



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

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Newsletter - January 2025

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 5th February 2025

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 12th February 2025

1-3 Chant Street,

East Launceston

Club Night

This is our end of year get together. Come along and enjoy some nibbles, drinks, test your knowledge in the trivia, great company and maybe win some raffles. Bring plenty of change to support the Club.

There is no General Meeting in January.

Next Club Outings:

Little Pine Lagoon "Pine Plunder" - 11th January (See page 2)

Little Pine Lagoon "Cane Day" - 26th January (See page 2)

Four Springs Lake "CUAD" - 8th March (See page 2)

Club Outings

Unless noted the Contact for all Club Outings is

Graeme Frankcombe (0458 421 909) graemef59@bigpond.com

January: 11th Little Pine Lagoon “Pine Plunder”

- 9:00am Assemble at shack; Fish until 5:30pm.
- Return to shack for reviews and presentation.
- Members are encouraged to bring their guests.

January: 26th Little Pine Lagoon “Cane Day” (RSVP 17/01/2025)

- 9:30am Register at FFCT shack; Fish from 10:00 — 4:30pm.
- Return to shack for supplied BBQ and presentation.
- An entry charge of \$20.
- All proceeds for “Prostate Cancer Research”
- Contact Chris Crawford - clcrawford@netspace.net.au

March: 8th Four Springs Lake “CUAD”

- 9:30am Register at the Boat Ramp car park.
- 11:30am Return to Boat Ramp car park to sign off.
- Members can fish before and after the clean up.



President's Report

Hello Members,

The Club has held some events recently, the first being an outing to Pine Tier Lagoon. This was attended by twelve Club members with some taking their partners. Some members camped at Pine Tier, whilst others stayed at Noonamena and attended for the day and some just came for the day.



Pine Tier is a very picturesque water to visit and there were a number number of small fish caught.

The December meeting was a social evening that was coupled for the first time with a trivia night. A big thank you to Charles Peck for setting the questions. The topics were based on the history of trout in Tasmania, the Club Foundation, Trout Anatomy, Highland Waters and our Club Shacks. The winning table scored twenty correct out of a possible thirty-four.

Thanks also to the members who helped out on the night.

The most recent event was the "One Fly" that was held at Penstock Lagoon. Seventeen members and one guest attended on the day. A 'bacon and egg' breakfast was prepared for the members before they headed out for the day's fishing.

The main choices of flies were Nymphs, Red Spinners, Stick Caddis and Possum Emergers. Twelve fish were caught during the day with all in good condition and some measuring well over 500mm.

The winning length that was drawn out of the hat was 450mm and Glenn Becher was declared the winner with a fish of that exact length.

There is no meeting in January, so I look forward to catching up with members at the February meeting hoping to hear some good fishing reports.

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas, stay safe and all the best for the new year.

Tight Lines.

Martin Hingston—President FFCT

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LISTING 2024/25

First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname
Gary	Allen	John	Dekkers (Life)
Gary	Baird	Dan	Dempsey
Katie	Baird	James	Doherty
Vince	Bannon	Peter	Donati
Jack	Barker	Peter	Duffy
Glenn	Becher	Allan	Ekert
Laurence	Belchambers	Jimmy	Ellenberger (Life)
Peter	Berne	Richard	Fela
Bob	Binns	Jim	Femler (Life)
Keith	Blewett	Tim	Fitzallen
Paul	Boer	William	Fox
Thane	Brady	Gary	France
Michael	Burgess	Graeme	Frankcombe (Life)
Ian	Button	Ross	Frankcombe (Life)
Don	Cameron	Marlin	Gilmour
Robin	Camilleri	Peter	Godfrey
Jesse	Campbell	Barry	Gough (Hon.)
Peter	Castles	Darren	Green
Steven	Charles	Bill	Greensmith
Gavin	Chugg	Andrew	Grubert
Christopher	Cohen	Garth	Haas
Michael	Collins	Lyndon	Haines
Joe	Confi	Phil	Harker
Ray	Costello (Life)	Don	Harkness
Chris	Crawford (Life)	Ian	Harrison
Gary	Cullen	Richard	Hawley (Life)
George	Dale	Jason	Herr
Bruce	Dean	Stephen	Hill
		Martin	Hingston
		Bill	Hodgetts

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First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname
Patrick	Horan	Peter	Radford
Terry	Horan	Marcus	Rae
Andrew	Howell	Peter	Rasmussen
John (Dr.)	Hughes	Peter	Ray
Bruce	Irwin	Andrew	Richman
Peter	Jones	Tony	Ritchie (Life)
Norm	King	Peter	Rumney
George	Kismanis	Tom	Seppala
Phil	Lebski	Annie	Skaratt
Tony	LeFevre	John	Stagg
James	Leslie	Matthew	Stagg
Gary	Long	Mike	Stevens
Robert	Lowther	Doug	Stingle
Phil	McKendrick	Alan	Styles
Nathan	Merriman	Gary	Sutcliffe
Nick	Memony	David	Swallow
Alan	Miller (Life)	Don	Sweetman
Rob	Moreton	Alan	Taylor (Life)
John	Monwood	Bruce	Tole (Life)
Scott	Murphy	Ian	Town
Geoff	Nixon	Alec	Tuff
Colin	Nye	David	Walker
Thomas	Parker	Kelth	Watson
David	Patmore	Philip	Watson
Charles	Peck (Life)	Des	Wheeldon
Les	Perkins	Steven	Williams
Frank	Pomogacs	Andrew	Wood
John	Quarry	Robert	Wolf

Club Outing to Pine Tier Lagoon

The FFCT annual trip to Lake Fergus was this year unavailable due to roadworks so Pine Tier Dam was picked as an alternative .

There are some beautiful ,sheltered campsites along the North East shore just before Gowan Brae Marsh that we chose as our location for the weekend with the lake edge only a few metres away.

Nine members of the club turned up to camp with another 4 coming on the Saturday for a days fishing on the lake in boats. Not a lot of fish were caught but we did see many smaller fish rising ,with plenty of fly life on the water. On the Friday evening the fish became very active taking red spinner along the shoreline but also hard to sort the better fish from the hundreds of smaller ones.

Some better size fish were seen in the deeper channels up toward the river and with gin clear water and bright conditions were also hard going.

The highlight of the trip for everyone was probably more the social interaction ,camping all together in a beautiful location, some whisky, some music and some good conversation around the campfire.

Thanks to the attendees, Peter and Sandra Berne, Gary and Katie Baird ,Terry Horan ,Glenn Becher, Jimmy Ellenberger Graeme and Pauline Frankcombe with Martin Hingston, Chris Crawford, Andrew Wood, Phil Harkness coming for the Saturday.

Cheers Graeme.





Camping sites at Pine Tier Lagoon



Christmas barbeque at The Isle of Shalom for the casting crew and their partners.



Glenn Becher
2024 Winner of the 'One Fly'



Some of the members that attended the 2024 'One Fly'

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 4th of December 2024

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the **30** members and **1** guest to the December meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

He informed the members that the plan tonight is to have a quick meeting, then set up the tables for the trivia. Each member will be given a ticket and those members with the same number are to sit together during the trivia.

Andrew Wood is in control of the raffles tonight and each raffle has a different ticket colour. Make sure that you get 2 tickets from John Dekkers.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Annie Skarratt, Peter Ray, Peter Rasmussen, Don Cameron, Jim Leslie, Dan Dempsey

Name of Guests:

Gary Batey

Appreciation:

The President expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- Gary Cullen for the donation of flies and fly box.
- Charles Peck for creating the questions for tonight's trivia.
- Peter Berne for supplying the foods and drinks tonight.
- Keith Blewett and David Swallow for donation the raffle prizes tonight.

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 **John Quarry – and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) GFFC, VFFA, SAFFA, Coffs CFFC, TFTC,
2. CUAD – (email) Registration for clean-up.
3. Jeremy Ranicar – (email) Notice of TIC AGM and agenda for 26/01/2025.
4. Ian Ferrier – (email) Invoices for Rates, Land Tax and PL Insurance for Hollis Banks.
5. Mandy Forteath – (email) Nigel has had a fall off a ladder and broken the L1 vertebrae.
6. AAT – (email) Follow up insect sampling study at Penstock Lagoon on 7th December.

Outwards:

1. CUAD – (email) Registered Club for Four Springs clean-up.
2. Bruce Dean – (email) Invitation to play an old fishing film in February.

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

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 393.28 (\$238 Rates, \$79.80 Wine, \$27.70 Key cutting)

Income: \$ 295.00 (\$150 Shacks, \$87 Subs)

CBA: \$ 6,473.63

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 6,473.63

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by **Graeme Frankcombe – and carried unanimously.**

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

Martin outlined some reminders for the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each.
- To send photos and /or articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.
- Members heading out on an excursion may also place their information on the white board.

Club Outings: (on whiteboard)

December - **14th** Penstock "One Fly". *Graeme noted that there are 11 confirmations so far.*

Final Bookings are required tonight; there is a fee of \$15 for the food and 'day rate'.

January - **11th** Little Pine 'Pine Plunder' (no confirmations are required) *There are varied reports on the fishing at Pine, so if needed we may select another venue.*

26th Little Pine 'Cane Day' (Confirmations to Chris) *Chris noted that the TFTC are holding a dinner on Saturday night. Contact Chris if you intend to go.*

February – Mid-Week outing in the Botsford area? (The road was in disrepair, not sure if it has been fixed)

Saltwater fishing (Michael Burgess will place an advert in the newsletter of the outing.)

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

Fly Casting:

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

The next outing will be on the 15th of December, it will be a BYO Christmas barbeque and bring your partners.

Fly Tying:

The Club plans to hold this on 3 Saturday afternoons in May/June and if it is to suc-

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

ceed, we will need a coordinator to prepare and run the course. We have plenty of assistance from the members.

Club Rooms:

Thanks to the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and clean-up of the kitchen area.

CLUB SHACKS & REMINDERS:

- If you are a regular visitor to any of the shacks and notice that some consumables are running low – remember to replace them the next time you visit. And to discard any items that are 'out of date'.
- Report any faults or shack issues to the shack warden or Club committee.
- Shack bookings are done simply and **only** by a phone call.
- We now have some small GI tanks to keep the wood dry. Make sure that you replenish the supplies for the next person.
- There is a position available on the committee now with the resignation of George Dale. Interested members are to contact the Secretary.

Club's Anniversary:

Next year in August is the Club's 70th anniversary. To get things rolling we need to know how many members will be interested in attending this function. Once known then a small committee will be set up to find a suitable location and organise all other details.

A suggested venue is the Legana Tavern.

Other General Business:

Nil

Fishing Reports:

The Club outing at Pine Tier Lagoon was well supported by the members with reports of a lot of small fish rising to many spinners.

The South Esk River is reported to be fishing well now after some very heavy rain. In the flooded backwaters fish can be seen chasing frogs and damsel flies.

The Mersey River has also returned good catches to some anglers.

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One lucky angler spent 10 days in New Zealand where he landed 20 fish, smallest 3lb all on a #12 nymph.

Club Raffles:

The night's raffle was drawn by Jimmy Ellenberger and won by Norm King.

The main prize (fly rod) was won by James Doherty.

Next Meeting:

Prior to closing tonight's meeting, the President reminded the members that our next meeting is in February which will be a Club night.

He closed with wishing the members a safe and excellent Christmas along with good fishing.

Meeting Closed: 7:50pm

Xmas casting group BBQ

The Tong Master

The Tong-Master Bruce, was at the barbecue and Keith was at the barbecue and I was at the barbecue; three men standing around a barbecue, sipping beer, staring at sausages, rolling them backwards and forwards, never leaving them alone. We didn't know why we were at the barbecue; we were just drawn there like moths to a flame. The barbecue was a powerful gravitational force, a man-magnet.

Keith said "the thin ones could use a turn", I said "yeah I reckon the thin ones could use a turn", Bruce said "yeah they really need a turn", it was a unanimous turning decision. Bruce was the Tong-Master, a true artist, he gave a couple of practice snaps of his long silver tongs, SNAP SNAP, before moving in, prodding, teasing, and with an elegant flick of his wrist, rolling them onto their little backs. A lesser tong-man would've flicked too hard; the sausages would've gone full circle, back to where they started. Nice, I said. The others went "yeah".

Alan was passing us, he heard the siren song - the sizzle of the snags, the barbecue was calling, beckoning, Alannnnn come. He stuck his head in and said, "any room"? We said "yeah" and begun the barbecue shuffle; Bruce shuffled to the left, Keith shuffled to the left, I shuffled to the left, Alan slipped in beside me, we sipped our beer. Now there were four of us staring at the sausages and Bruce gave me the nod - my cue.

I was second-in-command, and I had to take the raw sausages out of the plastic bag

and lay them on the barbecue; not too close together, not too far apart, curl them into each other's bodies like lovers - fat ones, thin ones, herbed and continental. The chipolatas were tiny, they could easily slip down between the grill, falling into molten hot-bead-netherworld below. Carefully I laid them sideways ACROSS the grill, clever thinking.

Bruce snapped his tongs with approval; there was no greater barbecue honour.

Peter came along, he said "looking good, looking good" - the irresistible lure of the barbecue had pulled him in too. We said "yeah", and did the shuffle, left, left, left, left, he slipped in beside Alan, we sipped our beer. Five men, lots of sausages.

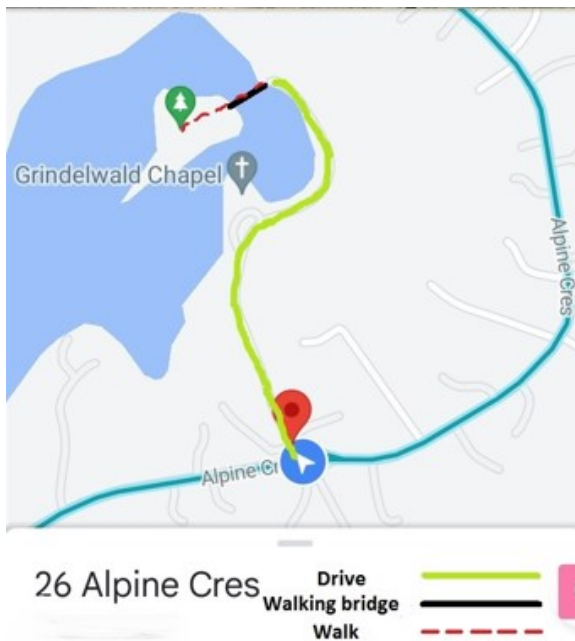
Keith was the Fork-pronger; he had the fork that pronged the tough hides of the Bavarian bratwursts and he showed a lot of promise. Stabbing away eagerly, leaving perfect little vampire holes up and down the casing. Peter was shaking his head, he said "I reckon they cook better if you don't poke them".

There was a long silence, you could have heard a chipolata drop, and this newcomer was a rabble-rouser, bringing in his crazy ideas from outside. He didn't understand the hierarchy; first the Tong-Master, then the Sausage-layer, then the Fork-pronger - and everyone below was just a watcher. Maybe eventually they'll move up the ladder, but for now - don't rock the Weber.

Christine popped her head in; "hmmmm, smells good", she said. She was trying to jostle into the circle; we closed ranks, pulling our heads down and our shoulders in, mumbling "yeah yeah", but making no room for her. She was keen, going round to the far side of the barbecue, heading for the only available space.... the gap in the circle where all the smoke and ashes blew. Nobody could survive the gap; Christine was going to try. She stood there stubbornly, smoke blinding her eyes, ashes filling her nostrils, sausage fat spattering all over her arms and face, until she couldn't take it any more, she gave up and backed off. Alan waited till she was gone and sipped his beer. We sipped our beer, "yeah".

Bruce handed me his tongs. I looked at him and he nodded. I knew what was happening, I'd waited a long time for this moment - the abdication. The tongs weighed heavy in my hands, firm in my grip. Was I ready for the responsibility?

Yes, I was. I held them up high and they glinted in the sun. Don't forget to turn the thin ones Bruce said, as he walked away from the barbecue, disappearing toward the house. "Yeah" I called back, "I will, I will". I snapped the tongs twice, SNAP SNAP, before moving in, prodding, teasing, and with an elegant flick of my wrist, rolling them back onto their little bellies. I was a natural, I was the TONG-MASTER. But only till Bruce got back from the toilet !!!



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26 A Alpine Crescent .



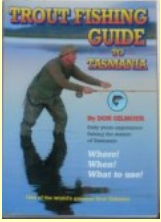
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26 A Alpine Crescent.

Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don

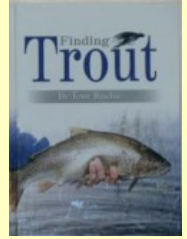
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

Coordinator Don Cameron (ph. 0409 636 273).

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.

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

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