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

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS: March 31, 2016

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

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2016

- 4th to 6th March Talbots Lagoon outing - John Hepburn coordinator (7 bunk room reserved for ladies)
- Four Springs Afternoon and evening Saturday 19th March
- 31st March meeting our guest speakers will be Peter Brooks and his wife talking on his guiding, Peter and his wife guide from the Deloraine area, they have many stories to tell and will be very interesting to our members
- St Helens Fishing trip Sunday 10/04/2016 to Sunday 17/04/2016 - Max French Coordinator
- Fly Tying commences 2nd Thursday of each month at Devonport Library rooms where club meetings are held. First one to be Thursday 14th April A great guest fly tier has been invited to the first one.
- IFS Open Day, 21 & 22 May, Combined with Devon Lodge maintenance
- 29th May Casting at Winspears Dam
- June Date TBA Fly Tying weekend Devon Lodge Coordinator David Best
- 26th June Casting at Winspears Dam
- 24th July casting at Winspears Dam
- St Helens Fishing trip Sunday 2/10/2016 to Sunday 9/10/2016 - Max French coordinator
- October Macquarie river outing
- Annual Dinner & 25th Anniversary of club celebration Sat. 22nd October (Tentative - TBC) ForthCommunity hall - Coordinator Stuart MacAulay
- December End off year BBQ Winspears Dam

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General Meeting held on 25/02/2016

The meeting was opened by President John Hepburn, who welcomed members and guests with a special welcome to new member A Bonney, guest M Bowrigg and guest speaker, Brett Chatwin.

ATTENDANCE: 25

MEETING OPENED: 7.31pm

Guest speaker Brett Chatwin, who is the President of the Northwest Fly Tyers Club of Tasmania, gave a brief and informative talk on trips, places he has fished and the flies he uses. He showed a number of flies that generated considerable interest. Brett indicated that he is willing to attend a fly tying night and demonstrate how to tie some patterns that he uses.

APOLOGIES: C Morley, M Murray, G Williams, J Williams, R Wybrow, G Harkness, G Surman, S MacAuley, A McPherson, A Maney, N Day.

Moved J Hasson, seconded by R McLachlan, that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved M French, seconded S Laskey, that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated was a true and accurate record. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved David Best, seconded J Kirkpatrick, that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. Carried.

It was resolved to hold some monies from the investment account that is due in March, in the general account, to pay for the lodge extensions.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

Membership application from Kerry Barwick.

Tax Invoice from Local Community Insurance Services.

Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Cover from Local Community Insurance Services.

Peter Lorraine, membership application changing from single membership to family.

Graham Markham enquiring about membership status.

James Dick - Forico, paperwork to stay at Guilford Lodge.

Inland Fisheries, Trout Weekend at Liawenee - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May.

Mat Smith advertising taxidermy business, Hunters and Collectors Taxidermy.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Secretary, Northwest Fly Fisher's Club of Tasmania inviting them to join us on the Talbotts Lagoon trip.

Local Community Insurance Services to request invoice to increase Public Liability Cover.

Payment to Local Community Insurance Services.

Reply to Graham Markham regarding membership.

Moved J Kirkpatrick, seconded P Burr, that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. Carried.

REPORTS:

LODGE COMMITTEE:

The club extends a vote of thanks to Jim Davie for providing the scaffolding that enabled the guttering and downpipes to be repaired. Two overflow tanks were fitted and thanks go to Joe for carting these to the site. It was noted that the club is still to pay for these tanks. Peter Burr reported that some more work was being done on this coming Monday to the downpipes.

Moved David Best and seconded Roger Hickson that the club spend the money to protect the guttering from snow damage. Carried. This is estimated to cost between \$400 and \$500.

Peter also reported that the council has been contacted regarding the lodge extensions. A bushfire assessment plan is required and although Andrew Strugnel can do this, there may be a hold up while a challenge to the regulations is dealt with and council are clear on the requirements. A concern about the fall of the sewerage line raised at the last meeting was checked and is within the guidelines.

FISHING REPORTS:

Phil Bloomfield said that he had been to Talbots Lagoon and posted a report on the Facebook page. Reid indicated that one of the new members had visited his dam without success.

FISHING TRIPS:

Talbots Lagoon: This trip will be over the weekend of the 4th to 6th March. John Hepburn asked that any members intending to go on this trip contact him either by phone or email. John was also going to make a Facebook post about the trip. John indicated that he will be picking the key up on Friday morning and be at the lodge by lunchtime. It was resolved that we also invite members of the Corralinn club.

Four Springs: There will a trip to Four Springs on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 19th March.

St Helens: 10th to 17th April.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Visits to Peter Bonney's dam will be in abeyance until next season.

John Hepburn reported that Barry Jacobson can update the website and will bring it up to date with newsletters.

John also reported that the Honour Board for life members is up at the lodge and will be mounted on the wall in the near future. Max Jones indicated that Greg Harkness supplied the Huon Pine for the board. The club extended a vote of thanks to Greg for this donation.

25th Anniversary of the Club: It was moved by Joe Hasson and seconded by Percy Gardner that the annual dinner be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the club. Carried. Other suggestions included a commemorative cap or pin be available for sale.

Fly tying starts in April and Max French will be the first guest tier. Brett Chatwin will be taken up on his offer to come along to a subsequent evening.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.28pm

FOR SALE

“Peter Hayes drogue for sale little use \$100 ono”

Contact David Best 64246628



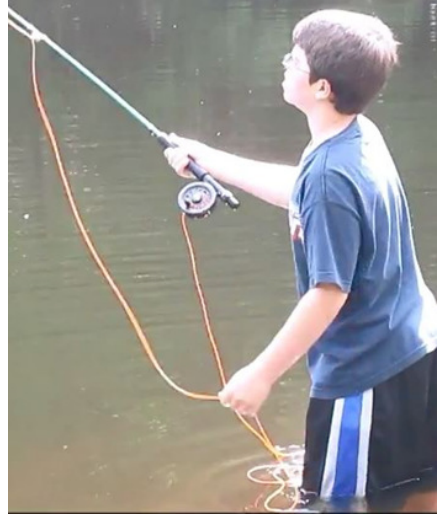
Casting with Two Hands

February 2016

Given my recent foray into double handed rods you could be forgiven for thinking this month's column is going to be about switch and spey rods. Not so! This month I want to write about casting single handed rods and what you do with your non casting hand.

Whenever I write these articles I am always aware of the wide range of experience of the two people who read them. One is a long-time fly fisher and probably knows as much about casting as I do (that's the editor) and the other is a new comer to the club who hasn't yet realized that these random ravings are only there to fill up space in the newsletter. However, I write these articles as much for myself as anyone else so after watching a couple of beginners having problems I went out into the yard to examine just what I do with my non casting hand. It made me realize how important it is to use both hands correctly when casting. If you are an experienced fly fisher you probably don't even think about what you do with your other hand anymore but if you are a beginner there is much to consider.

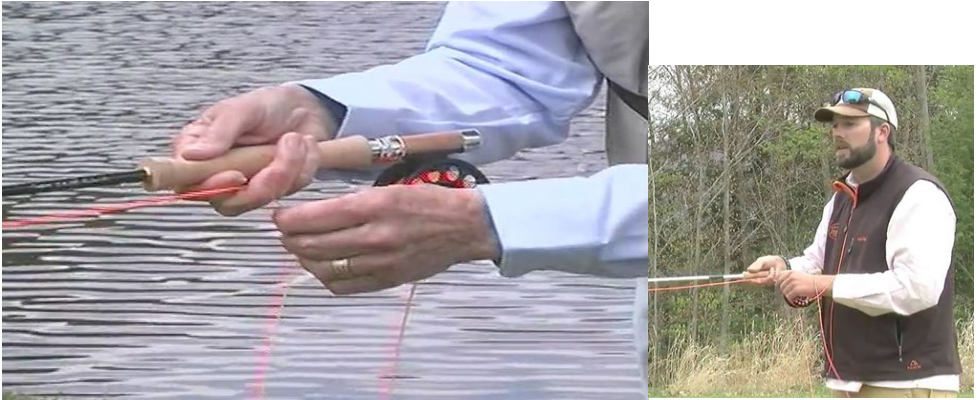
When I did my casting instructors exam most of the tasks in the test stipulated the use of just one hand. This was designed to make sure each cast could be performed without the need to double haul. Casting with one hand is relatively easy and an excellent way to make you concentrate on removing slack and loading the rod. A beginner, however, usually wants to start with two hands but doesn't know what to do with them. Unless the hands are used correctly a lot of problems can develop.



We all have our own style and where I place my hands when casting is going to be different to where you place yours. There might not be one right way but there are certainly a few positions that should be avoided. The proceeding two photos show a typical beginner using both hands. The non casting hand tends to stay at their side a long way from the reel. If you leave your hand by your side like this when you are casting you create three problems. First, you are going to introduce slack into your cast as soon as your non casting hands moves. The second problem is that you have to move your non casting hand a long way so that you can place the line under your finger to begin the retrieve. And thirdly, your hand has nowhere to go if you want to double haul – and eventually you will want to double haul. Both hands working closer together will produce a better result and speed up the process of learning to double haul. The next couple of photos show a preferred position for your non casting hand at the beginning and end of a cast.



If you want to turn casting into fishing you need to learn to control the line with your non casting hand. You can cast with one hand but unless you use both hands to get the line under control you can't fish ("What about Tenkara fishing?" I hear you say - that's a topic for another day) We have all had the experience of teaching someone to cast and watching their first chance to catch a fish go pear shape because they had no way of setting the hook or retrieving the line. In fact, we are probably all guilty of doing it ourselves at some stage in our fly fishing careers. Your non casting hand has to be trained to automatically position the fly line under the fingers on the grip at the end of every cast. If your casting hasn't reached this stage you are not ready to fish.



Shooting line is the first sign of a good cast. When slack is removed, the rod loaded and the speed up and stop is mastered the line shoots through the guides and gives you extra distance. And the quickest way to achieve this is by hauling. Using your non casting hand to haul on the line while casting increases line speed and allows you to cast further. I've already written about hauling and there are plenty of videos out there to watch so if you can't already do this you should get out and learn. And when you can double haul and get to the shooting part don't forget your non casting hand still has a part to play. If you let go of the line during this time you usually end up with line wrapped around the rod or reel or tangled by your side. When you are shooting line your non casting hand should form a "funnel" around the line with your thumb and first finger. By directing the line through your fingers in this way you ensure the line passes through the first guide without tangling and gives you your longest cast. In the photos below you will see what happens if you let go of the line and the

correct way to control the line when shooting. Note the way the reel is facing in the second photo. Many casters like to canter the rod and reel like this to reduce the friction of the line on the rod blank. I'm not sure it makes a lot of difference but if you are after maximum performance from minimum effort it is worth trying. Many people struggle to learn to double haul and when triple hauling is mentioned they throw up their hands in horror. Actually you can learn the triple haul a lot quicker than the double haul and there is good reason to learn it first. The triple haul is more of a

pullback than a haul. You use it at the end of the forward stroke to stop the



fly line more quickly and force the leader to turn over. If you are having trouble making your leader lay straight a pull on the line before it runs out of energy will guarantee complete leader turnover thus gaining extra distance. Of course to do this you must have control of your line during the forward cast and that's where your non casting hand comes in. If you learn to cast with both hands and make sure your hands are in the correct position it is easy to make a haul on the line. A check or triple haul can get you out of a lot of trouble especially when you look like overshooting the mark, want to do a tuck cast or just want the leader to lay straight. m effort it is worth trying.

Until I got out in the yard and really started looking at what my non casting hand was doing I hadn't realized how critical it was. Even if you take away the double and triple haul there is a definite role for that other hand in everything you do. No matter what stage you are at with your fly casting I suggest you take a look at what you are doing with your non casting hand. It can make a big difference to your casting. From now on in my teaching I will be talking more about the non casting hand and making sure everyone uses both hands correctly right from the very first cast.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Chris Hyland one of our southern members has quite a number of trout/fly fishing books for sale. The majority are by Tasmanian authors or other authors of note i.e. David Scholes, Rob Sloane, Dick Wigram, Neil Robson, Don Gilmour, Greg French, Ned Terry etc. Many are first edition, a few are reprints, many are in mint condition and some are a little worn. I also have many Southern, Northern and Northwestern Annual Reports, some of which are very old. I have a complete set of the Angling Reports and a number of individual Reports. Should any member be interested, it is perhaps best to contact me via my email address, duckandtheoldboy@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Further to instructions on page 3 of the January NL the following format is to be followed when doing an electronic transfer payment:

The Club's bank account details are:

Account Name: DFFC Inc.

BSB: 807009

A/c No: 51164930

Amount \$

Description: e.g. As per example page 3 "Luke Skywalker - Subs"

Thankyou for your cooperation with this very important issue.

THE EDITOR REQUIRES YOUR ARTICLES TO CONTINUE TO MAKE YOUR NEWLETTER INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. DO YOU HAVE ANY FISHING ITEMS FOR SALE? OR HAVE YOU ANY FISHY STORIES TO TELL??

10 tips to improve your fly fishing photography.

<http://flymenfishingcompany.com/blogs/blog/86937217-10-tips-to-improve-your-fly-fishing-photography>

How To Break Your Fly Rod – 10 Simple Options

<https://www.deneki.com/2009/09/how-to-break-your-fly-rod-10-simple-options/#comments>

The Only Fishing Knot You Need _ The Uni Knot _ Saltwater Experience - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myMSMYy_iYU

Tying the Klinkhammer Special

<https://thefeatherbender.com/2016/02/22/klinkhamer-special-3/>

How to Organize your Tying Materials

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzvZw_DnsZw

Proposed Club Contact/Business style cards.

At a meeting earlier this financial year it was suggested the club provide business type cards for members to give to non members requiring club contact information. The printing of cards and issue to all of our members could be an expensive and wasteful exercise. A simple solution to the problem is for members to print their own cards. To do this the sample page of 10 cards included in this newsletter can be copied and printed on your own printer. I suggest when you issue a card you take responsibility, when appropriate, to be the future contact for that person .



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