

### Club Newsletter

July 2011

### Welcome to all,

As with most things in life, the more you read and the more you get a chance to observe and talk to people who share the same passion for your chosen past time, the greater is the appreciation for the diversity and scope of understanding that is required to test your expectations and develop new and exciting frontiers.

I am firmly of the opinion that it matters little if your challenge is to catch a wary fish in a stream that you can straddle with a foot on each bank or cast to blue water monsters in an environment where land fall cannot be detected with the human eye. Each different scenario presents new and varied challenges that can only be satisfactorily settled by applying the appropriate principles.

To me it matters little if those principles are acquired and applied with the assistance of a master of the situation or self exploration and trial and error. The main thing is that each time you tick a box you are expanding your fly fishing mental portfolio and enjoying what being out there and experiencing the moment means. As most of us do, I derive a great deal of enjoyment by simply being in those special locations that take you away from the peak hour of our day to day hectic lives. When you see that scenery that is a must have on your camera memory card you know you are in the right spot and in a healthy frame of mind.

When it comes to self development and the personnel satisfaction gained from achieving set goals our chosen pastime has many facets. Each one of the challenges is enough to keep the mind ticking over to see what is around the next corner. Whether it be improving your casting, developing your fly tying skills, researching locations, tides, feeding patterns, barometer readings or putting all of this knowledge into the mother of all outings, each step of the way you are covering new ground and making the most of your waken time.

Since I first picked up a fly rod I have always been hungry for knowledge and keen to experience what is around the next bend in the journey. Acquisition and application of new skills can be derived from a variety of sources. As I mentioned earlier, it matters not if it is a content expert, a book, DVD, web site, your club environment or self discovery, all roads lead to Rome and keep us coming back hungry for more.

Until next month, keep kicking the ball and chasing it.



#### Club Meeting - 14 June 2011



**June Meeting** 

At our June meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming Tom Stower and Garry Harkin as guests to our meeting. We hope you both enjoyed the meeting and look forward to catching up in the near future.

The June meeting saw much planning for the outings on the club calendar. Due to the fact that the next two outings are both away weekend there is always need to pay particular attention to detail as boats, crews, travelling, accommodation and food need to be sorted.

#### **Club Outings:**

- ♣ The outing for June was the interclub challenge at Inskip Point. Mark Hosking took the reins with this one and put together the lion's share of the organising. At the time of the meeting there was upwards of half a dozen members keen for Inskip and some crews from the Sunshine coast chaffing at the bit as well.
- ♣ The July outing is set down for "Uncle Billys" at Ben Lomond. As always there are plenty of candidates for Billy's and the planning details were covered off. It would take more than sub zero temperatures to put a damper on this trip. Also Jon is coordinating the QLD team for the Australian Fly Fishing Championships, and Billy's is a perfect practise hit out for this event.
- With a variety of circumstances contributing to the cancellation of the May, "Trout Gear in the Salt" outing, there was discussions about whether to reschedule or let this outing slip through the keepers hands for 2011. From previous experience, the rescheduling and doubling up of outings in the months ahead has presented more than its fair share of problems. With a busy club outing schedule for the second half of 2011 set in stone the decision was made not to pursue this outing again this year. This outing was also set down as one of the point score events for our club championships, and the decision was made to calculate the club fly fishing outcome from the Byangum (Bass), Tweed (Flathead) and Jumpinpin (All species) club outings.

Last year the Nerang River, "Trout Gear in the Salt" outing proved to be a very enjoyable and productive bream outing. When we sit down to review the club outing calendar for 2012 we will have to look more closely at this outing to try and establish more functional timing arrangements.

#### **The Casting Day**

The members took this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Tom, Jon, Paul, Mark M, Denis and others for making the casting weekend a great success. Again, thank you to all who worked so hard to make this great event happen. At last report, Tom has settled and not requiring constant sedation however I did receive a phone call that one hair left on his head has turned grey and could fall out at any moment. Hang in there, Tom.

#### **Fishing Reports**

Peter Nolan gave his account of his first Longtail catch with Captain Gavin Platz. Peter will defiantly hold fond memories of this outing for a long time to come. Likewise Paul Goodey gave a blow by blow account of his first Longtail capture. Paul has worked hard to achieve this outcome and there was a fair share of nervous moments as the battle panned out. Paul has been so close and yet so far on a few occasions so to tick this box was a very significant milestone for him.

Mark Hosking gave a report on the first class trip that some of our club members experienced in Darwin. The first outing was the Darwin Flyrodders Freshwater event at Corroboree Billabong. The event was top shelf as always and the hospitality of our hosts, the Darwin Flyrodders is second to none. A great time had by all.

This year some of the members kicked on for a few more days with Helen Abdy sampling the first class milk fishing in Darwin harbour and another group of our members accompanying the Darwin club members to a magical camp on aboriginal reserve land to experience some out of this word fly fishing adventures.

Mark Miller gave a report on the Gladstone area where he fly fished the locations downstream from Awoonga Dam and the adjoining river systems. Mark had an enjoyable time casting to several different species of fish and searching out some interesting surrounding waters.

Vince and Andrew have been putting in the hard yards in the Seaway of late and have had many productive sessions. Australian salmon, kingies, tailor and tarpon have all come out to play and are keep the lads coming back for more.

Jon Burgess has been busy getting the planets to align for our inaugural Queensland Fly Fishing Team. This is new ground for Queensland flyfishers and I have no doubt that the fruits of all the hard yards and interest shown will benefit our representation on the flyfishing scene into the future.

Hope to see you all at the next club meeting.



Jeff Christoffel

#### When a plan comes together - Jeff Christoffel

In August of last year our "DPI Fishcare" volunteers were invited to assist the "Camp Quality" organisation with a young people's fishing clinic at Tallebudgera Creek, on the Gold Coast. It was at then that I met Jai, a young gentleman who showed a keen interest in the fly casting. Jai's Mum, Tami is also a volunteer with the DPI Fishcare programme and both Tami and her husband Troy are keen anglers.

Jai was over the moon to find a fly rod combo under the Christmas tree that year and asked his mum if she could help make plans for him to come over from Beaudesert for some fly casting and other fly fishing tuition.

The window of opportunity for Tami and Jai to come over for a few days presented it's self during the first week of this school holidays. The plan was to cover off on day one with equipment, setting up, knots, flies and finish the first afternoon working with the first of the fundamentals of the fly cast.

The plan for day two was to spend the bulk of the day working on the principle of casting and applying them to various casting techniques. Then with any remaining time head to the water and put it all together fly fishing. With moderate to strong winds blowing, we found a location that offered some respite from the wind to have a crack at some shore based fly fishing in a local creek.

Given that Jai's arms were shot from a full day of casting different fly rods he did well to muster up enough strength for this final session. A few casts later and Jai had come up tight on his first fly caught bream.



Jai nails his first fly caught fish

Another item that put a smile on Jai's face was when he told me that he and his dad had a thing going as to who would be the first to catch a fish on fly.

Well we know the answer to that part of the equation. But you see, Jai's dad, Troy was away for the week with work and Jai sent him a text message with a picture of his achievements, plus, to rub salt into the wound, it just so happened to be his dads birthday.

Well done, Jai.

#### Paul Arden Clinic

Paul Arden, aka "Camoman", well known fly casting commentator, all round fly fishing character and raconteur recently visited Australia with the stated intention of cycling and fly fishing around Australia. For those of you not familiar with Paul his website "Sexyloops" will provide a full background to the man. Probably his most talked about feat is his ability to "explode" three or four flyrod a year while distance casting.

In typical Arden fashion he commenced his cycle with a twenty year old bicycle that was; in the words of CCI and cycling coach George Forster, "totally unsuited to the task at hand." However Paul points out that it was the only bicycle he had at the time, and he successfully managed a good portion of the cycling circumnavigation, and eventually arrived safely back in SE Qld.

Initially I missed Paul on his trip through Gold Coast, but managed to make contact while he was in Byron Bay to ask if he could manage a fly casting seminar on the Gold Coast. He duly undertook to contact me on his return to Gold Coast and I set about eagerly watching the commentary of his epic trip on each of the "Sexyloops TV" web programs released, enjoying his adventures with several fly fishing note worthies including personalities well known to several club members, such as Brian Henderson, Jacko Marrs, Jono Shales and George Forster.

His return to Gold Coast was a rushed affair and shortly after his return he flew off for a weekend in Malaysia to officiate as an examiner in the MCI and CCI testing programme held there a few weeks ago. To Australia's credit our own "Mr. Smooth" Roy Wybrow passed his Masters at this event.

To cut a long story short (making contact with and also obtaining definite commitment from Camoman could be difficult) the clinic was arranged for Sunday 26 June at the local casting arena of Albert Park. Following so shortly after the extremely successful clinic held by John Waters and Great Bay Fly rods I was uncertain whether sufficient numbers would enlist for the event (we were limited to a minimum of six and a maximum of ten).

Paul and Hervey Bay guide and acting sidekick/chauffer for the weekend, Andy "Beerie" Beer (who had met several SE Qld members at the recent Inskip interclub event) duly arrived at my house on Saturday afternoon to be allocated accommodation in the luxurious "riverside suite". A "barby" soon commenced with local attendees being myself, Paul Goodey and Shaun Ash. From further afield fellow CCI and chairman of N Qld Flyfishing Club Ward Nicholas showed his undoubted commitment to fly casting by DRIVING down from Townsville for the event. The event continued until a bottle of Port was introduced to slow all participants.

Sunday morning, rather to my amazement, all arrived at Albert Park bright eyed and excitedly looking forward to event. Participants were four CCI's, myself, Paul, Shaun and Ward, and also Tazz Jeffrey, Ezvin Sarvan, Norm "the Nogster" Good and Peter Nolan (who had been apparently been released from confinement by the white coated gentlemen for the weekend, possibly for good behaviour.) There was also an unidentified visitor seen lurking in the area, apparently listening for any wayward tips that may have escaped. Despite vigorous enquiry by participants he refused to supply his full name suggesting we refer to him only as "Vince".

All participants were handed a list of topics to be covered during the day. After a brief perusal of my copy the course commenced. With my limited knowledge of the reputations of some of the participants I was immediately relieved to find that "checking fluff" simply referred to an inspection of the wool to be found at the end of our leaders.

All participants were asked what they expected / wanted to get from the clinic, and answers ranged from the ever popular "casting over 100 feet" to "watching the teaching methods" employed by Paul. Almost immediately we were fully engaged in the matter of distance casting. This included discussion and practical application of the haul, tracking, butt rotation, slide, drag and many related topics. This information was followed by a discussion and practical demonstration of the famed "170" cast.

Well the man can certainly cast – without doubt the smoothest I have seen and I have seen many. This is not only my own opinion but also that of the other CCI's present. The loops were, again without doubt, the perfect aerodynamic shapes – simply identical to those drawn in the "how to" books – despite the fact that there was 80 to 90 ft of line aerialised at the time.



Paul Arden and his students

My only moments of absolute concern was when my prized 7 wt Sage TCX was used by Paul for a distance demonstration. The stories of the "exploding butts" of fly rods put under such extreme pressure flashed vividly into my mind, coupled with my knowledge that all present were unreservedly hoping to observe a practical demonstration of the seldom witnessed event. Watching the entire MED line plus a respectable amount of backing disappear with no visible effort by the caster left all present suitably impressed. For those not familiar with this feat the line the line alone is 120 ft. Hence the demonstration casts must have been a good 130 ft plus as the leader certainly straightened.

A pleasant surprise was that we were joined during the day by Australian champion distance caster Jackson "Jacko" Marrs, who had his distance equipment on hand for all to inspect. Those who met Jacko some years ago at a "midnight casting challenge" held during an Interclub Competition at Inskip will simply not believe his improvement since then (and it must be remembered that he not only won the Midnight Challenge that year but also triumphed in the Australian distance event.) It must be noted that the name "midnight casting event" is in fact entirely a misnomer – the event in fact took place considerably after midnight.

In addition to the advanced aspects of casting covered by Paul, the basics, centred on Bill Gammel's five essentials, were thoroughly discussed and analysed. As were the practical matters of dealing with the wind, roll, switch and spey casts. Then onto the more technical "trick casts" and slack line presentation casts which had all present attempting curve casts, reach and bucket mends, and several combinations of these casts. And such casts were all absolutely demonstrated – in one or two instances the initial "show" section was deemed not perfect, and a second attempt made which certainly remedied any perceived defects in the prior effort.

All too soon the day and the clinic were over leaving an exhausted group of casters to return home. In my own instance it was not quite as simple, and it was a case of off to more festivities at the local Thai restaurant with the instructor and his associates. However this offered a valued opportunity for more discussion and information from Camoman, regarding not only casting but also personalities within the casting community.

Well to summarise – an honour to have been afforded the time by a master. The Club received a mention on the Sexyloops website and I am certain that all present left far more knowledgeable than they had arrived. A great day for all – thanks Paul "Camoman" Arden.

Jon Burgess

#### **Territory Freshwater Open 2011-** Mark Hosking

It had been a couple of years since I had been to Darwin to fish the NT Freshwater Flyfishing Open so as Rick and I drove to the Airport on the Thursday evening it was great to know I was heading back to Darwin to catch up with good friends and experience a fantastic fishery. Helen Abdy was going to meet us at the airport but after we checked in and had a beer and a bite to eat we could not find her anywhere. We thought she must be waiting in the departure lounge but when we got there Virgin had just called for boarding so after a look around the lounge decided that she must have already boarded. A quick scan of the plane when we boarded and still no sign of Helen... again we thought she must have her head down reading a book so planned to catch up with her when everyone got off. To cut a long story short Rick and I waited after we got off the plane until the last stragglers arrived and the door was closed. Still no sign of Helen. She must have missed the plane!! This was confirmed a few minutes later by Tony O'Malley who was Helen's partner for the Fresh.

Typical of the hospitality of the DFR crew Tony was there to meet us at the airport at 1.00am in the morning and then drove us about an hour and half straight out to Corroboree Park Tavern (CPT) where the comp was based. Thanks Tony. Rog and Cathie Bassett had already made arrangements for our beds to be ready so straight into bed for a few hours sleep and then up at 7.00am to catch up with everyone at breakfast. The plan for Friday was to have a bit of pre-fish and check out a couple of areas in readiness for the Comp.

As in past years Rick was fishing with Jim Churchley and I was fishing with Rog. Since Helen had not made the flight Tony joined Rog and I and we had a very enjoyable day picking up Barra, toga and tarpon here and there generally getting our game plan together for the next 2 days of competition. Tony was having an especially good day picking up quite a few Barra but I am not sure that the comment he made a few times during the day that "Good Looking People" catch more fish was entirely accurate. Back to boat ramp around 4.00 and after a few beers and then a shower it was back to the bar for dinner, catch up with a few old faces and the pre comp briefing. Rick had had a great day with Jim picking up quite a few barra including his "PB" Barra, a fantastic fish of 86cm. They had their game plan worked out in readiness for Saturday and for Rick it was going to be a very early start. At the pre comp briefing the DFR crew ran through the rules, lines in/lines out times etc and announced that there were a total of 23 teams (46 flyfishers) fishing the comp.



Tony with a "gold" barra



**Corroboree Toga** 

From CPT it is about a 15 minute drive to the ramp and with Lines in at 6.30 and our first location to fish being not far from the ramp we figured that would give us plenty of time. God knows where Rick and Jim were heading but at the time they left it must have been somewhere near the QLD/NT border!! Arrived at our first spot right on 6.30 so it was lines in straight away and within a short time we had a couple of Barra and Tarpon on the score sheet. Things quietened down after an hour or 2 so we went in search of tarpon. To keep yourself in the hunt in the comp you really need to get a full line of tarpon on your sheet (20 fish) each day. Spent a couple of hours trying to "fill the line" and then with both of us still needing a couple more we headed off in search of more Barra and Toga. Fished a preselected spots over the next couple of hours picking up toga and barra here and there. With a couple of hours left before lines in at 6.00pm we headed to another Tarpon spot and both finished filling the line and headed back to the ramp and then back to CPT for a quick shower to get ready for the Saturday night dinner and to catch up with how everyone else had gone on Day 1.



80cm of NT Barra caught by Rick

Caught up with Jim and Rick and they had had a great day. Rick had lined out on Barra by 8.30 and ended up catching 35 for the day and was able to upgrade 10 of his barra. Jim had a good day as well getting a lot of barra and they both had lined out on tarpon as well plus a few catties and longtom as well, so they were pretty happy at the end of day one.

With the results being announced Saturday night after dinner Rick was in  $2^{nd}$  place, Jim was in  $4^{th}$ , I was in  $9^{th}$  and Rog was in 10th. Team wise Rick and Jim were second behind Roger Sinclair & Matt Henger and Rog and I were  $5^{th}$ . With another early start for Sunday looming most headed to bed in readiness for day 2.



Rick with a great barra



**Another Toga** 

God knows what time it was that Jim and Rick left on Sunday but it was very early. I think they were heading somewhere on the east coast of Australia. Sunday is only a half day with score sheets back at the ramp by 1.00pm so Rog and I spent our time searching for Barra and Toga early picking up a few here and there but not as many as we had the day before. Got so many follows from barra but despite changing flies, retrieves, lines etc could not get them to really come on. We would pick up a couple here and there and then they would just follow the fly. About 11.00 decided that we had better make sure we fill our line with tarpon so headed to a spot not far from the ramp and whilst racing against the clock madly tried to catch as many tarpon as possible. Rog filled his line by about 12.30 and by 12.50 and time to head back to lodge our score sheets I was still 5 short. A bit of a wait at the boat ramp to load the boat as everyone else in the comp was waiting as well and then back to the CPT for the presentation which kicked off at 2.00pm.

After a quick shower headed over to the bar and caught up with Rick and Jim who had had a good morning although Rick & Jim had dropped quite a few barra throughout the morning, even so they were pretty happy with how they had gone. Presentation got underway about 2.30 and with prizes for the best fish of each species and the "most meritorious" fish of the comp it took a little while before we got into the score board. The individual winner was Roger Sinclair with Rick coming second only 222 points behind. Team wise Roger Sinclair and Matt Henger finished first with Rick and Jim second. A fantastic effort by Rick and Jim. Rog and I finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the team event. A copy of the individual & team results is detailed under.



"The Pommie Bastards"



Rick finished second – A great effort



First place went to Roger Sinclair & Matt Henger



## Territory Freshwater Fly Fishing Open Team Totals



Team		Score		Score	Team Score	
Tropic Tanglers	Roger Sinclair	4444	Matt Henger	4127	8571	1st
Pommie Bastards	Jim Churchley	3430	Ricky Slennett	4222	7652	2nd
Zede X	Warren Jeffrey	3826	Jarryd Jeffrey	2342	6168	3rd
We Free Men	Dean Jackson	2425	Chris Rainbird	1960	4385	4th
Vertically Challenged	Tim (BC) Harding	3066	Leanne Harding	989	4055	5th
D2 - The Mighty Duck	Dave Gardiner	1846	Dion Wedd	1898	3744	6th
Canetoad & Cockroach	Mark Hosking	2043	Roger Bassett	1680	3723	7th
Monteiths Originals	George Vlazny	1925	Kim Dunstan	1455	3380	8th
Captain Cook	Tony O'Mailey	2261	Helen Abdy	1072	3333	9th
Pirates of the White Pig	Dave Krantz	995	Glenn Hubble	1955	2950	10th
Barbless	Pete O'Sullivan	1021	John Sibio	1589	2610	11th
Rainbow Warriors	Dean Cummins	1332	Dave Freibel	1244	2576	12th
The Black Dog	Pete Davies	1357	Graeme Buckland	1058	2415	13th
The Twins	Scotty Mitchell	1573	Tim Davis	773	2346	14th
The Black Dog Too	Mark Duffy	1138	Alan Swainson	590	1728	15th
The Mile Fly Club	Jeff Watson	706	Alex Brown	857	1563	16th
Hakuna Matata	Robin Burnup	413	John Murden	1066	1479	17th
Team Jerky	Michael Austin	896	Ross Clark	581	1477	18th
Flyz & Reelz	Jerry TZ	203	Terry Hayden	1058	1261	19th
Water Haul	Gary Wenck	231	Wayne Williams	790	1021	20th
Arrrr!	Adrian Watters		Jillian Timms	34	34	21st



# Territory Freshwater Fly Fishing Open Champ Angler



#### Angler Score

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39th	Gary Wenck	231
40th	Jerry TZ	203
41st	Jillian Timms	34
42nd	Adrian Watters	0

Another great comp run by Cathie Bassett and her DFR crew and as usual Rick, Helen & I had a fantastic time. Special thanks to Tony O'Malley for picking us up from the airport and taking us out to CPT, Jenny Hill for going back to Darwin in the middle of the night on Friday and picking up Helen ("I missed my flight") from the airport, Roger and Cathie Bassett for their normal outstanding hospitality and to Jim Churchley, Tony O'Malley and Roger Bassett for making deckie spots available for the three of us.

Can't wait to do it all again next year!!!

#### **Cucumber Kimchee**

Given that the thermometer has been showing figures a tad on the low side of late, I thought I would add in a recipe that goes well as a side addition with many winter dishes or even simply a hot tea of coffee on those wintery excursions fly fishing and camping.

The dish is called "Kimchee" and is part of the staple diet of the Korean people. Kimchee will be found on the table for addition to most meals in Korea regardless of the time of day of that meal. I was first introduced to Kimchee while working on farms in North Korea for four weeks. I must admit that after eating it for breakfast, dinner and tea for four weeks sent me into Kimchee burn out. I still love to knock up a batch now and then as the taste is something I enjoy as a side dish with smoked fish or spicy soups.

So what is Kimchee you ask? As mentioned earlier it is a traditional fermented dish of the Korean people. In general it is made using vegetables mixed with a variety of seasonings. Example of the vegetables used is napa cabbage, radish or cucumber. It is also worth mentioning that the "World Health Magazine" rates Kimchee as being in the top five foods for nutritional value.

#### **Ingredients:**

♣ 1 Onion. (Chopped fine).

♣ 2 or 3 Medium to large cucumbers (Not the Lebanese variety).

**♣** 3 Eschol lots (sliced thin).

2 Tbs. Soy source (Lite).

♣ ¼ to ½ Tsp. Chilli flakes. (More if you want to warm the dish up).

\$\rm 1\$ Small red or green chilli. (Diced small).

♣ 1 Tbs. Pure sesame oil.

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Sesame seeds. (Large if you can get them).

♣ 2 Tbs. White vinegar.



**Kimchee Ingredients** 

#### **Process:**

- ♣ Peel the cucumber, slice length ways into halves and deseed.
- ♣ Slice halved sections of cucumber length ways again, now cut strips diagonally into 20mm. wide cubes. Place cucumber into larger mixing bowl.



Cucumber, from peeling to cube

- ♣ Now place finely chopped onion, thinly sliced Eschol lots, small red or green diced chilly in with the cubes of cucumber and mix together gently.
- ♣ To the mixed ingredients add soy sauce (Lite), sesame seed oil and white vinegar.
- ♣ Now add the sesame seeds to a fry pan and heat till the sesame seeds just start to brown. Be careful not to overcook.

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Brown the sesame in the pan, and add to mixture

Add browned sesame to the mixture.

Bottle the final brew and place in refrigerator. As mentioned earlier the final product is a fermented process. Try and leave a few days to mature if you can avoid getting into it to soon.

#### Tuck in and enjoy!!!

#### Club Outings & Events Calendar - Balance of 2011

<u>Date</u>	Location	Club C/ship event	<b>Species</b>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Uncle Billys	No	Trout
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jumpinpin (Jacobs Well) Yes		All
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Moreton Bay (Canals or open water)	S No	All
October 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Borumba Dam (Variety Children's)	No	Toga
November 12 <sup>th/</sup> 13 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>h</sup> Ebor	No	Trout
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Byangum (Brian McDuffie Mem	orial) <b>Yes</b>	Bass

**SEQFFC's AGM and Club Champions Awards** - **August 9<sup>th</sup>,** (7 pm. Mermaid Beach Bowls Club).

Club Christmas Gathering - November 27th - Location to be advised

#### The Next Club Outing- Uncle Billy's

The next club outing is set for Uncle Billy's at Ben Lomond in New South Wales on the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24th. The conditions will be a tad on the cool side, but the fishing and the venue is top shelf. I have put together some photos from some previous trips to Uncle Billy's to give you a feel for this great location.



Denis in his red camo



A Billy's rainbow



Tucker time at Billy's style, courtesy of Denis



Ricks, tall tails, has Mark D. chaffing at the bit





Mark H. on a misty morning at Billy's



Looking back across the water at Billy's



The three musketeers from last year's Billy's trip



Ezvin into Billy's trout



Denis spots a rise

#### Photo of the Month

From time to time you spot that something special that you just have to add to your fly fishing arsenal. Well this month's photo is of one such beautifully finished piece of equipment. The proud owner of this masterpiece is none other than Paul Goodey, our club secretary.

As most of you would know, Paul is of pommy origins. What most of you don't know is that Paul came to Australia as a convict and after serving his time share farming for the Queen, was made a free man. He was deported for a poultry offence of plucking the neck feathers from his master's prize show birds, for the purpose of tying flies.

Paul was pardoned after agreeing to serve the balance of his sentence as a FFF Casting Instructor for our club. Paul describes the acquisition of this classic piece of fly equipment like when he first set eyes on his lovely wife. He quotes, "Love at first sight". Paul now spends his evenings with his wife, reading fly fishing magazines in bed with his Abel fly reel sporting the Aussie flag under his pillow. And just for the records, no tuna is safe when Paul sets up his reel with Longtail's in his sights.



Paul's second love

The question on everyone's mind is if Mr Abel will bring out a "State of Origin Reel" to acknowledge Queensland's dominance of the game?

#### For Sale

♣ Innovator, full length neoprene waders. "As New Condition". Size small. \$150.00. Contact – Bob Knott 55983254

#### Club Fly Tying Champion - 2011

For those members who wish to participate in the clubs annual fly tying award the criteria is as follows:

- ♣ Only two flies to be submitted for judging. One freshwater fly and one saltwater fly.
- ♣ This year, flies will be judged on their closeness to the resemblance to the item they represent and not on their performance in the water or their ease of casting.
- ♣ Flies to be enclosed in a clear, snap lock type sandwich bag or the like that has inside the name of the member who has entered there fly for judging and the category in which you fly will be judged.
- Entries to be submitted no later than the August, AGM Meeting.
- ♣ As in the past, flies will be judged in two categories. The categories will be: "Novice Category" for those members who have not previously taken out a win in the club fly tying championship
  - "Open Category", for those members who have previously taken out a win in our club fly tying championship.
- The judging will be undertaken by persons from outside of the club membership.

The timing of the results of the judging will be announced at the September club meeting.

Each year the committee tries to create some slight variations to test the skills of the members who submit their works of art for judging. This year is no different. We hope that creating flies that are as close to the mirror image of what the represent will present a different twist to the entries, with a view of generating more interest for both novice and experienced club fly tyers.

Looking forward to having a gecko at this year's creations

#### Club Membership Fees - It's that time again

A reminder to everyone that your annual membership fees are now due. With the AGM being held at our August meeting please make sure you are paid up then. For those renewing the annual Individual/Family Full Membership Fee is \$50.00.

#### <u>HELP PLEASE!!!!!!!</u>

Tom Boylan is in urgent need of assistance for the following dates for the school program at Miami High School.

Mornings of July 19, 21, 26, 28 & August 2, 4.

A couple of hours are all that is required. SEQFFC have been involved in this program for 5 years now and unless we can get more people to help out we will have to cancel. So successful has the program been in the past, that this year we have 40 kids in 2 classes, so we need 8 people to help out. If you can assist please speak to Tom at the meeting or call him.

**Special Thanks** to all the people who have contributed to our club newsletter. Your contributions are always welcomed.

#### **Quotation for July**

Conscience: that inner voice that tells us that someone is looking".

Tight Lines and bent rods! Jeff



<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of July, at 7PM.

Mermaid Beach Bowls Club, 9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

#### **NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Uncle Billy's (See club web site for details)

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