



# **Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.**

Founded 17th August 1955

**Postal Address:** PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

## **Newsletter - October 2023**

### **Coming Up**

#### **Next General Meeting:**

**7:30pm 4th October 2023**

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

#### **Next Committee Meeting:**

**7:00pm 11th October 2023**

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

### **Guest Fly Tyers**

**Join us and enjoy some creative fly tying by**

**Gary Cullen, Steven Hill and Alan Taylor**

**The flies tied will be what could be on the trout's menu on  
your next trip.**

### **Next Club Outings:**

**Grindelwald "Basic Fly Fishing Class" (15th October) - Refer Page 4**

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

### **Fly Tying Nights:**

**7:00pm 11th October 1-3 Chant Street**

## Winter Fly Fishing by Gavin Chugg

Normally I would leave fishing during the off-season and wait for the trout opening in August. However, with twin boys, Sam and Lachlan (always keen to fish), fishing is always 'on the cards' and can happen in any weather and at any time of year.

Lach, was keen to get a couple of trips in for practice before the opening proper of the trout season and in wintery June the chosen location for the sessions was Brushy Lagoon. We fished Brushy three times during June and July. On all three occasions my phone was receiving weather warnings of gale force winds and rain from the Deckee boating App, not ideal, and I did not need to look at my phone to know the weather was atrocious.

On all visits we caught good numbers of brown and rainbow trout, and a salmon, using streamer fly patterns. Sink tip, and type 5 sinking lines, in water depths of 4 to 7 metres, were used from our drifting boat. The best streamer flies were combinations of Shrek, Humongous, Magoo, and the Black and Chartreuse Streamer (photographed). Retrieve rates were generally slow, using distinct pauses, before bringing the flies up to the important 'hang'.

On opening day 2023, Lach and I, were on Four Springs Lake before sunrise. Our aim was to improve on our previous 'first morning' efforts, and to see if our practice sessions at Brushy had paid off. Using the methods we had practiced it did not take long before fish started coming to the net. Opening day of the 2023 trout season was our best to date.

I have included the materials that I have used to tie one of the streamers mentioned, the Black and Chartreuse streamer. I am, by no means, claiming to be the inventor of this fly. In fact, an internet search of streamer patterns shows many similar ties with various names.

### Black and Chartreuse Streamer

**Hook:-** Hanak H230BL, size 10.

**Bead:-** Hanak 2.8mm, chartreuse.

**Thread:-** Black.

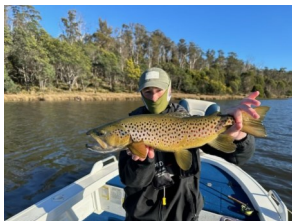
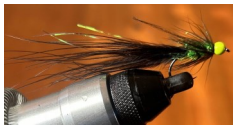
**Body:-** Spectra Dubbing, Code 96.

**Rib:-** Gold wire.

**Tail:-** Black Marabou.

**Tail Flash:-** Flashabou, pearl/olive

**Hackle:** Black hen



Gavin with a nice brown



Lachie with a nice 'bow

## Book Review

### Tasmanian Mayflies (Identification, Ecology, Behaviour and Imitation)

By Ron Thresher

The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania has been fortunate to receive a copy of this book from the CSIRO prior to its release in the bookshops.

The Author Ron Thresher has devoted 30 years of study on the behavioural ecology of aquatic insects. He is also an avid fly fisherman - when the time permits. It is from his angling background that he makes the information easy to read and understand. For those that are more scientifically minded he has included a chapter for 'further reading'.

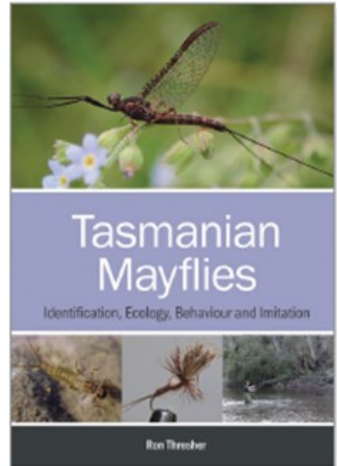
The book (as the title says) covers the mayfly species in Tasmania (and SE Australia). It describes the identification of each type of mayfly from each of the four stages of their life cycle. This is included with some detailed illustrations and magnificent photographs. It describes the important ecological role that the aquatic insects play in health of the waterways. And the behaviour of each stage below and above the water line.

A chapter is dedicated to reasons why there was a decline in the mayflies in Tasmania and how recent sampling has shown that it may be recovering, but with some species unfortunately not in certain areas.

The last 2 chapters have been provided as an important reference to fly fisherman. It lists where each mayfly will be encountered and what fly imitation had worked for the author.

This book is an important addition to an angler's library and a must for any fly fisherman this copy will be stored in the Club library.

It is published by the CSIRO Publishing and retails for \$59.99.



# Club Fly Fishing Classes

## Grindelwald “Basic Fly Fishing” Confirmed Dates

- ◆ October 15th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Coordinator Jimmy Ellenberger.

## Club Outings

The Contact coordinator for all Club Outings is now Graeme Frankcombe

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- **Four Springs Lake** : (16<sup>th</sup> September) Not a formal outing—just fishing.
- **Lake Fergus** : (25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November) Limited to 10 vehicles—book early.
- **Penstock Lagoon** : (9<sup>th</sup> December) “One Fly”
- **Little Pine Lagoon** : (21<sup>st</sup> January) “Cane Day”
- **Little Pine Lagoon** : (27<sup>st</sup> January) “Pine Plunder”

Over the next few newsletters I will be adding some articles with permission from Allan Ekert.

Allan is the Editor of the Coffs Coast Fly Fishers newsletter “The Flyer”.

He is now an FFCT member, being transferred from the CFF&CA recently and a certified casting instructor.



## President's Report

Hello members.

I hope that most of you are having more luck wetting a line than I am having.

Between work and bad weather, I am not having much luck. Hopefully that will change soon.

I would like to thank Richard Hawley for continuing as secretary and newsletter editor, John Quarry as treasurer and the other committee members who have agreed to continue on.

A big thankyou to two new committeemen Peter Ray and Keith Blewett who have agreed to join the committee and Immediate Past President Peter Berne for his work over the past year.

I have been told that there are some mayflies appearing on Four Springs, this should bring on some dry fly action for those who fish this water.

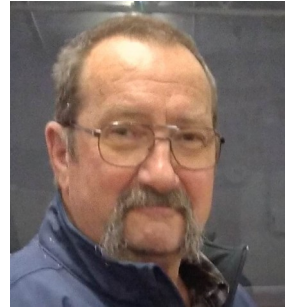
At our next meeting we will have Gary Cullen, Stephen Hill and Alan Taylor showing off their tying skills at the fly-tying vice.

There are several club outings coming up over the next few months. These are listed on the whiteboard in the club rooms and also in the newsletter. I would hope club members support these outings if possible.

With the weather starting to warm up, I will be hoping for some good fishing reports at the next meeting.

Martin Hingston,

President FFCT.



# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 6th of September 2023

**Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm.**

## **Welcome:**

Vice President Martin Hingston took the Chair and welcomed the 37 members and 2 guests to the Annual General meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned phones off or placed on to silent.

## **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Peter Berne, Marcus Rae, Joe Conti, Glenn Becher, Stephen Hill, Nigel For-teath, James Doherty, Robert Wolf, Ron Whittington, Dan Dempsey, Norm King, Scott James, Alan Styles, Jim Leslie

## **Guests:**

Matthew Stagg, Andrew Wood

## **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

The Secretary moved the 2022 minutes that appeared in the newsletter for acceptance, se-  
conded by Chris Crawford - and **carried unanimously**.

## **Matters Arising:**

Nil

## **President's Annual Report:**

The Chairman moved the President's report that appeared in the newsletter for acceptance,  
seconded by Corey Harris – and **carried unanimously**.

## **Treasurer's Annual Report:**

The Treasurer highlighted the items that were listed in the prepared Club's audit thanks to  
Alan Styles.

The total current assets in the Bendigo Bank 2022 (\$7571.19); 2023 (\$16,539.49) with an in-  
crease in members equity to \$27,019.85. The comparison of payments and receipts are 2022  
(\$23,750.65) to 2023 (\$32,218.26).

The Club's listed assets were also revealed, including the library contents, Club rods, shacks &  
contents, and land.

The complete financial details will be listed in the coming newsletter.

The Treasurer moved the audited annual report for acceptance, seconded by Jimmy Ellen-  
berger – and **carried unanimously**.

## 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

### Election of Office Bearers & Committee:

The Chairman (prior to standing down) then asked the Public Officer to confirm the nominations received in accordance with Club Rules.

The executive nominations received were:

**President** – Martin Hingston; **Secretary** – Richard Hawley; **Senior Vice President** – Peter Berne; **Vice President** – Jack Barker; **Treasurer** – John Quarry.

As there was only 1 person nominated for each position – those were duly elected to their position.

The nominations received for the committee were:

Graeme Frankcombe, George Dale, Bill Greensmith, Jimmy Ellenberger, Peter Ray

Nominations was called from the floor for the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the committee. As there was no response this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The New President declared those committee members duly elected and congratulated all incoming Office Bearers and Committee 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.

The Chairman asked if any other member would like to take on this role - with no success. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

### CLUB AWARDS:

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy: **No Award**

Snorkel Award Awarded to:

Jimmy Ellenberger: This is Jimmy's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive award. It happened 3 hours into last year's season whilst trying to jump across the Camden River. The bank collapsed and he fell headfirst into the river.

Tom Seppala: Was found submerged in Little Pine somehow falling out of his boat by John Stagg. John towed Tom back to Bertram's Island where he could remove his waders, get back in his boat and return to the shack for dry gear.

Life Membership Awards: **Jimmy Ellenberger**

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:45pm**

# Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 6th of September 2023

**MEETING OPENED: 8:07pm.**

**Welcome:**

New President Martin Hingston welcomed the 39 members and 2 guests to the September meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

**Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Peter Berne, Marcus Rae, Joe Conti, Glenn Becher, Stephen Hill, Nigel For-teath, James Doherty, Robert Wolf, Ron Whittington, Dan Dempsey, Norm King, Scott James, Alan Styles, Jim Leslie

**Names of Guests:**

Matthew Stagg, Andrew Wood

**Appreciation:**

The President expressed his appreciation to:

- The members that have either joined or continued on the committee.
- Jimmy for working on the cameras and the water pump issue at Koongara.
- Richard for the donation of flies and installing the gas pipe.

**Minutes of last meeting:**

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representa-tive record of that meeting, seconded by John Quarry – and **carried unanimously**.

**Matters arising:**

Nil

**Correspondence (since last meeting):**

**Inwards:**

1. Club Newsletters – (email) TFTC, VFFA, GFFC,
2. Martin Hingston – Membership nomination form for Andrew Wood.
3. Christopher Bassano – (email) Accepting role as guest speaker in April.
4. Amelia Rockliff (CSIRO) – (email) Invitation to review their latest books.
5. AFCA – (email) Registered the Club's complaint with the Bendigo Bank.
6. Nadine Cove (CHC) – (email) Will the Club be holding a stall at the Bothwell Bushfest.

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

7. Stuart Walsh – (email) Resignation from Club.
8. Norm Cribbin – (email) Invitation to Great Lake Tie-In on 14<sup>th</sup> October.
9. Peter Brooks – (email) Requesting donations and auction details for LWFFC.
10. Randall Trethewie – (email) Confirmed access to Lake Fergus for 25/26 November.
11. Malcolm Crosse – (email) Update on the St Patricks Plains windfarm & seeking submissions.
12. Mike Stevens – Tasmanian Fishing & boating news #154.
13. Shelly Liddell – (email) Invitation to register FFCT in 'Get Active in the North' booklet.
14. AFCA – (email) Bendigo Bank has agreed to reimburse \$4500 to us.

### Outwards:

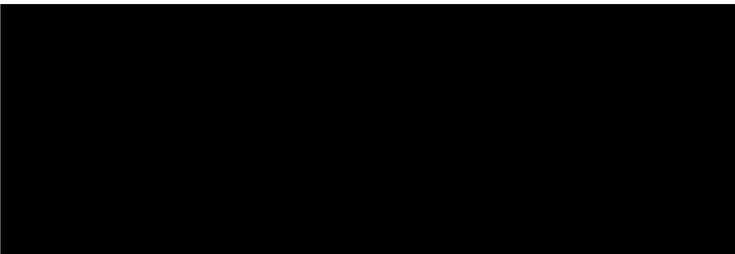
1. Keegan Higgs – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Mike Stevens – (email) Appreciation for invitation to Greg French's book launch at the Van Dieman Fly Fishing Club meeting.
3. Bendigo Bank – (email) Final notice prior to contacting the Ombudsmen.
4. Terry Horan – (email) Invitation as guest speaker for March.
5. Christopher Bassano – (email) Invitation as guest speaker for April.
6. AFCA – (email) Completed the complaint forms about the Bendigo Bank.
7. Randall Trethewie – (email) Requesting access to Lake Fergus for 25/26 November.

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

### Matters arising:

*Inwards 14:* The Secretary gave the reasons as to why we only received the \$4500 and not the full amount.

### Treasurer's Report:



## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

John noted that \$5000 from the Club has been repaid to him and it will appear in the next report.

The Treasurer moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Peter Ray - and **carried unanimously**.

### **Matters arising:**

The members were informed that the full amount that is owed to the Treasurer will eventually be paid.

The President led the members in appreciation to the Secretary for his role in recovering some of the monies stolen.

### **General Business:**

#### **Chairman's Lead:**

#### **New Members:**

Martin welcomed the Club's newest member, Andrew Wood #499. We hope that his journey with the Club is rewarding.

#### **Committee:**

Martin asked if there were any members that would be interested in nominating for the last position on the committee. They are welcome to attend the next committee meeting as a guest.

Martin reminded the members:

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

#### **Great Lake Tie In:**

This was originally scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> October (10:00am – 3:00pm) at the Great Lake Community Hall, however due to the referendum it will be either relocated or on the Sunday. We will be notified early next week of the decision. The Club has been invited to tie on the day and members that are interested must notify the secretary. Lyndon Haines may be a starter on the day. There will also be a "meet & greet" on the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Club Outings: (on whiteboard)**

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

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

- Next outings are – September 10<sup>th</sup> & BYO BBQ, 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am ending at 12:00pm

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- September (Four Springs Lake Sat.16<sup>th</sup> – not a formal outing just fishing)
- October (Grindelwald “Basic fly-fishing class” Sun.15<sup>th</sup>, “COTA class” Sun.22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Mike Stevens indicated that at present there are no starters for the BFF class.
- November (Lake Fergus “Foray” 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - Limited to 10 vehicles each way and all enter and leave together. Corey and Andrew Wood are starters.
- December (Penstock Lagoon “One Fly” Sat.9<sup>th</sup>)
- January (Little Pine Lagoon “Cane Day” Sat.20<sup>th</sup>, “Plunder” Sat.27<sup>th</sup>)
  - Chris will advertise the Cane Day in FaceBook, the webpage and Newsletter.
- February (Grindelwald “Basic fly-fishing class” TBC, “Western Lakes” TBC)
- March (Four Springs Lake “CUAD” Sat.9<sup>th</sup>)

### Channel 9 Travel Guide Series:

Jimmy informed the members that Kate Bowman will not be involving the Club in this outing.

### Fly Tying Nights:

Same night and place as committee meetings starting at 7:00pm - all welcome.

Dan Dempsey said that he will not be attending if there are only a couple of other tyers.

### Club Shacks:

#### Pine

This has been ‘winterproofed’ for the off season, so any members must follow the same procedure if they stay there during that time. If in doubt – ASK. It will be returned to normal at the end of September.

#### Koongara:

In the early part of the season the existing bunks will be resized. There will be some inconvenience to members staying at the shacks, but the result will be worth it. Our main carpenter is recovering from surgery, so we will not start until he has fully recovered.

### Other General Business:

Chris noted that he has contacted St Patricks College and awaiting a return call. He said that there are now 3 grade 9’s which will mean 3 sessions. Chris will report back to the committee after he hears from the college.

### Fishing Reports:

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

The only information received was from 3 lakes.

Little Pine provided some good results on opening day and plenty of tailers along the cricket pitch shore. Even though it was a bright blue day they tailed until 3:00pm.

Lake Fergus yielded some fish, but like 'Pine the large ones are lean and smaller ones in good condition.

4 Springs Lake was searched with a variety of flies with no success and no duns present.

### **Club Raffles:**

Tim Butcher drew the night's raffle which was won by Tom Seppala.

### **Next Meeting:**

October fly tying (Gary Cullen, Stephen Hill, Alan Taylor)

**Meeting Closed: 8:35pm**



Our newest life member Jimmy Ellenberger is congratulated by  
Club President Martin Hingston.



AN EXPO OF FLY TYING AND FLY FISHING

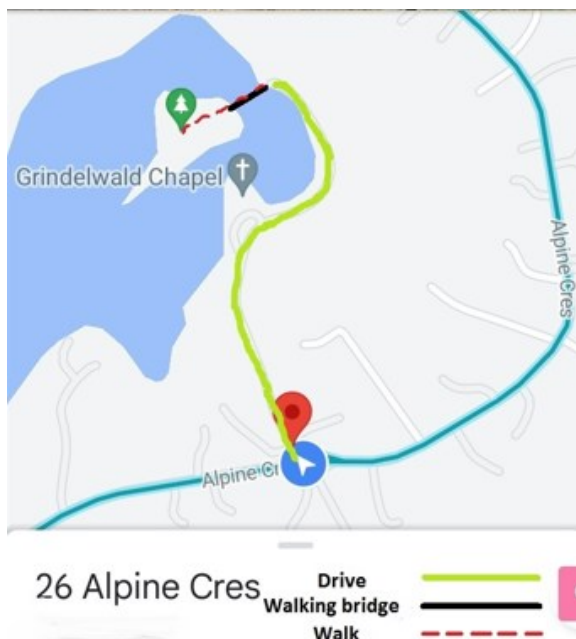
# **GREAT LAKE TIE-IN**

Inland Fisheries Service Liawenee  
Field Station, Highland Lakes Rd.  
Approx. 10 km North of Miena.

10 to 3pm

**14th October 2023**

**greatlaketiein@gmail.com**



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

- ◆ September 24th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ October 8th, 10:00am - 12:00pm (and BYO BBQ)
- ◆ October 22th, 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/](http://www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/)

**Remember booking is made only by a phone call**

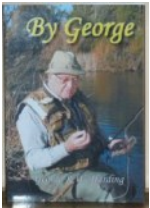


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**Koongara**

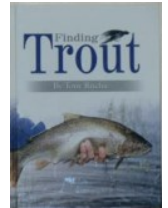
## **Club Library**



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**

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**Payments and club banking Details**

**Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania**

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

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