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We still have some boat/car stickers available for \$10 each. Get in quick before they're gone.

Cover: Teamwork in action. Coffs Coast Fly Fishers getting away from the coast and introducing new members to catching carp on fly. Photo courtesy Logicus (Jason Stratford)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



December 2020

The Editor suggested I only went to hospital last month to get out of writing the president's report. He didn't offer to change places! It must have been because I told him I was feeling like I had been run over by a truck and had to survive on broth and milkshakes for the next four weeks.

The good news is that they have let me out of hospital and the doctors tell me all is going well and I should be able to eat turkey for Christmas dinner. Thanks to everyone for their concern and I look forward to catching up soon.

To fill up my report this month I'm going to use some words written by our Tamworth member Jason Stratford on our Facebook Page. Jason not only takes fantastic photos he is a great supporter of what we do.

This month's cover photo provides a bit of insight into why the CCFFC 'works'!!! Members in the club put the enjoyment & learning of other members... ahead of their own fishing opportunities. I regularly see this sort of interaction during club events...where one member will go out of their way to help another...be that making sure an important fish is landed or a new member gets plenty of good shots, learns to tie that fly, gets to practice their casting and basically enjoys all the experience available to them! If you are just a follower of the club...have a think about becoming a club member...and you too can enjoy these sorts of membership benefits!

As we come to the end of 2020 I hope you have enjoyed being a member of the club. Thanks to all those who have stuck with us through the pandemic and I look forward to more people coming on board. It has been a difficult year for everyone so I hope you get to enjoy a special Christmas with family and friends.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Doug

Editorial

Catching a fish on fly is a combination of skill and luck. Sometimes it's almost all skill and sometimes it's pure luck. I have been trying to add a Mangrove Jack on fly to my species list for some time and last month my luck was in.



There was definitely some skill involved but most of it was in the hands of boat captain David. I was lucky the fish was out feeding away from its lair. I was lucky it was hungry and wanted my surf candy that I had been throwing at trevally. I was lucky it got lost and couldn't find its way back to the snags. I will claim some skill in landing the fish on 10lb tippet but the netting skills of the captain were needed.

I'll put this fish down to more luck than skill but after years of practicing casting, learning how to play fish on light gear and time spent on the water there, was just enough skill involved for me to be more than satisfied with the catch.



This will be the last newsletter for the year. There will be no meeting in December. Club activities will resume on Monday 18th January 2021 and the first newsletter for the new year will be out in February.

Looking back over 2020 we managed to get through the year relatively unscathed; only cancelling a few meetings and outings. More importantly, to my knowledge, none of our members have been affected by Covid. Special thanks go to the members of the committee who have kept things running and to all the members who have stuck with us during this time. Our membership has reached 58 this year and that does not include our eMembers and the 290 followers of our Facebook Group. The word is getting out that the club really is "a place to share, learn and have fun."

I hope that 2021 will see your skill and luck work together to produce some memorable catches and add to your list of species caught on fly. I look forward to seeing you on the water or at a club event next year. Compliments of the season to you all.

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January 2021 Meeting

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting of the club will be on Monday 18th January 2021. This will be a social outing with BBQ and casting. The venue will be the park at Mylestom. Time will be 5.30pm to 8.30pm.



Family and friends are invited to come along and join in the fun. Sausage sandwiches will be provided or you might like to bring a salad and cook your own steak or fish. Tea/Coffee and water will be available.

As well as sitting around talking (bring a chair and some insect repellent) there will be casting games and fun activities for everyone. And for those who need casting instruction there will be people available to help.



You will get an email early in the new year to remind you of this special gathering and of our first regular meeting for the year which will be the third Monday in February.

Tuesday Casting Group

Casting will continue each Tuesday until 8th December. We will then go into recess until March 2021.

Our last casting session for the year will be on Tuesday 8th when we will play FlyGolf followed by a "Christmas Lunch". Greg has volunteered to put together a barbecue ... but don't expect turkey and ham ... or lettuce!

The Hasting Fly Fishers (Port Macquarie) have invited us to join them at Lake Cathie for a casting and social day in 2021. Hopefully, many of us will be able to travel down to share and learn with them.

As we wind up for the year it is good to reflect on the progress that has been made by all those who have attended. This is due in no small part to the efforts of David Moppett as instructor with help from John O'Shaughnessy who has travelled up from Lake Cathie. At our last session we had thirteen in attendance which is a good indication that we must be doing something right.



If you are keen to learn to fly cast or get better at your casting and can't make Tuesdays, let us know. We can arrange small group instruction outside work hours and on weekends. We will also be having casting sessions next year before meetings and on Saturdays. Watch this space.

December Outing

The Club outing for December is to Lake Keepit from Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th December. All spots are now filled so if you are not already on the list you won't be able to go. Information has been sent to those attending with details regarding accommodation and food.

Unless that other virus is released and all the carp are killed there will be another Keepit Carp Caper next year. Check the calendar and book early if you want to go.



Committee Decisions

The following decisions were made at the last Committee Meeting. If you would like a copy of the minutes please ask.

1. The Committee approved the paying of our public risk insurance premium. Insurance is based on the number of members @ \$12 per head.

2. A flexible approach to meetings will be implemented for 2021. The Boambee Hall will no longer be our base but each month the venue and activity for the meeting will be decided by members and Committee.

3. No General meetings will be held in 2021 except for the Annual General Meeting in July and any Special Meeting as might be called for by members. We will still continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at various locations.

4. The Committee will meet at least 3 times during the year to make decisions regarding the running of the club.

5. A draft outings calendar has been prepared to be published in the December newsletter. Details will be added as we go and changes made where necessary.

6. It was suggested that we discontinue the newsletter and use social media for our communications. Few people read the newsletter and even fewer people make contributions. A long discussion was held regarding the role of the newsletter in the club. Views were split on the value of the newsletter and whether it is read by enough people to warrant the work involved. To encourage more people to join the club and to appeal to younger people, Facebook would have a greater impact. It was resolved that we continue the newsletter for the next two months and evaluate its effectiveness and whether we should continue to produce it.

8. A Mylestom Mini Muster based around a casting and a social fishing weekend at Mylestom is to be added to the calendar.

9. We are looking for people to take on the role of Club Quartermaster. The quartermaster would be responsible for looking after the club tea/coffee supplies and bringing them to meetings and for organizing purchases when barbecues etc are planned.

10. The club is considering purchasing a barbecue if someone will volunteer to look after it, store it and bring it to events.

OzFish

OzFish Unlimited is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping the millions of Aussie recreational fishers take control of the health of their rivers, lakes and estuaries and shore up the future of the sport they love.

What we do

- Work with fishers to make local fishing grounds healthy, vibrant and more productive.
- Share ideas on how to improve, restore and protect fish habitat.
- Seek grants and support for hands-on habitat restoration.
- Provide events, resources, education and research that support fishing groups to achieve local outcomes.

OZFISH Unlimited Coffs Harbour Chapter volunteers are set to launch their boats and kayaks off Mylestom Boat ramp to habitat map the lower catchment of the Bellinger River on Saturday 12th December 2020 and are calling on others to join in.

Mapping habitat helps to not only understand a river's capacity to maintain fish populations but it also identifies gaps in connectivity fish have to manage when swimming up or down the river to feed, breed or rest from tidal currents.

Once the area is mapped, the OzFish volunteers will work with fisheries habitat experts within OzFish to determine areas that may lack connectivity or suitable habitat for various species.

The mapping will launch from Mylestom boat ramp on December 12 from 9am. Datasheets, training and health and safety will be provided to all involved.

For more information: www.ozfish.org.au or contact 1800 431 308.

Habitat Mapping

Some of the Coffs Coast Fly Fishers are attending the Habitat Mapping Day at Mylestom. If you want to be involved you have to register with Ozfish and then let us know you are going. We will be having lunch at the café at lunchtime and may be doing some casting or fishing after lunch. Contact David on 0411723221 or Allan on 0427457725.

Saturday, December 12, 2020

9:00 AM

Mandatory talk about mapping techniques and safety. BYO kayak/boat and fish finder and we will show you how it's done.

9:30 AM

Hit the water

11:00 AM

Return to the boat ramp with your mapping data

11:30 AM

Finish

Check out these links. The first page is for the Habitat Mapping project which has a schedule attached. The second link is to the OzFish website which holds a little more information about the event and where new members can join.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/496417954648204/>

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Club Calendar 2021

Here is the draft club calendar for 2021. It is provided to give you an overview of what might happen and an opportunity to plan ahead. Check the monthly newsletter or website for latest details.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month Casting at Mylestom at 5.30pm on Monday 18 th .	Club Meeting at Mylestom Monday 18 th
FEBRUARY	Home Waters Saturday 20 th Family fishing day with a focus on kids fishing for bream, flathead and mullet held at Mylestom. Tasmania 28 th Jan - 8 th Feb	Club Meeting Monday 15 th Committee Meeting
MARCH	Casting Day Saturday 6 th Blue Water Outing Saturday 20 th Invite neighbouring clubs	Club Meeting Monday 15 th
APRIL	Cod Trip Friday 23 rd - Sunday 25 th	Club Meeting Monday 19 th
MAY	Home Waters Saturday 22 nd Fly Fishing for Trout Workshop Saturday ?	Club Meeting Monday 17 th
JUNE	Lake St Clair ? Home Waters Saturday 19 th	Club Meeting Monday 21 st
JULY	Casting Day Saturday 10 th Dunmore Waters 23 rd - Sun 25 th	Annual General Meeting Monday 19 th
AUGUST	Mullet Mash Saturday 21 st th Swansea Salmon Classic ?	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
SEPTEMBER	Mylestom Mini Muster Saturday 11 th Casting, Fishing Fly Tying	Club Meeting Monday 20 th
OCTOBER	Home Waters Saturday 31 st Ebor Weekend Saturday 23 rd Sunday 24 th	Club Meeting Monday 18 th
NOVEMBER	Bass on the Bellinger Saturday 20 th	Club Meeting Monday 15 th
DECEMBER	Keepit Carp Caper Saturday 11 th Sunday 12 th	No Club Meeting

Bellinger Bass Day

Report *by the Editor*

Most people know I am obsessive compulsive when it comes to organizing anything. If you have attended an outing and received your multi page instructions you will know what I mean. The Bellinger Bass Day didn't happen because I failed to check out the access where we intended launching. Arriving at 5.30am with boat in tow, I couldn't get down Brownlees Lane due to the erosion and had to back all the way out. With other boat trailers and 2wd vehicles following I made a quick decision to relocate to Mylestom. To those who travelled a long way and had been looking forward to fishing for Bass; my apologies.

We managed to salvage a day's fishing in the lower Bellinger and Kalang Rivers and some fish were caught ... but not Bass. Highlights included Grant's first fish on fly (two flathead) and most people had some fun with small trevally. The best part of the day was the barbeque organized by Tony from his well equipped camper trailer.



Trevally twins, Dave and Murray



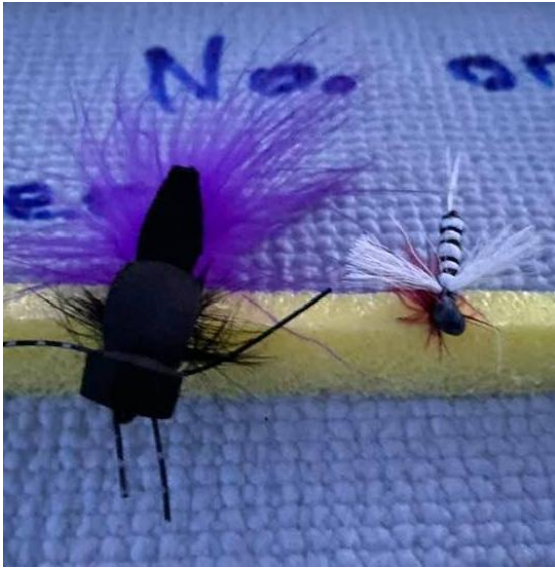
Geoff wanted to catch a bass but had to settle for a bream.



Dusty enjoyed her day on the water.

Fly Tying Competition

We had joint winners of the fly tying competition for the month of November. Congratulations to Ray Phipps and Murray Robinson for their foam creations.



This is the end of the fly tying competition for the year. Thanks to Pip for his work in organizing everything and for making the cabinet of fame in which the flies are displayed. Whether the competition continues next year will depend on member's interest and Pip's willingness to do it again.

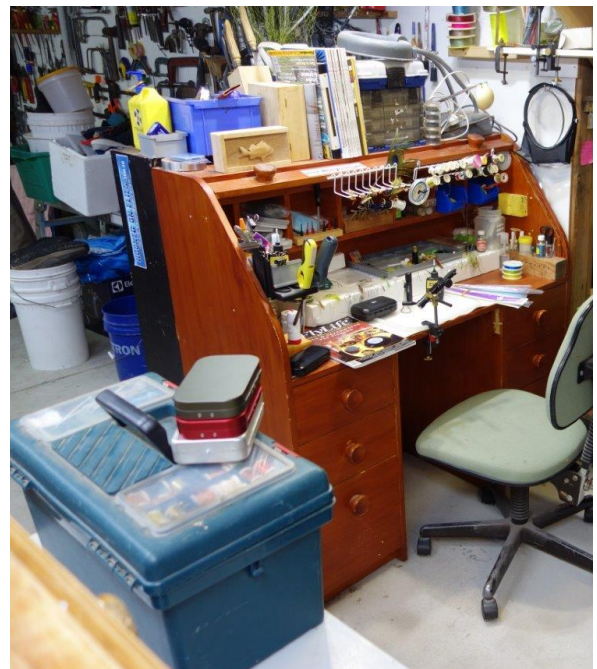


Fly Tying

We all need somewhere we can tie flies. With family and friends arriving for Christmas it's good to have a place where you can hide away and restock those fly boxes for when the holiday rush is over. One of our southern members and prolific fly tyer, Jeff Yates, has shared his story about his space for fly tying. I'm sure we can all relate to this. *Editor*

My Space

Jeff Yates



We all need our own space. For years I was nagged about the moth balls, feathers and fur on the floor, rabbit skins, cat skins, deer squares, roo patches, chook capes, loose hooks, almost a menagerie of animal coats, throughout the house. Hope visitors didn't take offence, I think they would understand, but Lyn didn't get it! I tried hard to keep it all in order, in plastic boxes, desk drawers, filing cabinets and wherever I could find a nook in the spare bedroom after the kids flew the coop. *It was a battle that I was never going to win.*

Murray Cod season

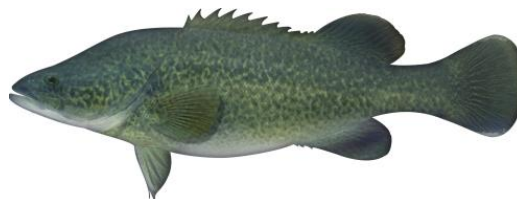
Push ahead 20 years, I built a new house with a dedicated tying room. I painted it out, hung the split cane rods with their old English fly reels on the wall, set up enough lighting to run the power meters hot, hung up the fishing calendars and fishing pictures; I was feeling really chuffed, except those bloody moth balls. I was again banished, this time because “she who must be obeyed” wanted the room for visitors, (on top of the other 2 spare rooms). I was beginning to feel indignant and threw the occasional tantrum, *but I was never going to win!*

So, for the peace of all, I headed under the house to carve myself out a little space in the workshop. Then comes the need for storage, a desk and lighting. A visit to Vinnies and I found a \$50 roll top desk, a street throw out gave me a high boy with heaps of draws, but this was still not enough space. A visit to Bunnings, more charity shops and Officeworks got me filing drawers and other gadgets, so I slowly started to piece together a half decent space. Left over down lights gave me good overhead light and the computer sacrificed its chair. Finally, I can claim this as my own, without any interference or whinging.

I spend countless hours whittling away the time tying flies for salt, trout and bass. I'm safe down here because I use liberal amounts of moth balls and camphor flakes, probably poisoning myself but anything to preserve my fly tying collection, but do you know what, my spouse has not once visited me in my dungeon. I know that I'm safe here amongst the moth balls and happy in my own patch. Am I just a grumpy old man or do others share my pain?



Murray Cod season reopens for recreational fishers on Sunday 1 December 2019, following the annual three-month breeding closure.



A daily bag limit of two Murray Cod per person and a total possession limit of four applies when fishing in any inland waters.

Fishers are required to release Murray Cod which are smaller than 55cm, or bigger than 75cm.

Other rules relating to the Murray cod include:

- Set lines are totally prohibited and cannot be used in any inland waters.
- Two attended lines may be used in all inland waters except some trout and closed waters, but these lines must be within 50 metres and in your line of sight.
- Live fish including carp as well as birds and mammals can't be used as bait.

As the drought continues, the NSW Government is doing everything possible to help our native fish this summer, including fish rescues and relocations, and has committed \$10 million to embark on the largest ever restocking program to rebuild native fisheries once drought conditions ease.

Anyone with information on suspected illegal fishing activity is urged to contact their local Fisheries office, call the Fishers Watch phone line on 1800 043 536 or report illegal fishing activities online.



Don't Over line your fly rod!

I should begin all my *Casting Around* articles with a general warning. In fly fishing there are few absolutes and when I look back over what I have written I often find myself disagreeing with statements I have made. This month, as I explore the topic of over lining a fly rod, I know I am going to make some comments that will be debatable and controversial. So to protect myself and make sure you understand that these are just the *random ravings of a certified casting instructor*, please read the following General Warning Advice:

The information in Casting Around is intended to be general in nature and is based on personal experience and not necessarily the views of others in the fly fishing community. It does not take into account your level of experience or your particular objectives or needs. Before acting on any information, you should consider the appropriateness of the information and seek independent advice from more qualified and experienced people. Non casting geeks are warned of boring technical stuff.

Now that I have got that off my chest, let's get down to the controversy. Should you over line your fly rod? I'm asked this question quite often and the answer is never simple. But my first reaction is to say no. In most cases I believe over lining is not necessary and can be harmful. I know there is more to it than that, but my starting point is: "Don't over line your fly rod." The caveats and controversy will unfold as I explain a little more about fly rods, fly lines and fly casting.

Let's start with a definition. Over lining (or up lining or over loading) a rod means using a heavier-weight line than what the label reads on the rod. Most fly rods are marked with a single weight rating shown as #5wt for example (some rods are marked over two line ratings and shown as #5/6wt just to further confuse the issue). To over line a #5wt rod you would use a line rated as a 6, 7, or 8wt. If you were to use a line rated as a 2, 3, or 4wt you would be under lining this rod. Under lining is the opposite of over lining and has to be considered in the same way.



There are no standards when it comes to rating a fly rod. A #5wt fly rod is defined as a rod designed to work with a #5wt fly line. The standards are set with the fly lines. Without going into the intricacies of the AFTMA system (American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association) or also known as AFFTA (American Fly Fishing Trade Association) system, fly lines are weighed and **given a rating. A 5 weight fly line is defined as a line where the first 30 feet (minus a short level tip) weighs 140 grains (plus or minus a few grains). I told you it was complicated. The chart below sets out the weights by which fly lines are labelled.**

AFFTA approved fly line weight specifications

Line weight AFFTA Spec'	Target weight in Grains			Target weight in Grams			
	Low	Target	High	Low	Target	High	
1	54	60	66	1	3.50	3.90	4.30
2	74	80	86	2	4.80	5.20	5.60
3	94	100	106	3	6.10	6.50	6.90
4	114	120	126	4	7.40	7.80	8.20
5	134	140	146	5	8.70	9.10	9.50
6	152	160	168	6	9.90	10.40	10.90
7	177	185	193	7	11.50	12.00	12.50
8	202	210	218	8	13.10	13.60	14.10
9	230	240	250	9	14.90	15.55	16.20
10	270	280	290	10	17.50	18.15	18.80
11	318	330	342	11	20.60	21.40	22.20
12	368	380	392	12	23.80	24.60	25.40
13	435	450	465	13	28.20	29.20	30.20
14	485	500	515	14	31.10	32.40	33.70
15	535	550	565	15	34.30	35.60	36.90

*Weight is for the first 30 ft of line minus the level tip

When a rod manufacturer labels a fly rod a 5 weight what they are saying is that someone has put a line weighing between 134 and 146 grains on the rod and found with 30 feet of line out of the tip the rod loads and responds at its optimum. It's probably a bit more scientific than that but it is still a subjective decision and one person's assessment may be different to another's. Just because the label tells you a rod is a 5 weight doesn't mean you have to accept it. This is the first major problem in deciding whether to over line a rod. With no standards for fly rods and flexible standards for fly lines you can never be certain when you are over, or under lining. My general rule not to over line a rod is based on trusting the manufacturers to have got it right. In reality that is not always the case. I have a 6 weight Technical Casting Rod made by a well known company that is considered one of the best 7 weight casting rods ever made. Based on subjective rod weights and line sizes, over or under lining is sometimes necessary just to balance the outfit.

One of the main reasons why people think they should over line a rod is to make it work at close quarters. If you are making a lot of short casts less than 30ft over lining a rod can be helpful. Don't forget a rod is designed to work best with 30ft of matching weight line. If you are only casting 15ft you are effectively trying to load the rod with only half the weight. Over lining will make the rod bend and contribute more to the cast and make life a little easier. The downside to this is that you are casting a thicker and heavier line on the water when you are trying to be stealthy. Remember you bought that 2 weight to use in sneaky little creeks for spooky fish so using a 3 or 4 weight line will defeat the purpose. The real answer to these situations is to learn to cast better. One of the exercises we do in our club casting group is to practice casting a 20ft leader with no fly line. This might be taking under lining to the extreme but it can be done and challenges the assertion that over lining a rod is necessary when making short casts.

The other night at our club meeting we had time for some casting. It was interesting to watch what people did. Most pulled off as much line as they could and tried casting into the twilight. Long casts are important when fly fishing in the salt where the more distance you can cover the more chance you have of catching fish. To get as much distance as possible some people over line their rods thinking the extra weight will help. Extra weight is sometimes necessary to carry big flies but it will do very little to add distance. Keep in mind if you have 60ft of line out of the tip of the rod you are effectively using a fly line 2 or 3 times heavier. When the line gets too heavy for the fly rod all you do is buckle the rod, not add distance. And the thicker line you are trying to cast is not going to be very aerodynamic. That is why competition distance casters underline their rods. If you want to over line to gain more distance I think you are heading down the wrong path.

There are times when I will accept that over lining is good advice. For someone learning to cast and struggling to feel a rod load, a heavier line can help. Over lining is also a practice I use when teaching the double haul as it removes slack and pulls the hauling hand back into position for the next haul. When it's windy a heavier line can also assist to remove some slack and help form those narrow loops needed to penetrate the wind. Once the learning has taken place, I don't advocate sticking with the heavier line. A good caster can remove slack and load the rod without having to over line. Choosing a rod and line that can present the fly in a way that will catch a fish is more important than making the choice based on the easiest setup to cast.

Deciding whether to over line a rod is complicated. It's made even more complicated because of the changes that have taken place in rod and line technology over the years. The current line-rating system was put in place in the 1960s and was based on making average 30-foot casts for trout. Once upon a time choosing a rod and line was simple. For trout, choose a 5 weight rod with a 5 weight forward floating fly line. Rods and fly lines have made major advances since then. Nowadays the number on the fly line box and the number on the rod are just starting points. With names like *Outbound*, *Big Nasty*, *Titan*, *Perception*, *Finesse*, *Ambush*, *Creek*, manufacturers are making their lines to meet what they think anglers want rather than some outdated standard. For example if you were to put an *Outbound* 5wt fly line on your trout rod you would be casting 200 grains at 30 ft which, if you look at the chart, is 60 grains heavier and really an 8 weight. Obviously, some people believe in over lining!



To reduce the confusion, and to circumvent the AFTMA system, some rod manufacturers are moving to labeling their rods with grain weight windows to better explain the range of weights the rod is capable of handling. Likewise, line manufacturers are labeling their lines in grains so you can tell the real weight of the line. This has long been the practice in the world of double handed rods. If the practice were to become universal it would make choosing a balanced outfit easier and lead to a better understanding of over and under lining a rod.



If you are contemplating over lining or under lining your rod you have many things to consider. Don't blindly believe what you are told about how over lining will make casting easier. Don't accept my anti over lining view. Do some research. Try different lines on different rods. Experiment to find out what works for you. I highly recommend getting a set of scales and learning how to measure the true grain weight of a fly line. The more you understand about fly lines, fly rods and fly casting the better fly fisher you will become. By all means over line if you think it will help. However, the next time someone asks me if they should over line their rod I will still answer no ... but to save the caveats and avoid lawsuits I will refer them to this article.



Good thing I over lined the rod!

Beginner's Corner

by the Editor



Our Tuesday Casting Group consists of people who have been fly fishing for a while and those who are new to the sport. We have quite a few people who have joined this group, and the Club, without owning a fly rod. That's not a problem as we have club rods that we can make available.

The problem arises when the beginners ask about what rod they should they buy. My advice is not to buy anything until they have been to a few casting sessions and tried fishing with a fly rod. The other advice I give is to talk to others in the group and try their rods.

Over the last couple of sessions we have been giving everyone the opportunity to try some different fly rods. Initially, we only used the rods people brought with them. Then we used a variety of other rods many had not cast before.

To do this everyone stood around in a circle with a rod in front of them. They were given two minutes to evaluation each rod and give a score of 1-10 (1 throw it in the bin and 10 I've got to own it!) We had considered trying to disguise the brand names of the rod but we actually asked them to record the details on the rod as many of them were not familiar with rod brands.

In the mix of rods we had available for testing there was everything from a \$50 Chinese no name to a couple of \$1000+ brand names, fibreglass rods and rods with a variety of actions from slow to fast.

At the end of the session everyone was asked to discuss their findings. We weren't interested in tallying up points to find a winner. We were interested in how people were able to talk about the rods and what it was they liked and disliked about each rod.

The following observations may be helpful for beginners who are looking to buy a rod:

- No rod came out a unanimous winner. If there was a majority view it was for rods in the sub \$200 range.
- Everyone knew what they liked and didn't like and no two people had exactly the same view.
- The more advanced casters had different views to the beginners.
- Fiberglass was not well liked.
- The beginners were not swayed by brand names and hefty price tags.



This wasn't a scientific study and the results, although interesting, won't help a lot if you are a beginner in the market for your first rod. Exercises like this will help focus on what rod will work for you but my initial advice remains. Don't rush into buying a rod and seek as much information as you can before you commit.

Being a casting geek I can't let this opportunity pass without making some other comments about the exercise:

- The level of each person's casting ability played a big part in their evaluation. Those who were throwing big loops with lots of slack could see very little difference between a \$50 rod and a \$1000 rod.

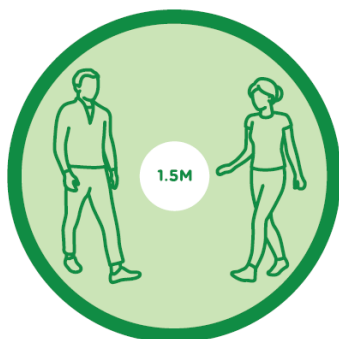
- The number of times people had cast other rods before determined how quickly they could adapt to each different rod tested.
- Rods perform differently with different amounts of line out. Most people wanted to test the rods with long casts. A more realistic test would have been casts at 15, 30 and 50 feet.
- Most people wanted to evaluate the rod on distance cast rather than loops formed.
- Few were able to change their casting stroke to accommodate the slower action of glass.



Exercises such as this help people make decisions about rods they might be going to buy. More importantly they teach essential casting skills. The more rods you get to cast the more you learn about varying casting strokes and timing. If you have the opportunity to get together with some friends or join a casting group try this exercise of swapping rods. Everyone should be able to pick up any rod and cast it.

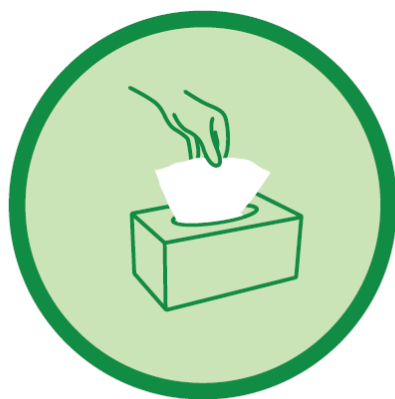
Covid-19 Safety Policy

To ensure the safety and well being of all our members and the community you are asked to abide by the following guidelines whenever we meet:



Practise physical distancing.
Where possible, stay 1.5m apart.

- If members have any flu like symptoms they are requested not to attend club activities. (We won't ask you to complete a declaration form, as many groups are doing, but will trust you to make the right decision if you are in doubt).



Stay at home and
self-isolate if you are unwell.

- The sharing of equipment should be avoided where possible and frequent use of hand sanitizer is encouraged. Sanitizer will be available at all club activities.

- During this time many people are refraining from shaking hands and hugging. If you are a gregarious person you might want to check the body language of the person you are approaching to gauge their feelings on this matter. Not shaking hands or touching during this time shouldn't be seen as being unfriendly.



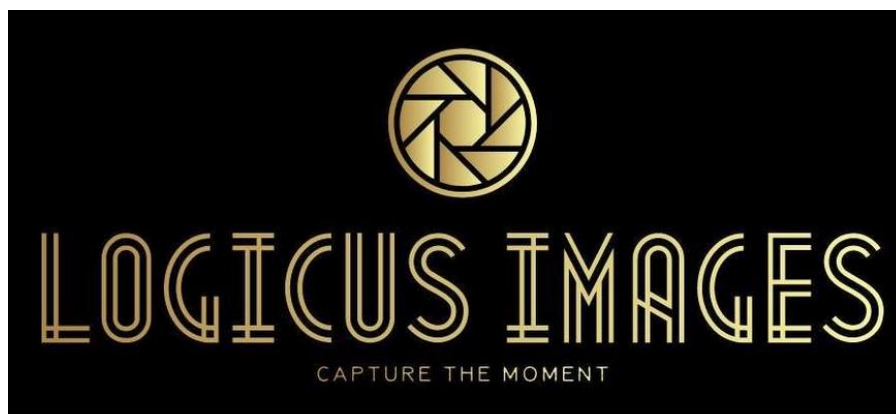
Wash your hands regularly
with soap and water.

- You must register and sign in with your phone number for all club activities. If you have the COVIDSafe app active that would be another safeguard.
- When food and drink is part of a club activity you should consider bringing your own crockery and cutlery. For the immediate future, the club will be using disposables.

BE COVIDSAFE

Our Supporters

These people have all helped our club in one way or another. When you are looking for products and services make sure you consider them first



Membership Fees

Membership Fees are as follows:

Adult membership \$30

Concession membership \$20

Junior membership free

eMembership free

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1. **In cash** or by **cheque** at the next meeting or fly tying night. (cheques made payable to Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

2. **By cheque** posted to:

The Secretary
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club
11 Butterfly Close
Boambee East
NSW 2452

3. **Direct deposit:**

BSB 062-678

Account Number: 10333424

Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Reference: Your surname

If you are making an electronic deposit please send an email to ccffc@tpg.com.au to indicate you have paid as we do not have online access to our account. When depositing make sure you include your surname in the Reference section. e.g. **Ekert Membership.**

Club Contact Address

Our official email address is ccffc@tpg.com.au.

Our mailing address is:

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Electronic Contacts

We have a Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club website which can be found at:

<http://coffscoastflyfishing.weebly.com/>.

If you find problems with the website such as broken links please email the Secretary so they can be rectified.

Our Facebook Page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/coffscoastflyfishing/>

We have a **Facebook Group**. If you are on FB all you need to do is search for Coffs Coast Fly Fishers and ask to join the Group. Currently there are 247 members in this group.



2020 Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	1
2	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We Keepit	2
3	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th Keepit	3
4	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Casting Day	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr Keepit	4
5	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Keepit	5
6	Mo	Th	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su Keepit	6
7	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	7
8	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Mullet Mash	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	8
9	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	9
10	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr Easter	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	10
11	Sa	Tu	We	Sa Easter	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	11
12	Su	We	Th	Su Easter	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Habitat Mapping	12
13	Mo	Th	Fr	M Easter	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	13
14	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	14
15	We	Sa Outing	Su	We	Fr	M	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	15
16	Th	Su	M Club Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	M Club Meeting	We	16
17	Fr	M Club Meeting	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	M Club Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	17
18	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	M	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	18
19	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa Outing Myestom	Mo Club Meeting	Th	Sa	19
20	M Club Meeting	Th	Fr	M	We	Sa	M	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	20
21	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	M Club Meeting	We	Sa Outing	Mo	21
22	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	22
23	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr Ebor Weekend	Mo	We	23
24	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr Dunmore Waters	Mo	Th	Sa Ebor Weekend	Tu	Th	24
25	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Dunmore Waters	Tu	Fr	Su Ebor Weekend	We	Fr	25
26	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su Dunmore Waters	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	26
27	Mo	Th	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	27
28	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	28
29	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Outing	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	29
30	Th		Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	30
31	Fr		Tu		Su		Fr	Mo		Sa		Th	31



Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

Membership Form

I.....DOB.....

(print full name)

of.....

(print full address incl. street name and number, town and postcode)

Email address.....

Phone number.....mobile.....

Emergency Contact:..... phone:

I hereby apply for membership of Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc. (tick one)

- | | | | |
|---|------|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult membership | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Concession membership ¹ | \$20 |
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I agree to: (cross out if you **do not** agree.)

- having my contact details circulated only to financial members of the club.
- abide by the constitution, rules and any safety regulations of the club.
- any photographs taken of myself or family members to be used in the club newsletter, club promotional material or on the club website and Facebook Page.
- receive emails from the club including newsletters and club announcements.

..... **(signature of applicant)** **(date)**

..... **(signature of legal guardian if junior member)**

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