



# Club Newsletter

February 2010

## **Welcome to all,**

What a cracker start to 2010. Where some years are slow to get off the starting grid this year many club members have taken the pole position and have been rewarded with tremendous results. Both my phone and inbox told stories of good sessions on the water, in both fresh and salt. It is always good to get a handle on what's on the boil as it creates opportunities for others to enjoy their flyfishing experiences. To tap into the good oil you need look no further than the club web site on the forums. Looking at the big picture, the contributions from club members that nurture a sense of ongoing support, and growth to our flyfishing community, will assist greatly to meet the many and diverse needs of our growing membership into the future. Jeff Christoffel.

## **Club Meeting - 12/01/2010**

The first meeting of the year is often down in numbers with people still involved with the events of the holiday season. The January 2010 meeting set a new benchmark with 22 members in attendance. Welcome to new members Dennis Nettlefold, Daryl Harper and David Webster.

The good attendance by the members was very timely as it presented a perfect opportunity to gather contributions from a broad cross section of the club membership for planning future club meeting/outing activities.

January is the month when the club acknowledges the efforts of one club member who has contributed much to the club during the previous year. The year Denis Shaw received the honour of chosen as "Club Member of the Year".



**Congratulations Denis**

Denis's contribution to our club is many and varied. Whether it's collecting the BBQ for the cook up at the monthly club outings, arranging transport, sussing out new locations or feeding the masses with his first class cooking skills on a weekend away, Denis is the first to put his hand up to help. I am sure I speak for all the members in thanking Denis for his contribution. Also at the January meeting we announce the angler of the year. This year we had not determined the winner from the results at hand. So the announcement of the angler of the year will be held over to the February meeting. While on the subject of objectively determining the Club Angler or the Year we have introduced record sheets for members to use when fishing club outings.

**Southeast Queensland Fly Fishers Inc.**  
**Club Outing Record Sheet**

**Name** **Date** **Location**

Species	No. Caught	Sizes	Total Length	Fly Used	Comments
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**The benefits of using records sheets are many:**

- ✚ By completing record sheets at club outings we can determine detailed records of attendance, areas fished and fly's used.
- ✚ An accurate assessment of the capture details of each member can be determined.
- ✚ The information submitted on the record sheets will be archived, and will be available to all club members for future planning / outing references.

The record sheets were trailed at the one fly event on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> January. A system of access for pick up, and returning of the event record sheets, is still to be sorted. Any thoughts people have to assist the use and format of the record sheets will be greatly appreciated. We will discuss this subject at the next club meeting in February.

***Gold Coast Fly Fishing Convention 2010***

At the January club meeting it was announced that the 2010 Fly Fishing Convention would **not** go ahead on the dates of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The cancellation met with a response of disappointment from all club members. It was explained that the cancellation was necessary, and was due in total to a poor response to a poor response from external attendees.

After attending the last Fly fishing convention, and having the opportunity to spend the entire weekend amongst the cream of the crop of all facets of fly fishing, my thoughts reflect one of disappointment. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously for the efforts of **Tom Boylan**.

Tom had worked long and hard through 2009 to secure a positive response from many of the masters within our fly fishing fraternity, for this event.

The six million dollar question, "will there be another convention of this type" can only be answered by a positive response from attendees in the market place. Only time **may** tell. Jeff Christoffel.

### ***Up and Coming Outings - Jeff Christoffel***

There was discussions and subsequent recommendation put forward for the club events for February and March.

Coomera River saltwater fish - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Clarrie Hall Dam freshwater fish - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.  
The Variety Bass on Fly Fish, Maroon Dam - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **The Coomera Outing**

The starting point for this outing is the boat ramp on the up river side of the main Brisbane highway bridge. The start will be first light with a BBQ brunch under the bridge and a swapping of fish stories as you appease the hunger pains from missing breakfast. Take care when navigating this area as there are several rocky outcrops laying in wait for unsuspecting props. The river has a healthy population of most estuary species. With flathead, tailor and bream making up the lion's share of the catch.



**Tom with a nice tailor from the Coomera River**



**Tucker Time under the bridge**



You will need to register on the club web site forum so that catering can be organised for the brunch.

### **Clarrie Hall Dam Outing**

If ever there was a piece of water that deserves the title of picturesque it's Clarrie Hall Dam.



**Daybreak on Clarrie Hall Dam**



**Mt Warning, looking into Clarrie Hall Dam**

Clarrie Hall dam is nestled in the foot hills just to the east of Mt. Warning. The dam is a first class bass fishery. The early morning and late afternoon surface bite is well etched into the minds of any fly fishers who have graced these waters. As the day progresses the bass action often goes deeper with bass vampires and the like taking their fair share of fish.

Access to the dam is via the southern end of the dam at what is called Crams Farm. The trip takes you through over the Tweed River and on to Murwillumbah. From Murwillumbah continue on through the township of Uki. This road is sign posted as the road to Kyogle. On the Kyogle road south bound you will come across the signs for Clarrie Hall dam. This is the northern end of the dam and **not** the turn off to take. Continue south until to the McDonalds Rd and the take the Doon Doon Rd to Crams Farm.



**Bass are the main Target at Clarrie Hall**

The road from the gate takes you past the home so keep the noise to a minimum as you pass the house and follow the road to the bottom end of the cleared area. You will find a launching area and a small jetty at the far end of the road. There is plenty of room for parking the vehicles and trailers near the launch area.

You will need a NSW fishing licence to fish Clarrie Hall and combustion engines are not allowed on the dam.



**Brian braves the winter chills to take on some Clarrie Hall bass**

The plan is for a daybreak start, with a 10.30am (QLD time) back at the launch area for tucker and submit result sheets.



## **Variety Bass on Fly Weekend**

This weekend is one of two weekends organised by Jeremy and Judy Wakelin to benefit Variety Children Queensland. The other weekend is the Variety Toga on Fly weekend at Borumba Dam, around October.

The bass on fly weekend is to be held on the first weekend in March. That being the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. The venue for the event is Camp Lakefire at the south western end of the dam. The venue has good camping facilities and amenities. There is also some cabin accommodation for the early bird bookings. There is a large cooking and dining room area for all to gather at meal time. There are meals that can be purchased from the kitchen and the Saturday evening meal is covered in the entry fee.



**Lakefire Camping area**



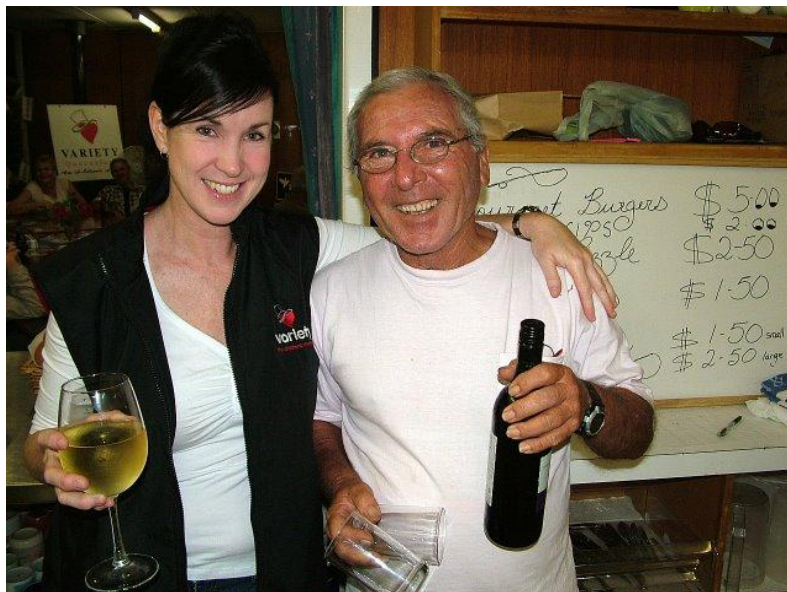
**Weed beds and structure across from the Lakefire launch area.**

Boat launching is available from the lower end of the Camp Lakefire grounds. There is a large grassed area from which to launch from. At the 2009 bass of fly weekend there were larger style bass boats launching from this area as the bottom is fairly firm.





**The Saturday evening gathering**



**Vince looking relaxed**



**Denis on the bass**

The Brisbane based fly fishing club "Mallard and Claret" were up fishing Maroon on the same weekend and dropped over make a much appreciated donation to Variety Children's and join in the fly chat.





**Jeremy's handy work**



**Jeremy adjusting the ever changing score board**



**Swans settle in on Maroon.**

For entry information contact: Jeremy Wakelin at [redlaughter@optus.com.au](mailto:redlaughter@optus.com.au) or 0419739917.



## ***Activity / Topics and Ideas from the January Meeting - Jeff Christoffel***

At the January meeting we explored the subject of what topics/activities would club members benefit from at club meetings and outings. From the input from the club members at that meeting, many topics of interest were identified.

I will attempt to summarise the suggestions put forward:

- ✚ **A Fly Swap Night** - This is where people nominate to tie a set number of one particular fly pattern and bring them along to the meeting. With the number of people nominating to tie their favourite pattern and swapping flies with other people in their group, each person participating will leave the meeting with many great creations.
- ✚ **Trailer Maintenance Workshop** - Mario Demaio (Muz) has offered to hold a trailer maintenance workshop at his automotive repair facility. For those members who are not sure of the pit falls of insufficient trailer maintenance this workshop is great opportunity to raise your level of understanding and help keep your boating pastime a pleasurable experience.
- ✚ **Rod Building/Repair** - Glen Porter has a life time of rod building and repairs at the highest level, under his belt. Glen has offered to facilitate a workshop environment where members can gain valuable knowledge into this art form and create and maintain their own fly rods.
- ✚ **Knots, Rigs and Leaders** - An instructional evening focusing on the business end of Knots, Rigs and Leaders, where to use them, and why.
- ✚ **Battery Selection and Maintenance** - Jeff Christoffel to facilitate a club meeting workshop covering the correct selection, installation and maintenance of battery power. Scope for the workshop is from the AAA rechargeable through to Deep Cycle and Cranking Batteries.
- ✚ **Fly Fishing Quiz Evening.** For those who fancy themselves as a trivia buffs and have a wealth of knowledge in and around the fly fishing world, this is for you. The makings of a fun evening.
- ✚ **Fly Tying Evenings** - The club has sufficient materials and equipment to conduct fly tying evenings. We have in the past conducted these evenings with a focus on a specific skill base or technique. The short fall here is that some of the members need a sound grounding in the basics. The suggestion then, is to incorporate both basics and intermediate tying groups on the same evening.
- ✚ **Maintenance of PFD TYPE 1** - Glen Porter has been supplying a service in this field to industry for many years. Glen has offered to take members through the maintenance, storage and service requirements, of the manually inflatable PFD TYPE 1 pieces of equipment.
- ✚ **Maintaining Fly Fishing Equipment** - A look at the various aspects of getting the best performance and life out of your equipment. From preparation to maintenance and storage.
- ✚ **Internet Information** - An information evening looking at the various web sites supporting information of value to the fly fisher. From the Club, to the weather and techniques, where the web can better service your fly fishing experience.
- ✚ **Guest Speakers** - With a focus on topics of interest, and planned events, continue to search out the services of content experts to assist members to prepare for outings.

✚ **Fly Fishing Outing with a Twist** - While at a club outing at Uncle Billy's some time ago, there was some discussion involving the use of trout size flies, No 10 and smaller, in a saltwater environment for a club outing. Much water has flowed under the bridge, and many of my brain cells have left me, but I think this concept may belong to Ricky Slennett. Another twist to this theme could be to venture into a saltwater environment with a maximum of 4lb tippet, to a minimum of 1 metre in length. This concept could incorporate the concept of the small flies above.

✚ **Land Based Fly Fishing Venues** - Tom has raised this topic as a valid point and suggested a method of evolving this concept to the benefit of the club members. Given that not everyone in the club does own a boat, but will more than likely be available to fish a land based or wading venues then these types of outings may well appeal to club members.

When it comes to researching and testing the water, groups of club members supported by aerial maps of the local region seems like a logical starting point. The maps would assist with information such as access and possible expected inflows.

Other valuable information such as:

- ✚ What species available to cast to?
- ✚ Is there any protection from prevailing winds?
- ✚ Is the location fly fishing friendly? (back casting, structure and the public)
- ✚ Is the fishing restricted to shore base or are there wading opportunities?
- ✚ Is permission enquired to access the location?
- ✚ Are there any amenities available? (toilets, gazebos or general shade)
- ✚ Are there any hazards associated with the location?

When looking at any maps of the Gold Coast region the opportunities that present themselves within the maize of waterways, canals and connected estate locations is enormous.

This is not an overnight project; in fact opportunities will always continue to present themselves.

The first step is to:

- ✚ Identify opportunities.
- ✚ Get members out there to check locations out.
- ✚ Collate the data coming back.

When we look at the response from the membership to the recent one fly, land based event, held at Lakewoods, the further development of this concept looks promising.

## **One Fly Outing** - Jeff Christoffel

Pre-dawn start for the trip to the Gold Coast. The club outing was the annual "One Fly Event" held at the Lakewood estate off 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There was patchy light rain as I backed down the drive at home; by the time I reached Yatala the windscreen wipers were going flat stick. Daylight was still a way off, but I had a feeling that the skies ahead were as dark and moisture laden as the one overhead.

First look at the car park and it became evident that a cyclone was not going to dampen the enthusiasm for this event. One of the more sort after species residing at this location is the Giant Herring. There is a healthy population of giant herring in many of the Gold Coast waters. Lakewoods is also home to many other species such as Trevally, flathead, whiting, bream and mullet just to name a few.





**Local Giant Herring.... some believe they are extinct**

The early bird catches the worm. Well so the story goes. And true to form the faithful were there all waiting for a blessing from the fish gods.



**First you need a plan**

It didn't take long to grasp that the weather patterns were as variable and unpredictable as a politicians promise. And the best plans turned into cast the water to foam and pray.



**Jon in full focus, casting to a leaf.**

Now Lakewood covers a fair area. Although for the most part quite shallow the shore line gives the caster plenty of options. And trust me by the end of the morning session plenty of options had been put to the test.

Angus was the first to mark up his score sheet with a 37cm. giant herring and a 15cm bream, both fell to a BMS Special.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. There was only one option to follow at this point, eat.



**When Vince sits down to eat, all follow**

With 22 fly fishers, all with their own secret fly, casting to anything with scales and being outwitted by something with the brain the size of a pea, you can imagine how the conversation went. Some blamed the weather; others blamed Vince's lunch, while most agreed it had to be Vince's umbrella.





### **For some the whole ordeal was just too much**

The afternoon session commenced with renewed faith. However another 10mm. of rain in 10 seconds put an abrupt end to that.

By this time my casting arm was feeling a touch worse for wear and I was wishing I had bought my 5# along. When they refer to Barra fishing as death by a thousand casts, giant herring on fly can leave this figure for dead.



### **When the going gets tough, the tough get going and going and .....**

Denis found that with a little assistance that he could walk on water. With this new found talent and a decided advantage over the field he proceeded to come up tight but drop 2 giant herring at his feet.





**Denis wearing his yellow prosthesis**

Although the fishing got off to a shocking start and the capture rate tapered off dramatically from there, a good time was had by all.

Perhaps it's because this style of fishing lends it's self to a lot more personnel interaction, when compared to the somewhat segregated situation offered when fishing in pairs from a boat.

Paul had the only other recorded capture with a small trevally. Angus lives in this estate and fishes this location frequently. Chatting with Angus over a sausage with onion on bread, he spoke of some of his techniques he applies for this area. Small flies, hence the BMS Special, and fish light, 6 lb at the business end. Sure bust offs, but heaps more takes.



**Time to reflect and take in the day**



## ***Around the Traps***

As I mentioned early in the newsletter there have been some excellent days fly fishing on the grapevine.

## **The Seaway**

Paul and Vince have been spending quality time at Vince's eastern office. The western office is Hinze Dam. More reports from Vince's western office later.

Some early morning starts into the seaway mid week have produced some great Yellowtail Kingfish down deep.



**Paul around the prop again.... Just joshing!!**



**Paul giving Vince a hand at the office**



**Vince at home at his office. Serving it up to another customer**

**Hoodlums in the Seaway** – Paul Goodey

Hello and happy new year to everyone. I had a great session fishing the seaway with Vince this morning. We made our way out to the pipeline at approx. 4.30am, the boat ramp at the Grande was very busy but luckily for us, most of the boats passed us at break neck speed heading for the local reefs to chase the spotty mackerel. The run in tide was a big one and there was plenty of current. It took a couple of drifts and a few lost flies to judge the right depth to hit the sweet spot. After the 3rd or 4th drift, Vince got smashed up severely which got the adrenaline pumping. On the next drift I came up tight and off the fish went with total and violent aggression. Even with drags tightened up it didn't make any difference, the line still flew off the reel, the 8ft 14 weight stump puller was bent double - still the fish was in open water and away from the pipe. Vince finally put the net under a 72 cm kingfish. Those bloody fish don't give up. After photos and releasing the fish it was back to the next drift. Vince is in to another one straight away after a similar arm wrenching fight, another 70cm kingfish is landed. What a great way to start the New Year and after losing approx six flies each and another five fish to the pipe I managed to land my second fish of the year - another kingfish approx. 70cm, prior to netting him, his mate almost followed him to the boat also. As the tide slowed the kingfish went quiet. However, I finished up landing a big eye trevally topping off a great morning's fishing with Vince at his office.

For the sacrificial Clouser's - We use 00 size sinkers. You can buy a large bag of 100 from Big W for about \$5. I generally thread them on a length of 80lb mono using epoxy to stick them all together. Remember you will need to leave a gap between the eyes to allow for tying to the hook shank. When dry cut them off and tie them to the hooks clouser style. Then a couple of coats of glow in the dark paint to finish the job. I find it easier to make them in batches of say 20 at a time, it save a lot of money and they're a better size eye than the ones sold commercially.





**The mother of all Clouser's**

**Hinze Dam** – Paul Goodey

The word from Hinze Dam has a pleasing tone to it. Vince and Paul payed a visit to Vince's western office to check the lay of the land. While the early and late surface action has been very garden variety, the bass down deep have been prepared to come out and play.



**Hinze can produce some cracker bass**

But wait there is more. The resident toga community is making frequent appearances. From this we can only deduce the toga have settled into a comfortable breeding pattern and we can look forward to encountering more frequently in the future. While the lads were beavering away at Vince's office they took time out to sight cast a Toga or two.



**All in a day's work**

Vince doesn't use employment agencies. If you are willing to run the hard yards you can submit your CV to Vince at the next club meeting.

### **Tasmania** - Taz Jeffrey

Hi all. Over the Christmas period I spent twenty days in Tasmania with my family and in this article I will talk about the fly fishing that took place and the locations that I fished. Three years ago my parents moved to a town called Woodbridge which is about half an hour south of Hobart. The two major rivers in the area are the Derwent in Hobart city and the Huon about one hours south of there. Once I arrive in Tasmania one of the first things I like to do is fish for wrasse/kelpies off the rocks with my seven weight rod and intermediate line. They are aggressive fish and in great numbers and are always a sure thing to put some runs on the board and watching them hit the fly in crystal clear cold salty water is an enjoyable way to spend the morning before the wind picks up. Ten to fifteen fish is common and the fly choice is simple, bright colours like pink, white and chartreuse are always a winner as long as you let the fly sink close to the bottom as wrasse will rarely rise up to hit a fly or lure. During one such session my father and I were surprised when his soft plastic was hit by an Atlantic salmon that went crazy but ended up a delicious meal that evening.



**Wrasse off the rocks**



It's never long before the trout bug bites and the nearest trout waters are the Huon River and its tributaries. The Huon river itself is a massive fast flowing tannin stained water which when levels are high makes it extremely challenging fishing. Although I did manage one small brown on a nymph presentation this year I found the waters too tricky and preferred to focus on the clear and easily waded streams that run into the Huon River. The little Dennison has a good population of brown trout with the occasional rainbow mixed in. It can be tricky fishing due to the amount of trees along its forested banks. My brother and I fished to trout rising in the first pool next to the road bridge but no success was had on these fish. Following a barely discernable track downstream we searched out other pools to fish. I managed one brown trout of around a pound on an indicator pheasant tail nymph which slipped from my hand just before the photo.



**The Styx River is like the Tyenna but far less visible fish, only a few kilometres apart**

Great lake is somewhere I have always wanted to go and the opportunity came when my father's friend, an avid plastics fisherman invited me to join him on an early morning mission to the Highlands. Very windy and rainy weather greeted us at dawn as we arrived at the lake. We fished with enthusiasm for a number of hours until the weather became too uncomfortable to continue. The only encounters with trout were a massive cruising brown that I spotted from a high rocky ledge out of casting distance. I also had a decent rainbow slash at a Chernobyl ant pattern that I slapped down above some deep water at the tip of a rocky point. He came back twice more but never looked like eating the fly, simply just wanted to defend his territory and unfortunately missed the hook every time.

The Russel River is another tributary to the Huon that fishes well for browns and has a fantastic camp ground on the banks of its upper reaches. The camp ground was only recently created by a young couple who own lots of land in the area and did a fantastic job building amenities and cultivating beautiful flat lawns on the river's edge. The first afternoon at Russel river was frustrating, as I dropped three fish in a row that all took an indicator nymph fished down the bubble line of a beautiful slow flowing pool right next to camp. I finally managed a nice fish of about a pound on an elk hair caddis just before dark. The next morning another two fish came to hand using a two fly rig of a nymph with a stick caddis on the point fished under a yarn indicator. And then my last fish before getting in the car to go home. The elk hair caddis proving successful once again.

My bad luck on the lakes continued following an unsuccessful trip to Arthurs where I fished mainly steamers as there were no signs of surface activity. The fish were following and I must have seen three or four large trout follow the fly almost to the rod tip without showing any intention of eating. What made things worse was my father and his mate having great success with their plastics from kayaks as I walked the bank for nothing.

The Tyenna River is a tributary to the upper Derwent River that is well known for its far above average numbers of trout. For some reason this small river holds twice the fish of other rivers that seem to be identical. Although they can be extremely difficult, the Tyenna is known to produce fantastic fishing on its day and each season produces several fish of trophy status. Using roadmaps and the directions of some friendly locals I found my way to the property where the Tyenna meets the Derwent. And after a quick chat with the land owner I made my way across his sheep paddock to look down on the happily feeding fish that inhabited almost every pool in this fantastic river. The best part was that the fish were happy to eat my royal wolf patterns and were of a larger size than the rest of my catch thus far – a pound and a half. The rumours about trophy fish I had heard were confirmed when I spotted a massive and I do mean massive trout holding position in about two feet of water. After about 15 casts with three different fly's I eventually lined the fish and he swam slowly away up stream. I would call that big fellow at about 10lb from what I can tell.



**Nice one from the Tyenna**

## ***The Fly Tyers Corner***

**Yum Yum Guts** - Tom Boylan

Designed to work in relatively clean water, canals, lakes etc. and has caught bream, flathead and one giant herring. It could also be useful for tuna

Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SL12S # 4 - #2

Threads: orange flat waxed and clear mono

Eyes: medium black bead chain

Tail: white Polar fibre (well brushed)

Body: white Muzzledub

Tying instructions:

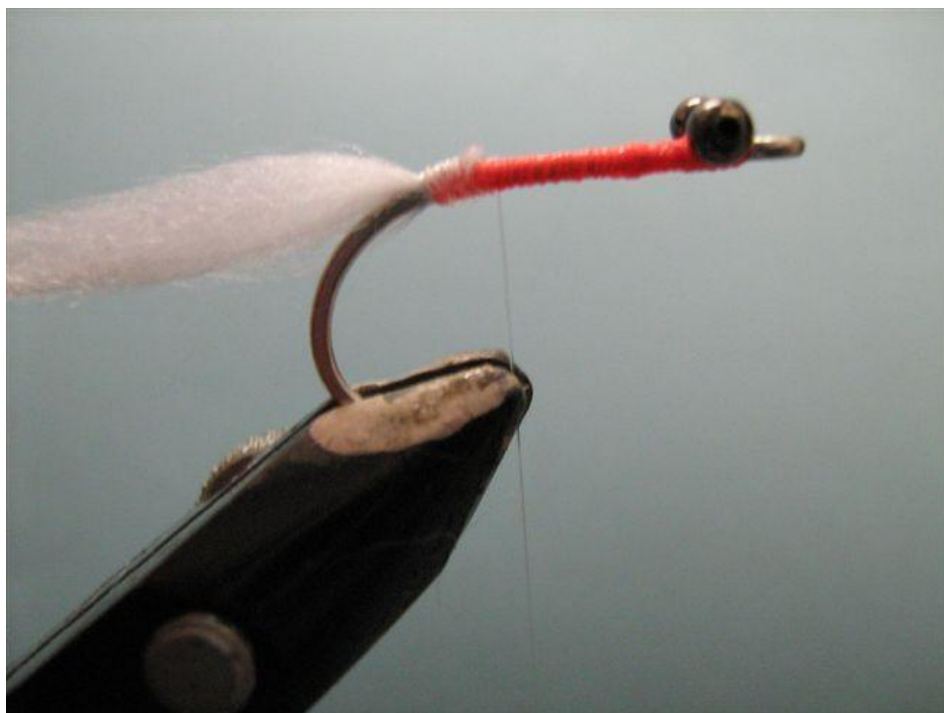
- (1) Run the orange thread down to the bend and back to the eye. Tie in eyes and apply two coats of clear varnish
- (2) Change thread to clear mono and tie in tail which should be 1.5 times hook length



- (3) Select small section of Muzzle dub, brush well and lay along the top of the hook holding in place with one turn of thread.
- (4) Push the dubbing down and around hook shaft, fold back and secure. Advance thread 3mm and repeat.
- (5) Continue in 3mm steps to the head  
Note: this may also be achieved by doubling the thread and using a dubbing spinner but keep material sparse.
- (6) Brush out forward and back with Velcro to separate and blend fibres.
- (7) Underwater the Muzzle dub allows the orange thread to show through like a gut line



**Step 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**





**Step 6**



**Step 7**

***Add water and hang on!***

Let's know how you go.... Tom

## ***Cook's Corner*** - Jeff Christoffel

It was some time ago that I kicked of the cooks corner. And since that time there been recipes of both piscatorial content and other.

Last weekend at the One Fly outing, Vince brought along some freshly caught slithers of bonito that had passed by his Broadwater office at day break. When the nose bag time arrived, Vince hooked into a feed of freshly caught, slices of fresh bonito, sprinkled with salt and pepper.

Fortunately I arrived in time to try Vince's offer. I have travelled to Japan and several other continents that view their preparation of meals somewhat different to ours. And to my surprise I was in for a treat. The taste and quality of the flesh was first class. There was an obvious link to the freshness of the flesh and method of preparation that is not easy to match. All I can recommend, if you get an opportunity to have a crack at this don't waste the opportunity.

Enjoy,  
Jeff.

Thanks to Vince for the opportunity to try this dish.

## ***Photographers Corner***

We have run out of space, so the Photographers Corner will hopefully make next edition. Next month I would seek to simplify the issue of lens size. What size, for which application?

### **Photo of the Month**



### **Winners are Grinners**

There is no mistaking the value of the composition of this photo. Vince has captured the emotion of every element of this point in time. Well done.



## ***Longtail Tuna Survey***

There is a survey currently being conducted into the Long Tail Tuna local environment. To have a peek at what is happening view: <http://www.longtailtuna.com.au/Home.aspx>

## ***Special Thanks***

To all the people who submitted material for this month newsletter. Much appreciated.

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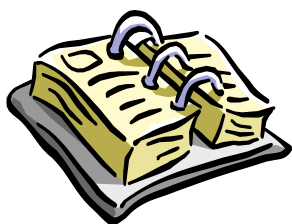
**Bruce Leitch**, from Dream - Waters Fly Fishing in Queenstown, N.Z. Bruce sent across two personalised fishing caps with flies attached. The happy winners of the coveted caps were none other than Kruger and me. Top shelf. "No one would ever guess that I collect fly fishing caps."

## ***Quotation for February***

**"An optimist is often as wrong as the pessimist, but he is far happier"**

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***  
**Jeff**

## **Coming Events**



### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7PM.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

### **NEXT FISHING TRIPS:**

**Coomera River - 14th Feb**

**Clarrie Hall - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Variety Children's Bass on Fly @ Maroon**  
**Dam - March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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