools shrank and the fish died. Then the wading birds scoured the muddy corners for frogs and tadpoles, and finally, as the mud dried, the ants swarmed over the old river bed and ate all the nymphs. So the life of the river waned, and our fishing days were designated to a past history of wonderful memories.

But now not all has been lost. This year, after some good rain, and even a recent heavy fall of snow, the river has started to run as of old, and with a little luck, a few fish will come up from downstream to spawn in the old redds they made years ago. Nature has its own miraculous ways to quickly overcome adversities and the stream will surely recover its former attractions once again. Our short lifespans are but grains in the sands of time, but the history of this beautiful river will go on forever.

BP.

"THE BIG BADJA."

(From "Angling in Australia and Elsewhere" by Howard Joseland)

*Oh! stream of many moods,
Older than thought can span,
You flowed through these old woods
Ere birth of man.
Quenching the thirst of birds,
Badger and wallaby,
Timid kangaroo herds
Mercifully.
Drowning the sleet and snow,
Ruffling under a breeze,
Mirroring sunset glow,
Mimicking trees.
Halting in rockbound pool,*

My Season on the Monaro (cont)

*Sleeping in summer heat,
Seeking your rest in cool,
Shady retreat.
Swelled by the fall of rain,
Merrily you raced along
Shallows that sang again
A soothing song
You rose on grassy mead,
Creeping over the bank;
Bending the slender reed
Or herbage rank.
Foaming o'er boulder bed,
Leaping a cliff of rock,
Roaring through gorge ahead
Like thunder- shock.
Hiding 'neath bushes green,
Sparkling in summer light,
Dancing in silver sheen
Of pale moonlight.
Now you harbour the fish,
Showing a rainbow gleam;
Fulfil my utmost wish,
An angler's dream!*

Perisher Field Trip

After leaving Gerhard's group on Friday night with the plum schnapps we drove up to UAC Lodge in Perisher for a very good nights sleep. The weekend group was David Beardmore, David Harris and myself. Saturday morning we made an early appearance on the Thredbo River. We fished upstream from the Perisher Road bridge to Paddy's Corner. No fish were seen (doesn't mean there weren't any) but it gave the David's a chance to hone their casting skills on a river.

By 10:00am it was time to give another location a go, being morning tea time anyway. We headed up to Rainbow Lake. There were still snow drifts about on the walk in. The lake surface was glassy with active risers to insects.

David Harris caught a brown trout with a dry fly, right on the edge of the dam wall. His first using fly gear. There were many browns up at the creek mouth, but they were very spooky. However, like Gerhard's visit, it was a wonderful experience until another group arrived at about 3:00pm. They were too noisy and after a recap on the day we left for the lodge to light the fire, have a warm shower, warm up dinner and have a cold beer.

On Sunday, David Harris and myself left David Beardmore and drove to Old Adaminaby to look at Lake Eucumbene. It was very low, but still with a lot of water. We then drove along the Murrumbidgee past Bolaro Station to have a look. The river was low but was certainly fishable. It even looked like it should contain trout. We then continued home via Tharwa and Canberra.

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Tasmanian Field Trip March 2007

The writer booked himself in for 6 days at Peter Hayes's site south of Launceston, near Cressy, on the Macquarie River and its meeting with Brumby's Creek in March 2007.

Hayesie is historically an International and National fly casting champion, coach and guide, with other dimensions of great interest to anglers. He has addressed our Rod Fishers lunch, and several Members have attended his casting seminars in Sydney and elsewhere.

Most have learned something, and since most of us merely picked up some sloppy casting technique, benefited. But with Peter - a lot, if you listen, look, and try.

Graeme McIntyre kindly volunteered a RF Tasmanian outing in March, so pleasantly the solo experience expanded to him, Andrew Harris, President Jim Eichler, Bill Spiers, Ken Purcell, James Wilson and Ray Tolcher.

Peter's place is leased within a Tasmanian research centre, and consists of a generous central entertainment area of living/dining, large kitchen, outdoor barbecue, and the residential part. The latter consists of about ten double rooms and a large men's /smaller ladies' shower area. The rooms are named for famous anglers such as: Harris, Leuver, King, or maybe more local dignitaries.

Peter has grand and realistic plans to restore the original Brumby's Stream to its fishable potential. The angling experience was varied as expected, from free angling to fully guided. Less water than normal was present and some trout were encountered.

Evenings were enlivened by a video of split cane rod making, and a moving experience of listening to Beethoven's 9th Symphony, rendered by Nicholas Harnoncourt directing the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. Some eyes were dry.

At mealtimes a collegial situation developed beginning with Graeme McIntyre's excellent meat sauce with spaghetti. Next was an evening of peculiar wheel shaped pasta and a dry sauce, followed by some excellent local chicken. Then the providore, James, discovered the local meat works, and an amazing steak dinner evolved, from the elderly barbecue, coaxed by many. The time climaxed with two "butterflied" lamb legs and various vegetables marinated, on the last night.

Some members of the Waterfall Farm syndicate were with us then as was Peter and some locals including removed Ray Brown from South Australia. In all this local and mainland wines were strongly featured.

O'Beron

2007 Field Trip Program

Friday 28th September to Tuesday 2nd October 2007: Opening of the season at "Penarth" / Oberon. Fishing in Fish River Creek, Oberon Dam, and a stocked dam on the property. Please book early, as only two spots are still available for this field trip. Booking preference will be given to newer / younger members. Cost will be about \$ 30 per head per night. Contact person Gerhard Benz, Tel. 9387-6641.

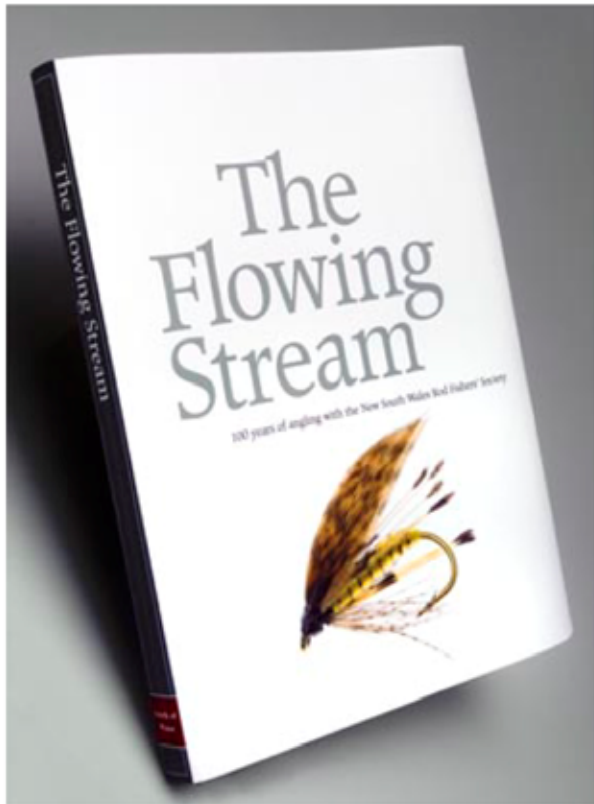
Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October 2007: Members' weekend at Geebung Ski Club, Thredbo. For members and their children. Cost will be about \$ 25 per head per night. Contact person Angus Cooke, Tel. 8238-0000 (w), 9449-9110 (h), 0407-071-959 (m).

Friday 16th to Saturday 24th November 2007: Fishing week in Jindabyne. This trip will coincide with the Society's Cooma Landholders dinner which is scheduled for Saturday 17th November. Likely venue for this field trip is a lakeside lodge in Jindabyne. Contact person Gerhard Benz, Tel. 9387-6641.

World Record Trout Captured

Pictured at right is what is claimed to be a new World Record for Rainbow Trout. The fish weighed in at a whopping 43.7 lbs and was captured in Canada in Lake Diefenbaker. No need to get onto Google, Lake Diefenbaker is a man made impoundment located south of Saskatoon. Regrettably it seems from the photographs that the fish did not succumb to a fly but rather suffered the indignity of the grappling hooks. Whatever the means, it is still one enormous fish.





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The Golden Rule

Being a member of Rodfishers for some time it is an honoured custom and the right thing to do is to seek permission to fish from the land owner if one wishes to fish on their property. If one is caught without consent then I believe one would be kicked out of our beloved Society or strung-up by the "Crown Jewels" at our monthly luncheon. Not a pretty sight ///. Anyway this story must be told.

On a recent fishing trip four very keen Rodfishers went away for a bloke's trip to catch that elusive trout. We arrived at our destination (the name of the region is withheld to protect our fishing rights) at 10am and fished all day to no avail. That night, at a local café, we overheard a conversation about a very, very private dam, however access was strictly impossible to obtain as it was owned by a large Industrial Complex and the property was guarded day and night. We put in our "too hard" basket and put it out of mind.

The next day was rained out with 62mm of rain recorded. On the following day we remembered the conversation of the first night and as the streams were running fast and muddy. We immediately searched our Geo. Maps to try and locate this unique fishing spot. Low and behold we found a likely fishing hole that looked promising. In two cars, loaded with our fishing gear, we took off. The first house we came too we elected, lets call him Peter Autumnmist (real name withheld to protect his dignity) to go forth to investigate who the owners of the dam were. The answer was "Oh No" one could not fish that dam and only last month her child was caught swimming at the site. She said that she had received a letter from that Company stating that legal action would be commenced if it was to happen again. She said that security was very strong. This didn't deter us. One of our group, call him James Take Me to Your Leader (name withheld etc.) said "Lets not stuff around and we need to go directly to the Management and seek permission".

We arrived at the Company Compound and noticed signs saying "Enter at own risk", "Security", "Beware TV Monitors" and "Report immediately to administration building". As the admin building was locked a notice was on the wall stating to use the telephone to speak to security for entry. Peter, or should we say "Silver Tongue" lifted the receiver and asked for the General Manager, or the head of security. A reply came thought the phone "What do you want" and "who are those two people in the car park". Silver Tongue did not miss a beat as he pushed forward with a explanation that we were respected fly fisherman and wanted to seek permission to fish in their dam. We meant no disrespect or harm. The security person said to come to the office around the back to put out case.

We were met by a 2m giant of a person who would have easily made the All Black side. He was solid and his presence could have been a worry to any mortal, but it did not worry Silver Tongue as he went in there, boots and all, to put our case. After 30 minutes of hard persuasion permission was finely granted with one proviso that Bruce the property owner, we had to pass through his property to the dam, gave his consent. We walked like giants back to the car park giving the "high five" salute to our two awaiting mate. We were over the moon and we believed had obtained something that no other person had done. We got permission to fish.

Mr Peter "Silver Tongue" Autumnmist and I found Bruce, the owner of the property living in a caravan behind a newish brick homestead and I knocked on the door. A resounding voice came through the tin door. Who are you" and "what do you want" I immediately pushed my eloquent friend forward with encouraging placed words "Go ahead and do your stuff - tiger". When we advised the gentleman that the security manager had given his permission to fish provided it was ok by you. He softened to the magic comments made by our chief negotiator and he finely weakened and said yes.

We were through and were allowed to fish. My god we were pleased with our selves. The dam was great, fish were jumping everywhere but none were caught.

Prior to our departure we discussed the protocol of giving a bottle of wine to each of our benefactors as we wanted to pave the way for a future visit and of course to thank them for entry to both properties. Our other fishing comrade lets call him Cyril Kidney (not his true name or at least I don't think so) disagreed with the suggestion as being a little too generous but lets save it for a Christmas present. We agreed and off we went to say thank you to both to show what a fine bunch of fellows we were. We left our names with farmer Bruce and like the terminator said "we will be back" and off we went to the Complex to see our new found friend John. Again the ritual of going to the Administration Block and permission was granted to proceed. We confidently walked up to Security and asked for the Security Manager - John. The reply was "John, he is our bloody Bathroom Attendant" We realise then that we got permission to fish from the Dunny Cleaner and not from up top. We back peddled quickly to our vehicles and drove off checking regularly in our rear vision mirror for flashing light. Now we believe that the dam is sacrosanct and fishing is forbidden at all times.

We did the right thing in seeking permission to enter but permission was given by one who had no authority.

The Golden Rule (cont)

We thanked Cyril for his wise judgement as we drank the two 'Reds' and we lived to fish another day, but not at John's watering hole

Rabbit (name changed to protect my embarrassment)

Bamboo Rod Luncheon—August 2007

Twenty odd Members gathered at the Union etc Club at noon for the screening of the 1973 movie: "Creating the Garrison Rod". This movie was made for the Anglers' Club, New York by Hoagy B Carmichael Jr, then a documentary film producer. It depicts Everett Garrison painstakingly making from a selected culm of *Arundinaria Amabilis* (Tonkin Cane or tea-stick) a pretty 7 foot two tip rod in the plain - even austere - style he adopted, that concentrates on the delivery of the highest technical precision possible in a hand made object. The film is interspersed with brief sections showing Garrison and a mate fishing a Catskill stream. While the picture quality was never very high and degraded by the Club's underpowered laptop, and the original sound was likewise lacking and also under-powered by said laptop, nevertheless this somewhat technical film seemed to please most.

The making of the film created a friendship between the two men that led them to collaborate on a seminal book: "A Master's Guide to Building a Bamboo Fly Rod", published in 1977, two years after Garrison's death. Carmichael inherited Garrison's rod making gear and has made some rods with it, that are rarely seen in the secondary market. The old railroad engineer thought through all aspects of making a rod and made virtually all the parts except the Super-Z ferrules, but including the reel seats, cotton bags and the brass ended aluminium tubes. This book, and the re-opening of trade with China after the Kissinger-Nixon initiative, led to a revival of fine cane rod making in the USA. There have been quite a few easier to understand books on cane rod making in recent years, and slowly the interest in these extraordinary instruments is growing in Australia, with about 20 professional and amateur rod makers active, including several of our Members.

A copy of the book and a close copy of a Garrison 209E rod made by the late D Duck were on display.

Then, the icing on the cake! Our Member and professional bamboo rod maker Nick Taransky from Queenbeyan was the speaker at lunch. Members who attended the RF AGM and Casting Day 2006 will remember his interesting rods. Nick also had a few of these fine instruments at lunch, as well as the sober but effective Australian trout reel that he has commissioned. Nick told us of his long interest in trout fishing in South Australia and his acquisition of a small Partridge cane rod years ago from Ray Brown. Then in a professional IT career that brought Nick and his wife to the USA for a year, encountering at a game show the well known American rod Maker Jeff Wagner. Nick and Miri both signed up for a one week course in residence with Jeff, and they were launched into amateur rod making. The interest generated in and around Canberra was such that three years ago Nick went into full time cane rod making and has developed a range of reels and silk lines and some interesting accessories. His web site (Google "Taransky") is most informative, and includes a brief pictorial history of the skilful restoration of an 1896 9' 6" 3 piece "Kosmic" fly rod for Member Sean McSharry. This rod was certainly made by Ed Payne, the last of the four former Leonard employees at Kosmic. The other three, EW Edwards, FE Thomas and Leonard's son-in-law Hawes, founded the company in Maine in 1890, and all went to Brooklyn for varying times after they sold out the US Net and Twine Co. Payne joined them and was the last remaining before he went off to found the famous EF Payne Rod Co, made even more renowned by his son Jim Payne. A sensitive and cosmetically perfect restoration. Nick can make a variety of rod actions, but finds that rods in the 7' - 7' 6" range suit a great deal of the rivers in Australia, as really our rivers in the trout holding portions are mainly small.

O'Beron

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 104th Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Rodfishers' Society Inc. will be held on Sunday, 2nd September 2007 at Manly Dam commencing at 11.00 am. In the Chair, Mr. Jim Eichler, President.

Business

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the 103rd Annual general Meeting held on Sunday, 17th September 2007
2. To receive the Council's Report
3. To consider the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditures.
4. To elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
5. To deal with any other business that might be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules.
6. To appoint an Auditor.

Should any Member wish to nominate for election to Council please forward your nomination by 31st August 2007 to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Andrew Harris, 15 Parkwood Grove, Pymble. N.S.W. 2073.

By Order of the Council

Andrew Harris, Honorary Secretary

Casting Day

Following on from the Annual General Meeting we will be holding our Annual Casting Day and Picnic. The setting at Manly Dam lends itself to a family day and as the function coincides with Fathers' Day this would seem to be the perfect opportunity for the whole family to embarrass their father/members by their generosity in the tackle department. The Casting Competition that is a part of the day is a friendly affair designed to more of an excuse to wield a rod ahead of the new season than a selection event for the upcoming Nationals. All are welcome.

BP's ALL NEW HANDY HINTS

Add a couple of safety pins to your fly vest. They can be used to clear varnish from hook eyes, untangle wind knots and even as a temporary replacement rod tip, with a little bending and a turn or two of sticky tape.

Old socks make excellent protectors for fishing reels that might otherwise get knocked around in your tackle

box.

Contrary to standard practice, try casting a wet fly or nymph upstream and allowing it to free drift below the surface, but do keep pulling the fly line in with your free hand to keep it straight, and not too loose, so that you can strike at any hesitation in the drifting line.

A small magnet will help you find the fly you have just dropped in the grass.

When casting, look for riffles - water moving faster than the general flow - and shaded areas on the stream, as well as drop offs and underwater structures that afford shelter to fish.

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***Special Note regarding Monthly Luncheons**

Bookings for lunches must be made 3 days prior. Telephone: 02-9232-8266 Email: functions@uusc.com.au

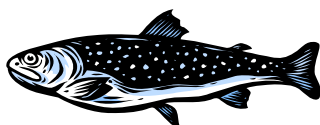
Union University & Schools Club dress regulations: jacket and tie at all times

Mobile telephones: the use of mobile telephones inside the Union University & Schools Club is prohibited.

Doors for luncheons will not be opened before 12.30 pm. Members arriving early are invited to meet in the Ground Floor Bar where drinks may be purchased.

Union University & Schools Club has requested that any of its members attending a NSW Rod Fishers' Society Luncheon should pay the Society for the function on the day. Charges to Union University & Schools Club accounts will not be accepted.

Cancellations must be received no later than 11.30 am on the day of the Luncheon. Later cancellations will be subject to the full Luncheon charge.



Advertising

Tight Lines Bulletin has a direct distribution of 350 copies to Members and friends.

The Tight Lines Bulletin is now publicly available online and has a much wider readership and following.

Advertising space is available from \$30.00 per 1/4 page to \$50.00 for 1/2 page. Artwork must be supplied.

Contact Jim Eichler on tel. (02) 9949 4069 or by e-mail at info@nswrodfisherssociety.

Rod Fishers' Calendar of Events

Annual Dinner

Union, University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Friday, 17 August 2007
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Cost: \$85.00

Annual General Meeting and Casting Day

Manly Dam
Date: Sunday, 2 September 2007
Time: 11.00 am for AGM
Cost: Free

Monthly Council Meeting

Union, University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monthly Luncheon*

Newcastle Out of Town Luncheon
Date: Thursday, 6 September 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Bookings: Graeme McIntyre
(graememac@bigpond.com)

Monthly Council Meeting

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 2 October 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monthly Luncheon*

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 4 October 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Rod Fishers' Members Weekend

Geebung Ski Club Lodge
Thredbo Village.
Dates: 12-14 October 2007
Cost: \$75.00 per head
Bookings: Angus Cooke (02) 8238 0047

Monthly Luncheon*

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 1 November 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Monthly Council Meeting

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 6 November 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monaro Landowners' Dinner

Cooma Services Club
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Date: 17 November 2007
Time: 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Cost: tba

Christmas Council Meeting

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 4 December 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monthly Luncheon*

Union University & Schools Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 6 December 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Last Cast

Regrettably over the past few months the Society has lost some of its special members and friends. Ralph Hammond, one of Honorary Life Members passed away recently. Ralph will be well known to the many older members who have fished at Penarth and enjoyed his hospitality on the Fish River Creek. A more appropriate mention will follow. We are also sad to note the passing of Lady Nancy Fairfax, a longtime member of the Society. Lady Fairfax together with her late husband, Sir Vincent, were very kind to the Society, particularly to its library. Finally Jess Prell, the wife of Jeff Prell and one of our more frequent hosts at their property "Gundowringa" Crookwell died suddenly. Our sympathy goes out to all their families.



Ralph Hammond

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Nomination of prospective new Members is to be proposed and seconded by Members of the Society and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary with a cheque covering the joining fee of \$110 plus the first year's subscription of \$60. Application forms are available from the Membership Secretary and from the Society's website. New Members will receive a complimentary copy of our Centenary publication "The Flowing Stream" upon their election.

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In the next Tight Lines Bulletin

In the next (November) edition of the Tight Lines Bulletin there will be reports on the upcoming Field Trips., the Annual Dinner, the AGM, Casting Day and the Monaro Landowners Dinner. There will also be a report on the results of our Membership Survey. In the interim please check the Society's website (www.nswrodfisherssociety.com)

New & Returning Members

We welcome Bill Gregerson as a new member of Rod Fishers'. We hope that your membership of the Society and take the opportunity to participate in all it has to offer. We welcome back Bill Wilson, George Thatcher and Bob Beamish. Sorry Bob for the delay in acknowledging your return.



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