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Above: Bill Herd has joined the club's band of avid fly tyers and has been busy tying some great looking pheasant tail nymphs for the coming trout season while Glenn Colquhoun continues to turn out innovative poppers for the Bellingen River Bream and Trevally.

Cover: There is some doubt about the name of this species - Coronation Trout, Lunar Cod, Coral Cod, Tomato Cod - take your pick. There is no doubt about the angler. Well done Sam Biddle - another species to your growing list of fish on fly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July 2020



Welcome to the July issue of our Club's newsletter. We are slowly getting back to some sort of normality.

One of the benefits of the lockdown (there probably is only one) is that it has enabled us to concentrate on our areas of personal interest. In my case it has been to get into a bit of fly tying and turn out a few flies for Pip's display case. (No progress has been made on the motorcycle - I'm beginning to think it may be a lost cause.) Further, and more pertinent, is that one of the benefits of having an interest in Fly fishing and Fly Tying is that virtually all we need to indulge in our obsession is available online and can be delivered to our door. Our fly-fishing interest is more than just something to occupy our time. It gives us the opportunity to use our creative abilities, to exercise our mind as well as our bodies and all the while it gives us a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

The casting days of a Tuesday have been going well with some turning up to cast, others turning up for a chat, a cuppa and lunch. It has been good to see it develop into a social outing as well as an instructional one for those who wish to take advantage of our instructors.

A committee meeting was held Monday 15th June to discuss our Club Calendar for the remainder of the year. The updated version will be published in this newsletter. There is a lot on and hopefully something for everyone.

Our first Club meeting will be the 17th August. This will kick off with a Buy, Swap & Sell event with Garry from A1 FlyFishing having a moving shed sale. If you have anything you would like to get rid of bring it along and you may find a deal awaiting you.

In the meantime, all the best and if anyone wants to buy a box of #22 hooks with only two missing - let me know.

Regards to All
Doug

Editorial

Good news! Club activities are resuming. The Committee has decided that we are ready to cautiously return to regular programming. Our first outing will be Saturday 4th July. Our first general meeting will be Monday 17th August.

Also on the good news front, your membership for the 2020-2021 year has been renewed free of charge. A lot of activities have been cancelled this year so the Committee looked at our bank balance and agreed to extend everyone's membership for another full year. You will be able to start enjoying all the benefits as from August.

The Covid-19 virus has not been eradicated yet and so although we are returning to regular programs we are still mindful of the precautions we need to take to keep all our members safe. Social distancing rules are still in place and all our gatherings will be based on having 4 square metres per person. Please help us keep the virus at bay by following safe hygiene practices.

This month's newsletter includes a revised club calendar and details of upcoming events. Make sure you note the changes and mark the important dates on your calendar. There's plenty to read to get you ready for the fishing ahead. Jeff Yates has shared his go to fly pattern for the salmon season - and don't just think Salmon. These flies will work on bream, trevally, flathead and other species when tied in the appropriate size.



A few of our members made an official visit to Swansea to test Jeff's flies and you can find some words and pictures from the trip to get you motivated for the club outing in August.

For those who chase Luderick, Brett Clarke from BWC Flies has another informative article on catching them on fly off the beach. It's good to welcome back big game hunter, Don Cummings, with an article on what he has been up to recently with the fly rod. With so much fishing (and work) happening, Don hasn't been able to provide his regular mouth watering recipes but I'm sure you will find his exploits with the fly rod just as tantalizing.

During this lockdown your Committee has been active in keeping the club running. I'm sure I speak for all members when I thank them all for their efforts. It will be great for us all to be back together again and I look forward to seeing you at our outings and meetings in the coming months.

Editor

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July Meeting



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the July meeting has been **cancelled**. If you have anything you would have liked to share at the meeting don't forget we have a Facebook Group where you can post photos, pose questions or report on your fishing activities.

August Meeting

Our first meeting post Covid-19 lockdown will be held on Monday 17th August commencing at 7.00pm at the Boambee East Community Centre. Please note the earlier starting time of 7.00pm giving us time to clean up and be home at a reasonable hour during winter.

This will be a general meeting where you can have your say on the decisions that have been made by the Committee during lockdown. After the general meeting there will be a HUGE Buy/Swap/Sell session. Garry from A1 FlyFishing will have a few table loads of gear at knockdown prices. Start collecting anything fishing related you would like the sell or swap and start saving your money to buy some of the bargains that will be available.



July Outings

We have planned two outings for July. The first will be a casting and fishing day on Saturday 4th July at Urunga This event will be held on the water and provide an opportunity to practice casting skills needed to catch fish. Instruction will be provide for those who would like to learn about using the Belgian cast and double hauling for distance. There will also be some casting with double handed rods for those interested. As well as casting we will be practicing how to retrieve flies for different fish species.

Because of the tides, we will not be commencing until 10.00am and we will break up the session with a Sausage Sizzle lunch at 12.30pm. After lunch there will be time to put your newly learned skills into action. This will be a land based outing but those with boats can bring them along for the afternoon's fishing.



We will be based on the river bank at Urunga near the sailing club. A map will be sent to all those who register for the outing. The Sausage Sizzle will be provide free of charge. Members are welcome to invite family and friends and anyone wanting to learn more about fly fishing. To register, or for more information, please contact the Secretary on 0427457725.

Dunmore Waters

The second outing for July will be the trip to Dunmore Waters over the weekend of 24th - 26th July. It will be restricted to 8 and we already have that many names on the outing sheet. If you have changed your mind, or if you are interested in going on the reserve list, please get in contact. More information will be sent to those who confirm their attendance.



Committee Decisions

Here's what was decided at our June Committee meeting:

- *Our first outing post lockdown will be a casting day at Urunga on Saturday 4th July.*
- *General meetings will resume in August.*
- *The August meeting will be a buy/swap/sell night.*
- *The outing to Dunmore Waters in July will go ahead.*
- *A trip to Swansea to chase Australian Salmon has been scheduled for 13th-16th August.*
- *The fly tying workshop on 5th September at Mylestom will go ahead.*
- *The fly tying competition will continue.*
- *A weekend outing to Ebor has been added to the calendar staying at Two Styx Platypus House on the weekend of 23rd - 25th October.*

The Committee will meet again in July. If you have ideas you would like the Committee to discuss they can be sent to any Committee member. You will be kept informed of any decisions the Committee makes through the MMU and newsletter.

Membership

Membership is free for the coming year for all existing members. You should have received your 2020/2021 membership card with the last Mid Month Update. If you are an eMember you may not have received a card if you have not lodged a membership form.

People who have completed a membership form in the distant past are asked to make sure they update any changes to contact details. If you are not sure, just complete a new membership form (last page of the newsletter) and return it to Secretary.

Tuesday Casting Group

We are holding some casting sessions on Tuesday mornings. It won't be every Tuesday so you will need to keep in touch if you want to attend. The next session will be Tuesday 30th June. Starting time will be 10.00am at the park in Mylestom (opposite the boat ramp). It will be a social gathering working on our casting skills. All you need is a rod and line and some time to spare. We usually get some food for lunch from the Club or Cafe. You can let me know if you are interested.



Swansea Salmon Outing

The Swansea Salmon Classic has been cancelled by the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club for this year. Hopefully, the fish don't know that as we are planning a club trip for Thursday 13th August to Sunday 16th August. It will be up to individual members to arrange their own accommodation, transport and food. A boat is essential to be successful. Anyone who is keen to attend but can't find someone to share accommodation and a boat can contact the Secretary to see if anything can be organized.

When you register for this outing you will be sent further information. If you need more details or would like to put your name down please contact the Secretary.



Covid-19 Safety

Although we are returning to regular programs there is still a need for us to be aware of possible risks and put in place safe practices. The club is taking a cautious approach to restarting activities. The calendar of events has been scheduled to allow sufficient time after the lifting of restrictions to assess the impact of each step. Social distancing has been taken into account for all activities. When indoor events are organized numbers will be restricted to the 4 square metre rule. Additionally, members are asked to abide by the following guidelines whenever we meet:

- 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).
- The sharing of equipment should be avoided where possible and frequent use of hand sanitizer is encouraged. Hand 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.
- 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.



Club Calendar 2020

We are cautiously returning to regular programs. Please note the changes to the calendar and check each month for updates. Although the dates and venues have been set, there may need to be further changes as the situation surrounding the Covid-19 virus develops.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month Casting at Mylestom at 5.00pm on Monday 20 th .	Club Meeting at Mylestom Monday 20 th
FEBRUARY	Home Waters Saturday 15 th	Club Meeting Monday 17 th
MARCH	Forster Fly Muster (Cancelled) Tasmania Tues 3 rd - Sat 14 th	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
APRIL CANCELLED	Keepit Carp Caper Friday 3 rd - Sunday 5 th (some members will be going Thursday 2 nd)	Club Meeting Monday 20 th
MAY CANCELLED	Home Waters Saturday 9 th Fly Fishing for Trout Workshop Saturday 23 rd	Club Meeting Monday 18 th
JUNE CANCELLED	Lake St Clair Friday 12 th - Sunday 14 th Home Waters Saturday 27 th	Club Meeting Monday 15 th
JULY	Casting Day Saturday 4 th July Dunmore Waters Fri 24 th - Sun 26 th	No Club Meeting Monday 20 th
AUGUST	Home Waters Saturday 8 th Swansea Channel Thursday 13 th - Sunday 16 th	Club Meeting Monday 17 th
SEPTEMBER	Fly Tying Workshop Saturday 5 th Clarence River Lilydale Saturday 19 th	Club Meeting Monday 21 st
OCTOBER	Trout Workshop Ebor Saturday 10 th Ebor Trout Weekend Fri 23 rd - Sun 25 th	Club Meeting Monday 19 th
NOVEMBER	Home Waters Saturday 21 st	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
DECEMBER	Keepit Carp Caper Thursday 3 rd - Sunday 6 th	No Club Meeting

Luddas off the beach

By Brett and Cherie Clark

This Winter was always going to be about chasing fish with methods or locations that I have not employed prior. Usually, the Salmon dominate my image albums through these months but after a solid season opener on them, in my mind, I felt a change was needed.



Walking the beach beats with fly rods in hand get some curious looks from the runners and other beach folk. Standing on sand mounds looking through waves seems to draw even more attention.

Low tide scouring of rocky points, sand gullies, shallow water platforms and the like to suss out the available food sources and whether said locations held potential access and escape channels for the fish.

High tides confirmed what we were looking for, with the added factors of onshore current flows, depth, foam levels and water clarity. Almost statue like, standing in a location for 2 hours or more through the rise, top and turn of the tide with eyes fixated on the rolling swell. The eyes play fish tricks with your brain; was that a flash, did that move - nope it's the rock.... Dealing with fly line in the shoreline dumpers can become somewhat frustrating, being soaked from the waist down in the cool water is interesting (sorry I only wear waders Trout fishing and that's very seldom)

And then, like a small army of fish, 1 at first, and then another and another, from over the far rock ledge, the fish come over the top and on to the shallow water feeding ground. Simply watching it unfold was reward enough. There'd been more than a dozen scouting missions in a few locations with not much to talk about, we'd see a tailing fish or 2 (that's another challenge) - they spook very easily, we'd see 1 or 2 fish and they were gone before the fly line came off the reel or we'd not see a flicker of a fish at all.

Well, I can tick the Luderick off the beach from the list to get done. In an arvo session, all the variables aligned to present an opportunity of super clear water and a few more fish from what had been previously seen. We'd had some help along the way, those who fish this method more so than me, pointed us in to some areas to search; not a 'spoon feeding' information pack although there's a lot of satisfaction in working out the finer detail.





The gear is the same as I use for the Bream -
6 weight rod, rigged with a clear intermediate tipped line to get under the surface swell
7 to 9 foot tapered leader of 8 - 10lb with a 2 rig Cabbage fly set up - 1 is weighted with a
Tungsten bead and the other is unweighted.

Line Management is critical in the beach environment. The multi directional currents play havoc with the fly line, leaders and the rig. We found that shortening up the length between the bomb fly and the unweighted fly assisted in reducing the flies tangling together, but not always and have not done this enough to make fundamental conclusions. I do carry a floating line in the pack, just in case the conditions are glassed out, if that's possible on the beach, but you get my drift.



If you look closely at the pack, you'll see a few Candies and Shrimp attached to the patch – just in case there is a shoreline Salmon feeding frenzy. Let hope that presents itself this Winter...

Fly fishing is about options.... And this is one that you could consider in the cooler months.

Brett Clarke



<https://bwcflies.com.au/>



Fly Tying Competition

The winner of the fly tying competition for the month of June was President Doug. This is the third time Doug has taken out the prestigious award but this time he had some close competition. A late entry from master fly tyer, Jim Wray, almost achieved more likes.



Doug's dry fly of choice was the #22 Parachute Adams. Doug's winning fly will have the honour of being displayed in our wall of fame.



The competition will have one more month on Facebook before our regular meetings resume in August. This month's theme for the competition is flies for Australian Salmon. You will have to tie two copies of your go to salmon fly. Photos of the fly are to be posted in our Facebook Group. The fly that gets the most likes will be declared the winner. Let's see if we can get more entries and topple Doug from his post!

As you will see from our revised calendar we have a Salmon trip planned for August at Swansea. If you are thinking of going you should be stocking up on your Salmon flies now.

Flies to be tied for the coming month's are:

August ... a Popper

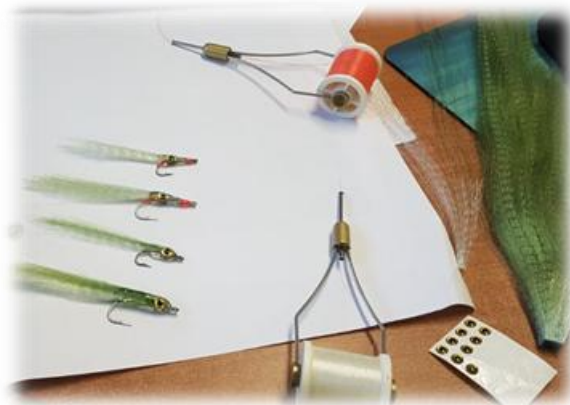
September ... Prawn or Yabby Pattern

October ... Crab or clouser pattern

November... Spotlight fly or foam fly

Fly Tying

Jeff Yates is our guest fly tyer this month. Jeff is one of our southern members who spends a lot of time catching Salmon at Swansea and on Stockton Beach. He is also an excellent fly tyer. Jeff's go to fly for salmon is a Surf Candy. You couldn't go wrong with a box full of these flies for Salmon or lots of other fish.



Surf Candy

By Jeff Yates



Salmon are our mainstay target on the coast from May to say September. I have seen them caught on all types, styles and sizes of flies. Having said that, I am about consistency and matching the hatch. If the salmon are into a school of anchovies say 65mm long, you will get more hook-ups on a look alike fly. My choice is the surf candy, tied in two sizes 65 and 85mm. Here is the recipe I use

Hook: Gamakatsu SL12S hook, sizes 2-4

Thread: Clear monofilament

Belly: White or Polar Bear Ultra Hair, Super Hair or Unique hair

Flash Stripe: Pearl Flashabou or similar, depending on effect and colour desired

Back: Ultra Hair, Super Hair or Unique Hair in darker colour to imitate back of baitfish. I use light grey but you can use chartreuse, tan, light blue

Resin Overlay: Epoxy, blue light-cured, or UV-cured clear resin

Eyes: Flat stick-on eyes

Gill Slash: Line made with red waterproof marker if needed.

Tie in materials behind eye, starting with white, just a few strands of flash, then grey Unique hair, about half the thickness of the white. Apply eyes after the first coat of uv resin, then apply a second or more coats. Entire fly should be around a thin pencil size.

On completion, clean resin head with metho, then apply Hard as Nails nail polish.



Fly Fishing for Spotted Mackerel

By

Don Cummings

It has been some time since I've written for the CCFFC magazine. You may remember some of my Fish recipes appearing from time to time. I'm still cooking a lot and even more so since COVID however my love of fishing has not been crushed and to this day I keep pushing the boundaries of fishing in all its varied forms. I would like to share with you a little story about my progression into Fly Fishing and catching Mackerel on fly.

The best things about fishing are not always the fish you catch; it's the countless hours of preparation filled with hope. The collection of all the specialized equipment such as rods reels, line and lures. The people you meet. The friendships you create and the places it takes you.

"We are just one string puppeteers" (Peter Morse 2017)

I came to fly fishing back in 2016. I had recently returned from a trip to Tasmania fishing for trout. During that expedition I fished a lake with a mate who was a fly fisherman. I watched him pull 5 trout in front of me using dry flies while I could see the fish in the lake they would not even look at my lure. With this frustration I had to find out more about the secret art of Fly Fishing.



At this time the Coffs Coast Fly Fishing club (CCFFC) was being formed. A bunch of anglers had come together and made the decision to create a club. I've never really been involved with clubs before however this seemed like an excellent way to learn the dark art. Since then I've met some excellent people through the club that have taught me so much about "all fishing" in the local region and abroad.

The first element of Fly Fishing is learning to cast well and to get a head start I spent some time with casting instructor Garry Hambly. Gaz is a first class human. He has a great way of teaching along with providing quality low cost fly fishing gear through his brand "South Pacific Fly Rods and www.aflyfishing.com.au. Gaz will get you comfortable with the equipment while having a laugh along the way. Gary and I are still mates and we've fished a lot together since then and I am forever grateful of the times we have spent together fishing and chewing the fat and casting tight loops.



Here in Coffs Harbour we do have some access to trout streams an hour or two away in places like Dorrigo and Ebor however the most easily accessible water is that of the creeks and rivers that feed into the ocean. This is where I cut my teeth on Saltwater Fly fishing. Now saltwater Fly fishing is not the easiest way to catch a saltwater fish. It's one of the most difficult, yet totally rewarding when you do! It takes patience and commitment. Trust in the method and sometimes you have to think outside the box to even to get a fish look at your fly. With all this in mind I was having some success. I had caught a yellow fin tuna on fly, some small kingfish, a Mahi Mahi and the usual bread and butter species that call estuary their home like Flathead and Bream and Luderick.



In 2019 we had a cracker Mackerel season. The fish were thick inshore and I'd taken a few people out in my boat to have a chance at one if these speedsters with some great success. So with that in mind I decided to raise the bar and have a shot at catching a Mackerel on fly. Now it is not easy to find the right crew to undertake this kind of mission. The crew needs to be committed, and understand the technique along with understanding the fish and how they operate as well. There is also the uncomfortable nature of casting from a boat in the ocean in a confined space.

I contacted my young mate Jordon Vogelsinger. He's a seasoned Kayak fisherman so he understands confined spaces and he had already been slaying the Mackerel so he knew how they behave. He also had a good knack for casting a fly.

The weather was perfect that weekend and the fish were still in full swing. Jordan Vogelsinger was in on this mission of madness. We anchored up on Whitmore shoal several kilometres south of Coffs Harbour. This area of reef covers a few hundred metres of good rocky ground - the kind of place where fish like to hang out. The method for catching these fish on fly goes something like this: create a burley trail with cut up pilchards to bring the fish in. Then float "flies" that look like 1/2 cut pilchards into the burly trail and hopefully you will get a bite. Because mackerel have sharp teeth we also ran about 10-15cm of wire from the fly to the leader.



We start the burly trail ... 30min passes and we haven't seen a fish yet. We keep the burley trail strong by continually throwing in fresh cubes of pilchard. We catch a couple of reef species including a bream and a spangled something (see if you can ID in the photos). Another 30min passes and then it happens. Mackerel zooming past the back of the boat eating our burley trail. Jordon made a couple of casts to get the fly in front of a fish ... unfortunately, no connection. In the next moment Jordon casts again landing his fly right on the nose of a Mackerel and it eats it. He is on! The fish takes off at high speed as Mackerel do. The reel is losing line and into the backing in about 5 seconds. After a couple of runs it ran out of puff and made for a solid retrieval. The method is working. After a few photos and high fives all round we put the lines back in the water and I managed to hook a fish also.

It's days like this when you set yourself a challenge and the plan works, that gives me so much personal satisfaction and enjoyment in the hobby I love!

Thanks for reading.

More tales of the high seas to follow...





Once Cast Too Many

If there was just one thing we could all do that would solve many of our casting problems it would be to take one less false cast. We all make more false casts than we need. I blame every casting instructor in the world for teaching people how to false cast. Once someone learns to make beautiful effortless loops they want to make more of them. One loop leads to another and before you know it, too many false casts lead to trouble.

There are three reasons why you need to false cast. First, you false cast to dry your dry fly before making another presentation. Second, you false cast to change direction. Thirdly, you false cast to lengthen, or shorten the line. Some people will claim that there are more reasons to false cast. There are those who claim that more false casts load the rod better and make longer casts. Others will claim that more false casts are needed for accuracy (true in some cases). And then there are those who believe you need more false casts to impress people. I'm a firm believe that less is more. If I could convince people to make one less false cast I am sure they would be a better fly fisher and achieve more with less.

For a beginner, being able to false cast is a major step in their fly casting journey. We encourage beginners to make false casts to learn how to form loops and present the fly. The number of loops a beginner is able to make is usually a sign of their growing ability to control the fly rod. But there comes a time when false casting has to stop. Knowing how many false casts to make is an important breakthrough in the learning curve. Unfortunately, some people take longer than others to realize this.

A false cast is the backward and forward movement of the line without the fly being put down. It is possible to present the fly without any false casts. The basic pick up and lay down cast doesn't involve a false cast. It is a quick and efficient way to make a cast. If you don't need to dry your fly, change direction or lengthen the line then you should be using the PULD. One of the few advantages a fly fisher has over a spin fisher is that we are able to pick up our fly and re-present it to a fish without having to wind in and recast. Adding false casts is a waste of time and effort and allows those with a spin rod to out fish us again.

It's not always possible to use the PULD cast so eventually we have to resort to false casting. How many false casts to make depends on the outcome you are trying to achieve. There is not set number of casts that will dry the fly or allow you to change direction and lengthen the line. Like the length of a piece of string, it depends. However, for most people, whatever number you come up with will be one too many.



Too many false casts lead to trouble. The essence of fly fishing is being able to present a fly without alerting the fish to our presence. Our spin fishing friends know about this and make long casts with ultra thin line to where the fish live. If we are constantly waving a thick fly line over a fish's head they will soon become aware of our presence and flee. The secret is to get the fly to the fish with the minimum number of false casts (and use a subtle coloured fly line). By reducing the number of false casts not only do we lessen the chance of spooking the fish, we present the fly quicker before the fish has time to disappear.

People who make a lot of false casts usually do so thinking each one is going to be better than the one before. More often than not this doesn't happen. I've seen countless people start false casting with great loops and then on the final cast try too hard and end up with a mess. The problem is so common it has its own name; The Last Cast Syndrome. Fly casting is all about pulling a bend into the fly rod not pushing the fly line out there. No amount of extra effort on that last cast will make up for poor technique on the preceding stroke. I don't know how many times I have seen someone's last cast travel less distance than their previous false cast. The solution is simple. Make one less false cast and make all the false casts the same.

Another problem with too many false casts is the propensity for that last cast to catch something behind you. One of the reasons for false casting is to lengthen the line each time to achieve maximum distance. When you take that look behind before you start casting (you always look don't you!) you make sure your first false cast isn't going to catch anything. But the more you false cast and the more you lengthen your line, the closer you come to hooking up. Inevitably that fast growing tree, that speeding boat, that innocent jogger comes into range. Your fly gets snagged and you miss the fish of a lifetime as you fall victim to the last cast syndrome and too many false casts.

Spin fishers catch more fish because they are more efficient. For every cast a fly fisher makes the spin fisher has usually made two or three. It only takes one forward movement to cast a spin rod. Fly fishers have to cast back and forward. It makes sense that when we are fly casting we reduce the number of false casts to a minimum. We should be aiming for efficiency. If we are able to reduce our false casting by one every time we cast that is a lot of energy saved over the period of a day's fishing. That means you make more presentations and you have less chance of suffering from repetitive strain injuries.



The Scots have a reputation for being frugal with their money. They are also frugal with their fly casting. They developed spey casting so they wouldn't have to make a lot of false casts (among other reasons). Spey casting doesn't require a false cast. With a double handed rod and the right line you can launch your fly a long distance with little effort. There is no chance of the last cast syndrome messing up your thinking. You can spey cast with single handed rods too. If you are looking to be more efficient without lots of false casts you would do well to look into the world of spey casting with a single handed rod.



There are many reasons why you should use one less false cast and I hope I have convinced you to give it a go. False casting is a habit hard to break. The next time you see me standing beside you clicking a sheep counter you might want to think about the number of false casts you are making. Less is more and the fewer false casts you make the more fish you will catch and the more efficient your casting will become.

Allan Ekert



You Should Have Been Here Yesterday!

by Allan Ekert

In June a motley crew of avid fly fishers from our club, the South East Queensland Fly Club, The ACT Fly Fishers and the Hunter Valley Fly fishing Club made an unofficial visit to Swansea to chase the elusive Salmon. For the benefit of our Tasmania members, I should point out we are talking about Australian Salmon, Swansea NSW and Lake St Clair in the Hunter Valley (there are no Salmon in Lake St Clair but you will find out the relevance of this later). The trip was organized at short notice after numerous reports from our Hunter Valley contingent that the salmon were on. Talk of up to 20 fish being landed before coffee time was enough motivation to get the team moving.

The first wave of fly fishers arrived in Swansea just two days after reports of salmon “as far as the eye could see.” My plan was to arrive a week later and take advantage of all the intelligence the crew had gathered and the fact that they would be worn out catching so many fish I would be in the box seat. How quickly I had forgotten that the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

There were salmon caught but it was hard work. Instead of schools of salmon swarming around the boats the crew had to search high and low for the elusive prey. Even on the days when salmon were caught the feeling was we should have been there “yesterday.” Would we do it again? You bet! We’ve already booked the dates for the Club outing and hopefully this time, to coin a phrase by the late Lefty Kreh, the fishing will be so good we will think it **was** yesterday. The following photos courtesy of Dave, Jason, Jeff, Lyall and the three Peters.





You need a boat, a beard, a bright shirt and a beer and you're bound to have fun.



**The Salmon eventually
played ball and
stretched a few fly
lines.**



Wearing the right shirt helps.





It's not just about the Salmon.





**There's always
something interesting to
see on and off the water.**





When the weather and the Salmon conspire against you, a drive up the Hunter Valley takes you to Lake St Clair where the Bass always co-operate.



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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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	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 Fly Tying	Mo	Th	Sa Keepit	5
6	Mo	Th	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	6
7	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	7
8	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	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 Trout Worksh op	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	12
13	Mo	Th	Fr	M Easter	We	Sa	Mo	Th Swansea	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	13
14	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr Swansea	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	14
15	We	Sa Outing	Su	We	Fr	M	We	Sa Swansea	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	15
16	Th	Su	M Club Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su Swansea	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	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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