



NEWSLETTER

September, 2003

Hello, Everyone!

Annual General Meeting

As you all know, our AGM was held at our September meeting. It was short and sweet, as all AGMs should be. Since we didn't go broke during the year, the Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

The only other item on the agenda was the election of officers. The only change was the election of Gary Sheppard as Vice President; he was proposed by Don Nash, seconded by Angus Collins, and was elected unanimously.

Our committee now stand as follows:

President: Tom Boylan
Vice President: Gary Sheppard
Secretary: Angus Collins
Treasurer: Mark Miller

We then adjourned briefly to recharge glasses and proceeded to the monthly meeting.

Fly Tying Competition

This was judged by Jon Makim. The winner was **Denis Shaw**. Denis has really learned to tie some beautiful flies in the short time he has been at it. There were quite a lot of interesting flies in the competition and they all went into a raffle to be won by various members

Club Dinner

Our annual club dinner was held during the month, and although it was not as well attended as it might have been, those who were there enjoyed themselves immensely.

A Wedding!

We have been informed that our Southern most member, Norm Dark will be married in Coffs Harbour on Oct. 18th. We offer Norm and his bride to be, Karen, our congratulations and wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

Membership list

I have not been able to compile a new membership list as yet. When Mark Miller returns from New Zealand I will find out who is financial and get the list out as soon as possible. In the meantime you may want to add this new address to your lists:

El Presidente, Tom Boylan is moving on the 20th of Oct. His new address will be:
13 Edinburgh Rd.
Benowa, 4217
Ph: (07) 5564-6660

In the course of getting ready to move, Tom has discovered heaps of old fishing mags, which he will bring to the next meeting. Free for the taking!

Tweed River Outing

Bob Knott

We had a good turnout for this trip with 16 people and 8 boats arriving at about 5:30. We also found hordes of midges arriving at the same time, and frantically scrambled for repellent which Thomas was able to provide.

Leaving Fingal, Angus and I thought we would follow Mario, because he was following Dave and Denis, and we figured Dave knew where he was going (having spent years on the Tweed). We hadn't gone very far before we saw those guys stopped in the middle of the river. Assuming they had found some fish, we speeded up to them only to realise that they were stuck on a sandbar and were frantically waving us in a safe direction. We followed them as we realised they were heading for the Condong Sugar Mill, but watched in amusement as Dave and Denis went left around an island while Mario decided to take the shortcut to the right...you guessed it. There was no water on the right! There were also no fish at Condong, or if there were they didn't want to know about our flies. A couple of lure fishermen were also there with the same results

Meanwhile, Drew, Tom, Thomas and Jon went just over the bar and caught heaps of little Tailor. None of them were of legal size however, and we all vetoed the idea of measuring combined fish end to end. Somehow 24 metres of Tailor doesn't look right on the record books!

Quite a lot of small Flathead were caught, but the only legal fish of the day was a nice bream caught by Dave Kirk.

Once again we had a wonderful barbeque brunch and a few healthy drinks and were on our way. It is really good to see our new members turning up for our outings. Those of you who don't come on our fishing trips don't know what you are missing!

October Outing

Our next outing will be on Saturday, October 11th, meeting at the park. Just turn right on the road just north of the creek and pull up in the picnic area. We will start whenever you feel like getting there and have a barbeque about 11. Bring the partner and the kids; there is plenty of space for the kids to run around. This will be an easy-going wading trip, but wear some sort of wading footwear to save oyster cuts and that sort of thing. Our thanks to Brian Kirkely for stepping into the role of Catering Officer. Mario has done a splendid job in the past, but pressures of work have caught up with him. Thanks for all your efforts, Mario!

A Special Night!

On Tuesday 14th of October you will have a great chance to improve your casting skills! We are very lucky to have **Peter Hayes**, one of Australia's foremost fishing guides and casting instructors in all disciplines, fly, spin and plug-casting, who will give us a demonstration and individual tutoring. The Mermaid Beach Bowls Club has kindly given us permission to use the bowling rinks, under lights, for this event. They do ask that we move about barefoot to avoid damage to the greens. John Foy and his son, Rod are great mates of Peter, and have organised to have Peter make himself available on this night as he travels from Brisbane to Coffs Harbour for Norm's wedding. Bring your flyrod and learn something!

New Web Page

Natalie Collins (wife of Angus), is and IT Lecturer, and has offered to establish and maintain a website for our club as a class project. Tom Boylan will speak to the class about what image we want to portray. This in itself will be interesting since, so far as I know, Tom thinks a website is something you walk into in the garden when you are not looking!

We will need content from the members, so those of you with digital cameras will be needed on our outings and our events. We really need someone to be on hand with a digital camera to record Peter Hayes' demo and instruction on Oct 14th.

Next Meeting

Our October meeting should be a great one! We will have **Des Charles** with us to give us some tips on catching Bass in Hinze Dam. Des is always an interesting speaker and we will all benefit from his experience and prepare us for our Hinze Dam trip in November. At this meeting we will also try to sort out our Fishing Calendar for the coming year. Think about what trips we can plan and bring some ideas with you. This meeting will take place on Tuesday October 21st.

Brag Photos

**Don Nash with a good Sydney Salmon
Photo by Simon Boylan**



**A nice Nerang River Bass
Photo by Barry Ryan**



Club Record

So far we have one entry in our record log. Mike Halls' 58cm. Flathead goes in; if anyone can better this one, let Angus know and you to can get on the record books.

Fly of the Month, September By Barry Ryan



The Organza Beetle.

The Organza Beetle is a generic term to cover all Beetles like flies using Organza as their wing case. These can come in 4 different colours or as many colours as your local clothing fabric shop stocks. You can build from #16's to # 8's or larger including hooks like the Talon Salmon Double as shown in image #1 with the same technique.

The examples shown uses closed cell foam, like the sheets available from the \$2 type shops.

This pattern is ideal for Bass, Trout, Jungle Perch, Saratoga and Cod.

And one of the super advantages it floats all day even in rough water.

The Degree of Difficulty

2 out of 10

This is really a very easy and quick fly to tie and ideal for a 'starter' in the fly tying adventure.

Materials:

Hook: To suit the beetle you wish to cast or copy.

Thread: Black or to match the beetle you are copying.

Body: Brown closed cell foam or any colour to choice for your beetle.

Wing case: Organza fabric, any colour to match the beetle.

Glue: Super Glue or any glue similar.

Method:

Cut out a section of Organza about double your wing size.



Hang and apply Super Glue, allow to dry overnight.

Cut the Organza to the width of the wing case, and then cut a point in one end.

Tie the pointed end of the Organza onto the hook shank.

Cut the closed cell foam sheet the width of the beetle.

Cut another point similar to the one cut in the Organza.

Tie this under the wing case.

Pull both the Organza and foam down together towards the hooks eye.

And tie both items down.

The beetle's head can be formed by building a head with thread.

Apply head cement or black nail polish.



Modifications.

Bodies for these beetles can be chenille or even Pistachio nut cases, yes, the half nut shape is almost ideal for Bass sized beetle, and you get to eat the nut as a bonus, first buy about ½ kg to find the best shaped nut.

A variation to the beetle pattern is a clever red ant, build the ant body with dark red thread and then wrap Organza over the body, pulling it tight, then apply Super Glue to the fabric carefully avoiding your fingers, allow to dry and trim the remaining fabric away with a sharp blade.

A black ant can also be improved with the same technique, build the body with black thread and wrap over blue Organza now you have a meat ant/green ant.

Wings can also be crafted by applying Super Glue to the Organza fabric, allow to dry, cut to shape and install them into the fly you are making.

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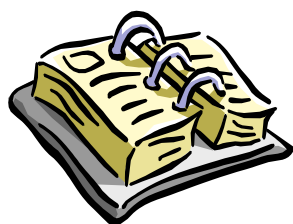
Quote of the month:
Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Will Rogers
Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe

Coming Events

CASTING EVENING Tuesday, 14th October
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club 7:30 p.m.
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 21st - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

**NEXT CLUB
FISHING TRIP:** Saturday, 11th October
Location – Cudgen Creek
Target – Flathead, Trevally
(Bring the family!)


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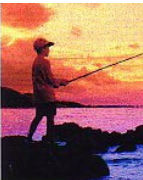


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