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### *President's Report*

Fly tying nights are always popular there was no exception this year, with a record attendance. The expert fly tyers had their work cut out to answer all the questions and to demonstrate all the new techniques .

We were fortunate to have had two excellent Guest Speakers for our July and August Rod Fishers Luncheon Meetings. The subject matter of their talks was of great interest to many members, including topics such as fly fishing in Sydney Harbour and fly fishing around the world. To hear people speak about things you have thought about and wanted to try is always of great inspiration and a source of encouragement to venture into new areas.

The Society's Library was recently relocated from Chez Timbrell. Our

thanks to Lyn and Mike for their kindness in allowing us to house our book and memorabilia collection in their home.

We took the opportunity of the Library move to update the catalogue of our collection and to make some hard decisions about its future. More about this appears elsewhere. The job of transporting and re-establishing the Library at the new location was carried out by a very dedicated group. Our appreciation and thanks to all concerned for a job well done.

The Rod Fisher Society Annual Dinner was held at the very popular Waterfront Restaurant, with it's stunning moon lit views over Circular Quay and the Opera house.

Members and guests were entertained

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Fishing using the McKenzie style drift boats on the Tumut River from the Nimbo Fork Lodge.

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## ***Presidents Report (cont)***

by the well know angler, writer and broadcaster, Peter Morse. Peter well understood the feel of the occasion and gave a talk that proved interesting and entertaining for all.

The recent spell of cold weather brought a dump of snow at Oberon and put a hold some planned winter fishing trips to the lakes in that area. But with the warmer weather on the way, I predict that there will be a stampede to that area by members early in the new season eager to wet a line.

At the September AGM I will be standing down as President having done my two terms. It has been an honour to serve the Society for the past 2 years. I could not have achieved this without support and assistance of the Honorary Secretary and other members of the Council.

My best wishes to all members and their families.

Tight Lines.

Jim Eichler

## ***2008 NSW Rod Fishers' Society Annual Dinner***

On the evening of Friday, 15 August 2008 about 50 members and their guests were present for the 2008 Annual Dinner.

The night was near perfect with a full moon over the top of Circular Quay providing a backlight to the view of the Sydney Opera House, visible through the picture window of the Waterfront Restaurant function room.

As mentioned in the President's Report, our Guest Speaker was the

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## ***New Season Means Check Licence***

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well known Writer and Broadcaster, Peter Morse.

Peter spoke to us in a conversational style about his times fishing and traveling around Australia filming and guiding. He talked about his close encounters of the saurian kind and other potential problems that idyllic looking, tropical locations can sometimes conceal.

The function was again very well organised by a team led by Richard Levingston and our thanks and appreciation go out to them.

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## *Two days in the Mountains*

March in the mountains under an azure deep blue sky; the air bright and so clear. High above, distant on the ridge gum trees shimmer, as their leaves twist in the light breeze to show alternately their muted undersides then their dark olive green.

Comfortably warm in the sun, I make my way downstream resisting temptation to cast where a nicely drifted fly would likely raise a resident. Sitting back from the bank I enjoy the simple pleasure of being in the river's company. Then it happens: from slower water below a large pool, the first duns emerge. The day has just passed noon. This activity doesn't escape others' attention and soon four or five trout are rising regularly. I want to try a new pattern: Oliver Edwards' CDC Dun, a beautifully designed fly using just four CDC feathers and a few hackle barbs for a tail. My imitation passes muster and I land several fish, all brown trout and in excellent condition. I progress slowly upstream casting to rising fish.

By mid afternoon spinners dance in a cloud above my hat. The CDC Dun brings further success. In the late afternoon I notice spinners drifting, spent in the water's film. I have another new pattern to try, a Kelly Galloup Crippled Spinner. Close observation has shown Kelly the majority of spent spinners lie on their side with a discernible curve to the body so he bends the hook to imitate closely this characteristic. The sun is low in the sky now. Trout are taking insects in the tail-outs of long pools. Again I enjoy success with a new fly pattern. As I walk away from the river I reflect on my fortune at enjoying grand dry fly fishing late in the year.

On rising the following morning I check the sky and immediately realise that this day' fishing will be more challenging. The high pressure weather system responsible for the preceding days' warm settled weather has moved east in to the Tasman Sea. At the anticyclone's margin air moves in a counter-clockwise direction; the wind sends white clouds racing high across the sky. Walking downstream I consider the changing seasons; days have been shortening noticeably for weeks however unlike summery yesterday today heralds autumn's reign.

I look for any movement which might betray a

feeding fish and see nothing. The wind is strengthening. Wading upstream throwing prospecting casts with a plastic foam beetle pattern I cannot raise a fish. In the distance wind howls through trees. A squall hits the cliffs towering behind me, bounces away to careen violently across the river etching deep hatched patterns in its surface. This sudden chaos obscures all visibility in to the water so I halt my progress. Casting in such wind is impossible.

I'm close to the tail-out of a long pool where the river divides as two currents. To my right a shallow current hugs the bank whilst in front of me a channel running right to left forms the main channel; centuries of flow have carved a deep passage in the bedrock. The wind dies and with the calm returns good visibility. In the nick of time I freeze; I've spotted a good trout holding deep in the channel only feet from where I'm standing. Any movement will surely spook the fish. Down the valley an approaching howl presages the arrival of another squall. The wind hits the water shattering its surface; obscured from the fish.

I take my opportunity to drop back and position myself for a cast. After a short wait the wind dies and I check to see the fish still holding its position. I will likely only get one cast and must do so in the brief intervals between squalls. I take my opportunity and my cast lands the beetle just upstream of the fish which immediately devours my fly. She is a beautiful hen brown, in her prime and just getting her spawning colours; I release her to continue the line of wild-bred trout which brings me back year-after-year to this mountain river.

A day when strong wind made casting difficult, but paradoxically this same element helped me catch my best trout of the season.

On the hill two deer, likely a hind with her now well-grown fawn, move noiselessly under trees for cover. For the old apple tree growing on a bend in the river this was likely its last season. Scarcely surviving the fierce fires in 2003, the tree's leaves hang dead, crisp, brown with no display of autumn's yellows and reds. It is time to put away the rod. Until spring.

Michael Kearney.

### ***Ban on Felt Soled Boots in New Zealand***

The NZ Minister of Conservation agreed in principle with a NZ Fish & Game submission to ban the use felt soled wading boots in the 2008/9 season. If introduced the ban will apply from 1 October.

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## *A Fly Fisher's Paradise*

Nestling among the tree clad hills of the Southern Tablelands, behind Brindabella Mountain, the little Goodradigbee River wends its silver way. On a promontory, almost encircled by the river, some five miles up the valley stands "Koorabri", the home of Mr & Mrs W P Bluett.

While the placid waters of the river with its long dry fly pools alternating with rapids and glides below Koorabri and the Government Reserve afford good sport and contain many large fish, it is the upper waters that have the charm and beauty that make it a veritable fly fishers' paradise. We have here ten miles of carefully preserved and unpoached trout stream. Up above the old dam it is almost Highland in character with limestone crags replacing granite. In this ten miles of river there is every variety of water and scenery.

One heard recently the cry that the Southern rivers were fished out and needed re-stocking. There may be truth in this and re-stocking would do no harm but the writer's experience of last Christmas and Easter would suggest that here exist plenty of fish and plenty of food. All the fish caught were plump and shapely and when opened the stomach was found encased in a layer of fat ( Editor's Note: I have seen this only once in the first year of fishing Lake Burberry in Tasmania when the fish were gorging themselves on mud-eyes.). At Easter, besides the numerous half pounders met at Christmas, the fingerlings were a perfect nuisance - which augurs well for the future. During the season just ended the fishing was better than for some years past. Two two-pounders were caught by one of the party in one morning. Ponies were available for the adventurous exploring the headwaters above Peppercorn Creek and one trip resulted in a creel of one a half to two-pounders that in quality if not in size would almost satisfy a New Zealander. I believe that in seasons when fish are hard to come by they are still there but that owing to some factor, climatic or physical, they are not looking for fly as their main food. Last winter the river suffered from record breaking flood (Editor's Note - we wish.). At Easter it was abnormally low. Yet the fish were there in plenty and rising well. When the river is high there are some half dozen or more recognised fords; when it is low it can be crossed almost anywhere. Wading is necessary but it remains a very easy river to fish.

Above the dam in places the going is very rough underfoot. It is as if some remote geological epoch there had been in an upheaval, when all the rocks had been upended and split like slates, forming horrible ridges and inverted pyramid shaped gutters in which to twist one's ankles. It used to be hard going on the banks too but one day a philanthropist called Simpson took a brush hook and adze and carved a way through the ti-tree scrub. This is now known as Simpson's Highway.; and future generations of fishermen will rise up and call him blessed.

Those fortunate enough to be Mr & Mrs Bluett's guests are well aware of their good fortune and can seldom be seduced by the charms of any other stream. Fortunately too, the place is not too accessible. Unless the river is really in flood, the sturdy Ford can generally get through the three easiest crossings. Last Easter, the river was so low that the writer went through the two remaining fords as well in a 14 Vauxhall (Editor's Note: should be a snip in the Bristol then Sean) however one generally jibs at the last two fords.

Sir John Goodwin, the late Governor of Queensland, was a frequent visitor. He was a much traveled and highly skilled fisherman. His verdict was that Goodradigbee was one of the best, if not the best flystream he had ever fished and that it certainly was the most charming. His memorial, the Goodwin Pool is just above the third river crossing.

One of its charms lies in the densely wooded hills. Instead of the glacier worn bleak hills you meet in some other Southern fishing centres, here every hill is covered with gum trees. In late afternoon the effect of the glinting sun on the gum tips is a very lovely sight and being 2,500 feet above sea level the air is dry and bracing. At night one can almost feel *"the silence that is the starry sky, the peace that is among the lonely hills"*.

An edited version of an article originally printed in the NSW Rod Fishers Society's Gazette July 1940.

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## *Library Changes*

As Jim Eichler mentioned in his President's Report there has been a lot of work done and some recent changes made that will affect the future of the Society's Library.

The first is the most obvious - its location. Recognition of the fact is that it has been unreasonable of the Society to impose upon the goodwill of its Librarians and other Council Members to store the Library, all the associated bookcases and memorabilia in their homes and offices is long overdue. The first step towards rectifying that situation is that contents of the Library has been sub-divided by the Librarian, in consultation with the Council, into two discrete collections.

The first, the "main" collection comprises the more important and more valuable works in the Library. They are now being stored at the Union, University and Schools Club's Bent Street premises in the bookcase made for the Society by a former President, Bill Baker. Arrangements for the borrowing of books from that collection remain the same.

The second part of the collection, consisting mostly of books that are considered less relevant to the needs of Members are being sent, for the short term, to storage. Those books still have considerable market value but none of them have ever been borrowed or even looked at by a Member for more than 10 years (other than for audit purposes). It would be surprising if anyone could argue that books on species such as tench, roach and pike and subjects such as coarse and sea fishing in the Northern Hemisphere are of any practical (as opposed to monetary) value the Society. Accordingly the Society now intends to dispose of most of this second collection. One sale option being considered is by way of a specialist auction in which Members could be invited to participate in, either as sellers and/or purchasers.

It would be a mistake to conclude that by making these changes the Council is downgrading the significance of the Library for the Society. To the contrary, the intention is to undertake a review of main collection to ensure that it is a near complete collection of all the principal Australian and New Zealand works. It is also planned to ensure that, where available, replica copies of particularly rare works that are presently catalogued as being unavailable for loan are acquired for the purpose of loan. It is also anticipated that the re-location of the main collection in the City will encourage greater use by Members of what is, by any measure, a fantastic resource.

To help the Society decide whether a specialist auction is its best disposal option it would be helpful if any Member who has an interest in participating in such a sale as seller would contact the Editor (0418 285 937).



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## *Quest for the Perfect Fly Rod*

I would be surprised if I was the only Member of the Society who secretly or otherwise has a fascination with the vast array of fishing tackle out there for fly fishermen. Nor would I expect to be alone in saying that I have a number of fly rods but I think that I would be one of the few Members who will have taken up the quest to find the perfect fly rod with quite so much zeal.

Even if you are not a fly fisherman you can have an appreciation of a good rod. I have a home made Fenwick surf rod that is perfectly matched on the beach or rocks to an ABU 9000C, an Ian Miller "Bream Buster" with a Team Daiwa 1500 thread-line for luring around the oyster leases, a Calstar two handed baitcaster topped with a Shimano TSM 4 that is perfect for lobbing a popper over the edge of a broken reef and bringing back a GT of true proportions, a custom heavy duty baitcaster teamed with a Daiwa Millionaire 103Z that stopped a 60lb plus barra at Tinaroo and so on. Each is an outfit that when held and simply cast provides a pleasurable experience in itself.

And so it is with fly rods, except that I started off thinking for some unknown reason that I would one day find one fly rod to cater for all my fly fishing requirements. It goes almost without saying that some 20 years on I have spent a considerable sum in pursuit of that quest but to date the obligation remains undischarged. Or perhaps not.

I learnt to fly fish at London Lakes back in the 1980's. Tacklewise I started well. Jason Garrett sent down to Bridges Brothers in Hobart for my very first fly rod. It was a Sage Graphite 2, a brand and model I had not come across before in my more general fishing. It was a lovely 8'6" #6 weight that has since become something of a classic. The "problem" with that rod to my inexperienced eye was that it was too powerful for the smaller waters of Oberon. I thought I needed something softer.

My next choice was an 8'0" #5 weight Loomis IM6, a rod made when Winston had the contract to make all Loomis blanks. It was indeed softer but simply it did not have what is needed to cast a longer or heavier line on the lakes. The penny should have dropped way back then that you probably need more than one rod but then I am a slow learner.

One of the London Lake guides had looked after the Norwegian Team at the 1988 World Championships in Tasmania. As a thank you they gave him an Orvis rod (#8 weight Western Bass) that they been using down there. At that stage (and my brother would probably say nothing has changed) I was not a proficient caster and the power of the Orvis in the blustery Tassie conditions and the ease with which even I could whack out a good line was simply mind blowing. True to a family tradition of not doing things by halves, I ordered 3 Orvis rods on the spot. It was my first contact with any organisation like Orvis, Cabelas, LL Bean etc and the range of gadgets and gizmos they had for sale was an absolute "pig in mud" experience.

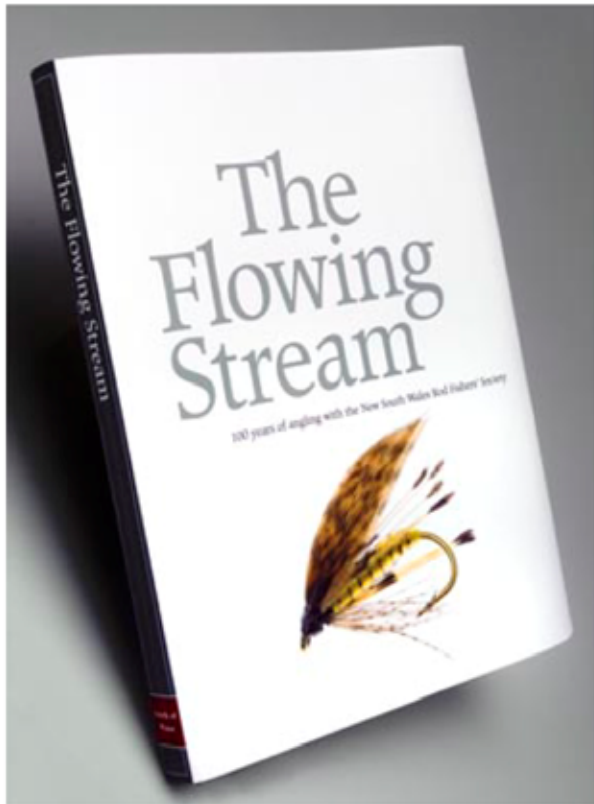
The rods I bought finally arrived, an 8'0" Western Midge, and two 9'0" #7 weights, one a Western Taper "Deschutes" and the other, Orvis' then new HLS. I still recall my brother laughing when I struck a 4lb trout using the #7 HLS with such force that it caused the fish to actually barrel roll - just before the leader snapped. That is really the older Orvis rods undoing, they were powerful, too powerful for all but long range fishing. I am sure their current models are much improved.

In my job I was traveling all over Australia, New Zealand and frequently to the US. This meant that I was exposed to everything the tackle world had to offer. I still could not resist the temptation to buy a rod that felt good in the hand to me (more Sages, a Fenwick "Ironfeather" - a rod made from a single carbon fibre wound around a mandrel and personally brought back by a colleague from Bob Marriott's in Beverley Hills (thanks PCP) and a very nice #6 weight GHRD Composite Developments). It was becoming an addiction that had to stop and luckily for me it did, my preferences in fly rods started to settle.

With the benefit of greater fly fishing experience I began to realize that I enjoyed a gentler, more subtle presentation over a power presentation. I started to appreciate what the devotees of bamboo are on about and to have some empathy with the pleasure that they obtain from simply casting well. As it happens I have a cane rod in the course of production but that is not the current state of my quest.

The late Andrew Brzoz of the old Australian Fly Fisherman fame was for a while an agent for Scotts rods. He introduced me to the "G" series of Scotts. They are still available and are made from a slightly slower graphite blank that lets you feel and respond to each element of the cast. Their stated weights are a little high for their strength (my 9'0" #8 weight is a perfect #7 weight). It is however the feeling they give of having absolutely nailed when you make a good cast that is their very best feature. It is something akin to the high you feel after hitting a golf ball "right off the springs".

After 20 years and almost 30 rods (special note for my wife: they were all very cheap Darling) I have had to ask myself whether I am still on a quest or really just pursuing a folly. Fortunately it is the former. Salvation has come in the form of a new Winston IIX Boron 4 piece 9'0" #7 weight. It struggles a bit with heavy wet flies but in every other situation it is near perfect. It feels like a #5 weight on the stream putting a small dry down gently but has enough reserve power to really stick it to the lakes. I am confident that at last I have found the one true rod and just to prove it, I bought a second one as a spare!



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## *July and August Luncheon Meeting*

At the July lunch we were addressed by Justin Duggan who is well known to some Members as an enthusiastic guide on Sydney Harbour and Pittwater. He also fishes in fresh water. Justin let his work come to us through photos of exceptional interest, showing the amazingly active Kingfish and other denizens of the Harbour that include Bonito, Jew Fish and Salmon. Specialising in fly fishing, or bait-like lures propelled by fly rods, Justin can work with a client's gear or provide everything necessary. Usually a 9' rod and 9 or 10 weight line, a slick line and backing and one of those large harbour reels. 30 lb leaders are used. One formula is for Justin to pick up one or two clients at 6:00 am, then seek the hot spots of channels, bouys, some shallows and wrecks. He also spots for diving terns that indicate the baitfish being chased by Kingies. Then there is the amazing modern practice of guides calling one another on the phone to check on activity!

Sydney Harbour - for fishing that includes Middle Harbour - ranges from nearly pristine bays with huge sandstone rocks and angophoras and all manner of birdlife, to the sky scraped Circular Quay, Bridge and Opera House, and the fishing may be hot anywhere. It is a strange feeling to be fly fishing with large container ships and busy ferries darting past. Justin works hard to find the right spot all through the 6 plus hours on the water.

Justin has a customised casting boat that is comfortable for two clients. He also is a source of endless wisdom on casting, retrieving, above all holding, and sometimes landing these very active harbour fish that are around 6 - 8 lbs, but can be much bigger.

He also had illustrations of Pittwater fishing and places further afield for bonefish and the like. It was a well delivered and very much appreciated presentation. Justin Duggan: [www.sydneyflyfishing.com.au](http://www.sydneyflyfishing.com.au); 0414 961 221

*Justin's Tip: In the saltwater never lift a loaded rod above navel height even if the tip is in the water. To do so risks a breakage through "high sticking" the rod thereby ensuring a visit to the Sage or Loomis factories*

At the August lunch Mark Hutchinson spoke to us about his wide ranging fly fishing tours and gave examples of dry fly fishing in 5 key destinations. He seeks to honour : Wilderness, Hunting Instinct, Science, Bits and Bobs, Passion, Wine(etc)

The five areas were: Central Highlands, Tasmania; Colorado Tiger Trout; Alberta to Montana; Mt Kenya, and Mongolia. It is quite clear that Mark's fisherman's travel agency, "Fishabout Tours" has established excellent and rather exclusive relationships in these areas, and he is actively leading, with colleagues, the tours. He had just returned from Mongolia where the target specie is the Taimen, a salmonid that has been netted to 200 lbs, but anglers might encounter fish to 20 lbs., and maybe 50 lbs. He circulated some grotesque flies that included a Chernobyl that looks like a crossbred Turkish moustache/used pipecleaner!. He had unfortunately run out of the Taimen artificials that include imitations of gerbels, rats and small ducks. Some locations are easily attained like London Lakes, Tasmania, but in Mongolia it is old Soviet trucks and long hikes; in Kenya 40 km horse rides followed by further hikes. So, something for everyone.

These trips were temptingly illustrated and with some video clips of large trout and related species move in clear waters and in some cases being hooked. Mark Hutchinson [www.fishabouttours.com.au](http://www.fishabouttours.com.au)

In each instance it was fine to see young, articulate professionals extremely passionate and dedicated to their art, and trade. These are excellent representatives of the coming generation, and are examples for the future of Rod Fishers membership.

O'Beron.

***"Many go fishing all their lives without really knowing it is not the fish they are after"***

**H D THOREAU**

# *Fly Tying & Auction Night*

The Rod Fishers' Annual Fly Tying and Auction Night was held on 20 June 2008 at the Union, University & Schools Club's Bent Street rooms. This years event was one of the most successful to date.

We were extremely fortunate to have in attendance a number of expert fly tyers, including David Wilson, Peter Leuver and John Vaccaro. It is really humbling, as a novice fly tyer, to see the skill and dexterity of these experts and to compare the quality of the flies that they tie with some of your own. It is just as well that the fish are never permitted the opportunity to make a side by side comparison because I think I know which fly they might prefer.

This year we also returned to an open auction format from the silent auction format that we had used in in the immediately prior years. We were fortunate to have the services of Sean McSharry as our Auctioneer. Despite some physical difficulties (a cold) Sean was again able to match wit and banter with the prospective bidders making the whole auction process an enjoyable as well as profitable one for all concerned.

The function was again organised for us by Richard Levingston and we join together in thanking him for all his efforts.

## *Artificial*

Greg French has published a new book entitled "Artificial" . Greg is perhaps best know for his excellent guide "Tasmanian Trout Waters" the very best of the "where to" genre of books but he is also the author of a reflective collection of stories entitled "Frog Call".

Frog Call can be hard going but this offering is more approachable. Structurally it is a straight up and down collection of stories, sometimes biographical but all told in Greg's slightly quirky meditative style. Greg still can't seem to stop himself from preaching in places "fly fishers can't even pay someone to make it happen for them. In this sense class and money count for nothing" etc but he does so less this time around. He is a very skilled angler and observer with some useful things to say as well. "Although many fly fishers devote themselves to matching the hatch - in creating perfect imitations of the things trout eat - the truth is that large non descript flies are usually a better bet". An interesting if not totally satisfying read. Published by "FlyLife".

A Fathers' Day (FD) promotional article that ran in a recent edition of one of the Sydney Sunday newspapers featured our very own Gerhard Benz. The newspaper's stylists and marketers went on to make a series of suggestions as to what Gerhard or a fisherman in Gerhard's place might like to receive as a FD present. While most would perhaps not reject the suggested Hermes compass if proffered to them by a loving family, some of the other suggestions made were frankly not worthy of Gerhard or any other fly fisher. The correct answer to the question of what would you like for FD was there for all to see in the photograph they used (at right). Answer: To catch another fish like the six pound brown taken by Gerhard in the pool immediately below the Thredbo Diggings.



# *Notice of 105th Annual General Meeting*

Notice is hereby given that the 105th Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Rodfishers' Society Inc. will be held on Sunday, 21st September 2008 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 104th Annual general Meeting held on Sunday, 2nd 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 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 and Picnic Day*

Following immediately on from the Annual General Meeting we will be holding our Annual Casting and Picnic. Day. The setting at Manly Dam lends itself to making it a family day. 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 opening of the new season than a selection event for the upcoming National fly casting competition. All are welcome.

## **BP's ALL NEW HANDY HINTS**

Try using flies a size or two smaller than those which are primarily designed to catch fishermen first in the tackle shop. Trout are usually used to a smaller fly, which is more likely to deceive it.

Contrary to standard practice, try casting a wet fly or a nymph upstream and allowing it to free drift below the surface, but do keep

pulling the fly line in your free hand to keep it straight and not too loose, so that you can strike at any hesitation in the drifting line.

Observation can assist you - try to think like a fish: where would I hide? Where would I wait without having to swim too hard to see food drifting down in the flow?

Try looking at spider's webs beside

the bank to see what insects are about, and look under stones to see nymph sizes, colours and types.

Trout love grasshoppers. Use these flies on warm summer days when fishing next to grassy banks, but concentrate on the shady banks and pools below the riffles.

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**\*Special Note regarding  
Monthly Luncheons**

Bookings for lunches must be made 3 days prior. Contact: Julie-Anne. Telephone: 02-8988 7625 or Email: julie-anne@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.



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# *Rod Fishers' Calendar of Events*

## **Monthly Council Meeting**

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Tuesday, 2 September 2008  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday 4 September 2008  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Annual General Meeting & Casting Day**

Manly Dam  
Date: Sunday, 21 September 2008  
Time: 11.00am for AGM

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday, 2 October 2008  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Monthly Council Meeting**

Venue: tba  
Date: Tuesday, 7 October 2008  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Members Weekend**

Geebung Ski Club Thredbo  
\*Gaden Hatchery Kids Day (3 October 2008)  
Dates: 3-5 October 2008  
Cost: tba  
Bookings: Angus Cooke 8238 0000 (w)

## **Peter Hayes Casting Clinic**

Centennial Park Casting Pond  
Date: Saturday, 11 October 2008  
Cost: \$130.00  
Bookings: Warren Stoyles 9130 3106

## **Monthly Council Meeting**

Venue: tba  
Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2008  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday, 6 November 2008  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Monaro Land Owners Dinner**

Cooma Ex-Services Club  
106 Vale Street, Cooma  
Date: Saturday, 15 November 2008  
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm  
Cost: \$55.00  
Bookings: Greg Prowse 0414 712 501

## **Christmas Council Meeting**

Venue: tba  
Date: Tuesday, 4 December 2008  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday, 6 December 2008  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Monthly Council Meeting**

Venue: tba  
Date: Tuesday, 3 February 2009  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday 5 February 2009  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Monthly Council Meeting**

Venue: tba  
Date: Tuesday, 3 March 2009  
Time: 6.00 pm

## **Monthly Luncheon\***

Union University & Schools Club  
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney  
Date: Thursday, 5 March 2008  
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.  
Cost: \$60.00

## **Oberon Land Owners Dinner**

Oberon Showground Pavilion  
Ross Street, Oberon.  
Date: Saturday, 14 March 2009 (tbc)  
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30 pm  
Cost: tba  
Bookings: tba

## ***"Penarth" Dates***

Members will recall that in response to the results of the recent survey the Council has arranged for the Society to obtain priority bookings at "Penarth" Oberon over the coming season. The relevant dates are 24-26 October, 7-9 November and 12-14 December 2008 and 9-11 January, 13-15 February, 13-15 March, 17-19 April and 8-10 May 2009. Members interested in taking up one of the priority bookings should direct their enquiries to Greg Prowse [gprowse2@bigpond.com](mailto:gprowse2@bigpond.com) or 0414 712

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There will be reports on the Society's Annual General Meeting and Casting Day, the Family Weekend, the Season Opener at "Penarth", the Peter Hayes Casting Clinic and the Monaro Landowners Dinner.

## *New Members*

We are pleased to welcome the following as new Members of the Society. We hope that you will enjoy your membership and look forward to welcoming you in person at an up coming function (of which there is no shortage) : Greg Johnson, Ben Anderson, and Shaun Wormald