



NEWSLETTER

August, 2004

Hi Gang!

Annual General Meeting

As you all know, our August meeting was also our AGM. This one was as all AGM's should be...short and sweet!

The elections of Committee Members went as follows:

President, **Tom Boylan** - proposed by Bob Knott and seconded by Angus Collins

Vice President, **Gary Sheppard** – proposed by Trevor Johns, seconded by John Prince

Secretary, **Angus Collins** – proposed by Mark Miller, seconded by Glenn Court

Treasurer, **Mark Miller** – proposed by Mike Halls, seconded by Mark Miller

As you can see our committee remains unchanged. The voting was unanimous for each office. Welcome back Guys, and thanks for doing such a great job in the past year!

Fly Tying Competition

Each member who ties was given three hooks and instructed to tie three specific patterns this year. **Jon Makim** judged the entries on the basis of neatness, style and creativity. For the second year the winner was **Denis Shaw**, with **Mike Halls** coming in second. Congratulations to both of you.

Mega Raffle

Our prizes for our Raffle this year were a Strudwick DBT rod and a Felty fly reel. The winner of the rod was **John Prince**, and your Scribe was lucky enough to score the reel.

New Member

We were pleased to welcome a new member at this meeting. His details are as follows:

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Welcome to our band of miscreants, Mike!

After the business portion of the meeting, we were fortunate to listen to **Graham Bourke** share his experience chasing trout in Tasmania. He gave a great talk and I am sure we all went away a bit wiser for the experience. He had some copies of his book, **Come Fly Fish With Me, A way with Trout**, available and members were able to purchase signed copies. We thank Graham very much for giving us the benefit of his knowledge and hope to see him back our way before too long.

August Outing

Our August outing to the Tweed River was cancelled since it was blowing a gale and looked to be nasty for fishing. Instead, we opted for a Tailor trip to “The Sandbags” the following Sunday. This turned out to be a great trip with beautiful weather and no wind. A few fish were caught: **Thomas Seebach** picked up a pair of nice Tailor, **Tom Boylan** bagged a Tailor and a Bonito, and **Shaun Connolly** managed a nice Queenfish. **Don Nash** and **Brian Kirkley** had a go at turning the Russell Quoit Award into a pair’s event. (Those of you who have recently joined may not yet know about this award; it is awarded to any club member who does dumb stuff on a club outing). Brian still had his line out when Don reversed the boat, resulting in the line being eaten by the prop, not only costing Brian a line, but snapping his new fly rod in the process. They were commiserating over this on the way back when the Water Police pulled them over for speeding. Yup! Don copped a \$150 fine! We will have to debate at our next meeting whether or not a Russell Quoit is in order. Even if they get it, we doubt that they will be fined as by now neither of them can afford it! Our trip was again followed by a wonderful barbeque, cooked by master chef, Brian. We had three visitors from the **South Brisbane Sportfishing Club** join us at our barbeque. We were happy they spotted us. What happened to the idea of flying our banner at our events?

September Outing – Jumpinpin

Our September outing is to Jumpinpin for Flathead. We will gather at Jacob’s Landing, sparrows’ fart start, and proceed to go out and catch some fish (hopefully). We will gather again for another on Brian’s barbeque brunches. Boats and passengers were assigned at our August meeting, but if you have a boat, let Tom know and he will find a passenger for you. Remember, if you have to cancel or have decided to come but weren’t at the meeting, let Tom know so Brian knows how many to cater for.

Other Fishing News

These days it is easy to spot **The Kingfish King, Vince Margossian** when he is on the Broadwater. He is the boat followed by boats of other members who want to learn how he does it. The latest to score a good Kingie is none other than our Veep, **Gary Sheppard**. Well done, Gary! Vince really has the Kingies pegged; he knows what they are feeding on at any given time. When I first saw him fishing for them he was using Squid patterns, later he changed to a Gar imitation, now he is tying a white baitfish pattern about 20cm long.



We are driving Crazy Clark's crazier!

The Crazy Clark's stores on the Gold Coast have suddenly completely sold out of synthetic, white, party wigs! Coincidentally, this happened about the time we discovered that they make great tying material and Vince has been tying some effective Kingfish flies with the stuff. The problem is that the stores don't understand how, all of a sudden, they are selling ten times the amount of wigs they thought they would sell. What confuses them more is that market research shows them that they are all bought by old men!

A Special Event

Mark this on your calendar Guys and Girls. On Monday, September 6th at 7:30 we are having a special gathering to hear **Laurie Matcham** give us the good oil on catching trout. Laurie will bring along a representative from **Mustad Hooks** to give us a rundown on their products. Laurie imports a line of salt water tying materials and I am sure he will have some interesting products to show us.

Special Casting Day

Shaun Ash has kindly offered to give us some individual casting lessons at Pizzie Park, on Sunday Sept. 19th. We will kick off at 10AM and continue until 4PM. It is really nice of Shaun to take the time to do this for us. He has studied under the masters and has forgotten more about casting than most of us will ever know. I don't know any member who doesn't feel his casting can stand some improvement. He even wants us to bring a table to show us how to cast underneath one (in case that situation should arise I guess).

Uncle Billy's Trip

It is fortunate that we have just had a talk by Graham Bourke and now we will have one from Laurie Matcham on trout, because our October trip, over the long weekend in October is to **Uncle Billy's Retreat**. We are booked for the nights of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For those of you who have not been before, Uncle Billy's is a property between Glen Innes and Guyra. There is one large lake and a couple of smaller ones. The accommodation is first class, with sheets on the beds, fresh towels, a shower, and a flush toilet. It is bunkhouse lodgings but really good! Bill and Sue look after us really well, helping us out with whatever we need. It is easy walking around the lake as the grass is regularly mowed. You are allowed to keep one trout per day and there is a water tank to put fish into. Although this is a stocked impoundment, don't think it is like shooting fish in a barrel. Most of these fish have been caught and released several times, and they read "Flylife". They will look at your pattern and refuse it unless you really tempt them. The average size of the trout caught is well over a kilo with fish getting up to the 6 kilo range if you are clever enough to snag one of the big Browns. We had an outing there last year and everyone came back stoked! The cost is \$80 per night including fishing, but if you bring family along the cost is \$40 for non-fishers. We will need to know who is definitely coming by our September meeting. Up to 15 members can be accommodated, so get in early! If you want to go, let Tom know as soon as you can because it will be first in best dressed!

Ps. If anyone is worried about missing the Grand Final....don't worry, it is only a short drive to the pub in Guyra.

Member Profile

Jon (Jon Boy) Makim

Tom Boylan

Jon grew up in Inverell. What is that old saying about taking the boy out of the country? Quiet, well mannered and a great listener, he doesn't say much but when he does it is usually well thought out, right on the money, and sometimes really funny.

His family moved to the coast and Jon attended Elanora High School, finishing year 12. Armed with this education, he proceeded to “bum around” (his words)! During this time, festering away in the background was a passion for fishing, something that grabbed him at a young age, soaking baits in country rivers.

A footy tab win of \$170 at age 20 bought him a basic fly outfit and a new passion with his haunting of the local fly fishing shop “Fishing Fever”. The proprietor, Chris Elemor, thought it made sense to pull him to the other side of the counter where Jon hit his straps. Customers held him in high regard and Jon, the ever careful listener, grew in his abilities. His 21st brought a fly tying kit and not long after he was stocking Fishing Fever with Makim Flies.

He joined Southeast Fly Fishers at inception in 1997 and met fellow member, Dave Dennis, who managed the fishing section of Springwood Marine and became another fly customer. Not long after he appointed an agent, Ross Johnson, and did quite a bit of phone prospecting on his own behalf. Now Makim Flies are stocked in every shop with a fly fishing content from Cairns to Lismore, which keeps him fully employed. The repeat orders testify to the quality of his creations.

As he grew older his beard grew shorter to allow him to get his eyes closer to the vice. Now at age 28 it is gone completely. Specs next?

He has not yet cracked the international market although he has had a couple of excursions into Manchester, U.K. seeking the attentions of a young mystery lady. Fortunately there is no fishing worth a damn in Manchester. We would hate to lose him. Jon served a couple of terms as Club Treasurer and has proven to be a great supporter of the club.

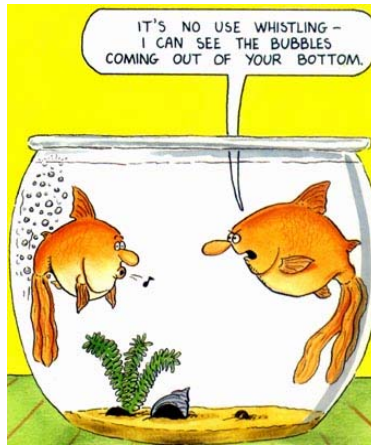


Quote of the month: A good friend will bail you out of jail, but a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, “Damn, that was fun!”

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe



Coming Events

CASTING ARVO

**Sunday 5th Sept. -1:30pm
Pizzey Park, Miami**

NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday 14th Sept. - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**



NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:

**Saturday 11thth August
Location –Jumpinpin
Target – Flathead
Time: Daybreak, Jacob's Well
BBQ at 11, Jacob's Well boat ramp**

Special Events

**Monday 6th Sept. – 7:30 PM Bowls Club
Laurie Matcham**

**Sunday 19th Sept. – 10Am
Shaun Ash Casting Session**

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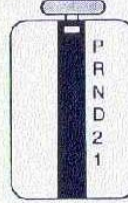
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