

BRONTE FLY FISHING SCHOOL

(Registered name of the Devonport Fly Fishing Club Inc)

P.O. Box 956, Devonport 7310

8th - 13th January 2012

Thank you for your enrolment in the Devonport Fly Fishing School 2012.

This letter is to give you a brief outline of the course and your personal requirements for the six day period.

This course commences at 2:00PM Sunday, January 8th, 2012 and will end at approximately 11:00AM Friday, January 13th and is held at Hut Bay, Bronte Lagoon (see map attached). Attendees are requested to be on site with sufficient time to set up their camp sites prior to 2:00PM on the 9th; you are welcome to arrive on Saturday 9th January if you so wish.

Participants are also requested to collect their course registration packs from the main marquee between 12:00PM and 1:30PM on the Sunday.

The opening sessions are extremely important as necessary safety information is communicated. Any first time camp attendee will need to be briefed separately if they miss this session. If you cannot make it in time for this, please inform us so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The Basic course is designed for the beginner and the Intermediate will benefit the more experienced angler.

All attendees should note that a BBQ (BYO food and drinks etc) will be held on the evening of Sunday 8th. The Club will provide a barbecue to for cooking purposes. The prime purpose of the BBQ is to provide a social atmosphere to enable all attendees to mingle and get to know each other. Consequently, everyone is urged to attend.

Course Subjects Covered:

Safety	Fly Construction / Tying Demonstration
Casting Theory	Entomology
Casting Practical	Tackle Selection
Knot Tying	Reading Lakes
Leader & Tippet Construction	Streamcraft

A formal syllabus/timetable will be handed out as part of the course registration pack but we have enclosed a sample syllabus with this letter. As this is a sample only and subject to change, there is NO need to bring it with you. From the syllabus, you will see that formal activities commence at 9:00AM (apart from Thursday which commences at 8:30AM) and run until 5:00PM daily with rest periods throughout the day. Your co-operation in making sure you are on time for sessions is requested; the days are full and need to run to the schedule to ensure we are able to adequately cover the course content.

It is recommended that each student bring a comfortable fold up chair for use at meetings and theory components of the course and possibly some note taking material; though some sections have corresponding handouts.

It must be stressed that this school is a tutorial event and that it is not a fishing expedition. On saying this, there are normally fishing periods most days. Every effort will be made to ensure that novices get the opportunity to go fishing with more experienced anglers during the camp. There are also ample opportunities to go fishing before and after the day's formal activities.

Personal Requirements

A current Tasmanian Fishing Licence, Rod, Reel, Floating Line, Fishing Tackle (NB: if you are a complete novice it might be to your advantage to borrow a rod if possible or purchase a balanced outfit from a reputable tackle shop, probably something in the 6 weight, 9ft. category) as rod and tackle selection are part of the course and will help you understand rod sizes and uses.

Flies and Fly Containers

If you are unsure of what flies are needed, high quality flies are available for purchase at the school.

(N.B. Please ensure all flies are packed so wings and hackles aren't crushed.)

Waders (optional) and Belt (the belt is an essential safety item and all students must have one if using waders)

Broad Brimmed Hat

Polarized Sunglasses

Eye protection is required for casting practice.

Vest (optional)

Sunscreen

Insect Repellent (optional)

And if you are confident in its use, a Landing Net

Fly Tying Equipment: This is entirely optional but if you have some, please bring it along. In the event of inclement weather, we will have some impromptu fly tying sessions/demonstrations.

Self Sufficiency

Each student is required to be totally self sufficient, if camping on site supply their own tent/caravan/sleeping requirements, cooking utensils, food, etc.

The club supplies 2 portaloos and a large gas barbecue available for cooking purposes. You will be responsible for keeping your own site litter free. You will be supplied with 2 garbage bags to put your rubbish in and you are required to remove all your own rubbish. There is a tip site in Bronte Park; unfortunately, it is only open between 9:00AM and 12 noon on the Wednesday.

Water (for cooking and personal hygiene purposes) will be delivered to camp sites twice daily (approx 8:30AM and 5:00PM). It is NOT suitable for drinking unless it has been boiled.

It will be a fuel stove only camp, no cooking or camp fires (gas appliances are permitted).

Showers are available at the Bronte Park Caravan Park You do NOT have to go to Reception at the Bronte Park Highland Village as has occurred in past years. You may or may not be required to show your membership card to Highland Village staff but they will be making random checks.

It is imperative that you bring enough clothing to cover all weather extremes (include your thermals and cold weather gear).

Good quality wet weather gear is a must.

Tentage

If you are using tentage for your accommodation, it is recommended that you have a "Four Season Tent" as conditions can become very wet and cold as well as the other extreme of very hot and windy

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB'S POLICY IS THAT NO ONE CAMPS UNDER THE TREES. THOSE DOING SO DO SO ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK.

The school has a family feel, so excessive alcohol consumption and loutish behaviour will not be accepted or tolerated.

N.B. You will be camping on Private Property by agreement with the landowner and the Club so you will have to follow all instructions from Camp Supervisors. It is a stipulation of the land owner that camp fires are not permitted so your compliance is requested.

Emergency Contact Numbers

The following **NextG** mobile phone numbers may be used as EMERGENCY contact numbers (GSM service is not available in the Central Highlands). Please feel free to leave them with a family member for use should there be an URGENT need to contact you:

0427 057 455

0409 947 185

Looking forward to seeing you at camp.

Help to Keep Out Didymo

If you are a visiting angler or a local travelling overseas to fish

- Don't bring used fishing gear, particularly anything damp or wet including boots, waders, flies, nets and clothing into Tasmania.
- Hire, buy or borrow your fishing gear locally when travelling overseas.
- If you do bring your own gear, *Check Clean Dry* it before you arrive in Tasmania and use the latest recommended treatment methods.
- Declare all fishing equipment upon entry to Australia.
- Develop the 'Check Clean Dry' practice for all your fishing equipment, including camping gear, boat and trailer when moving between waters within the State.

Check Clean Dry your fishing gear

- Check your gear before leaving the waterway and remove visible clumps of algae. Material removed later should be cleaned, dried and disposed of in a rubbish bin.
- Clean your gear by soaking in a hot water solution of 5% household bleach or washing detergent for 45 minutes. Discharge cleaning waste away from waterways.
- If cleaning is not practical, dry your gear completely and wait an additional 48 hours* before contact or use in another waterway. *Felt-soled boots need much longer.

Report any suspicious algal sightings in Tasmanian waterways

- Didymo can be distinguished from native species of algae by:
- Colour - Didymo is beige/brown/white but not green.
- Touch - Although it looks slimy, it doesn't feel slimy, but rather spongy and scratchy like cotton wool.
- Odour - Live Didymo has no distinctive odour.
- Strength - Didymo is very securely attached to river stones and does not fall apart when rubbed between your fingers.
- Microscope - Definitive identification requires microscopic analysis

Be informed and know the latest research findings

Be a responsible angler always and report any suspicious or illegal activities immediately to the Service, Tasmania Police or Bush Watch 1800 005 555.

"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning." - Theodore Gordon