



# NEWSLETTER

October, 2003

*Hi, Gang!*

It has been a full and interesting month for our club! On the Tuesday before our meeting we were privileged to be visited by **Peter Hayes**, top Tasmanian guide, casting instructor and the holder of many casting championships. We were fortunate in that Peter was on his way down to Norm Dark's wedding. Of course Peter is also a mate of John Foy, and they were going down together.

Peter started us off with some tackle tips and showed us a couple of useful knots; first he showed us how to tie a locked blood-knot virtually blindfolded, then he told us the knot most of us have been using for so long isn't a very good knot at all! We then learned the "Penny knot", devised originally by John Penny. It is dead easy to tie, can be tied in the dark, and is said to be "100% strong". I have tried it and it is easy and strong, but it does not make it any easier to thread a 5x tippet into a size 18 hook-eye in poor light! Peter then showed a way to increase one's speed of stripping one-handed; simply grab the line ahead of the finger you are using to hold the line to the rod, and when you strip you retrieve 2 meters in the same time it would take you to retrieve 1 meter. Think about it.

Peter then took us out onto the bowling rink, which the club had kindly made available to us, where we all learned a number of new casting tricks. I doubt if anyone present could say they didn't benefit from Peter's instruction; even the best casters in the club learned something.

If you want to know more about Peter's guided trips or would like to receive his newsletter, "The Loop", log on to [www.flyfishingtasmania.com.au](http://www.flyfishingtasmania.com.au). Denis Shaw can tell you all about his guiding expertise.

At our October meeting we were honoured to have Des Charles as our guest speaker. He told us a great story about a Yank who fell overboard at Clarrie Hall Dam, but managed to survive and still land a big Bass. He also informed us that all the licence fees for Hinze Dam go into the stocking of the impoundment, and that Saratoga are breeding there. He gave us some good tips on stalking Togas and informed us that they are actually good to eat, once you get past the bones! As well as different surface flies to use on Bass. Des also presented us with a slide show of different areas he had fished including the Dawson River for Saratoga, which drew a lot of interest from Club Members.

## **October Outing**

A few hardy souls gathered at Cudgen Creek to try their luck at catching Flathead (except for Trevor Nel, who couldn't understand why nobody else turned up a Hastings Point...a Russell Coit Award?). The weather gods were not with us as it was blowing a gale, and to top it off fish biting switch was turned off. Only a couple of Lizards were caught, none of legal size. Nevertheless we had a barbeque and...Hey! It was a day fishing; they can't all be good.

### **Fly Tying Evening with Shaun Ash**

Most of you have already been notified that **Shaun Ash**, one of Australia's best fly tyers has graciously offered to give us some lessons on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm. If you have a vice and materials, bring them along...if you don't come along anyway and learn something!

Venue: Coombabah State High School, Info Services Bldg., Pine Ridge Rd., Coombabah

Time: 7:00-10:00

No Cost!

### **A new member**

As the new membership list is not out yet, we welcome our newest member **Nigel Wyllie** into the fold, and you might want to add his details to your lists.

Nigel Wyllie  
8-7-13 Park Ridge Ave.  
Nerang  
Home: 55272617  
Mob: 0413 450 628

We also welcomed Damian Purcell as a visitor and hope we see more of him.

We didn't sort out next year's Fishing Calendar as planned as we thought it needed more input from the members. As we have the next couple of outings pretty much sorted out we didn't feel the matter was urgent and will attack the problem at a later date.

### **November Outing**

Our November trip is scheduled for Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Hinze Dam at the Western boat ramp at daybreak or before. The earlier you get there the better your chances are of catching fish! We will have a barbeque at the gazebo (second right hand turn as you leave the ramp).

**Remember, you need a Hinze Dam Permit to fish there. They can be obtained from the Gold Coast City Council.**

At this point we do not have very many members with boats paired up with members without boats, so if you are coming please contact Tom Boylan on 5564-6660 and let him know if you have a boat or need a ride in a boat and we will try to get people together.

### **An access issue**

The Gold Coast Sportfishing Club has approached the Council about boat access to Robina Lakes. It appears access is now denied to anyone who doesn't live on the lakes. This is a great area for Bass and other species and our support is needed to get access allowed to the general public. Attached is the letter from the G.C.S.C.

## ATTENTION THE GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL

Dear the honorable Gold Coast Mayor, Gary Baildon and Gold Coast City Council Councilors,

We would like to bring to your attention that there is no longer access for boats via a boat ramp and parking facilities at Robina Lakes. This area has fenced off all access to Robina lakes, streams and creeks and has always been a valued fishing area to the G.C.S.C, S.E QLD, F.F.C, SAFC and the general public. This was a part of the river system and as such we feel it should be accessible to all and not just those privileged enough to be able to live backing onto the lake.

The majority of the fish in the waterway have come originally from past overflow from the dam.

Our clubs have a catch and release policy and as for the most part the fish in these lakes, creeks and streams do not breed, we would like to play a part in the restocking system. This is only on the conditions that the general public and we be allowed access via a boat ramp to launch small boats 3-4m and that a small parking area made available for 4 to 6 trailer spaces. We would also like to see rubbish bins and speed signage installed, with notices stating that the lake is a catch and release area and for all fish to be returned to sustain this fishing resource.

As some members in our club are volunteer fish care officers I am sure they would be prepared to frequent the area to educate the general public. We all feel that this could become a valuable fishing resource to the Gold Coast as it would be of benefit to locals and tourists alike if this area is managed correctly. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and for your co-operation in resolving these matters.

Yours Sincerely

Committee Members of  
G.C.S.C  
S.E.Q.L.D  
F.F.C  
S.A.F.C

*MICHAEL HALLS*

## **Brag Photos**



**Brian Kirkley with a 36cm Bream**



**Simon Boylan with a good Queenie  
Caught a Seisia**

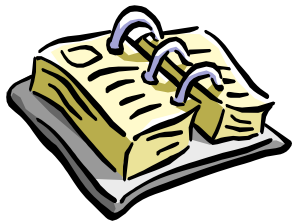
**Quote of the month:**

Never kick a cow pat on a hot day!  
Will Rogers

*Tight Lines and bent rods!*

*Your Scribe*

**Coming Events**



**Fly Tying Evening**

**Fri. 7th November -7:00 p.m.  
Coomabah State High School  
"Info. Services Building"  
Pine Ridge Road  
Coomabah**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tueseday, November 18th - 7.30 p.m.  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,  
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT CLUB  
FISHING TRIP:**

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Location – Hinze Dam  
Target – Bass, Saratoga**


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