



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - November 2023

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 1st November 2023

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

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 8th November 2023

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

Guest Speaker

Jules Stevens

**Jules has competed successfully in the WWFFC
in Scotland and just returned from Canada.**

Next Club Outings:

Lake Fergus (25th & 26th November) - Refer Page 4

Penstock Lagoon (9th December) - Refer Page 4

Fly Tying Nights: (Last One for 2023)

7:00pm 8th November 1-3 Chant Street

What a Difference a Fly Line Makes by ALLAN EKERT

An activity that we do often in our weekly casting group is a rod testing session. This consists of having everyone place their rod in a circle so that each person has a chance to cast each rod in turn. I sometimes throw in a few of my rods to make things interesting. My rods range from very cheap to expensive and include 4 or 5 identical rods. The identical rods are matched with different line and leader setups. To avoid preconceived ideas about rod brands, I mask the information about the rod with tape. This is probably not necessary in the case of most newcomers who have yet to learn that "sage" is not just an herb they grow in their garden. Working in pairs, the group then spends about 5 minutes "testing" each rod with short casts, long casts, and roll casts. Then they must write up their findings on the sheet provided:



Rod: State Brand name written on blank (if visible)

Weight: What weight line is the rod rated for? e.g., 5 weight (guess if it is covered up)

Comments about Line: Does the line work with this rod, how does it feel, what taper does the line have?

Comments about the Rod and Line: Some rods are identical but have been setup with different lines. Pay particular attention to the way the rod responds to the line and comment on the way the rod and line work together.

Rod	Weight	Comments about Line
Comments about Rod and Line:		

The handful of people who read these articles are probably part of this casting group and know about this already. Those who haven't been involved will be wondering where all this is leading. The reason I am writing about this comes from the discussion and questions that this activity generates. The "testing" leads to conversations about fly rods and fly lines and what a difference a fly line can make.

Of the many things discovered and talked about during these casting sessions, the biggest eye opener for most people is how fly rods perform with different fly lines. When you only own one or two outfits that have been put together by someone in a fly shop, you are not always aware that there are other options. It is only as you try a variety of rod and line com-

binations that you can see and feel the difference. This is where a casting group with a range of rods and lines to try is invaluable. It also helps to have a casting instructor who has too many rods and lines.



As an aside, I wrote an article about fly lines back in 2015. Back then, I did a Google search and counted over 60 different fly lines on the market, and that does not include all the no-name brands from China. Although there are so many brands on the market there are only a handful of manufacturers who make these lines. I could only find 6 major manufacturers of fly lines in the world (again, excluding China). If you do the maths, you can see that many different brands come out of the same factory. I think if I were to count fly lines and manufacturers today the figures wouldn't be much different. You can see an updated list at the end of the article.

The difference a fly line makes really became obvious when comparing identical rods set up with different lines. Five 4 weight rods were assembled with various lines and leaders. The rods were definitely at the cheaper end of the market but when they were matched with the right line, they performed very well and scored quite highly in the opinion of the casters. When the rods and lines didn't work together, the results were equally obvious.

Comments about how the rods and lines worked together left people asking lots of questions about fly lines. When you have spent as much money as I have on fly lines, you take it for granted that everyone knows all there is to know about fly lines. That wasn't the case within our group, and it may not be the case with you. So, for those who are beginning their fly-fishing journey, I need to go back and explain a few things about fly lines. If you already know these things, you can skip this section (you probably haven't bothered to read this far anyway!).

As I mentioned earlier, I have written about fly lines on several occasions in this column, but I am still only scratching the surface on the subject. If you want the whole picture there's Google and plenty of books, videos, and magazine articles by more knowledgeable people than me. One of the most authoritative figures in the design of fly lines is Bruce Richards of Scientific Anglers. He is considered by many to be one of the top fly casters and instructors in the world and what he doesn't know about fly lines is not worth knowing. His book, "Modern Fly Lines", published in 1994, is still regarded as the 'bible' on fly lines and sells for over \$200 when one can be found.

Continued in the December newsletter.

Club Outings

The Contact coordinator for all Club Outings is now Graeme Frankcombe

Email: graemef59@bigpond.com ; Phone 0458 421 909

- **Lake Fergus** : (25th & 26th November) Limited to 10 vehicles—book early.
- **Penstock Lagoon** : (9th December) “One Fly”
- **Little Pine Lagoon** : (21st January) “Cane Day”
- **Little Pine Lagoon** : (27st January) “Pine Plunder”

Lake Fergus

Our annual event at Lake Fergus will be taking place soon.

Members are encouraged to book early as there is only a maximum of 15 places available and limited to 10 vehicles.

Date:	25th November
Time:	8:30am
Location Point:	Noonamena
Contact:	Graeme Frankcombe (0458 421 909)

graemef59@bigpond.com

This outing is a camping, fishing, and social get together. The Saturday nights are usually one to remember, everybody discovers something new about their Club member.

The event ends at about 2:30pm on Sunday 26th, when all will leave in convoy back to the Marlborough Road.

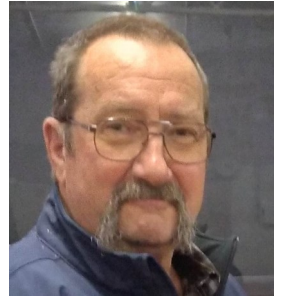
RSVP: 2nd November



President's Report

Hello members.

I don't know how everyone else is feeling, but I am getting very sick of this windy weather!!! It seems like the weather is good when I have to work, then when I get a few days off it turns to crap. Hopefully this will improve in the near future.



I recently had a phone call from a member who had stayed at Noonamena and was unable to get the hot water heater working, normally the heater will ignite when the hot taps are turned on, no other steps should need to be taken. I don't know if any other members have had problems with the heater.

Any problems at either Noonamena or Koongara should be reported directly to committee members or the shack wardens.

At our last committee meeting, due to the issues with the Bendigo Bank it was decided to move the club accounts to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

This will be done in the near future.

A refund of \$4500 is to be made to the Treasurer, this will repay all the money that the treasurer put into the club.

Once again a big thank you to John for doing this.

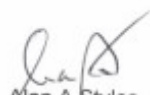
At our next meeting the guest speaker will be Jules Stevens, who will report on her recent and successful experiences at the WWFFC which were held in Scotland and Canada.

Martin Hingston. President FFCT.

The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

Statement of Members Equity and Assets as at 30th June 2023

2022	Notes	2023
<u>Members Equity</u>		
585870.88		\$584,594.64
		18556.55
(65.00)		(505.00)
(1211.24)		8968.30
(1276.24)		27019.85
\$584,594.64		\$611,614.49
<u>Represented By</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
7571.19		16539.49
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<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>		
5220.00		5725.00
2351.19		10814.49
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
<u>(At Cost or Members Valuation)</u>		
3250.00	4	3900.00
200.00	4	200.00
1000.00	4	900.00
2420.00	4	2500.00
2448.00	4	2350.00
	4	950.00
<u>Improvements</u>		
2194.97	5	
30730.48	5	
<u>Land and Buildings – Freehold Titles at Member Valuations</u>		
80000.00	5	80000.00
250000.00	5	250000.00
60000.00	5	60000.00
150000.00	5	200000.00
582243.45		600800.00
\$584,594.64		\$611,614.49


 Alan A Styles
 B Bus(Acc) FCPA
 Accountant
 23rd August 2023

The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June 2023

2022

Notes

2023

Receipts


4304.00	Subscriptions Current Year (20/21)	4634.00
1997.00	Subs in Advance, Members Credit Accounts	2352.00
	Entrance fees	44.00
1500.00	Fly Fishing Tutorials	560.00
4311.00	Shack Rentals	4315.00
	Key Deposits	150.00
194.20	Sundry Income - Gaffer, Badges, Ties, Recoveries, Fly Bowl	138.90
330.00	Talbots, Plunder and Cane	80.00
812.00	Donations (Includes Gerry Grundy)	100.00
424.85	Annual Dinner, Meeting and Supper Charges	489.50
269.20	Raffles	230.00
450.25	Sundry Receipts	138.83
0.72	Interest	0.73
	Security Deposit John Quarry	9500.00
	Funds from Amalgamation Corra Lynn Fly Fishers Club	4839.11
375.00	Xmas in July	75.00
14968.22		27647.07
8782.43	Add Bank and Deposit Balances Forward from Previous Year	7571.19
<u>\$23,750.65</u>		<u>\$35,218.26</u>

Payments

503.00	Public Liability Insurance	503.00
4164.17	Shacks Insurance	4500.00
6366.67	Shacks Maintenance and Other Costs	1604.19
1349.24	Repeater	
356.96	Gerry Grundy	
250.00	Raffle Prizes	
869.08	Computer	551.00
612.64	Newsletters, Printing and Stationery	625.40
139.00	Postages and Bank Fees	159.00
66.00	Filing Fees	68.00
225.00	Rent - Chant Street	210.00
287.30	Sundry Expenses	490.76
134.00	Badges, Trophies and Engraving	436.10
432.30	Library Costs (Koongara Book)	
364.10	Talbots, Plunder and Cane	
	Funds Lost through Scam	9500.00
60.00	Xmas in July	31.32
7571.19	Debtors, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances at Close	16539.49
<u>\$23,750.65</u>		<u>\$35,218.26</u>

Reconciliation of Cash Surplus/Deficit

7571.19	Debtors, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances on Close of Year	16539.49
(8782.43)	Less Receivables, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances from Previous Year	(7571.19)
<u>(\$1,211.24)</u>	Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>\$8,968.30</u>


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Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 4th of October 2023

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 22 members to the October meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent, then outlined the plan for tonight. Which will be a quick meeting first, then enjoy some creative fly tying from 3 of our members.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Peter Berne, Marcus Rae, Graeme Frankcombe, Phil Harker, George Dale, Don Cameron, Robert Wolf, Andrew Wood, James Doherty, Dan Dempsey, John Stagg, Vince Bannon, Robin Camilleri, Glenn Becher

Appreciation:

Keith Blewett for nominating for the committee and installing the proper gas tape and fittings at Noonamena.

John Quarry for updating the Club trophies.

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 Chris Crawford – and **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Club Newsletters – (email) SAFFA, GFFC,
2. AAT – (email) Viewing of the webcams will be \$10 per year.
3. Alec Tuff – (email) No contact with the Grindelwald management.
4. Michael Scott (Parks) – (email) Gates to Western Lakes & Double Lagoon Opened.
5. InTas – (email) Renewal of building insurance.
6. Frely Langgoyan – (email) Rise Fly fishing film tour is at Du Cane Brewery on 25 October.
7. Malcolm Crosse – (email) New AAT website and webcam fee form.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

8. Parks – (email) Toilets near the campground are being upgraded (between Nov. & Dec 2023).

Outwards:

1. Alec Tuff – (email) Raised concerns on Basic Fly-Fishing Class at Gridelwald.
2. Scott James – (email) Suggested dates for guest speaker role.
3. Matthew Stagg – Membership acceptance letter.
4. Consumer, Building & Occupational Services (CBOS) – (email) Audited Club report.
5. InTas – (email) Concerns on insurance premium and other items.

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

Matters arising:

Inwards 6: This is limited to 175 people.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$

Income: \$

Bendigo: \$

Petty Cash:

Cash Book:

The Treasurer moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Bruce Irwin – and **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

New Members:

The President and member officially welcomed our newest member Stephen Hill #498 to the Club.

Club Insurance:

As the invoice of \$5880 exceeds our allowable normal payment of \$2000 it must be approved

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

for payment by the members tonight. The Secretary noted the correspondence with 'InTas' and the reasons why other companies will not submit a quotation prior to the President opening it to the members for discussion.

All agreed that it should be paid being the lowest.

*Gary Cullen moved the motion that the FFCT pay the nominated amount, seconded by Charles Peck – and **carried unanimously**.*

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 will be held on the 14th of October 10:00am – 3:00pm at the IFS Field station at Liaweene.

Martin thanked Nathan Merriman who will be representing our Club on the day.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

Members heading out on an excursion may also place their information on the white board to encourage other members to join.

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

Next outings are – October 8th & BYO BBQ; October 22nd both starting at 10:00am ending at 12:00pm

Casting Classes:

- October 15th (Grindelwald "Basic fly-fishing class") Mike Stevens to confirm the numbers to the Secretary.
- October 22nd "COTA class" Sunday {currently there are 3 starters}

Fishing Outings: Graeme Frankcombe is the contact and coordinator for all Club fishing outings.

- November (Lake Fergus "Foray" 25th / 26th)
- December (Penstock Lagoon "One Fly" Sat.9th) BYO Foods & drinks
- January (Little Pine Lagoon "Cane Day" Sun.21st, "Plunder" Sat.27th)
- February (Grindelwald "Basic fly-fishing class" TBC, "Western Lakes" TBC)

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- March (Four Springs Lake "CUAD" Sat.9th)

Fly Tying Nights:

This is held on the same night and place as committee meetings. (All welcome)

Club Shacks:

Pine

Any members, particularly new ones that are unsure of any shack procedures should ask prior to heading up or stay with an experienced member.

The members were reminded that the direction of the gas switch in the gas cage indicates which bottle is currently being used. The switch should not be placed in the vertical position because the next member will not know which bottle is being used.

Members are to report any faults or shack issues to the warden or Club committee rather than attempting to fix it.

Koongara:

The existing bunks will be resized once Graeme has returned and fully recovered. There will be some inconvenience to members staying at the shacks, but the result will be worth it.

Other General Business:

Chris noted that he has had no feedback from the St Patricks College. So, it is possible that those classes may be ended.

Fishing Reports:

Lowlands: Four Springs is providing some excellent fishing with plenty of insects present, the duns appear at about 11:30am and continue through the day. Big Waterhouse has also yielded some good fish.

Highlands: Little Pine, Fergus and some Western Lakes trips by members resulted in fish that are long and lean. The smaller maiden fish are in excellent condition. Reports that Lake Crescent fish are as big and fat as ever.

Club Raffles:

The night's raffle was drawn by Keith Blewett and won by Peter Ray.

Next Meeting:

Before closing the meeting Martin noted that Jules Stevens if available will be our next guest speaker on her recent experiences in WWFFC in Scotland and Canada.

Meeting Closed: 8:00pm

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Guest Fly Tyers:

Th President directed the members to tonight's fly-tying team Gary Cullen, Stephen Hill, and Alan Taylor. Gary and Stephen will be creating their versions of parachute hackle flies and Alan will be tying his version of a stick caddis.



Gary Cullen



Alan Taylor



Stephen Hill



Parachute flies



Stick Caddis



President Martin Hingston (L)
and new member Stephen Hill

Pictures from the Great Lake Tie-In



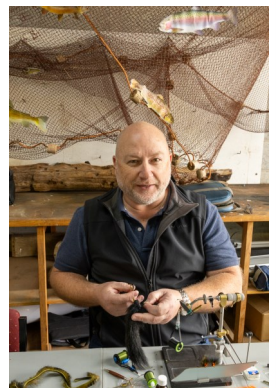
FFCT representative
Nathan Merriman



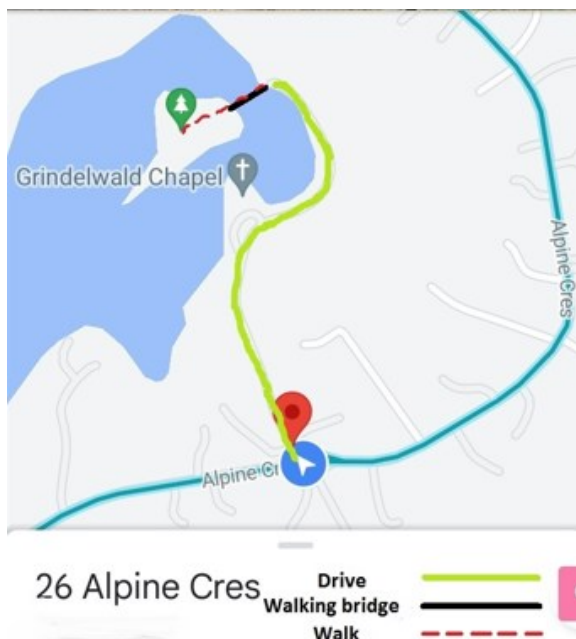
Club members
Corey Harris and Terry Horan (R)



Club member
Peter Rasmussen



Club member
Corey Harris



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

- ◆ October 22th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ November 5th, 10:00am - 12:00pm (and BYO BBQ)
- ◆ November 19th, 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



Noonamena



Koongara

Here are some wise words from our IT specialist Mervyn Ponting on web scams

Ensure you have up to date Anti Virus software.

- Ensure Operating system software updates are enabled and up to date.
- Use a modern internet browser such as "Edge, Chrome, Firefox or Safari"
- Create a strong and easy-to-remember password
- Where ever possible use a unique password for webservices such as banking or email.
- Enable 2 Factor Authentication for all websites and services that offer it.
- Learn to spot fake emails and websites

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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