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If you manage to read this month's Flyer in one sitting you are not doing it justice. Not only is there a lot happening at the Club you need to read about, there are some great articles to enjoy. Take your time to digest all the information about the fly tying competition, the Fly Master Awards and study the Club Calendar. Then sit back and relax and read about Tassie, if only fish could talk and old bamboo fly rods.

Front Cover: The trout around Ebor are not the biggest in Australia but they are arguably the prettiest. This brown was caught by John on his Bellinger Bamboo in a local stream that sees its fair share of anglers but still produces the results.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2023



Welcome to 2023. I'm sure we all have our fingers crossed for better weather and better fishing this year.

I was going to update the photo on my President's report while I was in Tassie last year. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see much of the sun and my cameraman spent most of his time wrapped up in his sleeping bag getting over a virus. Looks like I'll just have to make another trip. If I go again, I might have a word with Jeff Yates (see his excellent report on page 16) about how to pick the better weather and how to do it in style.

I'm hoping for better weather for the bass day at my place this year. The last couple of attempts have been cancelled due to the weather and covid. If you want to catch a bass put your name down for this outing. There are plenty of bass around at the moment. I have made enquiries with surrounding neighbors and at this time they are prepared to have us on their properties. If you are interested in this outing, please let me know as there will only be several days between the next meeting and the outing. You are quite welcome to camp out here if you would like an early start or late finish.

I would assume many of us as fly fishers would have heard of [Dave Whitlock](#). Unfortunately, Dave passed away late last year from a reported severe stroke. He was famous for several flies that he designed with the most popular in Australia being [Dave's Hopper](#). He was also well known for his work with the famous American outdoor supplier L.L. Bean helping produce that companies [Fly Fishing Handbook](#). For anyone starting out in Fly Fishing this is an excellent resource of information.

Our first meeting doesn't happen until mid-February but the Committee has already been busy planning a full calendar of events for the year. If you can't find something that you like let us know.

Casting starts again in March and it will be good to get back into practicing. It will also be good to catch up with everyone and see what has been happening during the break.

I hope the fish are kind to you this year and I look forward to seeing you at a club event soon.

Doug

From the Editor

The first month of the year has gone, all my new year's resolutions have been broken and I have only been out fishing twice in 2023. Things can only get better.

One thing I am looking forward to is a better year on the weather front. I had two trips away last year and both were plagued by bad weather. I was going to write about the Tassie trip but apart from cold, wind, rain and catching up with old friends there wasn't much to talk about. Had we gone a week later things would have been a little better as you can read about in distant member Jeff's report. He and fellow member, Peter, visited Penstock and Bronte where Doug and I had been fishing just a week before. Their results were different and Jeff's article makes for much better reading than anything I could have put together.

Another distant member, Ben, has scribed a short article for the newsletter reflecting on fish and flies. With our fly tying competition beginning this month, it pays to concentrate on what fish think a fly looks like and not how someone tells you the fly should look. If only fish could talk!

It's another bumper issue this month and unfortunately I have had to leave out a very informative report on the Carp Virus. With all the rain about, carp numbers are going to explode so the call for the release of the carp virus is again in the news. Anthony has been following this story for some time and we will get him to be our guest speaker at a meeting soon and you will be able to read his detailed report in the newsletter then.



Not exactly fly fishing news, but our Vice President Greg has been receiving accolades from Nambucca U3A for the work he does in running a fishing class each month. Greg was awarded life membership for his work and this year he is adding fly fishing lessons to his classes. I attended the presentation and met members of his fishing class, some of whom expressed an interest in joining our club. We are always ready to welcome new members and suggest anyone with an interest in fly fishing come along to an activity, read the newsletter or visit our [website](#) to see what happens. As an added incentive to join, membership fees are halved at this time of the year.

The 2023 calendar has some new and some repeat outings and activities for you to get involved in. Things will change throughout the year but the calendar gives you a chance to find something that interests you and plan ahead. You can always suggest ideas for outing and activities at meetings or by contacting any committee member. If you print out the calendar, remember it might change every month so make sure you check the newsletter for the latest edition.

That's the first newsletter for the year done and dusted and time to start planning for the next. Thanks to our contributors who make it worth reading. Hopefully, we will have more for you to read next month.

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February Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on Monday 20th at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club at Mylestom. Our guest speaker will be Jim Wray introducing the Fly Master Awards. You can read about the awards on page 12.

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm. There will be no general meeting but there will be time to talk about any club issues and discuss the decisions of Committee. If you want to register for any of the outings on the 2023 Club Calendar, you can do it at this meeting. Some of the more popular events with limited numbers will fill fast.

The raffle will be run with the usual prizes and all tickets will be retained until April when the first major draw will occur. We have a Redington indoor practice fly rod and a collection of fly tying materials as our major prize.

The winner of the last major prize, which was a fly tying workstation built by Mike Ferris, was won by Nigel Smith.



Last year's Christmas Gathering at Valla was well attended despite some people going to Mylestom first. Be forewarned that this year the Christmas Gathering will once again be held at **Valla Beach**.

Those who attended Valla had the chance to win some great prizes including vouchers from [Mo Tackle & Outdoors](#). President Doug was one of the lucky winners. Thanks to John Everett and the management of Mo Tackle for supporting our club this way.



Seniors Try Fly Fishing

Bellingen Shire Council has invited us to conduct a **Try Fly Fishing for Seniors** morning at Mylestom as part of the NSW Seniors Festival. It will take place at the Mylestom Cricket Oval from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 7th February. I'm not sure how many seniors will register but I imagine the group will be small so it shouldn't be too difficult to organize. If anyone wants to help out, they can give me a call. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, they can register through me (see the poster on page 28). Tuesday casters can come along (most of us are seniors anyway!) but remember regular Tuesday casting sessions don't commence until March 7th.

Fly Tying

Monday night fly tying sessions won't recommence until the last Monday in March. In the meantime, the fly tying competition is underway and the first lot of flies will be judged at our February meeting. The aim is to encourage fly tying and to have people tie flies ready for upcoming outings. The competition side of things is meant to be fun. The winner will be chosen for its simplicity, creativity and proven fish attracting qualities. The fly to be tied for the February meeting will be a Bass fly.



If you want to enter you have to tie at least two flies both of which become the property of the club.

The winning fly will be selected by popular vote at the meeting and feature in the newsletter and go on display in the trophy cabinet. In the spirit of fun and fairness please abide by the following rules:

- ☛ You must be a financial member of the Club to enter.
- ☛ You must tie the fly yourself.
- ☛ You must submit two samples of the fly to be kept by the Club. Entries are to be given to Pip Bevan before the start of the monthly meeting.
- ☛ The winner will be the fly with the most votes by members at the meeting.
- ☛ Members who post a photo of their fly on our Facebook page will get a bonus vote.

Brian Bevan (Pip) will be coordinating the competition and you can contact him on 0490469562 for further information or clarification ... but no correspondence will be entered into regarding the results! More information and a list of last year's winners is on page 27.

February Outings

Our first outing for the year is the trip to **Borumba Dam** in Queensland from Sunday 12th February to Friday 17th. Five members are booked to go. **There is one place in a boat left if you are interested but you must ring Murray on 0425277026 by 1st Feb if you want to go.** If golden perch or saratoga are on your bucket list, this may be your best chance to get it done.

Bass Day

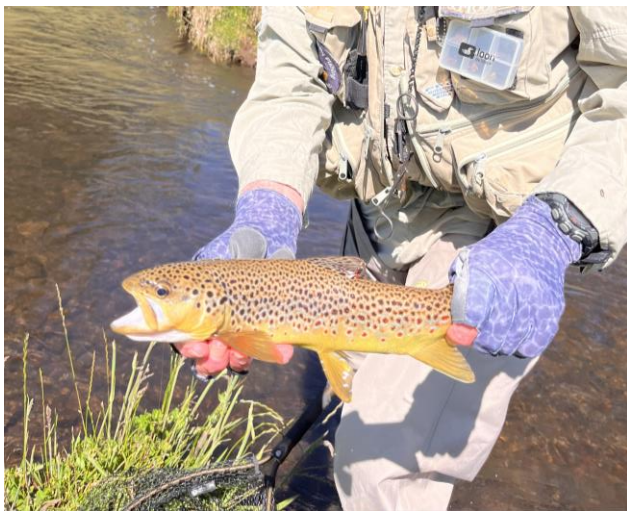
The second outing for February is a day trip to **Taylor's Arm** on Saturday 25th. President Doug will be organizing this so we can fish his creek and nearby properties for bass. You will be able to fish from the bank (limited spots) or from a canoe or kayak.

You can fish the dawn session, the middle of the day or in the evening (or all day if you wish) Just let Doug know when you register. You must register by phoning Doug on 0458696138 or putting your name on the outing sheet. A BBQ will be operating on the day for breakfast and lunch (free).

March Outings

There are no spots left for the outing to **Bens Falls Retreat** over the weekend of Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March. If you missed out you will have to read all about it in the newsletter and make sure you get in quickly if it is in the calendar for 2024.

Fly fish for trout at Ebor



For those who want to expand their knowledge on fly fishing for trout, we are running two learn fly fishing sessions at **Ebor** during March. Experienced club trouties will take you to a stream where you will be taught

about gear selection, stream craft, insect identification, selecting flies, hooking and landing a fish and safety on the stream. You will be expected to have your own fly gear because the course is not aimed at the complete beginner who hasn't cast before. There is no cost but you might like to make a donation to your instructor who will be driving all the way to Ebor to look after you and not fishing for the day.



The course will be limited to 4 people each day working in pairs with an experienced club member as instructor. You will be fishing one of the best streams around Ebor only accessible by permission of the landowner. The dates will be Saturday 4th March and Saturday 18th March. You can choose which day you wish to attend (one day only). You must register by putting your name on the outing sheet or contacting the Secretary. More details will be forwarded once registered.



Committee Decisions

The club conducts most of its business through committee. The committee meets each three months and more often if needed. Urgent business is conducted by email. Any member can join the committee at the Annual General Meeting and all members are informed of decisions through the newsletter and are welcome to sit in on meetings. A copy of the minutes and the financial statement is available if you contact the Secretary.

The first committee meeting of the year was held in January. A summary of decisions made at the January Committee meeting is listed below.

- ☛ The draft Calendar of Events for 2023 was discussed in detail with changes made by consensus. An updated calendar is included in the newsletter.

- ☛ The Fly Master Award Program was explained by Jim Wray and approved for introduction.

- ☛ The Fly Tying Competition was explained by Brian Bevan and the rules finalised and approved for introduction.

- ☛ Bellingen Shire Council asked us to conduct an introduction to fly fishing session as part of Seniors Week on Tuesday 7th February at the Mylestom Cricket Oval. This was approved with members present indicating they would assist on the day.

- ☛ An email has been sent to Bellingen Shire Council seeking approval to use Mylestom Cricket Oval for Tuesday casting sessions for 2023.

- ☛ An email has been sent to North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club seeking approval to use their facilities for meetings and fly tying for 2023.

- ☛ The February outing to Borumba Dam will go ahead from Sunday 12th to Friday 17th. Murray is co-ordinating and at this stage there are 5 members going.

- ☛ The next prize for the major three-monthly raffle will be fly tying materials donated by Glenn and an indoor practice fly rod.

- ☛ Jim has offered to be our guest speaker at the February meeting and outline the Fly Master Awards Program.

North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club



We are fortunate to be able to use the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club for our meetings and fly tying free of charge. Those people who live locally and are able to attend meetings are encouraged to join the Club. Not only do you have access to the facilities at the Club and the membership benefits, you make signing in easier for yourself and know that your money is supporting the local community. Their website is under construction at the moment but you will soon be able to find out more at: <https://northbeachbowls.com.au/> Ask at the bar for a membership form.

Club Calendar 2023

The 2023 Club Calendar is provided to give you an overview of what might happen and an opportunity to plan ahead. It will change throughout the year as needed. Check the monthly newsletter or website for latest details.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month No general meeting this month Committee Meeting Mon 16th	Committee Meeting Mylestom Monday 16 th
FEBRUARY	Seniors Week Try Fly Fishing Mylestom Tue 7 th Lake Borumba Sun 12 th to Fri 17 th (Murray) Bass Outing at Taylors Arm Sat 25 th (Doug)	Club Meeting Monday 20 th Mylestom
MARCH	Learn Fly Fishing at Ebor Sat 4 th Group 1 Tuesday Casting Group Resumes 7 th March Bens Falls Retreat Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th (Allan) Learn Fly Fishing at Ebor Sat 18 th Group 2 Fly Tying Mylestom Monday 27 th	Club Meeting Monday 20 th Mylestom
APRIL	Home Waters Sat 1 st Stuarts Point Fri 28 th to Sun 30 th (Mike) Fly Tying Mylestom Monday 24 th	Club Meeting Monday 17 th Committee Meeting Major Raffle Drawn
MAY	Home Waters Saturday 13 th (Glenn) Cast a Fly Rod Day Sat 20 th Fly Tying Mylestom Monday 29 th	Club Meeting Monday 15 th Mylestom
JUNE	Home Waters Saturday 10 th June (co-ordinator needed) Lake St Clair TBA Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 26 th	Club Meeting Monday 19 th Mylestom
JULY	Home Waters Sat 22 nd (co-ordinator needed) Dunmore Waters Friday 28 th to Sunday 30 th Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 31 st	Annual General Meeting Monday 17 th Major Raffle Drawn
AUGUST	Swansea Salmon Classic TBA Mullet Mash Saturday 25 th Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 28 th	Club Meeting Monday 21 st Committee Meeting Mylestom
SEPTEMBER	Bass Day Bellingen River Sat 9 th Gathering @ Gumma Thur 21 st to Sun 24 th (Pip) Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 25 th	Club Meeting Monday 18 th Mylestom
OCTOBER	A1 Flats Fishing Workshop Woolgoolga Sat 7 th TBC Grafton Bass Weekend Friday 20 th to Sunday 22 nd Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 30 th	Club Meeting Monday 16 th Mylestom Major Raffle Drawn
NOVEMBER	Home Waters Saturday 11 th (Co-ordinator needed) Keepit Carp Caper Thur 23 rd to Sun 26 th (co-ordinator needed) Fly Tying Mylestom Mon 27 th	Club Meeting Monday 20 th Committee Meeting Mylestom
DECEMBER	Home Waters Saturday 9 th (co-ordinator needed) Christmas Gathering BBQ Valla Tuesday 13 th	No Club Meeting Christmas Raffle Drawn

Fly Master Awards

Starting out as the Grand Slam Awards, these awards were designed to get more members out fishing and improving their fly fishing skills. Jim Wray has come on board and with his background in ANSA has made some positive changes including the name change to **Fly Master Awards**.

The Fly Master Awards have four levels (like the casting program) and members can achieve an award by meeting the criteria listed. They are not meant to be competitive within the Club but to provide motivation and recognition for members to achieve their individual fly fishing goals.

The awards are designed to give every member the chance to progress through the levels from **Foundation** to **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** no matter where they live or what they fish for. To this end, the list of species is broad, providing those who fish freshwater, saltwater, estuaries, lakes or oceans something to target.

The **Foundation** and **Bronze** levels are about beginners fishing in our local waters for bread-and-butter species. The **Silver** and **Gold** levels broaden the scope of fish to be targeted, the level of difficulty and encompasses the whole of Oceania.

There are no prizes and the only recognition will be a listing in **The Hall of Fame** and a club certificate. We are investigating having pins, badges or embroidered patches similar to the ones below. If you have any thoughts on this form of recognition you need to let the Committee know.



There are rules designed to make it fair for everyone but it all comes down to individual honesty and people abiding by the spirit of the awards. Jim will be our guest speaker at the February meeting to answer all your questions.

The rules, species lists and measurements are still being refined with the latest version on page 33. All lengths are arbitrary and have been selected specifically for use by our club and not any state or national records. If you would like to add a species or group you can submit your proposal to the Committee for consideration.

The awards are in operation now and you can enter fish captured any time since you joined the club. If you want to claim an award you must email Jim at coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com with a photo, or the name of a witness or any other proof you may have. The email should include the name of the award you are claiming and the details regarding species, size, and date captured and date you joined the club. A pro forma is available on Page 37 of this newsletter or can be collected at a meeting.

Before you get excited about sewing a Gold Fly Master patch on your shirt, remember:

- you must be a financial member of the club
- the fish must have been caught on fly with a fly rod
- you must have been a member of the club when the fish was caught.
- there are no weigh-ins. Catch and release is encouraged.

Judging by the photos in the fishing reports that follow, there will be a lot of work for Jim in the coming weeks.

Fishing Reports

Some of our members got out over Christmas and avoided the windy weather and crowds. Here are some Facebook photos to prove the fish didn't go away on holidays.

Glenn gets a whole page to himself having caught at least six different species on his new 4wt rod. Everyone can catch bream mullet and flathead, but Glenn cracked the whiting on fly code with this specimen caught on one of his flies.



With all the bread burley being used at Valla, it's no wonder the mullet are getting bigger. Ray and Greg caught a few at the Christmas gathering.



Despite the rain, Brian and Jim found a few big eye trevally.



Many people only think of luderick as a winter fish but they are around all year in our local waters as Greg and Anthony found.



When it was too windy to go fishing some people tied flies. Jason tied some crease flies for trevally and they liked them.



Mick travelled to far north Queensland for his trevally.



The trout are still out and about Ebor if you can avoid the crowds. Anthony had to fish at night to find a spot on the river ... and the bigger fish.



Doug did some travelling for his trout with this nice fish coming from Penstock Lagoon in Tasmania.



The trout are bigger in Tasmania as Distant Member Alan shows ... but not as pretty as our own Ebor brownies.



Tassie 2022

Jeff Yates



Those who have been to the Central Plateau of Tasmania, would know this iconic hut, not far from Penstock Lagoon. The shingle and tin roof would have colourful stories to tell, of the famous Shannon rise, the monster trout in the numerous nearby lakes and maybe of Thylacine pelts nailed to the rough sawn timber walls. I think it has just about seen its day, as with the Shannon rise, the monster trout and the Thylacine, but what hasn't changed is the beauty and ruggedness of the pristine terrain, clear water and cold weather which breeds some of the most beautiful wild brown trout in the world.

Each year we travel down to fish various lakes, whilst being based in a shack on Arthurs Lake. Our affable host PS, confers with the BOM and physically checks the wind direction on a daily basis before deciding where we should head for the day's fishing. Down here they fish gentleman's hours, very few fish at night, it's too cold and hardly sporting. Within hours of landing at Hobart we are donning the waders with several layers of thermal protection and excitably making our way to Jonah Bay on Arthurs Lake. This venture is purely to release some of our pent up excitement after the train, plane and car trip to our destination. Within an hour of arriving Peter landed a lovely brown on beetle and buzzer dropper, from a precarious and wooded section of the bay, but his smile tells it all, and the monkeys off his back!



The water temperature at shore level was 10.5 degrees, not good for an evening rise, but there's always another day. Back to the shack early to unpack, light the fire, have a chow mein dinner, celebrate our arrival with a whisky, put on the electric blankets, renew acquaintances and off to bed.

Arthurs Lake is quite a large body of water, at an altitude of 952m and half a million mega litres, a quick, safe boat is essential to get access to those beautiful little secluded bays which take advantage of prevailing winds. Fleming's bay at the top end of the lake fishes well in a NE wind, so after a hearty breakfast, we packed our venison sandwiches and a thermos and headed the 8km up the dam. During the trip we were given a history lesson on the forming of the lake, and its various features, before entering a most interesting bay with a foamy wind lane channelling into the main body of the dam. At the back of the bay lay a couple of magic shacks, something I just dream of owning. The bay contains neatly grassed verges, trimmed by a population of wallabies, wombats and fallow deer, like a well-manicured bowling green, with the occasionally spiky rush marsh running into the shallow water. Off each side is a heavily wooded perimeter, where polaroiding fish is both exciting but also difficult, and 6lb tippet are tested to the limit to steer hooked fish from fallen timber and flooded bushes.



Initially, the foamy banks were an enigma, with some difficulty getting a take, however, a Golden Sparkler pulsed and paused through the structure produced 4 good fish. Further challenges presented themselves amongst the trees, but well placed small black beetles and Geehi Beatles produced a couple of fish.

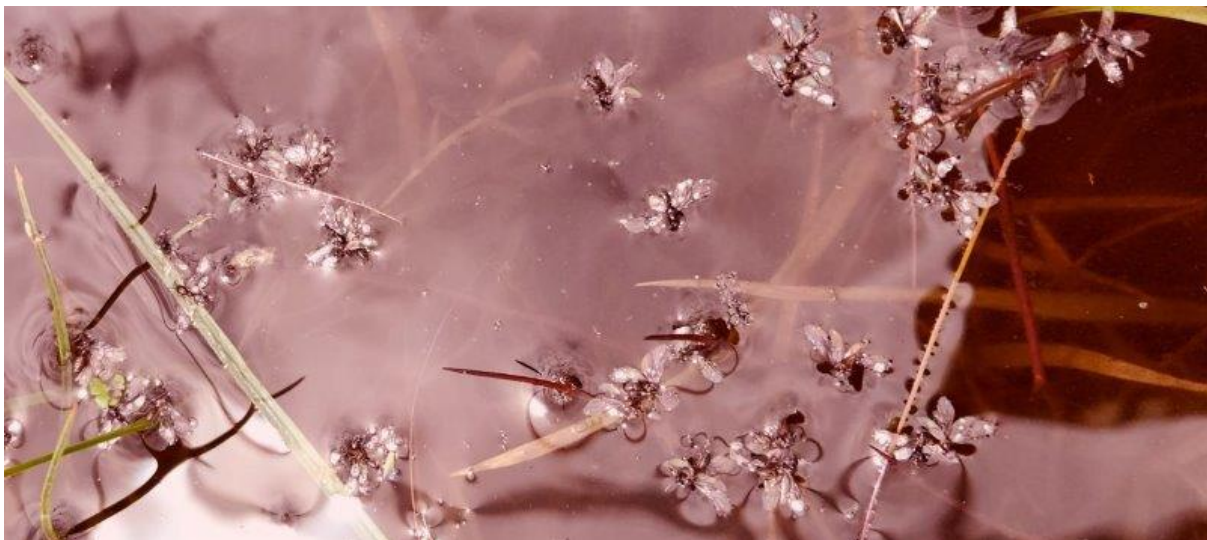
Later in the day trout started to cruise the banks, some commenced a tails up grubbing action, undoubtedly on worms over flooded grasses, while others taking the occasional caddis from the base of bushes in the water, and a third category of fish patrolled the edges of the marsh, then darted in doing a quick about and returning to the depths. Our collective geriatric minds decided that galaxias were on the menu but that was not proven. What we did prove was the fish of the day coming from a worm pattern, cast from high on the grass line to a small pocket of clear water amongst the spiky rush, where a fish was busily tailing and grubbing the bottom. The line tightened and a fish scooted the shallows, only to be landed after an epic fight. A CDC fly was

gleefully taken by a riser under flooded bushes. Surprising but disappointingly, there wasn't a dun rise, the water was still too cold.

We discussed the latter point over a coffee with some locals, who claimed that the first signs of a dun hatch was late October with the flowering of the needlebush hakea, which was just happening now, one month later than usual.

Wallaby stew for dinner tonight, as we opened a bottle of Frogmore Creek 2017 FGR Riesling and discussed the day's events. The fish feeding patterns were discussed and analysed, along with future tactics, and coincidentally, tomorrow is predicted to be a similar weather pattern as today. What was perplexing was the number of fish we caught, and on such a variety of fly patterns; beetles, buzzers, cdc duns, worms, partridge fly, possum fly, tadpole, golden sparkler. It's hard to say what pattern we will use tomorrow if duns aren't present.

Tomorrow has come and gone. A fresh brewed coffee at the new and successful Flintstone Road House to start the day, but things were not like yesterday, few fish surfaced on Arthurs, but what we did notice was the amount of caenid (small mayflies) floating in the surface in the lee shore, like I mean rafts of them. They were small, in the range of say #18 or less, and I was not prepared for them. The locals refer to them as grass flies, and usually don't target them particularly, but having just read an article by Peter Broomhall in Flylife #109, he used a small CDC F-Fly with various coloured hot spots to great success. This would probably mean carrying 2 rods, my usual Hardy 6 wt essential due to the windy conditions on the mountains, and a 4 wt for caenid hatches, to allow a delicate presentation of a tiny fly on a 12ft 3lb leader. That's a challenge for another day, but I may make a project out tying a few F-Flies for the future, to be sure, to be sure!



Anyway, feeling dejected we decided for a different plan tomorrow. What about the Western Lakes?

Coffee again for breakfast, and we made our way via Miena, round the perimeter of the Great Lake then into the western wilderness area. Hardly wilderness in places as the scarred landscape from fires 3 years ago has left the countryside denuded of vegetation. The gate was open at Lake Ada, so we passed through to travel a further 11 kms to a closed gate, near to 2nd Lagoon and Double Lagoon.

The 3 of us took off in different directions to explore and find solace in the beauty of the moment. For me the sight of a platypus just a metre from where I was sitting, gave me a thrill, especially when it could be seen collecting grass and carrying it away in its folded tail, to line its den. As I watched the water from my platypus possie, I spotted my one and only fish of several pounds cruising the windblown shoreline. On its third pass, I was able to get a beetle and nymph dropper into its path, but I may as well have thrown in a hand grenade, as it bolted for the middle of the lagoon. The other guys had their own hard luck stories to tell, as we gathered at the end of the lagoon for a quick chat and headed back to the car for a thermos and venison sandwiches.



Check out the platypus on left with grass under tail, and the damn mozzies which ate us alive on the Great Lake



The sun was above us as we left the lakes area, and decided on a quick fish on the Great Lake on the way home. The bank hasn't seen water this high for many years, so it was a little rough underfoot. I got through a cattle fence and made my way to a protected bay, where I searched with several patterns before scoring on a nice brown on a partridge fly. This fish was the one and only, so we pulled up stumps late in the afternoon as there was little chance of a rise.



How do venison and duck sausages with homemade relish sound for dinner? Well, I can tell you they were beautiful. For those who know me, I often describe sausages and pies as lips and arseholes, as the unidentified parts are minced and placed in pastry and it's a lucky dip, but these were different. Again, planning ahead, PS had a change of itinerary for tomorrow. The wind and rain expected would make it too miserable to venture out, so he had a road trip planned.

Coffee again (have we got an addiction?), and hit the road in every stitch of clothing I possessed, as well as a new set of gloves I bought from the roadhouse. A lot could be said for excess baggage and

additional warm clothing. We pushed out along the Poatina road toward Penstock Lagoon, where we encountered a small crowd on the shore and several boats on the water close to the wall. Seems that the word has got out there, too many mainlanders reading fishing stories, and killing the lagoon with over fishing and polluting watercraft. I feel for those keen old timers who want their solitude and be able to present a dry fly to a cruising trout, only to have it spooked by other fishermen and boats.

Luckily, Penstock was not on our agenda, but Waddamana Hydro Power Station was. Built from 1910 in several stages using horse drawn carriages and buggies pulled along a timber railed tram way, it was an important power source, supplying electricity to Hobart and the zinc works at Risdon. After it was closed in 1994, plans were made to make it into a museum, and we were readily able to relate to the plant, having worked on hydro in the past and at former NSW coal fired power stations. Top marks Tassie Hydro for the preservation of an important part of your history.



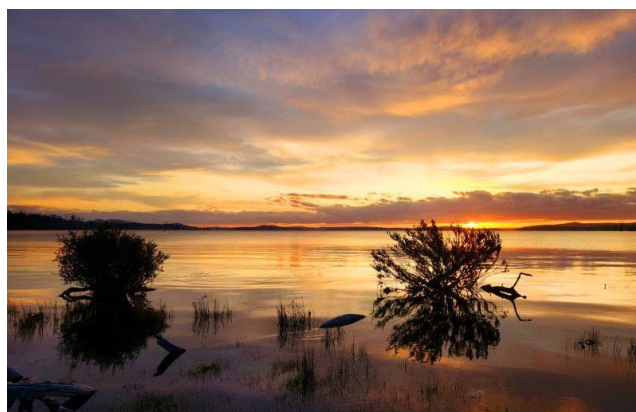
Tourism complete, we planned on a trip to one of our favourite locations, Woods Lake. This lake is a few hundred meters lower in altitude and should be warmer, so we hope we might see a rise. The previous weekend, there were 45 boat trailers at the ramp, and with limited access points, this would have been bedlam, but fortunately today there were 3, including ours. We darted off to the flats on the far side to take advantage of the tailing wind. Once again, no fish rising and the 6 degree day did little for the comfort stakes, though the blood nearly boiled when I came close to a basking fat black snake. It was quite lethargic, and allowed me to get close up shots as it oozed into a nearby hollow log. PS got a couple of trout on a partridge fly, I got hypothermia and Peter got frustrated!



With time running down on our 10 day trip, the next couple of days have been forecast as snow to 500m (Flintstone 850m). Another coffee, another day, and all 3 of us put our collective efforts together to install a new mast head amplifier on the shack tv antenna. Job completed but not working, we went for a foray to Scotch Bobs creek in Cow Paddock Bay. Once again, the fishing was ordinary, though the water had a nice colour, but way too cold.



Like all good things, this trip is coming to an end. We have postponed it for 3 years due to covid, I just hope it won't be another 3 years before we revisit this wonderful island. We did our sums, and during the week we caught 22 decent fish and probably another 30 smaller fish, on 9 different flies. This indicates that there was not a repeatable or discernible feeding pattern, and the main factor was the lack of a dun hatch this year. Blame climate change, cold winters, too much rain or all 3, but as the locals say, the duns hatch when the needlebush is in flower and this year it is a month late, but thanks to good planning and excellent company we still got a few and had a memorable time.



Jeff Yates

If only fish could talk

By Ben Nieuweth

When I joined Greenwell's Club (in 1972 based in Albury Wodonga) boy, was I a novice! My casting was hopeless with secondhand gear given to me - a fibre glass rod and a cane rod. My tutor was the one and only Les Hawkins, master fly fisherman and caster from the old English school. Les is a great friend of mine but in his opinion at the time I would never be able to cast proficiently. Well, my friend, I got news for you! His excuse was that it took me nearly a half a century to master casting in all aspect of fly fishing. I'm still learning every outing I go but I can now cast thanks to Les guiding me over all those years.

During the years I have met and been introduced to some fly fishing greats. I met David Scholes and John Sautelle at club dinners. My mentors were Noel Jetson, Arthur Smith, Mike Spry, Doug Lang and my utmost Maurie Wilson. Maurie was a master nymph fisherman (liked a scotch), casting upstream with a nymph without an indicator, just watching the line. His philosophy was keep the flies simple and easy and I have dressed my flies this way ever since.

A nice well tied fly will look good on the water. However, on a stream a fish has only one or two seconds to inspect the fly and then it is good-bye, take it or leave it. I have taken many fish on the ugliest and roughest fly I had in my box. Of all the fish I have caught, none have ever told me the fly looked good and tasty like a real insect. Dumb Fish!

I have lots of flies in my fly-box but now in the later years I limit myself to a few favoured to fish with. One of these is my Rabbit Fur fly. I made and used this fly well before Rob Sloane introduced his version and it is tied very similar.

Hook: 6-8 Partridge

Thread: 6/0 Black

Body: 4-5 bunches of rabbit's fur (copper wire tied on shank for extra weight)

Rib: Copper wire

Head: Rabbits fur tied forward at the eye then reversed to make a head.

This fly hopefully will imitate a Dragon fly nymph or mud-eye.



One more of my favoured flies is the Coachman (not a royal coachman or wulff). That bit of red means nothing to me nor the fish. It looks good but only makes it harder to tie and I have caught plenty of fish on my version of the coachman.

Hook: 10-18 Partridge

Thread: 6/0 Black

Body: Peacock herl (no red floss)

Hackle: Brown cock hackle

Tail: Brown cock hackle or buck tail

Wing: White or brown calf tail

This fly also hopefully imitates a Mayfly.

Excellent fly used as an indicator with a nymph dropper.

Note: I only use good old English Partridge hooks, now owned by Mustad for my trout flies, a very strong and durable hook. I do not use stainless steel hooks if I can avoid it.

Ben Nieuweth



Everything Old is New Again

Over the holidays I managed to sneak away for a day fishing for trout around Ebor. It was good to get back to the old familiar places even though it was obvious that I wasn't the only one who had been fishing there recently. I remember my first trips to Ebor after returning from Tasmania. The area was in the grip of a prolonged drought and the fishery was suffering. Walking up streams where once I needed waders, the water was low and warm and devoid of fish. In days gone by I could cast a Royal Wulf up these streams and have it mauled by a dozen hungry fingerlings in every run. Now I had to search the deep pools with a Woolly Bugger with no guarantee of a fish being present. My memories of the good old days were shattered. I didn't bother fishing much during the drought years.

Fast forward to today and the Ebor area is experiencing one of its best seasons on record. There has been enough rain to fill the springs and keep the rivers running over the long, hot, summers. Thanks to the work of the Hatchery, and probably some natural recruitment, there are plenty of fish about. On my last trip I managed to hook or miss half a dozen little rainbows in the first run I fished. It was just like the good old days - maybe even better. I found myself thinking of the words of the Peter Allen song "Everything Old is New Again"¹

*Don't throw the past away
You might need it some rainy day
Dreams can come true again
When everything old is new again*

As I enjoyed the best fishing that Ebor can offer, I was glad I was using my bamboo fly rod for the first time in a few years. It is an Ovis Battenkill 6'ft 6' 6wt. It's an oldie but a goodie that I bought secondhand years ago (co-incidentally, it was built around the same time as the song was written in the 1970's). Although bamboo fly rods have been around for a long time, it was not until late last century that they became more user friendly and more popular. But, by that time, graphite had hit the market and was quickly taking over as the dominant material for fly rod construction. Many people relegated their bamboo rods to the cupboard as they adopted the lighter, quicker and stronger material to make longer rods without the weight of cane. Mine has seen its fair share of cupboard storage but every time I get it out, I enjoy the feeling of how it takes me back to the good old days again.



Like the lyrics of the song suggests, we shouldn't throw the past away because we might need it some rainy day. I'm glad I didn't throw my bamboo fly rod away. For starters, it is worth a lot of money these days as people learn about the benefits of cane and want to buy a piece of the good old days. Bamboo fly rods were made for small streams like those around Ebor and I think I am going to need mine more than just on the rainy days ahead.

As I fished my Battenkill on this day I thought about why so many people use bamboo fly rods ... or would like to. Bamboo is a natural material that has soul. Whenever you fish with a bamboo rod it offers a connection to nature, tradition and history. You know it has been made by a poet, not an engineer. As one American rod maker put it: "Bamboo offers a fly rod that warms the heart, bounces the summer sun in a thousand different directions and is uniquely in tune with the rhythms of the rivers, streams and lakes it touches."

There are many practical reasons why choosing a bamboo fly rod makes a lot of sense. Bamboo is strong (stronger than steel) so it stands up to knocks and abuse better than its counter parts. You also have the added advantage of bamboo not conducting electricity - a comforting fact when summer storms roll through. Bamboo rods are usually built shorter to keep weight down and this shortness gives the angler a mechanical advantage over longer rods when playing a fish. Shorter rods also bring benefits when fishing in tight quarters.

From the casting point of view, bamboo fly rods load easily due to the natural flex and weight of the rod. The rod can bend and load with or without the line. This means that a bamboo fly rod can deliver a leader on its own, with no fly line at all through the guides. On the other hand, you don't need to work as hard to deliver a fly at distance, as the rod does more of the work. And a bamboo fly rod's ability to load with minimal line makes roll casting easy. But for me the greatest advantage of a bamboo fly rod is the capacity to present a fly with delicacy, and accuracy and provide plenty of give for fighting a fish. I like the fact that a bent bamboo fly rod is able to put constant pressure on a fish without bouncing around and breaking tippets.

Bamboo rods are not the answer in every situation. You won't find too many bamboo fly rods being used in the salt. Bamboo shines on small trout streams where dry flies and delicate presentations are the name of the game. The biggest trout I saw on my latest trip to Ebor evaded my best efforts because the rod wasn't suited to the situation (at least that's my excuse!) A long cast was needed over tricky currents and I wasn't able to do that with a short, slow actioned rod. A modern graphite rod would have helped but in the end a bad tradesman always blames his tools and there was nothing wrong with the Battenkill.

Before you start visiting garage sales or run out to the shed to look for grandfather's old bamboo fly rod, it should be noted that not all bamboo rods are worth reviving. There are plenty of clunky bamboo sticks around that make better tomato stakes than fishing rods. These poor quality bamboo rods are a far cry from the beautiful highly collectable vintage bamboo fly rods built by the artisans of the past. You could also put in this dubious category some of the modern bamboo fly rods from China or mass-produced products by people who know little about bamboo or fly fishing.



If you are in the market for a good bamboo fly rod there are a couple of people in our Club who can point you in the right direction and help you with your decision. If you come to a club casting day or a Tuesday casting session, ask about trying a bamboo fly rod. Bamboo is not for everyone but everyone should try casting a bamboo rod at some time in their fly fishing life. The smooth action of a bamboo fly rod will improve your casting and can make dreams come true when everything old is new again.

¹If your Australian music history is incomplete and you haven't heard of Peter Allen or "Everything Old is New Again" you can [Ctrl + Click on this link to watch the video.](#)

Fly-tying competition

By Pip Bevan

Back in 2020 we started a fly tying competition. Then along came Covid and it was put on hold for a couple of years. This year we are having another go and hoping to encourage more people to try their hand at tying flies.

The idea is to tie flies that can be used on outings as they come up throughout the year. Even if you are not a fly tyer you can view the entries in the competition to give you some ideas on the flies you should be using for a particular outing.

I made this cabinet to display the winning entries. In 2020 we tied 9 different types of flies and I have listed below the winning entries.



1. Carp Fly. President Doug won the vote with his Keepit Kermit. He also submitted a No Ideer fly. Other entries were from Allan, Walter and Pip.

2. Dry Trout Fly. Won by Doug with his Adams size 18. Also entered were Pip's Red Tag, and Jim's Stimulator.

3. Wet Trout Fly. Allan's Jaffa won the vote with his orange beaded Nymph. Doug and Pip also entered.

4. Bass Fly. President Doug again won the vote with his version of a Donnie Brascoe. Allan tied a Gurgler and Pip tied a Bass Vampire and a Hairy Gurgler.

5. Salmon Fly. Pip won with his Red Headed "Blonde". The only entry.

6. Foam Fly. Pip won again with his "Black Boobie" the only entry.

7. Clouser Fly. Murray won the vote with his Chartreuse and white version. David and Pip also entered.

8. Shrimp Fly. Ray won with his straw prawn. Murray, David and Pip also entered.

9. Spotlight Fly. Walter showed the way with his tie. Murray tied a Gurgler. Ray tied a foamed body winged fly. Pip tied a foam slider and a black popper with a zonker strip tail.

As you can see there weren't a lot of members who took part so this year we are hoping more people will have a go. The flies don't have to be perfect, just capable of catching a fish ([Ed: as Ben Nieuwerth reminded us.](#))

Here are this year's categories so you can start tying as soon as you like and get ready for upcoming meetings and outings.

2023 Fly Tying Competition

Feb: Bass Fly	Mar: Estuary Fly
Apr: Trout Dry Fly	May: Wet Trout Fly
June: Shrimp Fly.	Jul: Salmon & Bread Fly
Aug: Clouser	Sept: Foam Fly
Oct: Carp Fly.	Nov: Anything Goes

Pip Bevan



Tuesday 7th February



Seniors Festival 2023

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

Learn the basic skills of fly fishing.

All equipment provided. Bring a hat, glasses and a chair to sit on. morning tea to start. FREE for seniors

Mylestom Cricket Oval

9:30am-12noon

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Classifieds

Vice President Greg has negotiated a 10% discount on tackle bought at Nambucca Heads Boatshed. Although they don't have fly gear, they stock a range of general fishing reels, rods, lures, hooks, boat and trailer accessories. If you live in the south, drop in and have a look and ask for your Club discount.



Sounder for sale

Peter Glasson has a sounder for sale. It is a Garmin echoMAP 70 ie 7" - for only \$250 ono - has maps, side scan and all sorts of things - works great. Comes with all the Manuals, and all the stuff needed to install it - cables transducers mounting brackets etc. It's all there. Can send photos etc. Can deliver.

This is an older unit - 2014 vintage. They were approximately \$1400 new and has a select button i.e., not touch screen. Maps for some of the dams are included (Lenthals, Borumba and Monduran) but I think you can get other upgraded maps too.

It similar to this latest model:



<https://www.biasboating.com.au/echomap-uhd-65cv>

I am just installing a new Lawrence 9" - 9FS Elite - just touch screen and more detailed maps include etc - so the Garmin is there ready to go to a new boat. You can contact Pete on 0408431356.

Minn Kota Electric Motor

David Lindsay has for sale a Minn Kota Riptide bow mount 55lb thrust electric motor. It comes with two foot controls, wiring harness but no mounting plate. This model does not have spot lock. The motor is in good condition only having been used as a spare. Asking \$800. Phone David on 0409471718.



Picture for illustrative purposes only - not actual motor.

David is also selling a 10ft plywood John boat. Asking \$350. Contact David on 0409471718 for more details and to make an offer.



CLUB SHOP



Short sleeve dress shirt with logo. None available but we are sourcing a similar shirt which will cost about \$40 each.



The original fishing shirts made by Big Fish in Darwin. None available. We need a minimum order of 35 to get new stock. The cost would be about \$80 each.



A few Club caps in stock ... \$15 each. Can order more if needed.



A few Club Hats in stock ... \$20 each. Can order more if needed.



Boat stickers in stock ... \$10 each. When they're gone no more will be printed.



Club Patches. None in stock but more can be ordered or better still take your garments to Nambucca T-shirts and have the logo directly embroidered for \$10.

To order from the Shop contact the Treasurer or the Secretary



HALL OF FAME

FISHING

Foundation Fly Master

Ray Phipps
Michael Ferris
Greg Artlett
Jim Hyatt
Brian Mighell
Garry Bennett
Anthony Heiser
Rod Ryan

Bronze Fly Master

Greg Artlett
Jim Hyatt
Brian Mighell
Michael Ferris
Ray Phipps
Garry Bennett
Anthony Heiser

CASTING

Foundation Level

Bill Anderson
Greg Artlett
Garry Bennett
Mick Cannon
Michael Ferris
Ken Holley
David Lindsay
Brian Mighell
Stephen Mitchell
Murray Robinson
Nigel Smith
Doug Urquhart
Jim Wray
Ray Phipps
David Small
Steve Rampant
Mark Flook

Bronze Level

Greg Artlett	Garry Bennett
Bill Herd	David Small
John Starr	Bill Anderson
Greg Baxter	Michael Ferris
Ray Phipps	Murray Robinson
Doug Urquhart	Jim Wray
Mark Flook	



HALL OF FAME

FISHING

Silver Fly Master

Jim Wray

Gold Fly Master

CASTING

Silver Level

Gold Level

Allan Ekert

Fly Master Awards

The **Fly Master Awards** are being implemented to encourage members to improve their fly fishing skills and catch more fish on fly. These Fly Masters Awards have four levels (like the casting program) and members can achieve an award by meeting the criteria listed. They are not meant to be competitive within the Club but to provide motivation and recognition for members to achieve their individual fly fishing goals.

The awards are designed to give every member the chance to progress through the levels from **Foundation** to **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** no matter where they live or what they fish for. To this end, the list of species is broad, providing those who fish freshwater, saltwater, estuaries, lakes or oceans something to target.

The **Foundation** and **Bronze** levels are about beginners fishing in our local waters for bread-and-butter species. The **Silver** and **Gold** levels broaden the scope of fish to be targeted, the level of difficulty and encompasses the whole of Oceania.

There are no prizes and the only recognition will be a listing in **The Hall of Fame** and a club certificate. There are rules designed to make it fair for everyone but it all comes down to individual honesty and people abiding by the spirit of the awards.

Catch and release is encouraged but if fish are of a legal size they can be kept for a meal. There is no need to take a fish anywhere to be measured. A photograph, or better still a photograph on a brag mat, or verification by a fishing partner is sufficient to record a capture. Your word will be accepted.

If fish are going to be released, they should be kept wet and put back in the water as soon as possible. Always handle fish with wet hands or gloves and don't keep them out of the water for too long to take a photo.

Jim Wray has been instrumental in putting these awards together and has volunteered to be the person to contact for further information and to claim an award. Jim will record captures and ensure names go into The Hall of Fame and certificates are organized. If you want to claim an award you must email Jim at coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com with a photo, or the name of a witness or any other proof you may have. The email should include the name of the award you are claiming and the details regarding species, size, and date captured and date you joined the club.

The following rules, species lists and measurements are not set in stone and will be revised from time to time as seen fit by the Committee. All lengths are arbitrary and have been selected specifically for use by our club and not any state or national records. If you would like to add a species or group you can submit your proposal to the Committee for consideration.

Rules

- To claim an award, you must be a financial member of the Club.
- To be eligible, a species must have been caught in Oceania.
- All fish have to be caught on a fly which has been cast with a fly rod (no trolling). There are no stipulations regarding rod weight, rod length or tippet size.
- All measurements are to be to the nearest centimetre and measured from the snout of the nose to the end of the tail.
- Retrospective claims for an award can be made from the time club membership started. Proof of capture must be submitted in the form of a photograph, or failing a photo, the name of a witness or any other proof you may have.
- All undersize fish and protected species must be released.

Foundation Fly Master

This is for someone just taking up fly fishing and goes hand in hand with the Foundation Level of the Fly Casting Skills Development program.

The following three fish species must be caught on fly. To achieve the **Foundation Fly Master**, you have to catch all three species listed with no time limit. The fish do not have to be legal size but must be released if they are not.

Mullet, Bream and Flathead.

There is no time limit to achieve this and fish can be caught over as many days, weeks or months as necessary.

Must be verified with a photograph or by a reliable witness.

Fish do not have to be legal size but if undersize **MUST** be released unharmed. You can only receive the Foundation Fly Master award once.

Bronze Fly Master

This level is for those who have started fly fishing and need a goal when we have a Club outing or when fishing alone. To achieve the **Bronze Fly Master**, you can choose to catch three legal size fish species on the one day from any of the groups provided **or** catch five different fish species of a specified length (or over) from the list provided over any period of time. Option 1 only requires one group of fish to be caught on the one day to receive the **Bronze Fly Master** award. Option 2 will result in each capture receiving a **Bronze** award. Five Bronze awards will lead to a **Bronze Fly Master** award. You can achieve as many **Bronze Fly Master** awards as you like but each one must contain different species and groups.

Option 1 for the Bronze Fly Master -

Catch **any three** legal size fish from one of the following groups **on the one day**:

Group 1. ... **Mullet, Bream and Flathead**
or

Group 2. ... **Bass, Bream, Herring**

Option 2 for the Bronze Fly Master -

each fish from the following list will receive a Bronze award. Five Bronze awards will lead to a **Bronze Fly Master** award. All fish must be legal size. The fish can be caught over any period of time.

Mullet

Bream

Flathead

Bass

Herring (fresh or saltwater)

Trevally

Brown Trout

Rainbow Trout

Silver Fly Master

When you can cast well, have caught numerous fish on fly and are ready for a challenge, the **Silver Fly Master** is for you. To achieve the **Silver Fly Master**, you can choose to catch three legal size fish species on the one day from any of the groups provided **or** catch five different fish species of a specified length (or over) from the list provided over any period of time. Option 1 only requires one group of fish to be caught on the one day to receive the **Silver Fly Master** award. Option 2 will result in each capture receiving a **Silver** award. Silver awards can be caught over any time frame. Five Silver awards will lead to a **Silver Fly Master** award.

You can achieve as many **Silver Fly Master** awards as you like but each one must contain different species and groups.

Option 1 for the Silver Fly Master -

Catch **any three** legal size fish from one of the following groups **on the one day**:

Group 1. ...**Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Herring, Bass, Redfin**

or

Group 2. ... **Bass, Bream, Trevally, Tailor**

or

Group 3. ...**Whiting, Flathead, Bream, Luderick**

Option 2 for the Silver Fly Master - each fish from the following list will receive a Silver award. Five Silver awards will lead to a **Silver Fly Master** award. The fish can be caught over any period of time.

Archer fish 25cm
Australian Salmon 30cm
Barra 65cm
Bass 40cm
Bonfish 40cm
Bonito 40cm
Bream 30cm
Carp 60cm
Dart Common 25cm
Flathead 60cm
Garfish 30cm
Giant Herring 70cm
Jungle Perch 25cm
Kingfish 65cm
Long Tom (Crocodile/Barred) 60cm
Luderick 35cm
Mackerel Barred 75cm
Mackerel Spotted 50cm
Mahi Mahi 60cm
Mangrove Jack 35cm
Mary River Cod 50cm
Milkfish 50 cm
Mulloway 50cm
Murray cod 50cm
Queenfish 80cm
Saratoga 50cm
Snapper 45cm
Sooty Grunter 30cm
Tailor 35cm
Tarpon 35cm

Threadfin Salmon 60cm
Trevally 40cm
Trout (any) 35cm
Tuna (any) 30cm
Whiting Sand 25cm

Gold Fly Master

The **Gold Fly Master** is for those who are after the ultimate challenge. The species remain almost the same but the level of difficulty is more demanding. To achieve the **Gold Fly Master** you can choose to catch three legal size fish species on the one day from any of the groups provided **or** catch five different fish species of a specified length (or over) from the list provided over any period of time. Option 1 only requires one group of fish to be caught on the one day to receive the **Gold Fly Master** award. Option 2 will result in each capture receiving a **Gold** award. Five Gold awards will lead to a **Gold Fly Master** award. Gold awards can be caught over any time frame. You can achieve as many **Gold Fly Master** awards as you like but each one must contain different species and groups.

Option 1 for the Gold Fly Master - Catch **all three** legal size fish from one of the following groups **on the one day**:

Group 1. ... **Carp, Murray Cod, Yellowbelly**

or

Group 2. ... **Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout**

or

Group 3. ... **Mangrove Jack, Bass, Bream,**

or
Group 4. ... **Salmon, Tailor, Kingfish**

or
Group 5. ... **Mahi Mahi, any two Tuna species.**

or

Group 6. **Queenfish, Barramundi, Golden Trevally**

Option 2 for the Gold Fly Master - each fish from the following list will receive a Gold award. Five Gold awards will lead to a **Gold Fly Master** award. The fish can be caught over any period of time.

- Archer fish 27cm
- Australian Salmon 55cm
- Barra 100cm
- Bass 50cm
- Bonefish 50cm
- Bonito 50cm
- Bream 35cm
- Carp 75cm
- Dart Common 30cm
- Flathead 85cm
- Garfish 35cm
- Jungle Perch 30cm
- Kingfish 80cm
- Long Tom (Crocodile/Barred) 70cm
- Luderick 40cm
- Mackerel Barred 100cm
- Mackerel Spotted 85cm
- Mahi Mahi 80cm
- Mangrove Jack 45cm
- Mary River Cod 60cm
- Milkfish 60cm
- Mulloway 70cm
- Murray cod 80cm
- Permit 50cm
- Queenfish 100cm
- Saratoga 60cm
- Snapper 50cm
- Sooty Grunter 40cm
- Tailor 45cm
- Tarpon 45cm
- Threadfin Salmon 90cm
- Trevally 50cm
- Trout (any) 50cm
- Tuna (any) 50cm
- Whiting Sand 30cm
- Any legal length billfish species
photo in water with fly attached





Fly Master Award Program

Name:

Year of joining the Club:.....

The Award being claimed: (tick) Foundation Master Bronze Master
 Silver Master Gold Master
Bronze Award Silver Award Gold Award

Details:

Group of fish caught in one day:

Date of captures:

Individual fish caught

Species:	Length:	Date of Capture:.....
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I declare that the above information is correct and can be confirmed by photograph, witness or other means and I am eligible for the above award/s.

Signature

Date

*This form is to be completed, scanned and emailed to Jim Wray coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com
Completed forms can also be handed in at a Club Meeting or given to Jim Wray.*

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Membership Fees

Membership Fees are as follows:

Adult membership \$30

Family membership \$40

Concession membership \$20

Junior membership free

Distant membership \$10

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June.

Family membership is available for a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, de facto relationship or adoption who live together.

Concession membership is available to pension card holders (including disability support and aged), Centrelink and Veterans Affairs cardholders

Distant membership is available to anyone living more than 80km from Coffs Harbour.

Junior membership is available to anyone attending primary or secondary school.

Fees can be paid:

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:** Bananacoast
Community Credit Union



BSB 533 000

Account Number: 02051766

Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Reference: Your surname

When depositing, make sure you include your surname in the Reference section. e.g. **Ekert Membership**.

Club Contact Address

Our official email address is

coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com

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

Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

Membership Form

I apply for Membership or Renewal in the following membership category (*tick appropriate box*):

Adult \$30 Family \$40 Concession \$20 Junior - Free Distant \$10

Please fill all information below:

Name: _____ DOB: _____
Address: _____ Town: _____
Postcode: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

For Family Membership please complete the details below:

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Relationship: _____
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By signing below you agree to abide by the Constitution, rules and safety regulations of the Club.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Legal Guardian if for Junior member: _____ Date: _____


The club uses photographs taken by members or of members in the newsletter, promotional materials, on the website and on our Facebook Page. If you do not want your photograph to be used, tick here.

Phone numbers and email addressed are shared by club members to co-ordinate club outings and for safety purposes. If you do not want your details shared, tick here.

This signed Membership form must be given or sent by email or post to the Club together with payment of annual Club fees. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or direct deposit.

Post signed form and cheque to:

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

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Ltd and Police & Nurses Limited

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Reference: **Your surname**

Notes

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Distant membership is available to anyone living more than 80km from Coffs Harbour. Distant Members are entitled to all the benefits of club membership and are covered by public risk insurance.

Fees:

Our preferred method of payment is Direct Deposit. When making a **Direct Deposit** please ensure you include in the Reference: your **Surname** so the payment can be identified by the Club Treasurer and a receipt issued.

Fees can be paid in **Cash** or by **Cheque** at a meeting or club outing.
Cheques to be made payable to **Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.**

Completed Membership Forms:

Can be scanned and emailed to the Secretary at coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com

Can be hand-written and handed to the Secretary at a meeting or event.

Can be posted to the Secretary at the above address.

All information supplied will be held in Club records and will only be available to financial Club members, if approved by the applicant as indicated on their Membership Form.