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“TO PROMOTE ALL FACETS OF FLY FISHING
AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP”

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BRONTE CAMP STARTS Sunday 8th January 2012

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS: January 26, 2012

At the Devonport Library Meeting Room 7:30pm (Side Entrance)

Calendar of Events

Wisedale Dam Sunday 27th November at 3:00 PM with family BBQ provided by club.

Macquarie River Saturday 3rd December Meet at car park opposite Ampol Garage at 8:00 AM, move to Brumbys Creek at 4:00 PM

January 8th Bronte Fly fishing camp

January 31st fishing week at Lake Burbury

Thursday 16th February, Friday 17th February and Saturday 18th February
2012 Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships.

May 19-20th IFS Liawenee weekend/Devon Lodge Cleaning
(Dates to be confirmed)

Members are requested to check club web site www.devonportflyfishingclub.net.au for any last minute changes to the above calendar. Any last minute changes due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances will be advised there. Event coordinators are urged to contact Barry Jacobson with any last minute changes/cancellations to allow the web site calendar to be kept current for the benefit of members planning on attending the event.

Notes from the Editor

- Recently fly hooks (Plain)) and actual flies have been found on the floor at the Lodge—members are reminded to exercise extreme care when tidying up their fly vests and fishing equipment inside the lodge—a fly hook in the foot is not a pretty sight.
- A comprehensive list of flies for sale are on pages 6 to 8
- You are encouraged to complete survey on Mersey/Forth waterway management - details on page 8.
- A Devon Lodge up date Re Keys is provided on Page 10
- An interesting article is provided on page 12 regarding the best ways to remove a fish hook from body parts, this issue was brought to my attention by one of our lady members
- As a follow-up to the article on the effect of Barometric conditions on fishing, I follow-up with an interesting article on Moon Phase on fishing - lots of interesting articles on this subject can be viewed by googling “Moon Phases and fishing”

DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.
Draft minutes of General Meeting held on 24/11/11

The meeting was opened by President Tony Scott who welcomed members and guests.

ATTENDANCE: 34

MEETING OPEN: 7.40 pm.

APOLOGIES: Ray Atrill, Malcolm Murray, Caleb Brady, Hamish White, Roy Whybrow, Percy Gardner, John Burr, Danny Thomas, Craig Kuns

Moved W Wrangmore, and seconded by P Bonney that the apologies be accepted.
Carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved I Pickford, seconded S MacAuley that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated was a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING: Held over to later in the meeting

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved D Best, seconded R Mclachlan that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Malcolm Crosse - asking for shirt sizes for volunteers

Malcolm Crosse - acknowledging details of our juniors

Gordon Hagen - asking for details about membership

Dennis Bayliss - sale of rods etc.

AAT - invitation to Mersey/Forth Water Management Review

NWFFA - copy of email to AAT about Mersey/Forth review

AAT - notice of annual meeting – bait fishing at Huntsman Dam

AAT - Mersey/Forth Water Management Review

Cherry Shed - with menu

Central Highlands news

Fishscore - software to record fish details

Malcolm Crosse - asking for numbers for C/W Championship dinner

Dennis Bayliss - sale of rods etc.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Joe Pawlasty - thanks for talk last meeting

Ashley Artis - thanks for presentation at our dinner

Malcolm Crosse - advising of number of volunteers for C/W Championships and details of our juniors
Gordon Hagen - details about membership
Malcolm Crosse - querying our excess number of volunteers

Moved W Wrankmore, seconded G Bourke that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Mersey/Forth Water Management Review – details to go in newsletter, members asked to complete online survey and send before 15th December.

REPORTS:

SHACK

Combination box for key will be in operation by Christmas.

Need to look at wood for next year. Discussed changing to gas, but sentiment seemed to be against such change.

CAMP COMMITTEE:

Volunteer still needed for transport of one toilet for Bronte Camp.

21 first year (with 4 in the mail) and 12 to 15 returnees registered.

Need prizes for the raffle.

Syllabus set and only one instructor still to be finalised.

Big boilers required for cooking vegetables for the pig roast.

FISHING REPORTS:

Graeme reported on a storm at Reid's dam, a number of fish caught in good condition.

Stuart reported action at the club dam after Tony left and the weather improved.

Glen had a fish straighten his hook in Tin Hut Lake and lost another 3. At Penstock in poor conditions caught a lot on duns and missed many on the strike, caught 3 in Botsford on the dry, and had a good day on the Gawler River on the dry including one of 3 ½ lb.

The Little Pine weekend was poor fishing with none from Little Pine, poor fishing in Great Lake and Woods Lake and a couple caught on nymphs in Jonah Bay area of Arthurs Lake.

Norm caught midging fish in Arthurs Lake on evening on small dries.

FISHING TRIPS:

Macquarie River 3rd December, meet in car park opposite Ampol Service Station at 8 am. Move to Brumbys Creek at 4 pm

Wisedale Dam on 26th November at 3 pm with family BBQ provided by the Club. If fishing in the Club Dam (every 2nd & 4th Sunday each month) use entry opposite the Nursery. Do not fish in the poppy paddock.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Reid reported that the annual dinner was a success with 43 in attendance and good reports about the food, and Ashley Artis' presentation.

Casting sessions with Roy Whybrow to be arranged at our January meeting, one month in the Devonport area and the alternate month at Waratah.

We are to decide on a definite weekend to book our access to the Macquarie River with same weekend each year. This is to help the landowner who has many requests for access.

MEETING CLOSED: 10.00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER:

At the start of the meeting John Wilesmith (a part time taxidermist) gave a talk describing what is involved in mounting fish for display. He brought along a number of examples he has completed plus a first cast of a monster from the Tyenna River.

FOR SALE

2 x Fly rods, 2 x Fly reels (one with spare spool), 3 x Lines (Wet & Dry)
Various Leaders, Line dressings— Float and sink, strike indicators & five boxes of wet & Dry flies.

INTERESTED? - Contact Dennis Bayliss on 0408 093218 who will advise where these items can be viewed.

FLIES FOR SALE

On the following page is the list of flies the club is now selling at \$2.00 each. I will bring samples to the meetings for viewing and take orders, to be delivered at the next meeting, a club outing or pick up from my place. Please contact me before a meeting if there are specific flies you wish to inspect.

Reid McLachlan
0412 636109

STD ROYAL COACHMAN	SZ 14
LIP-STIK DUN PMD	SZ 16
CDC STD MAYFLY DUN PMD	SZ 16
CDC STD MAYFLY DUN CALL	SZ 16
CDC STD MAYFLY DUN BWO	SZ 16
TRICO PARACHUTE MAHOGANY	SZ 18, 20
CRIPPLE CALLIBAETIS	SZ 16, 18
MR BILLS FLYING ANT RED	SZ 12
ADULT BLUE DAMSEL	SZ 10
FISHY'S EARLY HOPPER	SZ 12
FISHY'S FOAM HOPPER YELLO	SZ 8
BULLET FOAM HOPPER TAN	SZ 10
BULLET FOAM HOPPER YELL	SZ 12
CHERNOBYL ANT BLACK	SZ 8, 12
CHERNOBYL ANT TAN	SZ 12
PARACHUTE HOPPER PL YELL	SZ 12
PARACHUTE HOPPER TAN	SZ 10
FERGUS HOPPED UP HOPPER	SZ 10
JAY-DANES HOPPER	SZ 10
ROSS THREAD NYMPH BROWN	SZ 16, 18
PARACHUTE MADAM X CHARTR	SZ 12, 14
BH CHROMIE MIDGE	SZ 16
WD-40 OLIVE	SZ 18
BH RUBBER LEG PRINCE	SZ 16
ROSS BLACK CRICKET	SZ 6
ROSS'S BLACK X CRICKET	SZ 10
BH RUBBER LEG PH TAIL	SZ 14, 16
DIAMOND SCUD OLIVE	SZ 14
BH LITE-BRITE CADD LAVA OLIVE	SZ 14
CHAMPAGNE CADDIS OLIVE	SZ 12
CHAMPAGNE CADDIS TAN	SZ 12
MICRO STONE DK STONE	SZ 12
BH COPPER JOHN NYMPH	SZ 14
MICRO STONE GOLD STONE	SZ 12
TUNGSTEN LIP-STIK DAMSEL	SZ 10
BEADHEAD LIPSTIK DAMSEL	SZ 10
BH LIPSTIK DAMSEL OLIVE	SZ 12
FERGUS BW STEELIE BUD	SZ 6
BH DRIFTING STONE GOLD STN	SZ 8
BH DRIFTING STONE BROWN	SZ 8
BH FLASH BUGGER BLACK	SZ 6, 8, 10
BH FLASH BUGGER BROWN	SZ 8
BH UB W BUGGER COPPER/PEARL	SZ 6
KENS KILLER LEECH OLIVE	SZ 08
BH LBW BUGGER GRIZZ	SZ 08
LIGHTNINI BUGGER NITEMARE	SZ 08
BH L/B ZONKER CHARTREUSE	SZ 06
BH L/B ZONKER BLK/PURPLE	SZ 6
BH L/B ZONKER OLV/DK OLV	SZ 6
EPDXY ZONKER OLIVE/PEARL	SZ 6
LIGHTNIN BUGGER FLAMEOUT	SZ 8
CH LIGHTNIN BUGGER BLACK	SZ 8
LUKES FLIPPIN FLY OLIVE	SZ 2/0
CONEHEAD ZUDDLER BLK	SZ 4
CONEHEAD ZUDDLER NAT	SZ 4
MARABOU MUDDLER MINN YELL	SZ 6

MICRO MUDDLER CADDIS NAT	SZ 16
MICRO MUDDLER BLACK	SZ 16
CH LITE BRITS MINNOW SILVER	SZ 4
CRYSTAL MATUKA DK OLIVE	SZ 8, 10

SALT WATER

S	EPDXY ZONKER CHART/PEARL	SZ 06
S	KEEL HEAD BC D/MINN OLIVE/CHAR	SZ 2/0
S	SHIMMER SHRIMP PEARL	SZ 4
S	SHIMMER SHRIMP TAN	SZ 4
S	SMALL FRY OLIVE	SZ 6
S	SMALL FRY SILVER	SZ 6
S	EPDXY MINI MINNOW OLV/WHT	SZ 8
S	EPDXY MINI MINNOW GRY/WHT	SZ 8
S	CRAZY CHARLIE PINK	SZ 6, 8
S	CRAZY CHARLIE WHITE	SZ 8
S	CRAZY CHARLIE DZ/EYE WHT	SZ 8
S	CRAZY CHARLIE TAN	SZ 4
S	*PERMIT CRAB TAN/OLIVE	SZ 2/0
S	*RAGHEAD CRAB BROWN	SZ 6
S	BONEFISHY FLY PINK	SZ 4
S	LOU'S SLAB SNAKE NATURAL	SZ 4/0
S	*QUAD GENERATION SQUID	SZ 4/0
S	ULTRA SHRIMP TAN	SZ 2

Opportunity to contribute to the Mersey-Forth water management review

Hydro Tasmania is undertaking a review of its water and land management activities in the Mersey-Forth catchments. The review will assess current activities in light of their present impacts on social, environmental and economic conditions. The aim is to improve the sustainable management of resources managed by Hydro Tasmania.

If you are interested please contribute to the review by providing feedback on waterways in the Mersey-Forth catchments, **before 15 December 2011**. You can find the survey online at www.hydro.com.au/MFWMR/.

A Review Report providing information on operational, environmental and social activities and issues associated with the waterways in the Mersey-Forth is also available on: www.hydro.com.au/MFWMR/.

November Guest Speaker - John Wilesmith - A brief snapshot

John's studio is located in main Street, Sheffield, Tasmania and he can be contacted :

Phone 61 03 64911379 Mobile 0457 449715 Web: www.airbrushedtolive.com

“Some of John's work is displayed on following page and more can be viewed on the above website gallery section”

SOME TRULY INSPIRING WORK



SOME ANNUAL DINNER SNAPS AT VILLARET GARDENS



Devon Lodge

UPDATE RE KEYS

It is no longer necessary for members to obtain a key before going to Devon Lodge. A key safe has been fitted beside the door. A day or two before the date of commencement of your stay, the Booking Officer will provide you with the safe code; the key will be inside the safe on a lanyard. Where possible, the code will be sent to you via SMS so that you will have it in your mobile phone for the duration of your trip.

Just follow the instructions below to open/close the safe.

TO OPEN:

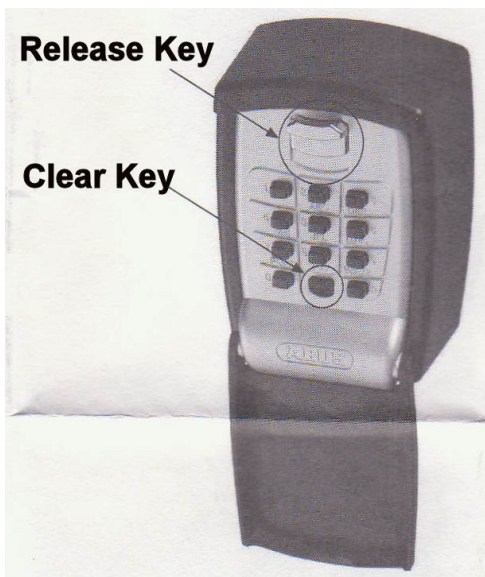
1. Open the protective front cover to access the key-board
2. Press the “Clear” button (bottom centre) just in case someone has been “fiddling” with the keypad and entered a wrong code (or if you accidentally enter a wrong code)
3. Enter the current code as provided by the Booking Officer
4. Push down on the release lever at the top and open the door
5. Remove the key and open the Lodge door

TO CLOSE:

1. Replace the key and lanyard in the safe
2. Enter the combination
3. Push down on the release button and close the door
4. Close the protective cover.

Under no circumstances is the key to be detached from the lanyard nor is the lanyard to be detached from the key safe. A key for emergency use only is held at the Central Highlands Lodge.

Do not assume that the combination you were given for a prior visit is still current. The combination WILL be changed at frequent intervals by the Booking Officer and failure to make a booking/obtain a current code will probably see you locked out.



“Ode to John Nutting”

On my first trip to the Bronte Fly Fishing School I attempted erecting the seldom used annexe that went with my camper van. This was approximately 16 or 17 years ago and my chosen spot was directly in front of the hut in Hut bay.

I'm afraid I was fighting a losing battle when two gentlemen, the occupants of the hut appeared and offered me assistance which was thankfully accepted and later celebrated, John made a decent home brew.

Later the camp area was obliged to be located a distance away from the trees for safety reasons. But as regular as clockwork for the better part of two decades and within minutes of my arrival, John Nutting and Bruce Wells would tramp across to my van to offer their help if needed and to catch up.

We became good friends and when I sold my van, John was quick to offer me a bed at the hut, anytime I felt like joining them.

I did take advantage of this toward the end of the 2011 camp and my stay there will be one of my better memories. Sadly, John has since passed on.

John was an earthy, friendly & likeable person and will be missed by the many friends he made with the Club's older & long serving members

With deep respect

Colin J.L. “Moose” Morley



In Loving Memory of
Henry John Nutting
26 January 1936 ~ 21 August 2011



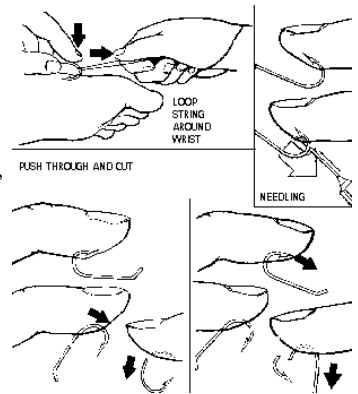
Fishhook Removal

Presentation

The patient has been snagged with a fishhook and arrives with it embedded in his skin.

What to do:

- Cleanse the hook and puncture wound with povidone-iodine or another antibiotic solution. Provide tetanus prophylaxis as needed. Most patients will benefit from local infiltration of 1% buffered lidocaine using a 27 gauge needle inserted through the hole created by the fishhook.
- For hooks lodged superficially, first try the simple "retrograde" technique. Push the hook back along the entrance pathway while applying gentle downward pressure on the shank (like the downward pressure in the "string" technique below). If the hook does not come out, an 18 gauge needle may be inserted into the puncture hole and used as a miniature scalpel blade. Manipulate the hook into a position so you can cut the bands of connective tissue caught over the barb and release it.
- For more deeply imbedded hooks, a more complex technique of "needling" the hook requires somewhat greater skill but also allows you to work on an unstable skin surface such as a finger or ear. Slide a large gauge (#20 or #18) hypodermic needle through the puncture wound alongside the hook. Now blindly slide the needle opening over the barb of the hook and, holding the hook firmly, lock the two together. Now with the barb covered, remove the hook and needle as one unit.
- When a single hook is superficially embedded in a stable skin surface such as the back, scalp or arm, a simple way to remove it is by using the "string" technique. Align the shaft of the hook so that it is parallel to skin surface. Press down on the hook with your index finger to disengage the barb. Place a loop of string (fishing line or 1-0 silk) over your wrist and around the hook, and with a quick jerk opposite from the direction the shaft of the hook is running, pop the hook out. When done properly, this procedure is painless and does not require anesthesia. The hook may shoot out in the direction that the string is being pulled, so be careful that no one is standing in the path of the fishhook.
- When the hook is deeply embedded, the barbed end of the hook is protruding through the skin, or you are unable to utilize the previous techniques, proceed with the tried and true "push through" maneuver. Locally infiltrate the area with 1% buffered lidocaine and then push the point of the hook along with its barb up through the skin. Now with a pin cutter or metal snip, cut off the tip of the hook and remove the shaft or cut off the shaft of the hook and pull the tip through.
- If a multifaceted (treble) hook is embedded, cover the free hooks with corks or use a pin cutter or metal snips to remove the free hooks and protect the patient as well as yourself from additional harm.



When significant manipulation is anticipated, infiltrate first with 1% buffered lidocaine.

What not to do:

- Do not try to remove a multiple hook or a fishing lure with more than one hook without first removing the free hooks or embedding them in a protective material.
- Do not attempt to use the "string" technique if the hook is near the patient's eye. Do not routinely prescribe prophylactic antibiotics. Even hooks that have been contaminated by fish rarely cause secondary infection.

Discussion:

With the string, retrograde and needling techniques, there is no lengthening of the puncture track or creation of an additional puncture wound. The quickest and easiest method for removing a fishhook is the string technique. It is a technique you can use in the field because no special equipment or anesthesia is required, but it is not recommended when the hook is positioned on a skin surface that is likely to move when the string is pulled. This movement will cause the vector of force to change and therefore the barb may not release.

BRONTE FLY FISHING SCHOOL

This year's school is again bound to be very successful with a large amount of enrolments. Could members who are planning on going up please email Peter Burr with the names of everyone in their party so name tags can be prepared for them.

Also could members who are planning on taking boats along please be advised that the boat mooring area will be moved to the southern shore in front of the old hut so as to free up the shoreline for the returnee casting area. If you wish your boat can be moored in the existing area overnight but will have to be moved before 9:00 am the next morning. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. It will be addressed in the Bronte welcome as well.

Fishing and the Phases of the Moon

Many anglers overlook the phases of the moon and the way that these phases affect the behaviour of the fish. It's free and easy to pay a little bit of attention to the phases of the moon and then use this information to your advantage. In this article I'm going to discuss a little about this subject, so you have a better understanding of how you can use the moon to your advantage when it comes to fishing.

Understanding how fish adapt to changes in their environment allows an angler to better predict a fishes' movement and feeding. Finding out when a fish is feeding is what we're interested in, because that's when you have the best chance of catching said fish. You may know that almost all saltwater fishermen check the tides before they head out fishing. And it's a great strategy because the tides do impact fishing, especially saltwater fishing. You do realize what causes the tides to change, don't you? That's right, the moon. The gravitational pull of the moon not only impacts the changing tides but is also pushing against some part of the earth at all times. Since water is more easily moved than the ground, water is lifted up towards the moon causing the tides to change. How high the high tide will rise, and how low the low tide may go is largely determined by the position of the moon.

The actual period of this entire cycle is 29.5 days. The cause of the phases below relate to the positions of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. The problem with many of the moon phase charts, which can be found in any hunting and fishing magazine, is the fact that they overcomplicate all of this stuff and make you feel as if you have to have an engineering degree from Harvard to use them! Most anglers rarely find any consistent correlation to their success in these magazines. I'm going to show you how simple all of this information can really be, once you understand it.

The 2 phases of the moon that we as anglers really need to concern ourselves with is the New Moon and the Full Moon. The New Moon phase is when the moon isn't actually visible, and the Full Moon is well a full moon (when the moon is entirely visible). The most important times are the three to four day period that coincides with either the Full or New Moon. That is, the three to four day period around which these two phases of the Moon occur. These are the 2 times during the month when the fish will be most active.

This article gives you a very basic understanding of the phases of the moon and how those phases affect fishing, although it's definitely enough information to get you started. Not only started, but catching more fish as well. Simply focusing your fishing efforts on the three or four days around which either a full or new moon occurs will have a dramatic effect on your catch.

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<http://www.womenfishing.com/moon.html>