



NEWSLETTER

April, 2004

Hi, Boys and Girls!

Our April meeting was quite well attended and quite busy. N The first order of business was to welcome our four new members: **Robert Coddington, David Karadag, Allan Johnson, and Vince Margossian.** Welcome aboard guys!

Attached is a list of our recent new members so you can add it to your membership list. There will be an up to date membership to you just after the AGM.

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We decided that the alternative trip for May (for those of you who can't make it to Uncle Billy's) will be a trip for bass to Hinze Dam on Sun. the 23rd. We will sort out boats and riders at our next meeting.

We would like to thank **Shaun Ash** for the great tying lesson he gave those of us who could get to the session. We all learned a lot and he donated some flies for our Big Raffle.

Speaking of tying flies. Remember each person who ties should submit 3 flies for our competition. They are to be: Crazy Charlie, Lefty's Deceiver, and a baitfish pattern. **We would like them by the May meeting, but no later than our June meeting.** So get tying!

A new addition!

Magali McDuffie gave birth to **Manon**, a beautiful little girl! **Brian**, the proud father says at 3.6kg she would have made a good bass. She was born the 6th of April. Congratulations Brian and Magali!

At our April meeting we were forced to discuss that awful topic money. As our club has grown it has become more expensive to run. Our public liability insurance premium has increased and this year we were hit by the new insurance, amateur accident insurance. It was decided, by vote and unanimous acceptance that we raise our membership fee to \$40 per year, effective as of the AGM. Those new members, who have joined April or later, will only be required to pay \$10, which is the amount of the increase. **Remember! Membership fees are due by the end of the financial year. Please pay your fees on time.**

During our discussion of finance, we considered the possibility of the club no longer supplying a slab of beer for our monthly outings. Robert Coddington kindly offered to supply our monthly slab on behalf of **The Fisherman**, at Sporty's Warehouse. We appreciate his kind donation and will drink it in good spirit!

Family Memberships

Now that we have introduced Junior memberships, it was suggested that we also have family memberships available. We discussed the matter and decided that we would offer family memberships at \$100 per annum.



Uncle Billy's Retreat.

By Brian Kirkley

Nine of our members stayed at Uncle Billy's Retreat, near Glenn Innes, over the long weekend 1-2-3 May. Over 80 trout were caught and released, which may be a record for one of our fishing contests. All members caught fish, and Richard and Mark, who have fished regularly for trout in Victoria and Tasmania, declared the fishing as exciting as they have experienced anywhere. Special mention to Bev for persisting until she landed her first nice rainbow. The publican in Glenn Innes reported hearing her victory shout.

The trout averaged 2 pounds in the old scale and were mostly rainbows in good condition, although two browns were also caught. Glenn Court hooked a huge rainbow about 6 pounds just on dusk, on a Black Spinner, and it put up a sterling fight before breaking free. All fish fought well with some spectacular leaps and tail-walks.

There were a lot of 4 weights used with a few 6 weights and a majority of floating lines. Fish were caught on a wide cross section of flies and rigs, with a majority of sight fishing to patrolling trout.

However the most exciting fishing was on dusk and moonrise when there was a nice caddis hatch on two nights, and some skillful (for some), hookups with various small emerger patterns.

Some of the flies used were: (although this is far from the full cross-section that caught trout on the weekend.

Floating line, long leader two nymphs (olive and brown)

Royal Wulff and small olive nymph dropper.

Red tag.

Hopper Pattern

Wolly Bugger.

Black Spinner

CDC emerger

Shaving brush emerger

Every member reported on an excellent weekend with outstanding fishing, and good comfortable lodgings and hospitality from Sue and Bill. The cabin fires were kept burning during the frosty nights, and after a couple of bleak rainy days the weekend was sunny and warm during the day except for a wicked wind that had us seeking out quiet spots to cast. There were fish caught over the full spectrum of times-from early morning till well after dark, but as mentioned earlier, the dusk hatches were spectacular.

“My thoughts on Uncle Billy’s”

By Mark Hosking

I have to admit that it was with a little reserved enthusiasm that I looked forward to the long weekend at Uncle Billy’s. Not that I wasn’t looking forward to it, believe me I was, but my concern stemmed from the fact that it was a stocked fishery and that the fishing may be more “catching” than “fishing”.

Boy was I wrong! Within an hour of starting to fish on Saturday Morning I had had my fly refused on more than one occasion by a couple of rainbows that I had sighted and cast to. Changing flies 3 times in one case did nothing more than give these finicky trout something else to investigate and then ignore. I had the feeling that these fish were saying “You’re going to have to do a lot better than that!!

Over Saturday, Sunday & early Monday the fish would constantly give me a reminder that they weren’t about to jump onto just anything put in front of them. In fact I probably had more fish refuse my flies in these 2 & bit days than I have had in my last five fishing trips in Tassie. To be successful meant changing tactics and experimenting with some new ones. All in all a great weekend. It may not be Tassie but at just over 5 hours from home by car it is one hell of an alternative for a trout starved fisherman. I’ll be back next year for sure!!

Uncle Billy’s May 2004

By Glenn Court

This trip provided me with a few highlights of my time both flyfishing and as a club member, they follow in no order of significance.

1. Having been a member of our club since the first meeting and having only missed one or two away trips in that time it was wonderful to see so many away trip debutantes Those three days away fishing together and getting to know you all better has added to my life experiences.

2. Bev's first fish on fly.

Brian pretty much covered this occasion but I also heard that a couple of publicans from Tenterfield rang the publican in Glenn Innes to find out what the commotion was.

3. Loosing a fish probably should not be a highlight but when it would have been a personal best it is those memories which keep you coming back for more.

Cheers

Glenn

PS After the success of this trip it was decided by the members present to book the cabins for the same long weekend next year, so those who could not make it pencil it in on your calendar for next year.



Bream Trip – Nerang River

Sunday, April 18th

Tom Boylan

Fifteen members fished this outing and worked every canal and drain in the system, from Sheraton Mirage to Lake Wonderland, with just three fish caught. These were caught by **Brian Kirkely**, **Damian Crawley**, and **John Prince**. As these were all under our criterion (30cm min.) no one scored any points.

It wasn't lack of fish... they were gathered under every pontoon and wharf, but the moment a fly touched down they bolted! Even a handful of chicken pellets scared the daylights out of them.

I guess it was bad timing; our trip was preceded by 3 Bream tournaments in as many weeks, with big numbers of punters banging away with lures and plastics. The fish just got gun shy!

The barbeque brunch saved the day with **Brian Kirkely** once again displaying his culinary skills. Eating aside these outing usually only comprise of a ½ day and are great social fun. You should make every effort to join in.

We are going to fish Jumpin Pin Bar on Saturday June 19th, when Bream, Tailor and Trevally should be about in numbers and we have a number of boats available. Brunch around 10:30 and home by lunch time...Come join us

A good opportunity!

Anyone interested in a trout trip to Taupo area, on the North Island of NZ, during spawning runs, around June, July? Arranging top accommodation on private Maori land right on the Turangi-Taupo River. I have fished the area many times and can recommend it. Approximate cost, including airfares, tax, vehicle, licence and accommodation is \$1100.

Phone: Mark Blenkarne on (02)6685-7479.

Quote of the month:

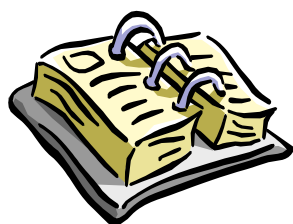
“Get the last word in: Apologise.”

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe

Coming Events



CASTING ARVO

Sun. 2nd May
Pizzey Park, Miami
1:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, May 18th - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:

Sun. 23rd May
Location – Hinze Dam
Target – Bass
Time: 6:30 (or earlier)
BBQ at 11, West side carpark

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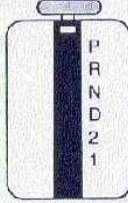
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