



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - August 2023

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 2nd August 2023

**1-3 Chant Street,
East Launceston**

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 9th August 2023

**1-3 Chant Street,
East Launceston**

Guest Speaker: Peter Hopkins

Peter is the Manager—Recreational Boating (MAST).

The topics that he will cover tonight will be on boating safety in inland waters.

Next Club Outings:

Myrtle Park "Basic Fly Fishing Class" (15th October) - Refer Page 13

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

Fly Tying Nights:

7:00pm 9th August 1-3 Chant Street

Annual Subscriptions were due on the 1st July 2023

To continue as a member, 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

Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 17th August 2023 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as the subs rate (\$84) for membership.

The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc. in accordance with Rule 11 of the Constitution, is to be held on Wednesday the 6th of September 2023 at the old Uniting Church in 1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston at 7.30p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be:

To confirm the Minutes of the previous A.G.M. of the 7th of September 2022

To receive reports. (President's & Treasurer's)

To elect Officer Bearers and Committee.

To appoint the Auditor and determine his/her remuneration.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

1. President
2. Vice President - Senior
3. Vice President
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Committee (6)

Will you run for Committee?

Prior to each Annual General Meeting volunteers are called upon for nomination for committee. If you are considering standing for committee and feel slightly daunted have a chat to an existing committee person. You may even attend, as a guest at one of our committee meetings to see first-hand how the system works.

There are plenty of diverse Club business projects each year and each requires a dedicated close knit group to see them through to completion. The Club survives on volunteers from all walks of life sharing their various talents to reach a common goal.

So if you believe that you can offer some time and expertise – please complete the nomination form.

Committee nomination form 2023/2024

I hereby nominate (please print)
as (position)

of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc, for the year 2023/2024

Nominator (signature) Date/...../2023

Seconder (signature) Date/...../2023

I hereby accept nomination

Nominee (signature) Date/...../2023

Nominations for any of the above positions in the Club must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting (Rule 24.1.b).

To clarify, your nomination must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the 27th August 2023



The 2023-24 season for most waters opens on Saturday 5th of August.

Where will you go to break the ice?

The best early waters are Blackmans Lagoon, Four Springs Lake, Little Pine Lagoon and Curries River Dam. Don't discard your favourite rivers.

Check out One member's expectations on the Pine.

Little Pine Lagoon Preview

For many years now I have fished Little Pine Lagoon from Opening Day.

The weather can vary greatly from bright sunny still days to overcast, wet and windy and sometimes very cold. Fishing in these conditions can be very rewarding.

Most of my fishing is done from a boat. If the water level is high I like to fish the edges, especially if the wind is light and I can get a drift parallel to the shore. When doing this I would mostly use a floating line and a small wet fly.

When the wind is strong I will set the drogue so that I am drifting slightly cross wind and then cast across the drift.

For example:- If the wind is blowing to 12 o'clock I would try to set the drogue so that I am drifting to the 1-2 o'clock direction and cast to 10-11 o'clock direction.

By doing this you can stay in contact with the fly easier and you don't have to retrieve as fast.

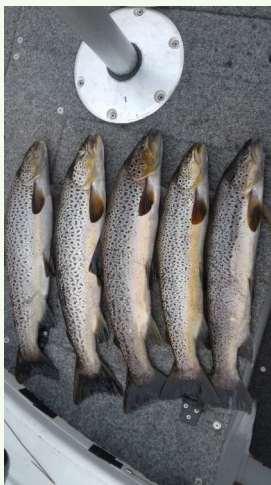
When fishing like this I would use a fast sinking line (8 IPS) and slightly bigger wet fly.

If the water level is lower and the wind is stronger I would still use a sinking line in the deeper water, but, would use a floating line in the shallows.

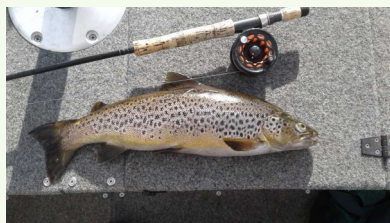
In these conditions I would try to get a drift so that I will cross the river.

My go to flies are Shrek type flies and Green Wooly Buggers.

Flies are tied on Kamasan B830 Long Shank Hooks size 10 to 14 or Black Magic B10, B12, B14, 2 x Long Shank Hooks.



As you can see the conditions can be very testing, but the rewards are well worth it.



Shrek:-

1. Place brass bead on the hook.
2. Take thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Tie in a small pinch of dark olive rabbit fur.
4. Tie in olive marabou add a few strands of gold krystal flash and then a little more marabou.
5. Tie in a strand of red wire or red tinsel and a black hen hackle.
6. Dub on some olive sparkle dub and form a slim body.
7. Wind on hackle and then rib and tie off.

For a darker version substitute olive for black and use peacock dub rainbow/black.



Green Wolly Bugger:-

1. Place orange bead on hook.
2. Tie in a pinch of dark olive rabbit fur and olive marabou.
3. Add some silver krystal flash and a little more marabou.
4. Tie in a black hackle and some small firey brown and olive che-nille to form the body.
5. Wind on the hackle and tie off.

SHREK



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 7th of September 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

President Peter Berne welcomed the 24 members and 5 guests to the Club's AGM. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned phones off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Tim Butcher, Peter Hazelwood, Greg Dawson, Phil Harker, Martin Hingston, Peter Ray, Gavin Chugg, Dan Dempsey

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Guests:

Scott James, Don Cameron, Keith Blewett, Stuart Walsh, Norm King

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The Secretary moved for acceptance the previous AGM minutes that appeared in the August newsletter, seconded by Gary Cullen and **carried unanimously**.

Matters Arising:

Nil

President's Annual Report:

The President moved for acceptance his report that appeared in the September newsletter, seconded by John Dekkers and **carried unanimously**.

Treasurer's Annual Report:

With our current Treasurer out of action, we were privileged to have our auditor, Alan Styles deliver the Club's Annual Report for last year. He reported that there was nothing unusual that occurred over the year with the Club returning a small cash deficit of \$1276.

With Peter Hazelwood not standing as treasurer next year, Alan has agreed to assist the new treasurer in the coming year.

Matters Arising:

Alan suggested that it would be to our advantage that all meeting funds and bank transactions are counter-signed and dual checked.

Election of Office Bearers & Committee:

Prior to standing down the President then asked the Public Officer to confirm nominations received for the executive committee in accordance with Club Rules.

The nominations received were:

President – Peter Berne; **Secretary** – Richard Hawley; **Senior Vice President** – Marcus Rae; **Vice President** – Martin Hingston; **Treasurer** – (vacant).

Following the request from the new President John Quarry volunteered to do the role as Treasurer.

The New President declared those office bearers duly elected to those positions and requested the Public Officer to read out the nominations received for the committee.

The nominations received were:

Graeme Frankcombe, Bill Greensmith, Jack Barker and Jimmy Ellenberger.

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

The President then requested 2 volunteers to fill the remaining vacant positions on the committee.

As there were no response, he declared those nominated duly elected and congratulated upon their election.

Election of Auditor:

Alan Styles has agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor.

Election of Patron:

Nigel Forteath has agreed to continue as the Club's Patron.

Election of Librarian:

Jimmy Ellenberger has agreed to continue as the Club's Librarian.

Election of Editor:

Richard Hawley has agreed to continue as the Club's Editor

CLUB AWARDS:

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy: Jack Barker

Jack received this award for his excellent efforts in the "Red Spinner Tales" that appear in Facebook, newsletter and on the Club's website.

Snorkel Award Awarded to: Jimmy Ellenberger

An unstable rock in Penstock Lagoon caused Jimmy to overbalance whilst playing a fish which landed him in the water to the amusement of his companions. This is the third year in a row he has taken a dunking and has admitted to another nomination for next year.

Life Membership Awards: Graeme Frankcombe

Graeme's achievements over the years for the Club were highlighted by both Peter Berne and Jimmy Ellenberger, both stating that it was a well-deserved appointment.

Graeme always prepared, responded with expressing his thanks to the Club, the committee and Tom Parker for the nomination. He joined the Club to learn more about fly fishing and believes that he has received more through great friendship.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:04

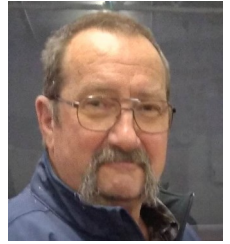


Vice President's Report

Hello Members,

Our last general was well attended by members and guests.

At the last meeting I had the pleasure of welcoming 9 new members from the Corralinn Fly Fishers & Fly-Casting Association to The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania. I hope their time in the FFCT is rewarding and enjoyable.



Several boxes of books and other items have been brought to the club from the CFF&FCA. These will be sorted and added to the club library, any duplicate books may become raffle or auction items at a later date.

A fly-tying night was held at our clubrooms on the same night as our last committee meeting, this was very well attended and with enough interest this could become a regular event.

Fly casting is held at Grindelwald, the next event will be held on July 30th 10am – 12 midday. The first casting session of each month is a BYO BBQ, all are welcome to attend.

We are one committee member short. Members are encouraged to nominate for positions on the committee.

As I write this report the opening of the new season is only 3 weeks away, hopefully the weather is kind to those who are heading out, especially those who are heading to the highlands.

Last season most of my fishing was done at Little Pine Lagoon. While the number of fish caught was good, the larger fish were not in top condition, while the smaller fish were in good condition. Dun hatches were not that good when I was there, hopefully this will improve this season.

At our next meeting Peter Hopkins, from Mast, will be our guest speaker, so come along with your boating questions.

There still some outstanding subscriptions, prompt payment of these would be appreciated.

Martin Hingston FFCT Vice President.

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 5th of July 2023

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

Vice President Martin Hingston welcomed the Guest speaker Gary France, the 22 members and 12 guests to this June meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Peter Berne, Marcus Rae, George Dale, Nathan Merriman, Graeme Frankcombe, Ian Harrison, Peter Ray, Jack Barker, Joe Conti, James Doherty, Corey Harris, Don Sweatman

Names of Guests:

Laurence Bellchambers, Bruce Irwin, James Leslie, Peter Radford, Alan Taylor, Bruce Tole, Alec Tuff, Ron Whittington, Robert Wolf, Matthew Stagg, Andrew Wood

Guest Speaker:

The Chairman introduced Gary France to the members. Gary is the Chairman for the AAT who will cover the topics tonight on IFAC and AAT.

The Inland Fisheries Advisory Council (IFAC) was established in 2000 under the IFS Act 1995 to advise the Minister on inland fisheries issues. This is now under the umbrella of NRE, formerly DPIPWE and the current Minister is Hon Jo Palmer. All issues must be raised via the AAT, not with IFAC.

The Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) is the peak body for freshwater anglers in Tasmania and works closely with the IFS to provide support and feedback to both anglers and governments.

Gary indicated that their website will be under review with the webcam possibly being a “user-pays” system to help offset the costs of maintenance. A nominal \$10 per annum was accepted by the members present.

A project that was recently completed this year was the ‘Insect study on shallow highland waters’. This was done at Penstock Lagoon where the focus was on water quality and possible insect decline. This was undertaken in November and March and made possible with a grant from Hydro Tasmania. It is planned to repeat the study in subsequent years to confirm any changes.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Drone footage has shown footage of prop damage along the western frontage.

Other projects that are either underway or in the pipeline are – Junior Angler Programs, and Angler Amenities upgrade.

Club members are encouraged to attend meetings or forward ideas/issues directly to the AAT.

The Chairman led the members in appreciation to Gary for his comprehensive and informative presentation.

Appreciation:

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the members that supplied the foods for the Christmas in Winter last Saturday. And to Ross Frankcombe for cooking the roasts.

Minutes of last meeting:

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by Tom Seppala, and **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Club newsletters – (email) VFFA, SAFFA, GFFC,
2. Don Cameron – 14 membership nomination forms.
3. John Stagg – Nominating Tom Seppala for the 'snorkel award'.

Outwards:

1. Paul Middleton – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. 14 New members – (email) Welcome to the FFCT.
3. Bendigo Bank – (email) Disagreeing with their decision on our reimbursement.
4. Tom & Chris – (email) Invitation as guest speakers for October.
5. Mervyn Ponting – (email) Invitation as guest speaker for December.

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

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:



The Treasurer noted that the new dual signature process is working fine. He then moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Chris Crawford, and **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising:

The members were informed that there has been no response yet from the Bendigo Bank on our objection to their decision for reimbursement.

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

Martin expressed his appreciation to Ian Webb for his continued support for shack bookings and the key controls. A gift voucher will be presented to him by Chris.

New Members:

Martin welcomed 9 new members from the CFF&FCA to the FFCT:

Laurence Bellchambers, Bruce Irwin, James Leslie, Peter Radford, Alan Taylor, Bruce Tole, Alec Tuff, Ron Whittington, Robert Wolf

We hope that their journey will be fruitful and enjoyable.

New Committeeman:

Martin reminded the members that we are still short 1 committee member. And interested members can attend the committee meeting next week as a guest to see how it works - or contact the Secretary.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Martin 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 for others that may join.

The Club now has Fly casting classes held at Grindelwald the coordinator is Don Cameron.

The next outings are – July 16th, 30th starting at 10:00am ending at 12:00pm. A location map is in the last newsletter.

Don noted that the first casting class of each month will be a BYO BBQ and all are welcome to join.

Christmas in Winter:

Jimmy reported that 9 members attended the well-cooked meal by Ross and were treated many deserts of fruit pies, trifle, ice cream, and Christmas pudding. All washed down with many different libations.

We then awoke on Sunday to a near perfect calm, sunny day – that we don't get during the season.

Fly Tying Nights:

It was agreed that the Club will hold fly tying nights on the same night as the committee meetings – both starting at 7:00pm.

Club Shacks:

The members were reminded that over the off-season period the shack rental is half price.

And that Noonamena has been 'winterproofed' for the off season, so any members must follow the same procedure if they stay there during that time. All processes are posted on the walls. All new members are encouraged to attend the shacks with a more experienced member to learn the processes. If in doubt – ASK.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Other General Business:

Nil

Fishing Reports:

There was a resounding silence with no member willing to reveal their efforts over the last month. Gary France noted that he has caught whiting and barracouta in the Tamar – but not on the fly.

Club Raffles:

The Club raffle was drawn by new member Alec Tuff and won by Richard Hawley.

Next Meeting:

August 2nd – Peter Hopkins (MAST)

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm



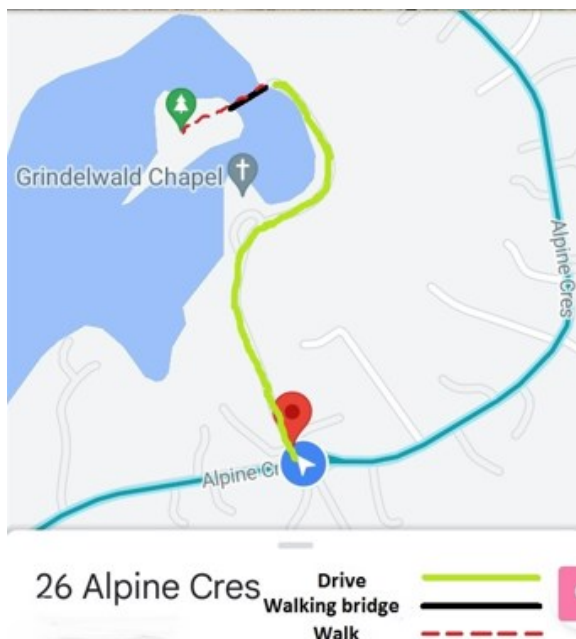
Vice Principal Martin Hingston
and Guest speaker Gary France

Club Fly Fishing Classes

Myrtle Park “Basic Fly Fishing” Confirmed Dates

- ◆ October 15th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Coordinator Jimmy Ellenberger.



Access to the property
of 26 Alpine Crescent .



Gate to enter the property of
26 Alpine Crescent.

Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirmed Dates

- ◆ August 13th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ August 27th, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Coordinator Don Cameron.

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



Vice President Martin Hingston with the 9 new members from the old Corralinn Fly Fishing & Casting Club

FOR SALE

Yamaha Four Stroke outboard motor; 4hp, medium shaft, used locally

\$900

Contact Don Harkness **0408 133 697**

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: 20498 9909

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

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