



Club Newsletter

January 2010

Welcome to all,

"Click goes the keys" as my fingers visit the keyboard on the last day of 2009, with 2010 is but one sleep away. I hope the Christmas gave you all the opportunity to embrace those things that are life giving. For 2010 the to do list is already being populated at a great rate of knots with the must do's, and the nice to do's.

Before 2009 is relegated to the yesterday slot in our memory bank, I think a quick glance over our shoulder is in order. I am a firm believer in the concept of "if it's not broken then don't fix it". 2009 saw some changing of the guard within our club committee. I wish to join with all our members in thanking those responsible for creating a solid platform for opportunism for the future of our club. Through their efforts our club has grown in a manner that accommodates the many enjoyable aspects of the pastime of fly fishing that our members enjoy.

A well earned rest should have been the order of the day, but not to be. As with the dynamics of any functional group, that level of dedication and energy needs to be retained where possible, so the focus on continuous improvement saw them back in harness, in new roles.

Changes/projects completed and progressing

- ✚ **Change to monthly meeting times.** Now the second Tuesday of the month and starting at 7 pm. This change assists the management and staff of the Mermaid Beach Bowls Club to meet the needs of club members on meeting evenings.

- ✚ **Two new positions** established to support club activities.

Club Captain: Jon Burgess. "The minister for club trips." The role is one of a facilitation function to liaise with club members in planning and developing scheduled club trips.

Events Co-ordinator: Tom Boylan. "The minister for special events". Facilitating events such as the Fly Fishing Convention in March 2010 or events of an educational nature such as the yearly programme involving the year 12 science students at Miami High School are examples of this role. I might add that that Tom's passion for supporting and developing local educational programmes and community base activities through the platform of fly fishing is well noted and appreciated.

- ✚ **The Club Web Site Upgrade;** Evan Evans and Mark Hosking: Evan is "The minister for all things cyber". The lion's share of this project is complete thanks to Evans passion and cyber wizardry. Evan has toiled over this project for the last few months. The result is a club web site that posts great opportunities for our club members to communicate and exchange information quickly and easily.
Evan developed the first club web site and has maintained the cyber face of our club for several years. The support Evan has delivered to our club through this service is very much appreciated.

- ✚ **Circulation of the Club Newsletter;** Jeff Christoffel and Mark Hosking: The decision to circulate our club newsletter to all interested fly communities has been well received. Feed back from other flyfishing communities has been very encouraging. It is our thoughts that the sharing of information relating to the enjoyment derived from the past time of flyfishing needs to be shared. This gives people at all levels of participation the opportunity to grow and enjoy the benefits of flyfishing.

Club Meeting 8/12/09

The December meeting was well attended with 13 members braving busy Christmas schedules and commitments to attend. The plan for the evening was to confirm arrangements for items requiring immediate attention and then partake in some light refreshments before removing the shoes for an evening of casting on the bowling greens.

Items for discussion:

- ✚ Club Christmas party.
- ✚ December club outing, Brian McDuffie Memorial, wild bass, Tweed river. (Report to follow).
- ✚ Venue and rules for the club "One Fly" event for January 31, 2010 (December newsletter)
- ✚ Club web site. (Progress report)
- ✚ The 2010 Gold Coast Flyfishing Convention. (Report to follow)

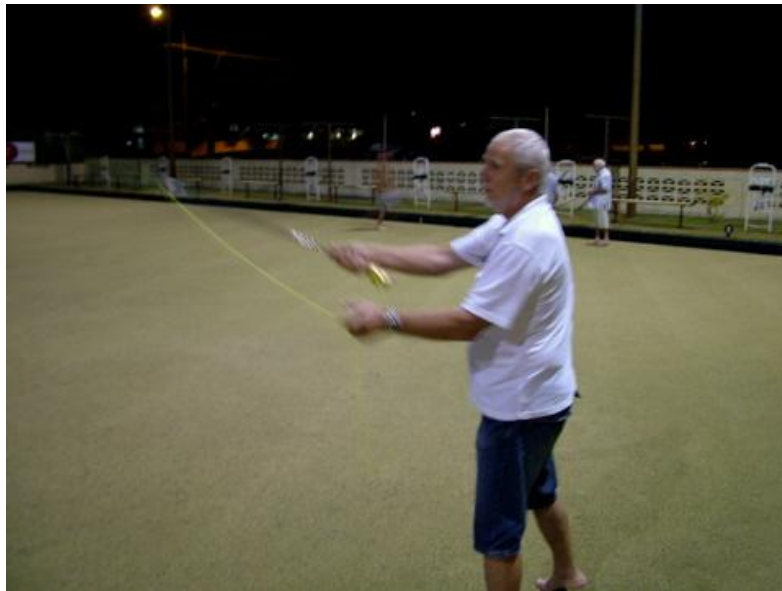
After general business it was crackers, beers and casting. The weather gods had shined on us or perhaps it was just the flood lights above as the rods were set up and the casting began. Club member and qualified FFF casting instructor, Gordon Lowe was helping to make the most of this quality time as members tried out different outfits. Some members had brought along the outfits for people to try. Others had outfits that they were looking to sell for people to try.



Vince and the sawn off samurai fly rod made from recycled chop sticks.



Harrison and Taz playing with a heavy weight.



Jorgen enjoying himself as always.

Gold Coast Flyfishing Convention 19th, 20th & 21st March 2010.

This will be the fourth bi annual convention hosted by the South East Queensland Flyfishers Club Inc. with each growing progressively bigger and better.

Up to 100 keen flyfishers from all over Australia gather together to see and try the latest in flyfishing gear and equipment and to meet and learn from the best practitioners of our sport.

Whether your target is trout, bass, tuna, barramundi or marlin you can investigate the latest techniques, tackle and opportunities with flyfishermen at the cutting edge and being a live-in weekend you have no time restraints on your discussions and activities.

All of the leading tackle distributors will be there with their products set up for you to try and compare. The venue offers large expanses of lawn ideal for casting and tuition which will be freely given by qualified instructors.

Australia's leading flytyers will be demonstrating and explaining their art and use of the latest materials and patterns used in the pursuit of your favorite species offering you the opportunity to explore your interests in detail.

The Convention is to be held in the Gold Coast hinterland at Camp Bornhoffen on the Nerang - Murwillumbah Road where comfortable ensuite accommodation is provided together with all meals for the weekend at a total cost of \$195.00 per person. Early bird registration with payment prior to 15 January 2010 is \$ 175.00 per person

Those traveling by car should provide their own bed linen. For those traveling by air we will provide linen, towels etc. at no cost and if you wish we can meet you at Coolangatta or Brisbane airport and convey you to the venue.



Wall to wall tackle distributors

Who will be there? All are well known, widely published and celebrated for their expertise and experience in a wide variety of flyfishing applications. They include Peter Morse, Juan Del Carmen, Micah Adams, Shaun Ash, Muz Wilson, Jon Makim, Nial Logan, Mick Hall, Matthew Howell and others. These are the people who will be in attendance to offer their assistance and skills in improving yours.



Three days of this.



This



And this

REGISTRATION FORMS can be downloaded on the South East Queensland Flyfishers web site

For further information please contact:

Club President: Mark Hosking, mark@s28.com.au or

Event organizer: Tom Boylan pm.boyland@bigpond.com Phone (07) 5564 6660

Fly Club Christmas Gathering 2009

Christmas 2009 again saw Mark and Deb Hosking open their doors in their tranquil piece of paradise for our club Christmas gathering.



Chilling out at Christmas

The weather was perfect. Plenty of shade, cool breeze, good food, good friends and lots of laughs. That was short lived as the tranquillity was shattered when you know who arrived.



Smiles all round

Santa had some other club members in his sights this year so his little helpers went out to round them up.



Toms for fills his childhood dream of meeting Santa face to face

Tom was presented with a perpetual trophy in his name for his services to the club. Tom was also to experience the gift of Christmas giving with Santa as he handed over his trophy in his name to this year's winner of the Tom Boylan Trophy, toga on fly award to Kruger.



So there you have it a fairy tale comes true at Christmas.

The club members would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark and Deb Hosking for there hospitality but once again.

The only event that put a dampener on the day was that Santa was last seen loading Kruger's wife Kate into the back of his sleigh and heading off up the track flat tack. He did leave a note that made reference to returning Kate at next years club Christmas party? Kruger's has been out fishing every day, looking for Kate.



The last sighting for Santa for 2009.

The Brian McDuffie Memorial Byangum Bass Bash – Jeff Christoffel

The plan was set at a 2.15am departure from my house in Brisbane; pick Ezvin up at Southport at 3.15 to be at our launching spot on the Tweed River just south of Murwillumbah by 4.15. Although it was far from early to bed the night before last minute preparations seemed to go on for ever, I was bright eyed and bushy tailed as per the plan. For me and others this is a special club fish in a very special part of the world.

The day was picture perfect with a light breeze, clear skies and the picturesque back drop of Mt Warning overseeing the countryside.



Fish with a view

Arriving we saw a few vehicles without drivers and Mick and Don Nash pulling away from the bank under electric power.



Ezzy carrying the outrigger to canoe. No, we don't fish with rockets.

Ezvin and I wasted no time getting the 15 foot Colman canoe from the racks to the water. Fit the outrigger and electric, load the rods and gear and before you can say, grab the net, I'm into the mother of all bass. It was a solid surface take in shallow water next to a steep grassy bank. After a solid struggle that would make the fish gods proud we briefly sighted colour with Ezvin speaking words of encouragement like, it's a good fish. As Ezzy readied himself with the net, his next words of encouragement weren't so clear. I thought to myself, sounded like Ezzy said "it's an eel". You guessed it, I heard right. It was no ordinary eel it was the mother of all eels and it took a gurgler pattern in half a meter of water. Damn, I couldn't find a picture of a bass in my fish ID that even came close to this monster.

After replacing my 8lb tippet as the old one looked like I had been playing tug a war with a pit bull terrier we were ready for action again. Problem was the action came in the form Ezzy who was soon sporting a new pierced ear ring resembling one of my frog patterns, tied on a size 4 Gamakatsu B10s. All wasn't too bad until I made reference to the fact that the eel put up a much more spirited struggle. Damn, I couldn't pass Ezzy off as a bass either.



Bass country

After a quick catch and release with the pliers it was business as usual. We came across Dean who is a new club member and a local in these parts. Dean had measured two smaller bass early in the session and was prospecting for their bigger brothers.

Working the banks with a floating line and surface presentation placed tight in the strike zone soon hit the jackpot for Ezzy.



Healthy 38cm bass

We worked our way down to the weir for not so much as a bump. The on water conditions were getting uncomfortable as the temperatures and UV took its toll. We decided to make our way back and met Mick and Don Nash on the journey home. As it was close to time for lines out they too were heading in the direction of the ramp stopping only to cast at the most fishy looking snags.



Mick and Don looking forward to the barby lunch

With the launching point in site Ezzy and I put in our last casts for the day next to a large fallen tree. And you guessed it the fish gods smiled on Ezzy again. He came up tight on yet

another healthy 38cm bass. We didn't know at the time but his two biggest bass total, of 78cm, put him in top position for the day.

Most of the crews fished up stream from the bridge and reported smaller fish, lots of half hearted bumps but enjoyable fishing. The area had just been opened to fishing after an algae outbreak had settled in. The water was not as clear as the year before with the turbidity possibly caused by tinny particles of algae suspended in the water column.

Don Nash kindly offered to cook the barby for lunch again this year and what a cracker job he did.



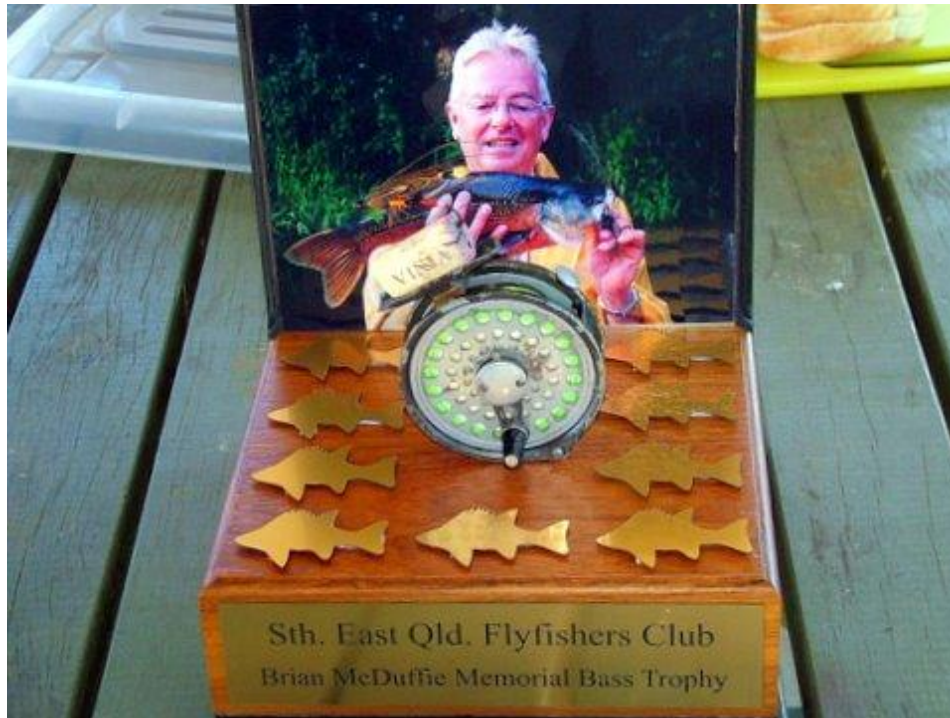
Don, the master chef whipping up a storm

After a pleasant lunch, light refreshments and friendly banter relating to where and when the bass came out to play, it was time to announce the winner of this year's Brian McDuffie Memorial. This year's winner with the summed length of the two longest bass was Ezvin. The presentation was again performed by Magali McDuffie and Brian and Magali's five year old daughter Manon.



Magali & Manon present the winners trophy to Ezvin

Brian McDuffie was a long term member of the South East Queensland Fly Fishers Club. Brian was much loved and respected by all who knew him. Brian had a passion for fly fishing for bass in this region and after his passing the club named this annual event in Brian's honour.



The Brain McDuffie Memorial Perpetual Trophy

Last year was the inaugural formalising on the club calendar of this memorial wild bass fly fish. The club has been very fortunate to have Magali and her daughter Manon travel down to make the presentations. Magali, who has a very busy lifestyle with motherhood, a business and study, is also very handy with a fly rod.

Next Month's Outing

When planning the club outings at the November meeting there were two nominations for the month of February.

One outing was suggested for the Coomera River to fish the salt.



Tom and a Coomera River Tailor

Last outing in this area set off from the boat ramp on the western side of the main Gold Coast to Brisbane highway.

The other outing was suggested for Clarrie Hall Dam to fish the fresh.



Clarrie Hall Dam

Clarrie Hall is situated south of Murwillumbah off the Kyogle Road. No combustion engines are allowed and a NSW fishing licence is required to fish this dam.

At the time of writing no dates have been set in stone for these outings. As soon as dates are set for these outings, they will be displayed on the calendar on the club web site.

The Fly Tyers Corner - Harrison Perrin

The Weedless Warrior

Much of our estuary and freshwater fishing involves casting at snags like mangroves. It becomes frustrating when a single mangrove tree gobbles up 3 of your best flies.

The problem can be easily fixed by adding a mono weed guard. Although this is not a totally original fly design, I like to think that I have made my own spin on it.

If I am casting to lily pads for bass or fishing heavy mangroves for bream this is my "go to" fly. I have made them on 2/0 hooks for Barramundi and Saratoga as well, producing good results

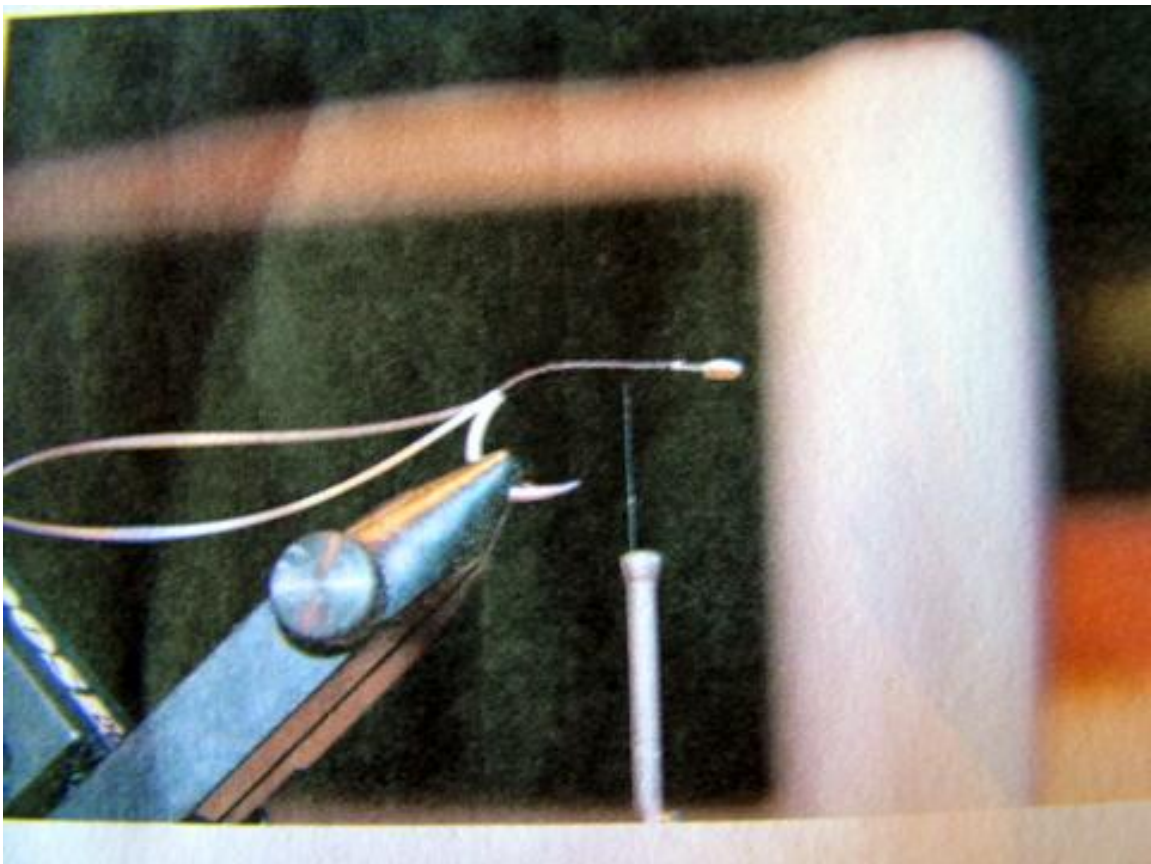
Materials:

Hook	Size 2 Gamakatsu SL12
Thread:	Black flat waxed nylon
Eyes:	Any size bead chain eyes, depending on the water depth you will be fishing.
Body:	A mixture of black soft and rough dubbing. (2/3 soft, 1/3 rough)
Tail:	1 black rabbit strip
Weed Guard:	40lb mono

Method



1. Wrap a good layer of thread along the hook shank.



2. Tie on the weed guard a ¼ of the way down the bend of the hook, apply some glue.



3. Tie down the rabbit strip, along with the eyes.



4. Dub the thread with a mixture of 1/3 rough dubbing and 2/3 soft dobbing. Wrap all the way to the eyes.



5. Tie in the wed guard behind the eyes and whip finish.



ADD WATER AND HANG ON!!

Harrison and his brother Tim are juniors in our fly club. They both excel in all aspects of their fly fishing and their contribution to the club and this newsletter are very much appreciated.

The Cooks Corner - Jeff Christoffel.

With summer species of fish in full swing and amongst them the tasty mackerel family, my thoughts turned towards both a sauce and an accompaniment that match the hatch. Both these dishes can also assist to overcome that Christmas phenomenon of shrinking garments in the wardrobe. Yes, they are reduced fat dishes.

Lemon Sauce.

- 2. Level tablespoons fresh lemon juice.
- 1. Level tablespoon of white wine.
- 1. Level tablespoon reduced fat margarine. (Flora Light)
- 1. Level tablespoon plain flour.
- ½. Level teaspoon chicken stock powder.
- ¼ level teaspoon crushed garlic.
- 1 level teaspoon fresh chopped coriander
- Salt and pepper to taste.

In a non stick frypan melt margarine with garlic, add flour and combine. Slowly add in milk using a whisk to avoid lumps, add stock powder, wine, lemon juice and bring to the boil, add coriander. Salt and pepper to taste.

Pour sauce over fillets when cooked and serve. (to serve 4).

Accompaniment.

- Juice of 2 squeezed limes
- 1 Teaspoon of extra virgin olive oil.
- 2 Tablespoons of brown sugar.

Mix together until the brown sugar has dissolved completely.

- Dice**
- 1 Mango
 - ½ Capsicum
 - 1 Red Onion

- Grate**
- 1 level tablespoon ginger

- Finley Chop**
- 1 level tablespoon mint leaves
 - 1 level teaspoon fresh coriander

Bring total ingredients together and lightly stir in bowl. Ready to serve with main meal.

Both the sauce and the accompaniment sit well with prawn dishes and skinless chicken breasts.

Enjoy

Around the Traps

Fishing reports have been scarce as hen's teeth of late. Christmas duties, crook weather, or fishing so hard that there is no time to drop me a line, are all possible causes. Hopefully it's the latter.

The grapevine hasn't shut down completely though.

The first little gem was sent in by Tom Boylan, and was titled Secrets Revealed.

Secrets Revealed - Tom Boylan

Fishing is a pursuit that has always produced fads, fancies and new approaches. The four hook garfish and pilchard era, slow sink running ball to the hook, chrome slices, various styles of hard bodied lures and soft plastics.

Fly's though have been fairly constant for hundreds of years with the only variations being size, colour, wet or dry making it a fairly level playing field.

There are, however, insidious elements that can be employed to advantage by the more 'fly' or cunning angler.

Many years ago it was discovered that animals, birds and fish displayed an eager response to ANISEED, a little sprinkled over the bait or lure and more added to the burley brought sensational results a, practice that fell out of favour or was simply forgotten. This, as a deliberate act, is not acceptable in the better circles of flyfishers.

Vince Margossian, who also enjoys sensational results, spends evenings hunched over his tying station breathing OUZO fumes into every fly he ties. There is no suggestion of impropriety here and it is, I'm sure, only a coincidence that our other high achiever Arsey Ezzy comes from a region that is also well OUZO soaked.

I confess I have tried this myself but the resultant fly's look quite strange and some only half finished as I keep having to climb back on my chair.

Our next flytying night could be great fun.

Other Stuff

The next piece of information is in response to a question raised at the recent tweed, wild bass fish. What looked to be a discarded white poly chaff sack, lying on the bottom in a shallow section of the river, was in fact a carp.



Mother of all carp

Although it appeared to be mooching around at a very sedentary pace, I think it might grow horns should it feel some line pressure. Something like getting your fly snagged on a passing Volkswagen. Should anyone manage to subdue one of these creatures with an appearance that only a mother could love, please pass it on to me.

A report in from Maroon Dam gave the thumbs up for bass surface action on fly. Although there was more than a fair share of holiday boat traffic in the main basin, the upper timbered section of the dam fished well. With or variety bass on fly the first week in March at camp lake fire, I can't wait.

Mark Hosking and Brian Kirkley ventured up to Moreton Bay just before Christmas day. Their target was the spotty mackerel run. The weather gods didn't smile on them that morning, in fact an early storm front turned up. One good tuna run was the tally for the day.

Photo's of the month

This month I have chose two photos submitted from two of the clubs juniors, Tim and Harrison.



Harrison with Longtail



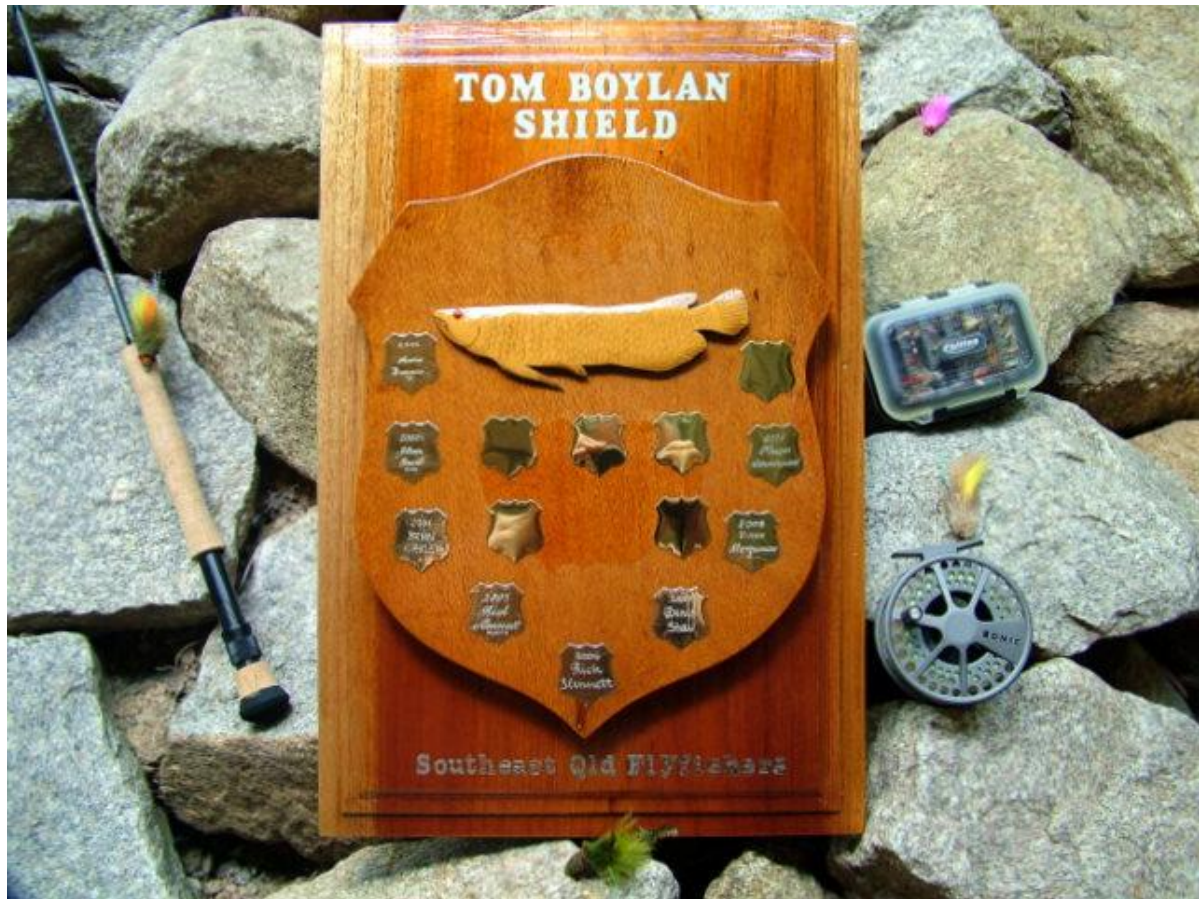
Tim with thready

Both the photos have good facial expression to add to the mood to the image. And who wouldn't have a cheesy grin you may ask? Trust me sometimes you have to prise out a smile, even at moments like this. The rule of thirds has been used well in the vertical photo composition.

If the camera has a facility for flash fill it may have assisted the facial shadowing in Harrison's photo. Should you not have this facility on your camera, then the easy solution is hats off in bright sunlight conditions.

Great photo's guys. For your prize you get to take me to some of the top locations you fish, so I can practise my photography.

The Tom Boylan Shield



Tom Boylan Shield

This shield has been in the club as a perpetual shield for some years now. The shield is associated with the Variety Toga on Fly fish held at Borumba Dam in the latter part of the calendar year. The yearly winner of the shield is the club member whose aggregate length of toga caught during the weekend is the greatest.

The shield received a face lift and a renaming to the Tom Boylan Shield in honour of the support Tom has tirelessly given to our club.

Tom was presented with the shield in his honour at the club Christmas gathering. In turn he then presented the shield to this year's winner, Kruger Scharenguivel. Congratulations Kruger.

With plenty of spaces on the shield for years to come, and observing the flyfishing standard of previous winners, I know I will be setting my sights for a good effort during this great weekend of flyfishing.

Beg, Borrow or Steal

Wanted to sell

1x Mastery Series GPX WF – 7# - F (New).

1 x Mojiko life jacket manual inflator exp – 1m Adult (colour: camo)

Contact: Jeremy Wakelin 0419739917

Russel Quoit Award for January 2010

First Nomination – Taz for turning up to fish the Brian McDuffie Memorial a day early. Then catching a 41cm and a 38cm bass to rub salt into the wound.

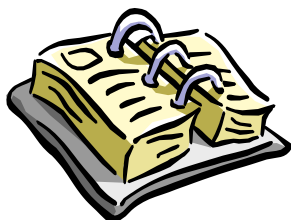
Close Second – Me, for turning Ezvin's ears into a fly box.

Quotation for January

"Cut your own wood and it will warm you twice."

Tight Lines and bent rods!
Jeff

Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 12th January at 7PM.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

"One Fly"
Sunday 31st January, 2010
Lakewoods Estate Waterways
End of 19th Avenue, Elanora

South East Queensland Flyfishing Club Inc. – Contacts:	President - Mark Hosking	(07) 5522 4802
	Vice President - Jeff Christoffel	(07) 3822 1812
	Secretary- Paul Goodey	(07) 5575 7724
	Treasurer - Mark Miller	(02) 6672 4364
	Publicity Officer - Jeff Christoffel	(07) 3822 1812
	Club Captain- Jon Burgess	(07) 5530 1275
	Events Co-coordinator - Tom Boylan	(07) 5564 6660

Newsletter Editor - jeffreychristoffel@hotmail.com