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FFCT Newsletter: June 2019

June 5th General Meeting:

7:30pm 5th June 2019

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston

Guest Speaker: Mr Viv Spencer

Committee Meeting:

7:30pm 12th June 2019

Social Gathering/Fly Tying

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston



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Presidents Report May 2019

It is with some small sense of respite that I begin this months report. After several months of ongoing travel and work, many of us are enjoying a more sedate pace of operations. I am, of course, referring to our Clubs building project at Koongara. While there are certainly other things happening around the place we have remained firmly focused on the project. The results speak for themselves with the internal linings now in place and the first coats of paint being applied. We received a wonderful donation of flooring vinyl very recently from our member Chris Smart. He donated enough to do the entire area and these raw materials are also on site ready for installation. Thank you very much Chris from all of the members.

Recent working days have been well attended and our mountain of refuse is now only a very manageable small neat stack. There are going to be working days for some time into the future at both shack locations. Our experiences during the past fire season have highlighted the vulnerability of these assets and we need as a club to lift our game somewhat in respect of fire preparations. There will always be the need for ongoing raking and controlled burning on the blocks, which is a fantastic option for any Members that don't have a particularly good working relationship with specialist tools. A quick walk around Koongara will certainly provide plenty of options for spending a winters day.

While on the subject of winter, I would like to also encourage everyone to consider spending some time up at these properties during the colder months. There is something very special about the silence of a good snowfall. One of the more familiar markers of this season is the IFS Trout Weekend at Liaweenee. Once again the FFCT fielded a team of tiers on the Saturday morning and while this years effort was a bit more subdued, we still had a good chance to speak with a lot of interested people. Thanks to Lyndon, Cory and the Senior Ranking Officer for the day Mr. Dekkers. Without their efforts it would be pretty tough going up there in trying to interact with the public, so I would likely to personally offer my thanks to them.

One of the highlights for me at the open day was to have another opportunity to talk at length with the IFS crew. Their efforts each year always impress me and we are certainly blessed to have such talented, well trained and committed people in charge of our fisheries. The ease with which they switch from detailed fisheries management operations to full blown public relations events is quite remarkable.

During the Winter months we will also be holding a couple casting days at Longford. These will be on a Sunday morning with Bill Greensmith hopefully

managing to improve some untidy or unhelpful casting habits which we all have. These are really fun days and I am looking forward to the chance for some leisurely casting.

Travel Safe People.... Jimmy Ellenberger - President

Minutes of General Meeting held at Chant Street on Wednesday the 1st of May 2019

MEETING OPENED: 7:31 pm.

Welcome:

President Jimmy Ellenberger welcomed the members to the May meeting and requested that all mobile phones be turned off, or on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Brian Mattschoss, Gary Long, Peter Ray, James Doherty, Jack Barker, Peter Berne, Doug Lang, Chris Crawford

Names of Guests:

Ian Harrison

Appreciation:

The President expressed his appreciation to the members that braved the very cold conditions at the Penstock working bee.

Minutes of last meeting:

The Secretary moved that the minutes, as appearing in the last newsletter was a representative record of the last meeting, seconded by John Stagg – **carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Outwards:

1. Steve Paterson (IFS) – (email) Accepting Trout weekend and requesting hooks.

2. Doug Lang – (email) Confirming availability as guest speaker.

Inwards:

1. SAFFA & ATF - (email) Club newsletters.
2. VFFA – (email) Club newsletter.
3. GFFC – (email) Club newsletter.
4. BODSAC – (email) Multi-species challenge promo.
5. Webb’s Hunting & Fishing – Shack booking sheets (March).
6. Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – Statement of account to 31 March.
7. Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – Confirmation of transaction.
8. Becks Hardware – (email) Monthly invoice.
9. Corey Harris – (email) Wind farm proposal in St Patricks Plain.
10. Every Battery – (email) Invoice statement.
11. Doug Lang – (email) Unavailable as guest speaker.
12. Central Highlands Council – (email) Invitation to hold a stall at Highlands Bushfest at Bothwell 23/24 November.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward be approved, seconded by Martin Hingston – **carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Outwards 1: The date for the Trout Weekend is the 18th & 19th of May. The Club has a fly tying exhibition on the 18th and tyers include Corey Harris, John Dekkers, Lyndon Haines and Jimmy Ellenberger.

Treasurer’s Report:

Expenses: \$ 3,882.95 (majority being for Koongara upgrade)

Income: \$ 92.00

TPT: \$ 2,393.84

CBA: \$ 6,596.26

The Treasurer noted that \$5000 was transferred from the TPT account to the CBA.

The Treasurer moved the Treasurer’s report for acceptance, seconded by Corey Harris – **carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

The President noted that there should be no more major costs associated with Koongara works.

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

Club Fund Raising:

The “Fly bowl” is ticking along nicely and has received some more ‘bopper hoppers’ from Mike and Rod Clarkson, these were snapped up quickly by some members.

Reminder on Members Receiving Printed Newsletters:

Starting from July 1st 2019, these members will be charged the printing and mailing costs of **\$45 per year**.

Trout Weekend:

The time slot for the Fly tyers on Saturday 18th May is 10:00 am – 12:30pm.

Club Outings / Working Bees:

Noonamena - Little Pine:

Wood has been ordered – Stackers will be required once the delivery date is known by the Secretary.

The President asked if the owners of the Gas barbeques stored in the shed could collect them.

Koongara - Penstock:

The planned works this weekend may include – sanding the plaster, undercoating the walls, fixing the door trims and external cladding.

Works completed on last weekend were the installation of the new doors (internal and external), electrical works and burning-off of the tree matter.

Club Fly casting:

Bill Greensmith has agreed to partake in the “off season” fly casting classes. A tentative date has been set on Sunday the 16th of June.

Fishing Reports:

Very few members admitted that they had ventured out to catch a fish. One that did, had some success at Lake Botsford using the 'spun' fly and the Meander River (near Deloraine) with a grasshopper pattern. Another tackled the Camden Creek for trout as well as the Tamar (near George Town) for some more jack mackerel.

Other General Business:

No other business was received.

Club Raffles:

The raffle (\$15 open order from Webb's Hunting & Fishing) was drawn by Peter Donati and won by John Morwood.

Next Meeting:

Viv Spencer with some amusing stories from the past.

Meeting Closed: 7:51 pm**Fly Demonstration:**

Following the meeting, Lyndon Haines demonstrated the tying of his version of the "comparadun".

This fly has had great success at Penstock, Four Springs and Little Pine over the last season.

Wanted to Buy

I'm looking to buy a used longshaft outboard motor around 10-15hp for my dinghy.

Also have a fully equipped Canadian canoe with elec motor for sale.

Phone no. 0412971710

Thanks and tight lines,

John Morwood

Fly Tying Photos from May General Meeting



Lyndon Haines tying a Compara dun





Inland Fisheries Service Report from Shannon Lagoon

During June 2017, we collected 500 fish from the River Derwent fish trap at Lake King William and then tagged and transferred into Shannon Lagoon. On 14 -15 May 2019 we surveyed Shannon Lagoon to see how these fish were going.

Over one night of trapping, we captured 43 brown trout. Of these fish, seven were tagged (16%). These tagged fish were mostly around 250-290 grams when initially released in 2017. All but two of these seven fish when recaptured last week, were over 1kg (see the table below).

Tag No	Release weight (g)	Capture weight (g)	Gain in weight
	Year 2017	Year 2019	
2567	250	650	400
2540	260	1120	860
2291	220	1387	1167
2084	270	980	710
2138	290	1047	757
2556	290	1128	838
2350	430	1150	720
Average weight (g)	287	1066	800

Tagged fish collected from River Derwent trap and released into Shannon Lagoon in 2017, and examined again in May 2019. The average weight for the tagged fish was 1,066 grams, meaning they had increased in weight by almost 800 grams. One fish had grown from 220 grams to almost 1.4kg. The average weight for the non-tagged resident fish was 1,107 grams. Of all the fish captured, one third were between 1.25kg and 1.75kg, with the largest fish weighing 2.1kg!

Back in 2017 when these fish were released, they represented 24 percent of the catch, while this year (2019) they represented 16 percent. This shows us they surviving well, growing and in good condition.

So if you have an afternoon to spare during the fishing season, try a session at Shannon Lagoon, you may be surprised at the size and the quality of your catch. If you catch a tagged fish, let us know the weight and length by emailing infish@ifs.tas.gov.au or phone 6165 3808.

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 2019

Subs are due soon, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

Annual Subscriptions for 2019 / 2020 are: Amount

Ordinary Member \$72

Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student \$36

Eligible Pensioner (as defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution) \$36

Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 31st August 2019 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as their overdue subs for membership.

From the Committee - Newsletter

The members that receive the printed version of the Club newsletter and still wish to have it posted to them will now have to pay for the costs. Currently the costs of printing, handling and postage of the newsletter is carried by the Club and from the **30th of June** this will now cease. Each member that continues to receive the printed version of the newsletter will be charged an annual fee of **\$45** along with their membership renewal. This fee will be cancelled if the member decides to change to an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Fly Tying Lesson with Martin Droz World Champion, courtesy of Essential Fly Fisher

Hi , we have World Champion, Martin Droz, teaching fly tying next Saturday afternoon.

Sit down with Martin for some personal instruction on tying nymphs and dries he uses in Tasmania. He will concentrate on using the magic material CDC, but will also help and demonstrate other methods and techniques.

When: Saturday afternoon 1.30 - 5pm June 01.
Where: Essential Flyfisher, 105 York Street Launceston.
Cost: \$120 payable on the day.

Very limited places. First replies get preference, so email or phone shop to book: 03 63318944.

Other sessions may be available, so please register if interested in them. Martin lives and guides in Tasmania now and has won a World Championship and many European Championships.

It is rare to get one on one coaching from an angler and fly tyer of his experience.

Don't miss out on this opportunity.

Shack Bookings

Contact: Ian Webb at WEBB'S HUNTING AND FISHING

Address- 18a Marlborough Street Longford

Phone-63712175 or 0466 620 177

Email- webbshuntingadfishing@gmail.com

When:

Bookings may be made, and keys obtained, by Club members only during business hours which are:

Monday – Friday (9:00 am. to 5.00 pm).

Saturday (9:00 am. to 2:00 pm).

Note: No bookings can be taken or keys made available outside these hours.

How:

All members, even if they hold keys, are required to book.

The booking must include:

How many are Club members.

How many are guests or non-members – **maximum of 3 per party.**

The gender of guests – **only if female.**

The duration of stay – **limited to 5 consecutive nights** (or by prior approval by committee)

Which shack required.

Pavment:

2018 rates: Day \$5.00

Member: \$15.00

Non-Member: \$25.00

Must be made:

At the next Club meeting or,

By EFT/post to the Treasurer within that month.

Note: Webb's Hunting And Fishing will not accept payments.

Key Return:

The keys, includes gate keys, must be returned immediately to Webb's Hunting And Fishing .

Cancellations:

The member must advise Webb's Hunting And Fishing at least 24 hours before the date of the booking, otherwise a cancellation fee may apply.

FFCT UPCOMING EVENTS & CLUB INFORMATION

FFCTas Season Events 2019

Contact the Secretary: **Richard Hawley**

secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

for all details and confirmations

- **General Meeting – 5 th June**
- **Committee & Social Night Meeting – 12 th June**

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer Peter Hazelwood**
at: treasurer@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

Payments and club banking:

Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania

BSB: 067-003

ACC: 28057585