



# NEWSLETTER

May 2007

***Hi, Gang!***

At our April meeting we welcomed new member **Mike Nash**. Mike finally had the good sense to move up from Sydney and join our motley crew. Welcome Mike!

We discussed holding another convention in 2008. This will allow enough time for new products to have come on the market and judging from the response we have had we will not be short of sponsors or participants.

We also discussed the Darwin Saltwater Challenge to be held next September. It looks like quite a few of our members will be going. The Darwin Club has shown our members great hospitality at past events.

Our Chaffey Dam carp busting trip went bust do to lack of enthusiasm. Maybe we need to find someplace a bit closer to home. There is no shortage of carp around.

We assigned boats and passengers for our Tweed River outing to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and boats and partners for the Inskip Point trip the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of June. We put back the date of the Tweed trip so it doesn't clash with the 6 weight rod test. This event will be held at the park across from **Fishhead** at Redland Bay.

## **6 Weight Rod Test – Tom Boylan**

*“And all the cracks had gathered at the fray” (Banjo Patterson)*

The question frequently arises “ what’s the best fly rod to buy?” and with the number and variety available today it is not surprising that value for money is difficult to determine.

David Anderson has decided to run a test programme to answer some of the questions that confound us .A committee from all areas of the trade was assembled to determine the best test methods.

There has been assembled some thirty brand name rods in six weight and some of the best casters in NSW, Vic and Qld to assess them.

The brand names will be masked and test casters using common 6wt lines and asked to rate rods 1 to 10 on a number of different criteria. The overall results will be compiled and become the subject of a ground breaking, earth shattering, myth busting article in Flylife magazine. In Queensland Gordon Low, Duncan O’Connell and I have been appointed as sort of rod marshal’s (bullies) to ensure that everything is run as diligently and fairly as possible.

The Queensland contingent will lead off on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the park opposite Duncan’s Fishhead shop starting around 9am and if you would like to see some of our gun casters in action and maybe gather some tips you are very welcome. We will probably lunch at the adjacent hotel and then you may have your shot at the comparison game.

The gear will then be packaged up and sent interstate to be tested by another group. Depending upon the degree of interest in the findings of the article; further tests may involve #8 or #10.

### **Mooloolaba Tuna Competition - Tom Boylan**

Just three of our members fished this competition with Gordon Low taking out champion angler and Kurt De Ville champion junior.

Most fish and few of them were caught at Bribie Island where sharks caused a few losses. Some travelled up to Noosa then down to Bribie (108NM) searching for co-operative fish. I fished with Norm Good and whilst sea conditions were perfect we were faced with some fuel restrictions and concentrated on the area between Pt. Cartwright and Old Woman Island.

The shark nets held loads of bait, pilchards, Hardyheads, Yellowtail and Garfish. The sounder showed some tuna on the bottom and we waited for them to come up and perform but it didn't happen and dredging didn't work. Still we had a great couple of days in delightful conditions. We found some Queenfish in the wash off the western tip of Old Woman Island and Norm caught his first Queeny.

The Sunshine Coast boys did a fabulous job of organization and the social side was a huge success. We look forward to meeting up with them again at Inskip Point in June. Gordon Low took 7 Longtails at the Bribie leg of the comp the following weekend and is now the new World Champ. Along with ex World Champs, Voltzy and Steve Dahl our club is now proudly "The Home of the World Champions".

### **Brisbane Flyfishers**

As the Brisbane Flyfishers have disbanded we have approached their former members to join with us. Here is the letter that has been sent to each of them.

*"Dear*

*Your name and contact details were provided by your past President Jeremy Wakelin in the hope that we may be able to assist in your ongoing interest in flyfishing.*

*We would like to extend an invitation to you to join in any of our outings and functions. Our club meets on the third Tuesday each month at the Mermaid Beach Bowls Club, Markeri St, Mermaid Beach where we normally have an interesting guest speaker, films, tackle rigging or casting demonstrations.*

*Our monthly fishing outings are held locally on the Gold Coast or Moreton Bay and we frequently weekend at Hervey Bay, Inskip Point or in The New England areas for trout or cod. A number of outings are also spent chasing Bass in the SEQ impoundments and upper rivers*

*The great attraction of a club, besides the friendship, lies in the exchange of information, organisation and sharing of boat rides transport etc.*

*You may find out more about us by visiting our website [www.seqflyfishers.asn.au](http://www.seqflyfishers.asn.au) We offer a reduced membership fee of \$10 to those residing more than 100Km from our meeting rooms which entitles receipt of our monthly newsletter and full club benefits. Details of this is found on our website under "meetings".*

*Should you require any additional information or assistance, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Tom Boylan*

## **NT Freshwater Flyfishing Open – Rick Slennett**

It was a great feeling knowing that another Darwin trip was on the agenda.

Mark Hosking and I were looking forward to it immensely as we were going back up to compete in the Freshwater Fly Open against 60 other like minded nutcases. Held on the Corroboree Billabong and adjoining tributaries and flood plains it's about two hours drive west of Darwin on the Mary River system.

We took the usual redeye flight and arrived early Friday morning. Our kind hosts Roger & Cathie from Darwin Flyrodders Club picked us up at the airport and put us up at their place, a few beers and stories then a couple of hours sleep then it was off too Rock Hole. Mark's competition partner was Roger (old mates) and mine was a guy called Gary whom I hadn't met yet, it goes to show how accommodating the Territorians are as Gary didn't even know me from a bar of soap and opened up his boat and shared his tent with me, top guy.

We arrived at the venue early Friday Arvo and were one of the first to access this area since the wet, only just being able to cross Soda Creek on the way in and the land was wild. It was really hot and humid and Crocs were lined up along the banks everywhere as no one wanted to walk mud in their boats. There were quite a few Crocs lying around on the bank too!

Mark and I fished this comp last year and both had unfinished business to take care of. Mark's was to catch a Barra as they had been a bit elusive to him and mine was the Northern Toga which had been totally non existent for me. We had a bit of a pre fish on the Friday arvo and got a few Tarpon and noticed that the water was about a meter higher than last year which equated to a lot more fishing area.

First day of the comp was extremely humid and hot even the locals were doing it tough. Everyone has the same agenda in the Freshwater Open and that is to catch 26 Tarpon to start then move onto the more scarce species being Toga and Barra and what ever else comes about. Quite a few anglers bag out on Tarpon and if a few Barra and Toga can be taken on top of them, points rack up as they score double. These are the anglers in contention of winning this event. We were able to get our Tarpon quota but struggled to get too many of the top shelf fish.

At the end of the first day we were all standing around chatting over a beer under and around the marquees. I was talking to Bernie Holland (my partner last year) when all of a sudden all this yelling and shouting started. Bernie and myself looked up to see a big black wild pig charging through camp right towards us. It had plenty of room to run around us but instead it freight trained straight at us, I back stepped and Bernie leaped up in the air completely clearing the angry hog, an amazing jump which probably saved a nasty injury.

As always we had a fantastic time and the last day was spent in Darwin Harbour hooking up to Queenfish, Trevally and Moonfish. What a nice finish.

We never did catch our elusive species but in a way that's good, because it's given us excuses for our wives as to why we need to get back there again next year!

Anyone interested in the comp results will find them on the Darwin Flyrodders website: [www.darwinflyrodders.org.au](http://www.darwinflyrodders.org.au) under Competitions/Freshwater





### **Annual General Meeting**

As most of you know our AGM is coming up at our August meeting. This is the opportunity to elect new officers or put yourself forward for any of the posts available. At this time we always hold a big raffle. The prize this year will be a 9wt RIO running line with 2 interchangeable shooting heads, intermediate and full-sink. The winner will also receive a selection of members' flies from our flytying competition. Tickets will be \$5 each and will be on sale starting at our May meeting.

### **Grand Flytying Competition**

Entries for this year's competition must be lodged no later than the July meeting and entries are to be presented in a standard mail envelope.

Three flies may be entered, a surface fly, a crab fly and a cod fly. They will be judged on presentation, creativity and likely effectiveness. The judges will be Jon Makim 'cos he is a professional and Denis Shaw 'cos he cheats and ties really good ones.

Each envelope will receive a number which will coincide with your listed name so that the judges receive only numbered envelopes for consideration

The trophy donated by Mike Halls will be presented at our AGM in August and the flies will be boxed and form part of our grand annual raffle prize. The major prize is yet to be determined but the tickets will be \$5.00 each and go on sale at the May meeting along with our normal raffle.

So get your creative juices flowing and take part, they don't have to be of professional standard, a new innovation would be more impressive than the repeat of an old pattern

### **Members' News**

We are pleased to hear that **Jeff Christoffel's** operation was a great success and he will be back on his hind legs in no time.

**Jon Makim** has finally scored a Longtail! We understand he was getting pretty desperate when the score was Longies 14 Jon nil, but by that time everything that could possibly go wrong had gone wrong and number 15 was the one. Congratulations Jon!

**Thought of the month: Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four major food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.**

**- Alex Levine**

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***

***Scribe***

**Coming Events**



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May - 7.30 p.m.  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,  
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT FISHING  
TRIP:**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Tweed River  
Target - Whatever**


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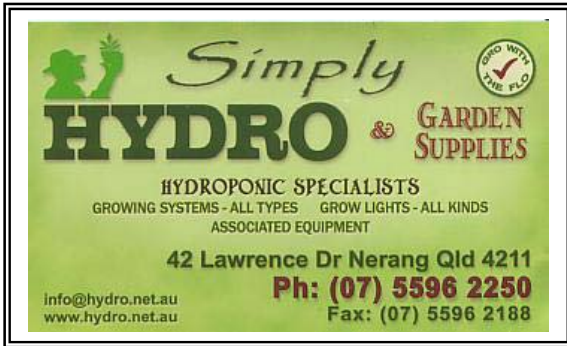


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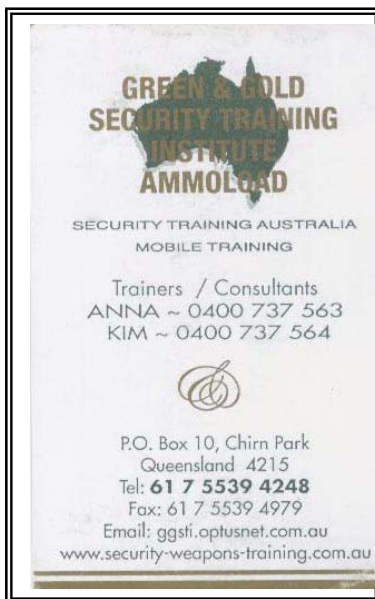


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