



# NEWSLETTER

April, 2005

*Hi, Gang!*

At our April meeting we were happy to welcome visitors, **Jeremy Wakelin, Steve Ooi, Shaun Ash,** and **Brett Martin.**

Brett decided to join our band of miscreants... Welcome aboard, Brett!

## **A change**

Angus Collins has had to stand down as Secretary, due to starting up his new guiding business. Thanks very much, Angus for all your effort for the past few years, and we wish you success in your new venture. Fortunately Mark Hosking has stepped into the breach, under the condition that he doesn't have to write the newsletter. Mark, as you know has had the post before and did a great job.

Most of you know by now that we have abandoned the idea of staging a fishing expo this year. We found that there were some big, conflicting events around the same period, which means we are not going to be able to attract the sponsorship or patronage we need for the event to be a guaranteed success. Glenn Court, however, has come up with a less ambitious event we will discuss at our May meeting.

**Duncan O'Connell** gave us some good tips on how to catch Snapper in Moreton Bay. It is sure great to have the advantage of local knowledge. We look forward to utilising some of this on our outing this weekend.

We also had a very interesting talk by **Shaun Ash**, who showed us slides and regaled us with his experience on the Coromandal Peninsula, near Auckland, N.Z. The people who used bait threaded big, Salmon on their hooks. Shaun used a 14wt rod and couldn't land some of the fish he hooked! He said there were a lot of fish around 30kg!

## **Speaking of fishing**

I seems that a lot of our members have been having some good success lately. This is great to hear; there are times when the only thing we can report are things like, "It blew like hell." Or fishing wasn't all that good."

I can report that the Blue Fin Hinze Dam Classic, **Rick Slennett** caught the biggest fish, a 47cm Bass and 8 or 10 others. **Damien** scored 4 up to 42cm. **Steve Routleff** blitzed the flyfishing section to win with 41 Bass, fishing with John Best, who also landed a large number of fish but hadn't registered for the comp.



For the rest of the fishing news, I'll let the guys speak for themselves.

**Variety Club Toga Competition results**



**The variety Children's toga on fly comp 2005  
Placing**

								Total
1 <sup>st</sup>	Carl Jocumsem	27cm	45cm	(72)	70cm	65cm	(135)	207
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Schofield	28cm	21cm	26cm	28cm	25cm	(128)	185
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kerry Symes	67cm	68cm	(135)				135
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Zantiotis	65cm	(65)		60cm	(60)		125
5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Kanowski	47cm	(47)		49	(49)		96
6 <sup>th</sup>	Denis Shaw	0cm	(0)		70cm	24cm	(94)	94
7 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Goodey	25cm	(25)		64cm	(64)		89
8 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Swanson	0cm	(0)		60cm	(60)		60
9 <sup>th</sup>	Criag Stevens	50cm	(50)		0cm	(0)		50
10 <sup>th</sup>	Will Haskins	48cm	(48)		0cm	(0)		48
11 <sup>th</sup>	David Spratt	44cm	(44)		0cm	(0)		44
12 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Willmer	28cm	(28)		0cm	(0)		28

As for the other 24 entrants hope you had a great weekend.

**Best team**

**Scientific Angler**

Carl Jocumson & John Schofield      Total score    392

Money raised for Variety Children's    \$ 1595.00

## The Variety Children's "Toga on Fly" Comp

Denis Shaw

I wish to congratulate the Brisbane Fly Fishers for their meticulous organising of the Variety Children's Toga on Fly Comp.

I was teamed with Mike & Barry (Skipper). It was great to have someone position the boat so the anglers can keep casting. The other team from our club was Paul & Kerry. We arrived at Borumba on Thursday afternoon & started searching the lake for areas holding bigger fish, we dined at the local & had a beer with John Rowe, he wasn't giving out any info, so we decided to have another reccie in the morning.

The conditions were similar to the club outing the weekend before, the best fishing periods were early mornings & the evenings, midday was only good for a swim. Unfortunately on Saturday the start missed the prime time, we had chosen an area where Rick caught his Toga the weekend before, there were banks lined with dead lantana & large amounts of standing timber (looked promising) the plan was to concentrate on working that one area. We started with small Dahlberg's, gurglers & moved on to woolly buggers, propeller vampires, mudeyes, smelt, with no luck. John Schofield kept coming to this one area as he knew small toga were schooled up. He used a clear intermediate & started stripping almost immediately the fly landed at a rate we thought would be to fast for toga (he took five of that spot). In the afternoon we were rafted up against a shady bank swapping yarns .We meet Rowie on the way to the ramp, he was targeting the opposite bank near the wall & had hooked big toga there but didn't boat them. A barbeque was held that evening & everybody was exchanging ideas on how to catch a toga, only 10 anglers had caught fish. Everybody drew a prize from a lucky draw, "thanks to the many sponsors." The evening ended up a great social event.

Sunday the comp started a hour earlier, we headed to our area & started casting in the dark I pulled out a big foam frog as a joke only the reaction was all positive, within several casts I had a 70cm take the frog in a spectacular explosion Once the sun rose I started using a propeller gurgler, just subsurface & hooked a 24 cm. Mike dropped another large toga during a spectacular aerial display, this was on a small smelt pattern, our area then went quiet and we ended up in the lake trying to cool off We had an enjoyable weekend & will definitely be keeping the dates free for next years comp.

Thanks to all the Brissie Flyfishers.





The infamous “Frog” Pattern

### **Tasmania 2005**

By Mark Hosking

My annual trip to Tasmania is something that I eagerly look forward to every year. For 9 years David, a mate of mine and I have made the trip for a week of chasing trout. Over the years we have had varying degrees of success with a noticeable improvement in recent years as our learning curve steepened and we have become more familiar with the lakes and conditions that we fish. This year was without doubt our best trip to date. Tassie fishing is very weather dependant. Plans for doing a particular style of fishing on a given day change with the weather conditions. The fish will still be there no matter what the conditions but sometimes they are a little harder to find and different techniques are required.

This year we had overcast conditions for most of our stay with only a few brief glimpses of blue sky on a couple of days. As is common for Tassie the wind blew most days at varying strengths. The most enjoyable fishing in Tassie for me is when you get a “Blue Sky Day”. It is these days that you head for the Central Plateau & walk into some of the Western Lakes to do some polaroiding. Some of these lakes we fish require a round trip of 10-12kml plus what ever distance you walk/wade when you are there. If facing a walk like this you want to make sure that the weather has half a chance of being good. Unfortunately the weather was not with us this year and we were only able to polaroid for a couple of hours on one afternoon, even so we picked up a couple of fish and the delight in sighting a wild brown trout, casting to it and watch it come over and take your fly is hard to describe.

If we can see a “window” of a couple of days of good weather we normally backpack into some of the more remote lakes but for the last two years the weather has not been that co-operative and we have been unable to do this. When we are not able to backpack we normally stay at Bronte Park, which is pretty central for a lot of the Highland Lakes. It is only 5 minutes to Bronte Lagoon & Bradys Lake and within ½ an hour to Dee Lagoon, Little Pine, St Clair Lagoon, & Lake King William. At a lower altitude than the Central Plateau the weather is a little more forgiving as well.

Most of our time this year was spent at Lake King William. In the past this lake has been known for its quantities of smaller fish. In past years when we have fished it and we had rarely caught fish over 1lb. This year however was quite different. The smallest fish we took from the lake would have been a pound and the largest was just over 3 ½ pound, with the majority in the

1 ½ lb – 2 ½ lb category. We fished the lake for 4 days straight and the fish tailed all day for every one of those days. Not one fish would have been taken from water more than knee deep. Most were Brown's taken on tags, however the few rainbows we caught sure knew how to put the accelerator down. In the 4 days that we fished King William we caught and released over 60 fish.



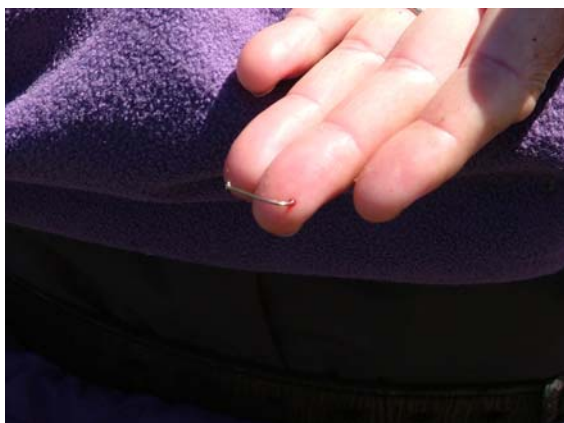
Most fish were taken in water less than knee deep



One of the rainbows



David with a rainbow heading for the middle of the Lake



A good reason to carry a landing net.  
(The fly was a Hopper Pattern before it was stripped)

The water level at Lake King William was dropping pretty quickly and as a result after 4 days of fantastic fishing it shut down pretty quickly. The rest of the time we fished the other lakes closer to Bronte picking up a few fish here and there. Whilst staying at Bronte Park we met four guys from the Illawarra Flyfishers Club. They were in Tassie for a week of fishing and to complete in the Tasmanian “One Fly” Comp, which was held on the weekend of the 12 & 13 February. I briefly described this in the last newsletter and it would be great if a group of us could compete next year. I would suggest that we also spend a week either before or after the comp to sample the delights of Tasmania’s wild trout.

I can’t promise you that we would have as successful trip as we did this year but I can promise you some amazing scenery, good company, a few laughs, plenty of exercise & opportunities to test yourself against Tassie’s trout.

## **Uncle Billy's May Long Weekend 2005**

By Mark Hosking

It was only an intimate little group of 3 that did the club fishing trip to Uncle Billy's over the May long weekend. Warwick Northcott, Mark Miller & myself. I arrived around 2.00pm on the Friday with Mark & Warwick arriving around 3.30pm. As they arrived I caught my first Rainbow (46cm) and it was quickly put into the holding tank as my "insurance" fish. A quick unpack by Warwick & Mark saw them fishing within the ½ hour. Mark picked up a fish in the afternoon session and I had a great session picking up 6 fish before it became too dark. (not to mention cold) Most fish were caught on nymphs of some sort. That evening in the cabin with the fire roaring, a beer or cider or two, a few glasses of wine and a nice meal together with good conversation made it very enjoyable.

Saturday was pretty good weather wise with a fair amount of sunshine during the day. Even so the fish were pretty scarce in close to the banks with very few fish sighted so most fishing was blind from the banks or by wading or done from the boat. The boat proved to be pretty effective especially around the island with Mark & I getting a few fish early in the afternoon and Mark & Warwick picking up several each later in the afternoon. Sunday was much the same weather wise and as Mark & Warwick were intending on leaving before lunch an early fish was the plan. They took the boat out again early and succeeded in catching a couple more rainbows each whilst I waded the corner for a couple as well. Back to the cabin for breakfast and then Mark & Warwick packed up and headed off for home around 11.00am.

With Mark & Warwick gone I had the whole place to myself which was great. Fished from the boat on Sunday arvo for another four trout. Just before dark the wind died right away and a midge hatch started with fish rising everywhere. Very frustrating with only 1 fish taken but at 47cm it was my best fish of the weekend. A very relaxing Sunday evening was spent reading a book in front of the fire with a glass or two of wine.

As I was heading home myself Monday before lunch I was fishing by 6.30am in the morning. The wind had come up quite strongly overnight so I decided to take the boat out again. Did not even have to worry about rowing the boat as the wind blew me to the centre of the lake in no time. Fished with a sinking line and a Woolly Bugger for a couple more fish. At about 9.00am decided it was time to stop and headed back to the cabin for breakfast and to clean up. After saying my goodbyes to Bill & Sue I was on my way home about 11.00am having caught a total of 24 fish for the weekend & enjoyed another great time at Uncle Billy's.

### **Note from El Presidente**

As we don't have a guest speaker, video or other entertainment for our May meeting I thought we might hold a gear swap, give or sell night.

If you have never used gear, video or a book you've covered a 100 times bring it to our next meeting. Someone may have some use for it. We won't hold an auction that can be cumbersome and boring. Just tag the item with your name, we'll put them all on tables for viewing and if you like something see the owner to negotiate swap or purchase. Fly tying gear, relegated rods or reels, fly lines, flies, spare anchor, just anything that you don't need and another might

Cheers Tom

Quote of the month: *Veni, vedi, velcro.* I came, I saw, I stuck around.  
Anon

*Tight Lines and bent rods!*

*Your Scribe*

Coming Events



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, May 17th - 7.30 p.m.  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,  
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT CLUB  
FISHING TRIP:**

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> Jumpinpin  
Launch – Jacob’s Well - early  
Target - Tailor  
BBQ about 11, Jacob’s Well**

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