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President's Report

Autumn has arrived with its splendid colourings, cool nights, warm days, but unfortunately it also heralds the fact we are almost at the end of the fishing season.

The El Nino pattern of weather by all reports is diminishing and hopefully it leaves our shores and the rainfall returns in order to fill our rivers, lakes and dams and fish can travel up stream for their spawning run.

The end of the season is clearly in sight and the last field trip to the Snowy Mountains has been booked for the 19 to 26 May, staying at Platypus Lodge in Jindabyne. There is also a weekend trip to Perisher from the 25 to 27 May, the accommodation is the UAC Ski Lodge (further details appear in the Field Trip Program)

This gives us the opportunity to walk the streams to spot and fish for spawning trout.

Members have travelled near and far in pursuit of fishable waters, even our friends across the Tasman have had considerable dry spells in some areas. I spend 3 weeks in Tasmania's north and north east, many streams in that area had low water levels.

The fish population was mostly in the range of 15 to 30 cm. Although fishing was not ideal, I found that the Platypus population was plentiful, as most pools seemed to be frequented by a family of Platypus.

My stay in Tasmania coincided with the Oberon Landowners Dinner, this was the first dinner I have missed for a considerable number of years. By all reports it was a very successful evening and enjoyed by all attendees, member and landowners.

Many thanks to Richard, Greg, Paul, Warren and a special thanks to Darrel for his assistance, their hard work ensured the

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The very impressive looking Nimbo Fork Lodge standing on the banks of the Tumut River and Nimbo Fork Creek. See story on page 3. Photograph: Mike Timbrell

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Presidents Report (cont)

evening was a great success.

One of our members returned from his annual fishing trip to NZ,

Customs in Sydney confiscated his waders, fly vest and rod for quarantine, he was told his equipment needs to be frozen for 24 hr at -18deg.C after treatment it will be returned to him. Quarantine is obviously being very diligent as this is not a recommended treatment for Didymo, but we are unsure of their reasons for the harsh treatment, with concerns how the equipment will survive the exercise.

The annual Fly Tying night and auction is usually a very good evening so bring your unused paraphernalia for auction. Expert fly tiers will be on hand to give demonstrations and advice on some of the finer points of fly tying.

August is only around the corner Rod Fisher's Annual Dinner will be held at the Union Club in Bent Street City, we are hoping that this location will be more convenient for member to attend the dinner.

Tight Lines,

Jim Eichler

Annual General Meeting

The attention of members is brought to a change in the previously advertised date of the 2007 Annual General Meeting and Casting Day.

To accommodate the availability of our usual venue at Manly Dam, the date of the 2007 Annual General Meeting and Casting Day has been altered and will now be 2 September 2007. All other details as to times on the day and place remain as they

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2007 Fly Tying Night

On Friday, 22 June 2007 at 6.30 pm the Society will be holding its annual fly tying night at the Union Club, 25 Bent Street, Sydney. The Society makes no charge for your attendance at this function and members are encouraged to invite a guest.

This year the Council is keen to promote a more "hands on" evening and especially encourages those who are interested in fly tying or who are just starting out in their fly tying careers to attend. Please bring your tying gear with you.

While there will be several expert tyers in attendance to show us all how it should be done, the emphasis this year will hopefully be less on tying demonstrations and more on practical tuition and tips. The success of the evening will largely depend on the degree to which members are willing to embrace this more practical approach. Please don't let the Council down.

To augment the Fly Tying there will again be a silent auction of any excess tackle and requisites. Submissions to be brought along on the night.

Nimbo Fork Lodge

You can't please everyone. An old saying and one with particular relevance to mixing family breaks with fly fishing. Thanks to the vision of fellow member Chris Fehon and his wife Maureen, it is now possible to enjoy five star accommodation within 150 metres of flowing water containing very large trout.

Nimbo Fork Lodge is bounded by the Tumut River and its anabranch, the Nimbo Fork Creek. Curiously, the creek flows out of the river and rejoins it a few kilometres downstream. The property is close to Tumut and took us about four hours of easy driving from Sydney. Australia Day was the official opening and Lyn and I were very pleased to accept the Fehons' kind invitation to sample the delights of their new venture. And what a venture it proved to be.

While they were living in Manhattan, Chris and Maureen realized that there was a good opportunity to fill a need in the Australian market. There was no top notch accommodation available for fly fishers. Auckland and Wellington can choose between the Huka and Tongariro Lodges, both of which provide international standards of accommodation and food, but Australia had no such place.

Inspired by the architecture of New England, the main lodge is nestled into the side of a hill overlooking both creek and river. Below this there are six cabins each able to accommodate four people. Every detail has been considered right down to the branded bathrobes and toiletries. They have retained the services of a cordon bleu chef whose food is nothing short of superb.

The lodge has a McKenzie drift boat ably skippered by Tony Edwards, a member of the Australian Fly Fishing Team and Tumut local. We spent six happy hours drifting down the Tumut River with Tony who seemed to know every reach and lie of the 15 kilometre stretch. He is a mine of information about flies and techniques learned

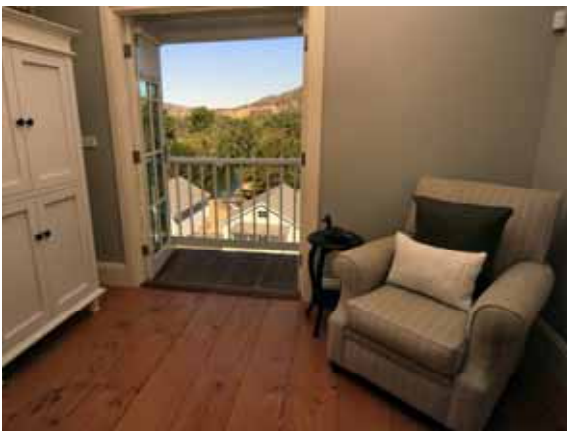
from international competition and all imparted in a modest and unassuming style. The fish in the Tumut can be put down for a day or two when they release water from the dam so the backup comes in two forms. Either a walk down the Nimbo Fork Creek or the fishing ponds.

On the Saturday evening, we wandered down the hill to the Nimbo Fork Creek for the evening rise. Chris spotted a beautiful two pound Brownie sitting in faster water next to a submerged log on the margins of a large pool. The near bank was two metres vertical so I was instructed to cross the stream and cast across the slack water and over the top of the log while Chris spotted for me from the steep bank. The two different currents meant that a drift of only a metre or so was possible without drag. Several casts and at least two changes of fly occurred before the fish was eventually put down. Nevertheless, it was great fun trying. A few weeks later Chris emailed to say that it had fallen to a hopper from the same lie. As all fish at Nimbo Fork are released, I suppose it will still be there waiting for our next visit.

The three fishing ponds are connected by small raceways down the side of a hill about two hundred metres from the lodge. They are each about 20 x 10 metres in surface area and about 3 metres at the deepest point and each has been landscaped in a different style with a total of 35,000 planting involved in the project. The bottom pool contains a bio-filter and the water flow is maintained by a pumping system the size of the municipal swimming pool. Growth rates of the stocked fish have been spectacular and all done by a natural supply of insects attracted to the system. Water temperature has been a problem over this past Summer and Chris is looking at various solutions to cool the water to sustainable levels.

This place has got to be seen to be believed. I'll say one thing about the Fehons. When they have a vision, nothing is left out in its making.

MT.



(Left) The view from the rooms over the river or creek make a pretty picture. (Right) Drift boat fishing from a traditional McKenzie style boat on the Tumut River is a very pleasant way to pass time and catch a few good fish



Field Trip Program

There are several Field Trips planned for the upcoming period including two in the next few days. It is possible that these trips may already be booked out but it is always worth contacting the organiser to find out:

1. Platypus Lodge / Jindabyne

Time: Saturday 19th to Saturday 26th May 2007 (one week).

Max. number of participants: 6

Cost: About \$ 25.00 per head per night

Background: Accommodation is in 3 bedrooms in a nice lakeside townhouse. All bedlinen is supplied. BYO food and drink (Jindabyne shopping centre is a 5 minute walk away). This venue has been used for several field trips before and has proven to be very popular.

Fishing: Lake Jindabyne is a short stroll from the front balcony of the lodge. Further afield, the first big spawn-run browns should be in the Thredbo River, always a challenge on fly.

Booking preference will be given to members who can stay for the full week. Shorter stayers will be accommodated if possible.

Bookings: Please contact the organiser, Gerhard Benz, on tel. 9387-6641 asap to secure a spot.

2. University Alpine Club (UAC) Lodge, Perisher.

Time: Friday 25th to Sunday 27th May 2007 (3 day weekend)

Max. numbers of participants: 16

Cost: \$62.00 for two nights

Background: This Field Trip is being organized by son and father members, Andrew and Bruce Burge. Accommodation is in the UAC's 8 bedroom Perisher lodge. The lodge is fully set up for self catering in the ski season, and so is ideal for a fishing lodge too. All the mod-cons but no TV, CD, DVD etc. Perisher is close to all the alpine lakes and rivers/creeks and is only about 30 min to Jindabyne. NPWS park entry fees are payable upon entry into the national park at Sawpit Creek.

This may be a good opportunity for some of the younger members of the Society to get together for some fishing. Mature members (i.e. experienced mentors) however, are more than welcome! Bruce is in the "mature age" category.

Bookings: If anyone is interested, please contact Andrew Burge on 47536 958 (home) or aburge@pnc.com.au by 18th May.

3. Cottage at "Penarth", Oberon

Time: Friday 28th September to Tuesday 2nd October 2007 (long weekend - opening of the 2007/08 trout season).

Max. number of participants: 6

Cost: About \$ 25.00 per head per night.

Background: Accommodation is in a 2 bedroom cottage on the banks of Fish River Creek. BYO bed linen, food and drink. This venue has been used by members for field trips in the past and has proved to be very popular.

Fishing: In Fish River Creek and a stocked dam on the property. Oberon township and Oberon Dam is a 20 minute drive away.

Bookings: Please contact the organiser, Gerhard Benz, on tel. 9387-6641 to secure a spot.



Photographs from the last Field Trip to Platypus Lodge - November 2006.

CFA Inter-Club Wallerawang

Forty three keen fly fishers attended this years NSWCFAs Interclub Meet at Wallerawang, the weather was generally mild with some occasional showers.

On Friday evening Acting DPI District Fisheries Officer, Matt Ryan, addressed the gathering on local fishing prospects and some recent compliance issues that he had faced on his patch.

On Saturday evening the attending anglers enjoyed the social intercourse of mixing with likeminded fly fishers from other clubs and were treated to the usual excellent dinner by Rob and Linda and their team. During dinner everyone received a gift supplied by the many generous donors that support the event.

There was an increased interest in the weekends fly tying competition with several entries in each of the four categories which were judged by David Wilson, Bill Spiers and Bob Beamish. The following tiers were winners of the respective categories.

Open: Peter Kelly; Sydney Fly Rodders' Club

Advanced: Ross Salvato; Lakeside Fly Fishing Club

Beginners: Kim Prehn; Illawarra Fly Fisher

Novelty: Peter Hansen; Illawarra Fly Fishers.

Clive Brabham was the winner of the Otto's Fishy Business trophy for the largest fish caught and released. Clive caught eight fish on the Saturday (all released) with the next closest angler catching two, a phenomenal effort when you consider that Clive has only one arm.

David Wilson, Rolf Quaas and Peter Hansen gave fly tying demonstrations and advice and this segment is always a popular aspect of the weekend. These men are expert tiers and many of us improve our technique from their advice.

On Sunday morning the casting competition was supervised by Ross Salvato, Don Salter and Nick Constantinou and conducted in the Black Gold grounds. These events were won by the following people.

Dry Fly Accuracy; Don Salter; Lakeside Fly Fishing Club

Distance Accuracy Nick Careless; Sydney Fly Rodders' Club

There were two handicap sections run in conjunction with each casting event but unfortunately my sloppy book keeping failed to record their names.

The Ross Salvato, 'World of Tackle' trophy for the champion club was won comfortably by Lakeside Fly Fishing Club with Illawarra Fly Fishers' runners up.

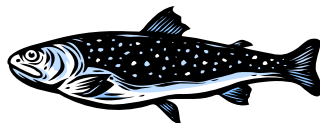
The following businesses and people made donations to the event:

Ross Salvato (World of Tackle), Graham Todd (Todd Fishing Solutions), Steve Hoagland (Derek McKenzie Outdoors), David Smith (Fish N Trips, Mudgee), John Coles (Fly Fishing School), Mike Stevens (Stevens Publishing), FlyLife, Australian Fishing Network, Rolf Quaas, Warren Stoyles, Gerhard Benz, Clive Gross, Sue Colliton, Alice Collett, Sean McSharry, Jim Eichler, Ken Musgrove, Dan Engel, Compleat Angler (City) and Black Gold Country Cabins

My sincere thanks to the generosity shown by the donors and the support that the fly fishers gave. The weekend raised \$4,565.00 (not the final figure but is close) for the NSWCFAs, which includes an anonymous donor's contribution of \$2,000.00 in recognition of the effort that NSWCFAs puts in to improve the welfare of the freshwater fishery.

To the many other people that helped, I thank you also.

John Humphries.



2007 Oberon Landowners' Dinner

A very successful Landowners' Dinner was held on the evening of St.Patrick's Day at the Oberon Showground Hall. The dinner was well attended although a little down on the near record numbers of previous year, with 57 people attending from the landowners, rodfishers and their partners.

Once again the local Rotary Inner Circle ladies provided splendid service with canapés, a selection of salads and excellent desserts including their famed and not to be missed trifle.

Our chef extraordinaire , Richard Levingston (with able assistance from Paul Summerhayes , Darryl Hart and Warren Stoyles) delighted us with a delicious cut of local prime beef generously covered with his secret recipe mushroom sauce. The meal was excellent and one that could not be surpassed by local restaurants.

St.Patrick's Day was appropriately celebrated with traditional Guinness, beer and fine wines. The fact that there was plenty of alcohol left over indicated that we are all becoming either more conservative in our drinking habits or getting older and smarter or perhaps both. (Or did Greg Prowse simply over order?)

Richard acted as the Master of Ceremonies and in Jim Eichler's absence introduced our immediate past president, Mike Timbrell, to warmly welcome our guests. Paul Kurtz responding on behalf of the landowners thanked the Society for its hospitality.

Darryl Hart will provide a field report on the fishing side of the weekend, however those that stayed at the Retreat enjoyed a great weekend. It is very sad and something of a real pity that the owners pet black snake is no longer with us.

The Functions Team



At the Oberon Landowners' Dinner (LtoR) Peter Leuver, Rodney Tonkin, Geoff King, Paul Summerhayes and Warren Stoyles

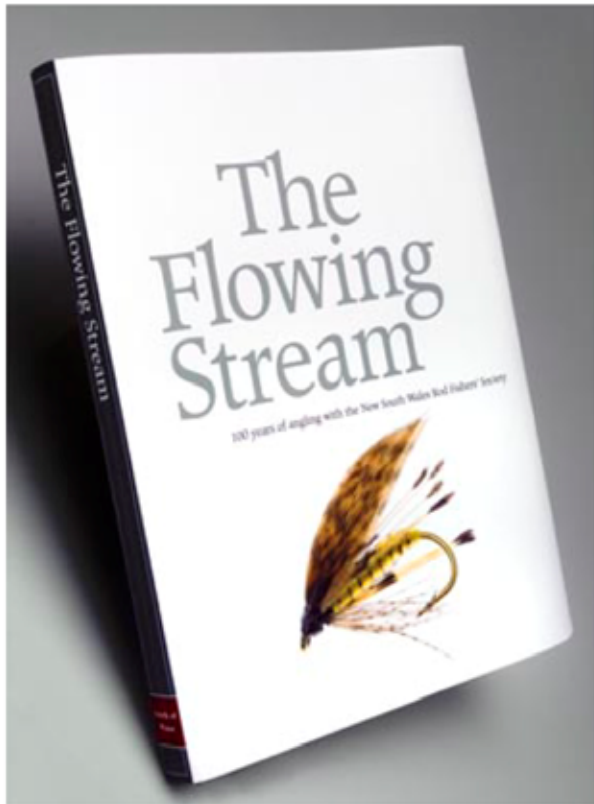
The fishing at Oberon over the weekend of the Landowners' Dinner was pretty tough.

Oberon had received some rain not long before we arrived but the long running drought conditions meant that any run off was quickly absorbed and lost in the system. Most members fished around Lake Oberon but there were some fish taken from the lower sections of the Fish River Creek and other water adjacent to the Lake.

The Lake itself was very low, at least 10 feet below the level of the previous year.

On the Friday evening, the fish in the Lake appeared to be taking midge but resisted our dry flies when put to them. Both my fishing companion, Peter Pengilly and I noticed some maimed trout fingerlings swimming weakly in the shallows but it took the capture of the fish shown at right, to make us realize that the lake trout were actually feeding on the fingerlings. They must have had their prey penned up in the back of the bay near Kelly's Lane and were just charging the school in the manner of a perch feeder and coming back through a second time to mop up any fish showing signs of distress.





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A Trip to the Murrumbidgee in 1930's

With the arrival of the New Year, my thoughts turn to preparations for my annual fishing camp, which for the past 10 years has been spent high up in the remote and mountainous valley of the Thredbo River.

This year we were in a quandary, whether to go back to our old haunt or to explore fields and pastures new.

A Melbourne friend was pressing me to accompany him to the Great Lake, Tasmania where he guaranteed to introduce me to some "big fellows" but as my companion could not join in this trip, I decided to postpone my visit to Tasmania.

Surveying the situation we decided to endeavour to find a new Paradise, somewhere off the beaten track. Our trouble was where to go, and after an intensive study of a map of New South Wales, we finally decided upon the Upper Murrumbidgee River as offering the necessary inducement. This decision did not finalise the matter as we were still faced with the question of could we get in, and everybody we approached so far had said that we could not.

Fortunately my companion was able to spend a few days at Adaminaby. He went there ostensibly to fish but I later found out that he had spent most of his time seeking the local information that in the end proved the solution to our remaining problem. That resolved we were able to go ahead with our plans and fix a date for our departure.

We left Sydney with car and trailer on the evening of January 22nd. All went well until 1.15 am, when crossing our first mishap occurred. After passing through a railway crossing on the Cooma Road, some 28 miles south of Canberra one of the trailer tyres gave up the ghost by blowing about three inches of cover. As we were not carrying a spare we were forced to park the brute at the roadside and travel back to the federal capital to procure the wherewithal to enable us to proceed. We arrived back at the scene of our misery at the unearthly hour of 4.00 am, too tired to bother attempting repairs. We dozed or at least tried to until day break and then with the aid of one tyre lever, a screw driver and a surfeit of bad language, removed the cause of our trouble and replaced the new parts. We were on our way an hour or so later but had not travelled more than a few miles when the beastly thing collapsed again, this time because of our inefficiency as garage men - we had pinched the tube when putting it on.

We eventually arrived at Cooma, hours behind schedule, only to waste more precious time because the shops were closed (things haven't changed that much ed.) for Anniversary Day and we had to forage for the balance of our supplies.

Adaminaby was reached about mid-day and was the end of the first stage of our journey. There we had arranged to tranship our gear onto a heavily sprung car of noble but ancient vintage, which was to take us the best part of 30 miles to the river. The owner felt somewhat dubious about making the journey late in the day because he doubted whether he would be able to get back by nightfall and now having made the trip myself I can fully appreciate his anxiety. Nevertheless, the good sport that he is, he agreed to give it a go and so we started.

We followed the Kiandra Road to a turn off where the signpost directs to a place bearing the verminous name of "Bugtown". The track as far as Bugtown is quite fair. The town, in case you have not been there, contains one house in disrepair, a relic of by-gone days. Once through the slip rails you climb a long steep hill winding in and out of tall timber, not unlike the Gungahlin track over Mount Nimmo, only here the track is not so hot and low gear work is the order of the day.

After proceeding for some miles you come out on a glorious plain, hundreds or possibly thousands of acres in extent, dotted with many sheep. The track across the plain was practically indiscernible when we passed through and I doubt whether any new chum could find his way. The country hereabouts alternates between belts of timber and those wonderful stretches of summer feed country flanked by mountain peaks, some over 6,000 feet high. Soon we arrived at Nungar Creek, which is a bad crossing at any time, and the utmost caution is needed if trouble is to be avoided. Our heavily laden conveyance got a nasty jolt going through and although we appeared to have negotiated it safely subsequent events proved otherwise. A little further on our guide pulled up at a closed gate (incidentally we were worn out opening and shutting those confounded nerve wracking obstructions) and as he did so, the car lurched forward and an oath escaped his lips. A main leaf of one of the back springs had snapped.

Mishap No.2 at three o'clock in the afternoon, stranded 20 miles in the blue and still 10 miles to go. No one became excited or upset. We got out and sat down to "smoke" things over and a little later our guide was asked to suggest what could be done. It was obvious that the car could not carry us or our gear any further, but if one of us could walk 4 miles, help might be obtained from a stockman living in a hut just off the track. This was agreed to and upon arrival at the aforementioned hut, the stockman was not in evidence and no other human being was in sight. There was no alternative but to return to the scene of our misfortune and shelter for the night. When half way back to the car a horseman hove in

By "Furnace Hackle"

sight leading a pack horse which appeared to be loaded to the Plimsoll with a miscellaneous collection of gear. It transpired that the help we had walked six miles to seek was within a mile or so of the car when the accident occurred. Our friend the stockman was at the other side of the plain; we had not noticed him but when he saw that our car did not proceed on its way the gentleman in question rode over to investigate. After we explained our predicament he gladly agreed to help us out. By this time, 4.30 pm a break in the weather seemed imminent; large black clouds were rolling over from the northwest. However we had to stand by the remainder of our gear to wait for our stockman friend to return with a light (home made), spring cart and horses to convey the balance of our equipment to his hut. On the final stage of our journey the weather broke and lightning sizzled the hills. We reached the hut at about 6.45 pm wet through, feeling tired and terribly hungry. We had had no sleep and practically no food for 24 hours and we gladly accepted our host's invitation to stay with him until the weather cleared. All we could think about at that moment was food and sleep, so after preparing a substantial meal we were not long out of our sleeping bags.

The heavy thunder, lightning and rain did not disturb our slumber and I am sure that we were secretly pleased upon our waking then next morning to find the rain coming down as hard as ever, so we slept on. We were marooned two days before we could travel the remaining five to six miles to the place we had selected for our camp but in the end we got there even though it meant making our own track through the timber. It does not take old campaigners long to settle in camp and the following morning we were ready to test this section of the river. We wandered down stream about a mile and a half and came upon a huge and magnificent pool which looked as though it might just harbour the Loch Ness monster - it was certainly big enough to float a large vessel and we felt here is the home of the "big fellows". Before long a beautifully conditioned 2lb rainbow had said good bye to his ancestral home. Although we cast patiently and carefully with a variety of flies off and on for the remainder of the day, we did not see another rise or any sign of a cruising fish which was very disappointing .

During the next few days we explored upstream from our camp the best part of two miles of water before the next major pool was reached. In between there are many likely spots but they yielded only a few resident rainbows. The next pool looked quite attractive as did the upstream stretch for about half a mile. One fish rose, which we landed turning the scale at 1 1/2 lbs. Then came a deeper pool with a nice little creek running into the head of it which was protected by dense bush. The head of the pool was closely examined and behold an absolute beauty was seen resting on the bottom in about 3 1/2 feet of water. A fly was dropped in front of his nose and in one split second he was tearing down stream, but what has happened? The pull is not that of a large fish. Suddenly he leaps clear of the water and 1 1/2 lbs seems his maximum. We could hardly believe our eyes, so again we carefully cockatoo the creek - the big fellow is still there, quite undisturbed by the commotion of his smaller brother, and how he took the "R.A.B" which my friend cast before him. He put up a great fight and when he found the net after 10 minutes of sky rocketing, he was just over 3lbs in weight and in wonderful nick.

A day or two later my friend hooked in the same pool a fish that believe would have won the anniversary cigarette box. He was on for a fraction of a minute when with one Olympian high jump he threw the fly; to me he seemed a yard long and a foot wide and weighed anything up to 7-8 lbs - a regular monster. And how his loss depressed us - my friend not only went off his food but started talking in his sleep as well !

I hardly like to dwell on the subsequent days and anxious hours that we spent trying to lure this fellow. We tried everything we knew from a 00 knotted Midge on the end of a 12 ft 4X cast to succulent wet flies of wondrous hues - but all to no avail. He is there still, no doubt gloating in his supremacy over man.

We spent 12 days up there and I must confess to some feeling of disappointment as far as the sport was concerned; the shallow water was hopeless and there was a lot of it. The fish even in the pools were not rising, and when one is practically wedded to the dry fly that is disappointing in deed. The Murrumbidgee here is a slow running stream, and during a fresh takes considerable time to reach maximum height, consequently some days elapse before the water returns to normal level. There seems to be an abundance of food; the river bottom growth and all the fish caught evidence that.

One day we are going in there again. I am sure that big fish reside there but conditions have to be right, probably mid March would be better when the water is cooler.

We returned home without mishap but the memory of our trek in will remain with us for many a long day.

(Reprinted from the New South Wales Rod Fishers' Society Gazette - May 1938)

Late Season Tasmania

Tasmania like most of Australia is in the grips of drought. The usually reliable winter rains have given the last two years an almost complete miss resulting in low water levels in both the lakes and rivers. The Hydro that is such a part of Tasmania must be concerned and will be really looking to this winter to restore its stocks as some of its major storages (including the Great Lake) sit dangerously low. Below is a photograph of Lake Echo (one of the main lakes in the Bronte-Brady- Binney chain) showing what ought to be the bottom of Brocks Bay, some 30 feet under water !

The dry, mild conditions in Tasmania meant that the end of season this year was physically very pleasant. The absence of really cold weather meant no frosts and that allowed the gum beetles to continue right to the end but unfortunately this was not a jassid year. I wish. The beetle falls during the last week of the season were not the prolific "carpet" falls you sometimes see but something rather more measured. Just enough beetle activity to bring a few fish up and keep things going throughout the day.

I was based around Bronte Park and while I have been there many times before, I saw some waters in a new light. I am quite familiar with the protected corner created by the wall at Lake Binney and have enjoyed some very good beetle days there when the northerly winds cancel out most of the alternatives but this year I fished the back corner of Binney for the first time, something made possible by the Hydro's decision to quickly drop the water level in Bronte. I picked up 3-4 fish on beetles that day and polaroided several more walking back to the car. At the Dee Lagoon we again found some fish along a beetle shore. The Dee is for the most part a difficult lake to wade and I managed to pick up a nice fish out of the boat (pictured). Pine Tier is a lake I have always associated with "grubbers" but the narrower sections are well wooded and really very pretty, in the manner of the Dee. The fish at Pine Tier are mostly small - 2 lbs is a very good fish for that lake but a walk along a drop off shore, up from the boat ramp, yielded 4 nice fish in fairly quick succession.



BP's **ALL NEW HANDY** HINTS

Never use your teeth to cut nylon line or you will end up with serrated teeth and an ugly, ragged line.

Check your rod for worn runners, and especially the tip. These can cause irreparable damage to your fly line. By pulling a piece of nylon stocking or cotton woll through them a few times , anything worn will make itself obvi-

ous by snagging on the fine material.

Old socks make excellent protectors for fishing reels that may otherwise be knocked around in your tackle box or bag.

Add a couple of safety pins to your fly vest, They can be used to clear head varnish from hook eyes, untangle wind knots (included for the benefit

of non members only), and can be used as a temporary replacement broke rod tip, with a little bending and a turn or two of sticky tape or band aid.

A small magnet will help you find that fly you have just dropped or the wind has just blown into the grass.

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***Special Note regarding Monthly Luncheons**

Bookings for lunches must be made 3 days prior

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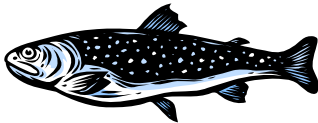
Union Club dress regulations: jacket and tie at all times

Mobile telephones: the use of mobile telephones inside the Union 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 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 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.

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

Rod Fishers' Calendar of Events

Monthly Council Meeting

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 5 June 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monthly Luncheon*

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 7 June 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Fly Tying Night

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: 22 June 2007
Time: 6.30 pm.
Cost: Free

Monthly Council Meeting

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 3 July 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Monthly Luncheon*

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 5 July 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Monthly Luncheon*

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Thursday 2 August 2007
Time: 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.
Cost: \$60.00

Monthly Council Meeting

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Tuesday, 7 August 2007
Time: 6.00 pm

Annual Dinner

Union Club
Level 2, 25 Bent Street, Sydney
Date: Friday, 17 August 2007
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Cost: tba

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

Monthly Luncheon*

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

Monthly Council Meeting

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

Monthly Luncheon*

Union 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

Pender Lea Chalets
Alpine Way, Jindabyne
Dates: tba

Monthly Luncheon*

Union 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 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: tba
Time: 7.00 for 7.30 pm



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Events

Council meetings, lunches, dinners, fly tying nights and other events, unless otherwise notified, are held at the Union Club, 25 Bent Street, Sydney 2000. Dress regulations: jacket and tie are required at all times.

In the next Tight Lines Bulletin

In the next (August) edition of the Tight Lines Bulletin there will be reports on the May Filed Trips and the Fly Tying Night. We will also be publishing BP's account of his season on the Monaro and a 2008 season primer. In the interim please check the Society's website (www.nswrodfisherssociety.com)

New Members

We welcome Mike Chapman and David Clarke as new members of Rod Fishers'. We hope that your membership of the Society and take the opportunity to participate in all it has to offer.



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