



NEWSLETTER

June 2006

Hi, Gang!

At our May meeting we welcomed visitors, **Dave Van Wyk, Richard Warsing** and **Rob Purcell**. It is great to have visitors almost every month; it shows that news of our club is getting out to the people who are interested.

We had a discussion about our forum. **Evan Evans** has put a great deal of time and effort into setting it up and maintaining it but members are not taking advantage of it very often. We have contacted some experts in various fields who have agreed to get some topics going. It will be great if we can get some discussions going and maybe provoke a bit on controversy. Check it out guys and let's see what happens.

We finished off our meeting by assigning boats and crews for the Jumpinpin fish in June. It was decided that it should be held on the 17th rather than the 10th so as not to clash with the long weekend. The last bit of business for the night was our monthly raffle and again the ticket selling was successful with the able assistance of young **Simon Christou**.

Newbies Night

As most of you already know on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm we have a night which is devoted to flyfishing education. It is primarily for new people to the sport but caters to all the aspects such as flytying, tackle, casting, boats and anything else anyone wants to learn. Our May session produced 4 starters but our June night had 9 people turn up for tying lessons (ably handled by **Jon Makim** and **Thomas Seebach**). Of those starters there were 5 who had not yet become club members.

Annual Membership Fees are soon due!

Once again it is that time of the year when we have to cough up for our annual membership fee of \$40. This is due by our AGM in August but we don't mind members settling early. Please guys try to pay on time this year. Of course members who have joined in April or later do not have to pay again until next year.

Convention Update

We have booked 100 places for our September 15th–17th Convention and of those we need to keep some 23 places for the exhibitors and demonstrators. There have already been 119 registration forms downloaded from our website with a number already confirmed with payment. If you are intending to be there you should pay your registration fee within the next month or so to avoid missing out.

We have reduced the standard fee of \$160 to \$140 for club members in return for which you will be expected to help with the various tasks required i.e. picking people up from the airport, setting up tables, chairs and other equipment, serving at the bar, clearing and washing up after meals, assisting our guests and exhibitors, packing up after the show and basically helping out with whatever is asked of you.

This is our club's major undertaking! We will make this convention a great contribution to flyfishing and something to be really proud of.

Back in the Old School Yard

Once again we have been invited to conduct an introductory course for the Year 11 students of the Miami High School Marine Studies Course which is part of their Science Department.

This will involve us in teaching fly casting using the club's store of fly outfits and teaching flytying again using the club's equipment with the selected fly, a simple chenille bread fly. The concluding session will be a field trip of practical fishing.

There will be 15 students, both boys and girls undertaking this course split into 2 groups. The following timetable will apply.

Wednesday July 19	11.45am – 1.30pm	Group 1 - Flytying Group 2 - Fly casting
Wednesday July 26	11.45am – 1.30pm	Group 1 - Fly casting Group 2 - Flytying
Wednesday August 2	11.30am - 1.30pm	Flyfishing excursion Fly casting assessment

We will be called upon to conduct these activities and provide a mark assessment for each student upon the conclusion. There is also a theory section conducted by teachers from guidelines we produced last year.

This presents us with a marvellous opportunity to promote flyfishing, the major objective of our club and is quite prestigious to be asked. Those members who were involved last year thoroughly enjoyed it. As invited tutors to the school under teacher supervision, blue cards or other qualifications are not required.

At our June meeting we will be calling upon volunteers to act as instructors for these sessions. You don't have to be Lefty Kreh and time with the kids is great fun. So consult you diary to make yourself available. We will require at least six people for each session.

Annual Fly Tying Competition

At our AGM in August we will again see who the 'Primo' tyers in the club. As you know **Denis Shaw** has been promoted to judge along with **Jon Makim**. Denis and Jon will be fair and impartial and any attempt to bribe them must be kept to a minimum. You will be required to tie a Trout fly, a Bass or Saratoga fly and a Pelagic fly. Entries will be accepted at our June meeting but must be in no later than our July meeting. Bring your entries in an unlabelled plastic envelope or box.

New Lifejacket Laws

As of April 1st 2006 the new Queensland regulations require all children under the age of 12 years of age to wear a lifejacket when underway in an open boat under 4.8m in length. A second new regulation requires everyone in an open boat under 4.8m while crossing a coastal bar to wear a PFD type 1 lifejacket.

June meeting

This month we will have as our guest speakers, **John Schoefield** (inventor of the Vampire Bass fly) and **Steve Kanowski**. What these two don't know about Bass fishing on fly isn't worth knowing. This will be a meeting you won't want to miss

Angler of the Year Competition

Thomas Seebach is the scorekeeper for our 'Angler of the Year' competition and he has kept careful track of all captures reported to him. To date he has none. If you have caught fish on any of our club outings let Thomas know either at the June meeting or e-mail him. At the rate we are going anyone who reports a fish caught will win the trophy!

Jumpinpin Report - Tom Boylan

11 club members arrived to find a chilly but still morning which continued through to around 10am when a 5 knot wind started and we headed back to Jacobs Wells for BBQ brekkie. Don Nash drove up even though he was not fishing with the barbeque and helped with the cooking. Thanks a ton Don. The fishing was not great but Denis and Mario each scored a reasonable flathead and a number of small Tailor, Queenies, Trevally and Pike were taken by other members.

It was great to see Graham Bourke up from Tassie and fishing with Ross Bolger He is working in Brisbane for a few months so hopefully we will see some more of him. Don's wife Bobby accompanied Don on the drive up and buttered buns, I believe the best buttered buns we have ever had. Don, Mario and Brian Kirkley did the cooking and no one was ill.

A good outing with as usual a lot of laughs

A Night with Monica (but she ran the other way)

Our plan for this trip was to fish closer to the run off period with the bigger tides around the Easter full moon. I flew into Weipa a day before my Coffs Harbour mates after arranging an outing with Anthony (a local flyfisher). Unfortunately our arrangements didn't work out so I spent the day playing with little queenies of the beach, preparing my gear (stretching lines) With me I had 2 x 12wt , 1 x 9wt & 2 x 8wt. The idea was to have all the rods rigged & ready on the tender with me.

Caught up that evening with Nat, Matt the Pom & fellow countryman Silas, Jim (Stripped Basser from Pennsylvania, who sounds exactly like our Bob – accent & sayings), Jacko & Anthony. The fishing had not been full on & they were working hard for the fish they had caught.

A trip to the Airport to collect the guys, then a 2 hour drive north to Marpoon (where the Eclipse was waiting). The idea is less travelling by sea & with the price of fuel in mind. You sign a declaration that you don't have alcohol in your possession as the area is an Aboriginal mission. We arrived at the McDonald River & anchored off shore for the night ready to wet the lines in the morning. On the water & the falling tide running hard, we were finding it very difficult to fly fish the mangroves. Tried for XL barracuda in the eddies near the mouth, casting long range with gurglers & full sink-xl Clousers. I was informed on the Saltwater forum if they spot you –you're shown the finger. The afternoon was spent trying to land a tuna. Mark (my fishing partner) & I hooked several each only to feed them to the sharks. I'll never tail a tuna in these waters after what we saw, one shark collided with the tender resulting me having an unexpected shower. Towing the tuna away & revving the outboard had no affect. Mark finally landed one, so we were able to get the wasabi out that night while anchored in the Doughboy River.

Next morning there was a lone flyfisher on a sand spit at the Doughboy where he had set up camp. Mark & I struggled again in the fast run out, it didn't seem a problem to the rest of the group who all were fishing the other side (lures). We were landing the usual queenies, trev's & jack but still had no success with the barracuda (quite a few were taken trawling lures). The dirty water line was a kilometre out to sea so we decided to fish the edge.



An Avor cruiser was anchored on a gravel patch, bottom bashing & waving for us to come over. As we neared we were fired upon by a champagne cork, it was club member Dale Tan or (Tuna Boy) & his friends. The guys were on the bow having a drink & the girls down the back fishing. One of the girls hooked a shark & the hand line was torn from her hand, as the line was rapidly being stripped from the reel floating in the water she dived in to retrieve it. Dale that morning had caught a permit from the sand spit on a small white Clouser. He was saying he regularly did the trip down from Thursday Island. Mark & I did the usual fishing till dark on our favourite rock bar.

Moved north to the Cotterell River next morning, Mark & I tried for the tuna again. The bait schools were spread out & not boiled up like previous trips & the tuna only appearing briefly. Landed two that morning, one was when Mark was casting to a bust up & I had a large Clouser on fast sink out the back. The fish when weighed on 15 kilo scales still had a lot of its body weight on the ground (I see now why the Tuna Boys get a thrill, they play hard at this size.) Spent the afternoon on a patch of reef close to the beach, small fish but good fun trying not to get buried. The following morning we fished a rock headland 6 km north of the Cotterell. Mark amazingly pulled a great Jack from a reef in 6ft of water, and then we drifted over a patch of sand with an 8 ft croc lying on the bottom. It reminds you that caution is needed when wading the beaches even when you are not near any estuary.

It was decided by the skipper Dick Foster as the weather was changing for the worst we would be heading south for shelter. We stopped at the Jackson River for the afternoon. Over Easter 8 boats of Weipa locals were camped here, as they are able to reach the area from Marpoon. As we had weather updates every hour we had to return to the ship regularly. Returning to Marpoon the wind had increased but we were still able to chase the queenies in the dirty water line at the entrance & sand spit that is the ideal barra – salmon spot (we anchored to fish here because of the wind)

As Monica was now parallel with us on the east coast, the Eclipse (which had previously weathered a cyclone) was taken deep into an estuary to an area chosen so she could be purposely grounded. Everything was secured & our fishing gear stowed. Luckily during the night Monica had turned south so the fishing gear was unpacked again ready for extreme fly fishing. The barra were still

biting only it was more like a bream tap. As we were on the northern side of the cyclone we missed out on most of the rain, at times we hung onto overhanging mangrove so the other could cast (testing fishing)

The fishing was not as great as the previous trip (missed out on a chance to fish deep fly on the offshore grounds), but still had an enjoyable time with good mates. Skipper (Dick) did a top job to give us good options in the conditions & Janelle thanks for caring & importantly feeding us. The Boys have another in the planning

Rock Hole – Rick Slennett

Five of us from the club fished the Northern Territory Fresh Water Fly Fishing open this year which was run and organized by the Darwin Flyrodders Club, a prestigious Fly fishing competition normally held at the Corroboree Billabong on the Mary River but due to a late wet was changed to Rock Hole which is only a few km's away by the flight of a Jabiru but an extra hour by road and track.



Well, where do I start, Brian K, Denis S, Mario D, Mark H and myself went and it was a fantastic few days. We all caught the red eye flight, arrived in Darwin at about 1.00 am and were picked up by our host's Roger and Cathie who are the organisers and a driving force at The Darwin Flyrodders Club. After quite a few beers and well into the early hours of the morning we finally hit the sack for a few hours sleep then it was up, a lovely cooked brekkie, and at it!

We departed late morning and met up with the competition convoy at the Bark Hut and the atmosphere was buzzing, after a quick snack it was wagons away to Rock Hole.

We arrived at the competition venue early afternoon and after setting up tarps, tents and campsite we were all treated to a few hours pre-fish. Brian did particularly well by catching his first Barra and Tarpon on the wand. After that it was a tasty meal, a few ales, lots of stories and preparations for the start of the next day.

Twenty Six two person teams competed in the event and to set up such a campsite to accommodate all of this was no mean feat for the organizers, we even had two large house boats parked riverside for showers. Peter Morse did a great talk on fishing West Oz with slides and Scotty Mitchell on a trip to the Cape. He was also the Marshal for the comp checking that leaders and tackle were legal.

The rules of the comp were to catch any type of fish all sizes counted, on a point for each centimetre basis with Barramundi and Saratoga being the only two species that scored double points. Other species that were encountered were Tarpon which were the most plentiful but probably the hardest to stay connected to, Long tom, Catfish, Sleepy Cod and Archer Fish.

We were all paired off separately with a team mate, mainly D.F.R. members and this was a real bonus as none of us had any experience or local knowledge of the area. It was nice to have someone who could make sense of this huge expanse of water which started off at Rock Hole and was a myriad of vast Billabongs lined with Pandanus Palms interconnected with creeks that took you into the Corroboree Billabong area, opening up to wide flooded plains.

The Fishing was great! Tarpon were definitely the dominant catch though some nice Togas and Barra were also caught. The Darwin Flyrodders and most of the competitors are very experienced anglers and a lot of the guy's fish this area regularly and have been for years. Well done boys especially Mario who topped the Queenslanders. As a rough estimate we placed in the middle third but the standard was high, so coming anything but last was a pretty good effort, me thinks.

The last day was spent with Roger and Jerry in their boats guiding us in Darwin Harbour, we tried raising Milkies but no go, instead we were blessed with Queenies up to a meter to which Denis, Brian and my self were hooked up onto, at the same time in the same boat, phew that was hard. Then out to an amazing reef with an amazing bush that yielded a Barra, Goldie's, G.T's and Bust offs on practically every second cast. Mark had some gutsy fights redefining the paces a rod can be put through and the evening was spent eating pizza and reflecting on an outstanding few days fly fishing.

A special thanks goes out to D.F.R. and Roger and Cathie who gained legendary status for their hosting and organization skills.







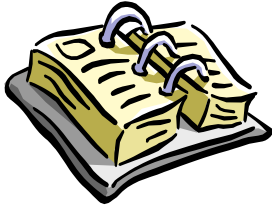
Quote of the month: (Courtesy Mark Hosking)

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!
Scribe

Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 20th June - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

Sunday, 9th July
Location - Somerset Dam
Target – Bass

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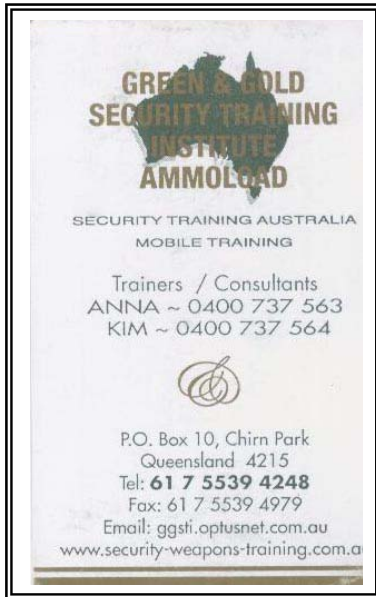


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