



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

Founded 17th August 1955

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## **Newsletter - November 2025**

### **Coming Up**

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

7:30pm 5th November 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

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

7:00pm 12th November 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

#### **Guest Speaker—Dr Ryan Wilkinson**

**Ryan is the new Director of the IFS.**

**Come along and our what he has planned and any changes for the inland waters of Tasmania.**

#### **Next Club Outings:**

**October 26th - FFCT 70th Anniversary (Refer Page 2)**

**November 25th & 26th - Lake Ina (Refer Page 2)**

**December 13th - "One Fly" at Penstock Lagoon (Refer Page 2)**

# Club Outings

**Unless noted the Contact for all Club Outings is**

**Peter Berne (0419 764 816) [peterberne1956@gmail.com](mailto:peterberne1956@gmail.com)**

## 70th Anniversary

To celebrate our anniversary we have decided to hold an informal social gathering at Myrtle Park. It will be in the format of a barbeque. To assist us in our planning stage we would like you to send us your confirmation. Members are encouraged to bring their partners.

**Where: Myrtle Park**

**When: Sunday 26th October 2025 ; 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**RSVP: Graeme Frankcombe by 6th August 2025.**

## Lake Ina

**November 25th & 26th:** If bad weather prior to or during the stay they all will be notified of the cancellation. This outing is at capacity for this year.

Bill Greensmith is the coordinator and contact.

## Penstock Lagoon

**December 13th:** Our annual outing of the "One Fly" will again be held here. The same conditions as previous and breakfast will be ready at 8:00am. Fishing will begin directly after and members are to return to the shack at 4:00pm for the review and presentation. Interested members must confirm by the General meeting on the 3rd of December.

## President's Report

Hi members,

Well it has been an busy month for the club. We had a fantastic number for Four Springs in the early part of the month with over 20 members in attendance. Thanks for all who attended. The weather was not as bad as expected for the first part of the morning and lunch at the boat ramp saw most people eating and talking in their boats. Members with boats were encouraged to take members without a boat out giving everyone a chance to talk to someone new. I personally changed boats after lunch and had a great time. The fishing was tough with not may fish caught but all people in attendance said they had a great time.



The Club's 70th anniversary was a BBQ held at Myrtle Park and was a well patronised event with the weather turning it on for us at last. It was great to see Charlies Peck (our longest serving member) with Alan Miller and John Deckers having a good chat at a table. I am not sure but I think these 3 would be 1,2 and 3 for being the longest serving members still in the club. It is quite an achievement today for a club to be going 70 years. Charlies Peck provided some history of the club to me. I admit most of it I had no ideas about (thanks Charlies). The full rundown of Charlies history of the club will be sent to all members via email. Interesting reading so look out for it. About 50 people attended and the day was very enjoyable. The event finished about 2.30pm with all agreeing that it was a good day. Thanks to all who helped organise the day.

As far as fishing is concerned for me it has been a bit slow with the west coast sea runners again eluding me. The weather was typical of the West Coast with strong winds rain, snow and cold. Never mind there is always next year. Please contact Peter Berne if you have any ideas for club outings either 1 day events or overnight stays. Let's keep the interest that has been generated within the club going and with that thought in mind I would like to thank all the committee members for their assistance and support along with all the members. Tight Lines but remember slack lines catch more fish.

Bill Greensmith - FFCT President



**Jimmy Elenberger.** Jimmy has been very fortunate to have received a kidney donation recently. After the short stint in hospital he is now recovering in Melbourne making sure that his body accepts the new organ whilst still under strict medical advice. This will be for at least another few weeks, but he should be back for the summer fishing.

**Jim Ferrier & John Dekkers.** Both Jim and John have found themselves in hospital with different ailments. We hope that they both will recover quickly with no long term issues.

## Spring Fishing

The next few months should provide members with their best opportunities for their preferred fishing style.

### Rivers:

Those interested in chasing sea runners will be please to hear that the whitebait runs have started. The lower reaches of the waters that flow to the seas are the best places.

The recent rains has raised the river levels to inundate the surrounds and in some extent forming backwaters. Trout will forage over the newly flooded area for food and become good targets for the keen and patient angler.

### Lakes:

The rains have been a godsend for our impoundments with Little Pine currently spilling as I write this. The only concerns that I have here are the high highs and extreme lows that occur at regular intervals. But when the waters are high fish can be found 'tailing' and 'frogging' over the newly flooded margins. Some tailing fish are

completely oblivious to you whilst others are easily spooked. Fast accurate casts with a low profile and a calm attitude can bring results. Frogs can be found in the marshy areas of lakes (mostly heard first) and attacked fiercely by the trout. A well placed imitation with the appropriate movement will incite a savage take.

### **Mayfly:**

All waters will begin their dun hatches in Spring. Some at the end of September, some during October, some November and all will be in full swing by the second week of December.

Four Springs Lake has been the earliest water to see the first hatch of duns with Little Pine Lagoon in December being one of the last. This is possibly one of the most exciting types of fishing on our calendar. To find a fish, send a cast to its predicted position with the right fly, time the strike and win the battle is the best.

During this time the fish could be targeting the nymph, emerger or dun. Adding to this later on are the crippled duns, spinners and spent spinners. So a careful watch of the types of rises will dictate the type of flies to adopt. If unsure tie on a pair of two the different stages.

### **Soft-Hackled Flies**

#### Background:

Continuing on from Peter Hazelwood's favourite flies are his sub-surface flies. Many times, we were floating aimlessly on the 'Pine with very little insect life and always full of expectations of a hatch. Pete would resort to changing from the dry flies to the wet flies, but not the normal streamers or nymphs. He would tie on some sparsely tied flies called soft-hackled flies which included 'partridge and yellow', 'partridge and orange', 'march brown spider', 'black and peacock spider', or 'snipe and purple'. His reason being that most of the food would be eaten below the surface and the flies covered the nymph stages of caddis, midge and mayfly.

Even though these flies were better suited to river fishing with a depth up to 1.2 metres he persisted and did have success. This was achieved by casting at 45 degrees to the boat's drift and letting the flies swing around before lifting to recast again. There are some flies that have been tied with a bead at the head to gain extra depth, but he did not use them.

These flies have been around for many years. They have appeared in the very first English writings about fly fishing by Dame Juliana Berners in 1496 "The treatise of fishing with an

Angle". Her first of 12 listed flies - the 'Donne fly' is believed to be the 'partridge and orange' fly.

It is possible that the soft-hackled fly was first used in America by an Englishman in about 1832.

Generically speaking, the soft-hackled fly is one tied with the hackle of any birds such as partridge, grouse, woodcock, snipe, or starling. The hackles come from the backs, necks, breasts and from the leading edge of the wings of these birds.

The hackles are small and soft, but not floppy like marabou. The flies have no wings and only few patterns have tails. Fly sizes are generally small, ranging from #10 down to #16.

Some flies are tied with a thorax to accentuate the pulse action of the hackle.



#### The Tie (Partridge and Orange):

|        |                                        |        |                 |
|--------|----------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Hook   | Light wire dry-fly hook sizes 10 - 16. |        |                 |
| Thread | UNI waxed thread - Orange.             |        |                 |
| Body   | Orange silk floss.                     | Hackle | Brown Partridge |

#### Process:

1. Insert hook and lay down a bed of thread.
2. Tie the floss on top of the hook opposite the hook barb, wind thread forward to 1/8" short of the hook eye.
3. Wind the floss forward to where the thread stopped and tie in.
4. Select a hackle feather and strip off the fluff then pull the hackle barbs down – to stand vertical.
5. Tie in the hackle stem with the natural curve of the feather facing the back.
6. Trim off the excess hackle stem.
7. Wind the hackle 1 ½ - 2 times before locking in with the thread.
8. Trim off the excess hackle and thread.
9. Whip finish.

#### Note:

1. The hackle barbs will want to stick together, so will need to be separated during the winding.

*Some of this information and the tying process was taken from the book "The Soft Hackled Fly" by Sylvester Nemes.*



Peter Jones proudly holding the “Sorkel Award” trophy for 2024- 25 season



New Club member Robert Reeves

# Smoked Trout Dip



## Ingredients:

|                                        |                                  |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ½ lb smoked trout                      | 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish |
| 1 cup cream cheese                     | ½ teaspoon smoked paprika        |
| ½ cup sour cream                       | ½ teaspoon sweet paprika         |
| ½ cup mayonnaise                       | ½ teaspoon garlic powder         |
| 1 teaspoon salt                        | 1 teaspoon onion powder          |
| 1 teaspoon lemon juice (more to taste) |                                  |

## Method:

1. Remove and discard the skin from the smoked trout.
2. Break apart the trout into rough pieces – set aside.
3. Put the cream cheese, sour cream, and mayonnaise in a food processor and blend until smooth.
4. Add the salt, spices and lemon juice and blend again. Taste and adjust seasonings to suit.
5. Add the pieces of smoked trout and pulse the blender about 15 times, or until the trout is broken up and evenly distributed.
6. Taste test to adjust any of the spices or lemon juice.
7. Transfer the dip to an airtight container and chill in the refrigerator. The dip will thicken-up after a few hours.
8. Ready to serve after it has completely chilled and will keep up to a week in that container in the refrigerator.

It only takes 15 minutes to do the prep work and excellent with crackers, or even spread it on a toasted bagel.

## **Minutes of the General Meeting Held at the STMA Hall Hoblers Bridge Road on Wednesday 1st of October 2025**

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Meeting Opened: 7.30 PM

#### **Welcome:**

The President Bill Greensmith welcomed the members and guests to tonight's meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

#### **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Heather & Glenn Becher, Andrew Wood, Peter Radford, Alan Taylor, Terry Horan, Matthew Stagg, Jim Leslie.

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Viv Spencer former IFS inspector

Viv gave a very interesting speech on the history of Inland Fisheries and his wonderful career as an Inspector. His recall of things that happened from the 1940s through to the current days was amazing. The changes both within the authority and the general public, from the poachers caught and the sheer audacity of the poachers was hard to believe. Viv met several politicians over his career

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

The President moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by Bruce Irvine- and carried unanimously.

#### **Matters arising.**

Nil

#### **Correspondence (since last meeting):**

##### **Inwards:**

Club newsletters (email) Coffs C.FFC, GFFC

AJ Gallagher (email) - Club insurance

##### **Outwards:**

Nil

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Richard Hawley moved that the inward correspondence was accepted, seconded by David Swallow - and carried unanimously.

### **Matters arising.**

Nil

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

Expenses: \$ 1,819.29

Income: \$ 265.80

CBA: \$ 14,956.90

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 14,956.90

John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Peter Berne - and carried unanimously.

### **Matters arising: Nil**

### **General Business:**

Thanks to Glenn Becher for organising our speaker for the night

Thanks to Chris Crawford for transport and Keith Blewett for taking Viv home

The Club business package insurance renewal is due on the 14 of October 2025.

After increasing our excess to \$5000 we have reduced our insurance package to \$6,350.00.

This bill now needs to be discussed and approved by the members present tonight. All members were happy for it to be paid.

The President moved that this invoice be accepted and paid directly, seconded by Martin Hingston - and carried unanimously.

### **New Member:**

The Club welcomed our newest member Robert Reeves.

Just a reminder for the members:

of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each and whip finishers \$5.

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Of the Club library where there are many books and dvd's.

### Club Outings:

Peter Berne is the Club Events coordinator and he spoke about the new outings.

**October: 14th** Four Springs Lake – Meet at car park 9:00am; BYO lunch and return meet at 12:30pm.

Peter Berne will be the coordinator and contact. Boat sharing and buddy system to be adopted. Currently we have 22 members who have stated that they will attend. Lunch location will be discussed on the morning. An email will be sent 1 week prior to the meeting regarding the weather.

**October 26th** – Club's 70th anniversary at Myrtle Park. About 50 members and partners have indicated that they will be in attendance. George Hardings daughter has indicated that she will be bringing memorabilia along with a few others. Prior to the date we will be seeking assistance in setting up the function

**November 25th & 26th** (Tuesday & Wednesday) - Lake Ina There is a good camping area, toilets water and firewood on site. It is limited to 10 and will be a 2-night stay all will travel in and out as a group.

Conformations are required in 2 weeks as the listing is to be sent to the owner.

Bill Greensmith is the coordinator and contact. Members will be contacted on 'WhatsApp'

**December: 13th** Penstock 'One Fly' - Breakfast at 8:00am at Koongara, same as last year.

Numbers to attend will be required for catering

January: 17th Little Pine 'Pine Plunder' (Contact Martin Hingston)

25th Little Pine 'Cane Day' (Contact Chris Crawford) A bottle of Gin donated by Mike Stevens will be the raffle prize.

### Club Shacks:

Koongara. Nil

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### Fly Casting:

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Bruce Irwin. The casting on the 12 October. From

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November the casting will take place every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month.  
Contact Bruce to confirm the next outings Date.

### **Club Rooms:**

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

### **Other General Business (From the Floor):**

On line booking for the shacks to be discussed at the committee meeting as Webbs new owners may not want to take the bookings.  
More shack vouchers are to be purchased.  
The Recycle Rewards total so far is \$76.00

### **Fishing Reports (from Members):**

Bill has recently visited the King and Delatite rivers (VIC) no fish  
Gary Cullen had success at Four springs with 2 fish on shaving brush and Charlies Peck reports that duns are on 4 springs for the last few weeks.  
Penstock lagoon provided Gavin Chugg with a number of fish caught on wet flies fishing from a boat casting towards the shore.

### **Club Raffles:**

Tonight's raffle was drawn by Robert Reeves and won by John Quarry

### **Next Meeting:**

5th November

**Meeting Closed:** 9pm

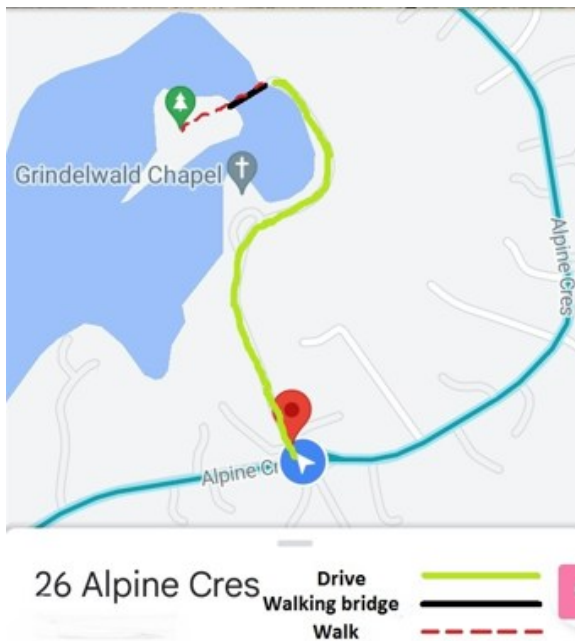




One of our favourite guest speakers Viv Spencer at the pulpit



Our multi-talented member Graeme Frankcombe reminding us of the issues with mental health. Ending with a well penned and played song.



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26 A Alpine Crescent .

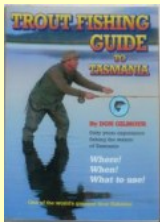


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### **Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don**

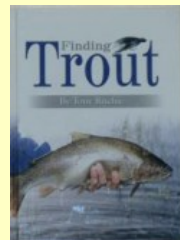
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

Coordinator Bruce Irwin (ph. 0419 116 344).



## 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/](http://www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/)

## Remember booking is made only by a phone call

For Assistance in the use of any shack contact **Chris Crawford**

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**Noonamena**



**Koongara**

**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 Inc**

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

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