



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - June 2023

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 7th June 2023

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 14th June 2023

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Guest Speaker: Paul Middleton

Paul is the Fisheries Officer for the IFS.

His topics will include - Impact of the fishery from the floods; White-bait runs; Native fish monitoring results in Penstock and Shannon Lagoons.

Next Club Outings:

Christmas in Winter - (1st July) at Koongara - Refer page 8

Myrtle Park "Basic Fly Fishing Class" (15th October) - Refer Page 14

Come along to assist on the day or to meet the new students.

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 2023

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

Annual Subscriptions for 2023 / 2024 are:	Amount
Ordinary Member	\$84
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$42
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution)	\$42

Life Membership Nomination

Members are reminded that at the AGM the honour of a Life membership may be presented to a member or members.

The member must be nominated in accordance with Rule 5.1(d) and satisfy the conditions as set out in Rule 4 (a) and (c) of the Club constitution.

The nomination and a resume of the nominee must be received by the Secretary by the August meeting to be discussed at committee level.

All nominations received are in strict confidence.

Important Notice

As all members are aware, we are currently living in difficult and unprecedented times. So, to keep all members notified on what is happening within the Club, either by our monthly newsletters or important notice issues.

It is therefore extremely vital that we have your current contact details.

If you have recently changed your postal address, or email address, or phone number, or are uncertain that we have your correct details, then please tell us.

By contacting the Secretary by email at:

secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

Max Christensen Award & Tanglefoot Trophy

In recognition of a member/s who have provided, over the last twelve months, a substantial and continued service to the club via many forms of contribution.



Past recipients of our highest accolade have been recognised for their valuable contributions in a wide range of areas / fields, including (but not limited to):

- outstanding service on committee
- undertaking additional duties on behalf of the club (sub-committee)
- significant contributions on working bees, projects, etc...
- representing the club on external activities (Adult Ed, AAT, IFS, etc...)

Snorkel Award



Members who have witnessed some unusual activities over the last twelve months and are prepared to 'volunteer' information, leading to the successful prosecution of any member guilty of going the 'full dunk' as part of their fishing / boating activities.



The small group of students that attended our recent basic fly fishing course. Thanks to members Peter Berne, Bill Greensmith, Charlie Gall, Gary Cullen and John Quarry.

Pete's Go-to fly:

The Compara-Dun

Background:

How I became aware of this fly was whilst drifting on Little Pine Lagoon with Peter Hazelwood. The subject of what flies to tie on during the day - before, during and after a hatch was discussed. He remembered one fly that he had had plenty of success with but could not get an exact copy remade having lost the original. He spoke glowingly of its success especially after the hatch had slightly subsided.

To prove its worth, he tied his copy on (not the original tie) and had little success during the hatch but made amends as the hatch waned by catching quite a few fish. This fly became his go-to fly on many summer days at Little Pine, Arthurs, Bronte and Penstock.

I was handed a copy of the fly and searched the shops to find one similar. Pete was right there are so many variations and none like the original. The flies are still successful but not as effective as the original tie.

This fly was designed by Al Caucci in the mid 1960's after modifying a fly called the 'haystack'. He refined the fly after many variations to imitate the mayfly dun that was present in the area.

Over the years the compara-dun lived up to all expectations and met all the criteria for dry-fly perfection. It is highly imitative, practically unsinkable, and extremely durable.

Al said it should be fished dead-drift directly in the feeding lane of the trout. It is also effective when both spinners and duns are present on the water at the same time.



The Tie:

Hook	Light wire dry-fly hook.
Thread	Prewaxed 6/0 nylon, colour to match body.
Body	Rabbit fur dubbing.
Wing	Fine deer hair (mask) to match wing of the natural.
Tails	Stiff hackle fibres or mink tail guardhairs – tied split.

Process:

1. Insert hook and lay down a bed of thread to approx. the front fifth of the shank.
2. Cut a 1/8 inch clump of deer hair. Approx. as long as the hook shank.
3. Tie in deer hair with the tips facing forward over the hook eye.
4. Apply 4 – 5 sequentially tighter wraps to bind and flare the wing.
5. Clip deer hair butts on an angle.
6. Pull wing upright and tie a few wraps (at least 10) of thread in front of it to maintain the position.
7. Wind the thread over the clipped deer hair butts to make a smooth underbody.
8. Wind the thread to the hook bend.
9. Form a small bump with the fur dubbing - to split the tail fibres.
10. Tie in the tail fibres and must form a “V” shape.
11. Apply fur dubbing to wing tie down area.
12. Dub the thorax area tightly to help keep the wing upright.
13. Whip finish and cement the head.

Note:

The split tails and 180 degree arc of the wing material are critical to achieving the proper float.

This fly has proved its success on all highland waters.

Some of this information and the tying process was taken from the book “Hatches II” by Al Caucci and Bob Nastasi.

Trout Weekend



Liawenee, yingina/Great Lake
Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 2023
10am - 3pm daily

Trout Weekend celebrates the wild brown trout spawning run

- See hundreds of brown trout on their annual spawning migration in our Central Highlands
- There will be trout stripping and live fish displays
- Bring your walking boots and walk the **Wild Trout Trail** down Liawenee Canal to the working fish trap
- Check the weather and come prepared for the cold conditions of Tasmania's Central Highlands - snow, rain, hail and sun
- Food and drink available

More information?

1300 463 474

www.ifs.tas.gov.au

Please note that this is an alcohol, smoking and dog free event



NEW GATE LOCK AT PENSTOCK

Members heading to our Club shack at Penstock Lagoon will notice a new lock on the first gate (just over the canal).

This lock is labelled “AMBULANCE”.

We have been directed to lock our padlock through this one and NOT the chain link so that the ambulance crew can gain access to the property in case of an emergency.



Guest speakers from Allgoods Bob Bramley, Adrie Konyon
with Club Chairman Marcus Rae

News from the IFS

Little Pine Lagoon

The proposed boat ramp upgrade has been postponed until summer / autumn 2024. Hopefully the water levels in that time will permit the works to begin.

Brown Trout Waters

Most brown trout waters closed on Sunday 30th April. If you are still keen to catch a fish there are some waters open all year. The designated rainbow waters will close on Sunday the 28th May.



Club Outing



Christmas in Winter

Our annual event “Christmas in Winter” will be held at Koongara soon. Members are encouraged to confirm their bookings by our June meeting. Places for the luncheon are limited to **15** so book early - also Koongara can only sleep 8.

DATE:	1st July
TIME:	10:00 am.
LOCATION POINT:	KOONGARA
COSTS:	\$25 (includes member's shack rental)
RSVP:	09/06/2023
CONTACT:	SECRETARY



Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 3rd of May 2023

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

Vice President Marcus Rae welcomed the Guest speakers Adrie Konyon and Bob and the 27 members to this May meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Greg Dawson, Peter Berne, Glenn Becher, Nick Merrony, George Dale, Robin Camilleri, Don Harkness, Bill Greensmith, Tim Fitzallen, Jason Herr, Lyndon Haines

Guest Speaker:

The Chairman introduced Adrie Konyon who is the Senior Salesman with Allgoods Outfitters and Bob who runs the Bush Hut in Allgoods.

Both presented an outstanding display of camping, hunting, and fishing gear.

The hunting and fishing display included '511' clothing and backpacks; 'Yeti' hydration bottles, buckets, waterproof back packs, Ice box, portable chair, and waterproof blanket; 'Benchmade' knives; 'Desolve' waders, fly jacket and boots; 'Hunters Element' pants and waterproof jacket.

The camping display included 'Zamberlan' boots; 'Alton' lightweight tarps; 'jet boil' stoves; 'Garmin' GPS units; 'Campers Pantry' dehydrated meals; 'One Planet' sleeping bag.

The Chairman led the members in showing their appreciation to Adrie and Bob for their fantastic presentation.

During the break the members were treated to tasting the variety of dehydrated meals that included game meats.

Bereavement:

The Chairman noted that it was his sad duty that he advised the members of Peter Blakeley's recent passing.

He passed on the 30th of April.

Peter Joined the Club in February 1992 and was a keen fisherman of the North-East rivers and streams.

Chris Crawford whilst he was a Principal at Branhholm Primary School enjoyed fishing with Peter. They had many memorable trips up to the Lakes, so much so that Chris became the designated driver. Peter's fly-tying room was kept immaculate.

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Mike noted how Peter sourced the materials to create his “tups indispensable” fly.

His funeral will be held at Scottsdale at 2:00pm on the 4th of May.

The Chairman and members showed respect to Peter with a 1 minute’s silence.

Appreciation:

The Chairman expressed the Club’s appreciation to:

- members that attended our last fly-fishing class – Bill Greensmith, Peter Berne, John Quarry, Gary Cullen and Charlie Gall.
- The estate of Peter Hazelwood for donating the many boxes of flies and a David Scholes’s book. The book will go into our library and how we use the flies will be discussed at the committee meeting.

Minutes of last meeting:

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by Corey Harris – **and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Club newsletters – (email) SAFFA, VFFA, BOD, GFFC
2. IFS – Proposed boat ramp works at Little Pine Lagoon.

Outwards:

1. Christopher Bassano - (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence was accepted; and outward was approved, seconded by Peter Ray – **and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer’s Report:

Our Treasurer noted that it has been a very stressful time for both him and his wife recently with the news that our bank account has been compromised and some funds has been sucked out.

The bank was contacted immediately, and our members have been notified. Our existing

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account is frozen so no monies can be withdrawn but money can still be deposited, and he cannot confirm what the current balance is.

We are now in the hands of the bank to gain a reimbursement and the Cyber police have been informed.

We have created a new account at the bank and those details will be revealed when that is opened it should take about a week.

We will keep you informed of the process.

Matters arising:

Chris noted that if the bank's first response is NO we should not accept it and pursue that further.

Phil noted that the Club should not send emails with the bank's details, as they are easily tracked. Verification should be only done by phone prior to sending or depositing monies.

Jimmy noted that STMA had over the last month 200 cyber attacks with 5 being specific hard-core ones that any ordinary person would not have known the difference.

John Morwood raised his items of concern that was included in his email for the committee to discuss.

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

The President reminded the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each.
- Send photos and articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

Members heading out on an excursion may also place the information on the white board.

IFS Open Day:

The Club has been invited to tie some flies at Liawenee on Saturday 20th May starting at 10:00 – 12:30pm.

Volunteers that will be there are Lyndon Haines, Corey Harris and Jimmy Ellenberger. Our Club banner will also be on display.

Ceremonial ashes spreading:

Peter Hazelwood's family will be spreading his ashes at Penstock on Friday the 5th of May.

This will be preceded by a supplied barbeque at 12:30pm the number of people attending on

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the day, including the family members is 29.

Club Shacks:

Members are reminded that over the off-season period the shack rental for Koongara is half price.

Pine

Martin informed the members that the shack is 'winterproofed' now for the off season, so any members that stay there must follow the same procedure if they stay there during that time.

Corralinn Fly Fishing & Casting Association:

The Chairman updated the members present that all FFCT members have now been notified of the proposed merger with the Corralinn club.

He noted that the FFCT did not need to create a special resolution because we are not changing, but we needed to inform our members so that they could have their say. An agreement between the two clubs has been drafted and will be presented to the Corralinn members for acceptance. The Secretary thanked Jimmy, Corey and Phil for their input in the final agreement.

The procedure now is that Corralinn will pass a special resolution to merge. The signed agreement with the FFCT will accompany that resolution to the Commissioner; whereby Corralinn will merge with the FFCT and Corralinn will be deregistered. Their proposed date will be the 30th June 2023.

We did have preliminary discussions at our last General meeting but now that we know what path we are taking, we could finalise this with the vote tonight.

Members thoughts & comments:

Gary noted that Corralinn will still be holding their casting days prior to the merger and our members are invited to join.

Mike noted that those members that did not elect to merge would have to go through our normal selection process. Those that did will still have to complete the forms, but fees will be waived.

The tangible assets that will be transferred from Corralinn would be enough to cover any transfer fees.

A vote that our Club accept the merger with the Corralinn club was called and passed by a show of hands 26 for to 1 against.

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AAT Webcams:

The Chariman noted that State funding to install and maintain the webcams has been dramatically reduced and AAT are having difficulty in gaining sponsorship.

It was agreed that the Club should seek clarification and action for the Government by writing to the minister.

Other General Business:

A knife was found at Penstock Lagoon – contact John Stagg if it is yours.

Fishing Reports:

Only Mike revealed that he went out on the close of the season and caught a fish on both his first and last cast. This was somewhere in a small local stream.

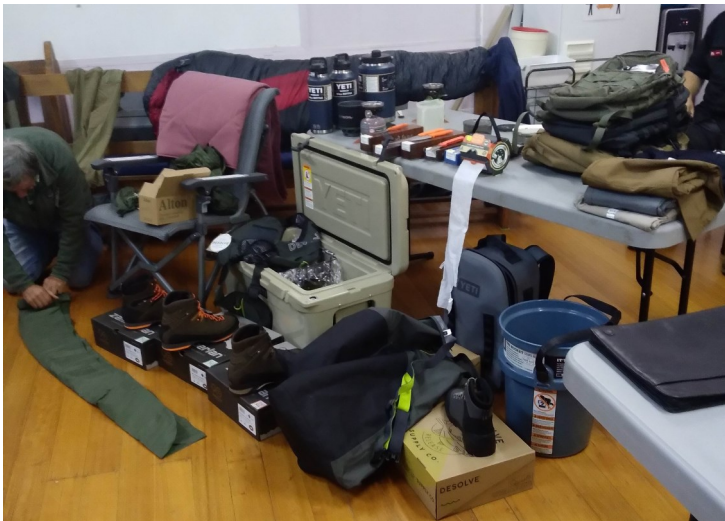
Club Raffles:

Guest speaker Adrie Konyon drew the night's raffle which was won by Richard Hawley.

Next Meeting:

Prior to closing the chairman noted that our next meeting on the June 7th will have Paul Middleton (IFS) as our guest speaker.

Meeting Closed: 9:03 pm



A small sample of the merchandise that Allgoods displayed on the night.



If this knife is yours contact John Stagg.



On Friday the 5th of May at Penstock Lagoon a crowd of 31 members and guests witnessed the spreading of the ashes of Peter Hazelwood. The event was preceded with a supplied barbeque and a few libations. Following the ashes spreading everyone headed back to the shack for warmth and remembrance. Even the weather gods assisted by holding back the rains throughout the day.



Son Greg and daughter Amanda spreading their father's ashes with Corey Harris at the tiller.

Club Fly Fishing Classes

Myrtle Park "Basic Fly Fishing" Confirmed Dates

- ◆ October 15th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Coordinator Jimmy Ellenberger.

For Booking of the Club Shacks go to our website

www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/

Remember booking is made only by a phone call

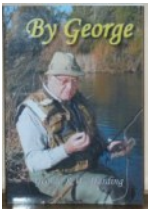


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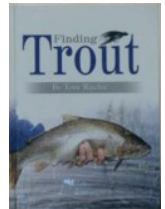


Koongara

Club Library



Members are reminded to take full advantage of our comprehensive selection of books and DVD's that are available in the library.



If you are intending to visit an unknown water, or after a particular fly pattern, or just researching our Club history you will find the answer there.

Contact our librarian - Jimmy Ellenberger.

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer - John Quarry**

at: john.r.quarry47@gmail.com

Payments and club banking Details

Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania

BSB: 633-000; ACC: 169922044

Please ensure that your surname & what the payment is for is included

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