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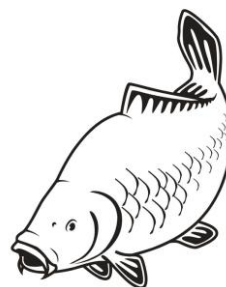
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Cover: Tom Trefz knows Tasmania well and snuck down there before our trip and caught this beautiful Bronte Brown. I hope he has left some for us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to the March edition of our Club's newsletter.

Unfortunately (for the fishing) our February Home Waters outing had to be cancelled due to flooded state of the river. The Keepit Carp outing has been rescheduled for the 3rd to the 5th of April.

At our meeting held on the evening of the 17th Pip proposed that we have a small competition amongst ourselves, tying and presenting a fly aimed at the next outing following the monthly meeting. So, for the March meeting we would be tying a Carp fly (or as Kevin describes it a Crap fly) to be used at the Keepit outing in April. For the April meeting it would be a trout fly for the Trout Workshop. And so, it goes on for each month. It was proposed that the flies tied prior to the trout workshop would be donated to go to those involved in the workshop. This will help take some of the pressure off Allan as he usually provides a stocked fly box to the participants. There will be more discussed about this workshop as it is now being supported by the DPI and Dutton Trout Hatchery so ultimately it will hopefully receive some publication and promotion through the DPI.

As usual this newsletter contains a calendar of upcoming events, meetings and outings. So please enjoy the newsletter and thank Allan for the enormous amount of work he puts into not only this publication but also the overall running of the club and the promotion of our sport. If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter, be it fishing, fly-tying, recipes, photos, gear reviews, rod building etc. please don't hesitate to send it through to Allan for possible inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

All the Best

Tight lines and loops

Doug

Editorial

The first fly fishing club I joined was the Corralinn Fly Fishing and Casting Association. I am still a member of the club and will be catching up with some of the members next week when I am in Tasmania. There are two aspects of the club that I feel are important for any fly fishing club. The first is so important it is incorporated in the name. The Corralinn Fly Fishing & **Casting** Association conducts regular programs to improve the casting skills of its members. They even have their own casting lake and club rooms.

The second thing that Corralinn does is conduct regular fly tying sessions. Members realize how important it is to be able to tie flies for the local conditions. With the aid of experienced fly tyers everyone has the opportunity to learn.

We are attempting to emulate clubs like Corralinn. We have given them many years start but I believe we are on our way. There is a fly tying theme in this month's *Flyer* and as you will see our calendar features fly tying from time to time. You have probably also noticed casting is featured regularly before meetings and on special casting days. If there are two things which set fly fishing apart from other angling it has to be casting and fly tying.

Unfortunately the weather and other factors have caused our calendar to be changed yet again. It is important that you keep up to date with the latest calendar in each month's newsletter as it will change as we make alterations to meet changing circumstances.



I mentioned that I will be in Tasmania next week on a club trip. Only two people put their names down so Doug and I will just have to do it on our own. Not everyone can go on extended trips like this but it is the best way to make use of your limited fishing time. We have some other extended trips on the calendar so check them out and see if you can get involved.

I hope you find something of interest in the fly tying theme of *The Flyer* this month. I know no one has the time to read the whole newsletter from cover to cover (me included!) but please check out what's happening at the club which is always in the first few pages. When you have time you can go back and read some of the longer articles. If you don't file your copies away for reference you can always download past newsletters from our website.

Don't expect another bumper edition next month as I'm off fishing. Hopefully, others will be fishing too and providing reports and photos to fill the next newsletter.

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March Meeting

The next meeting of the club will be on Monday 16th March 2020 at the Boambee East Community Centre. Starting at 6.00pm there will be casting games on the grounds behind the Hall. Everyone seems to be enjoying the games which are aimed to improve your fishing skills and have some fun. If you don't want to play you can get some help from the casting instructors present. Rods will be available or you can bring your own.

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm when the winner of the new fly tying competition will be announced (see page 9). Following fishing reports and general business, David Moppett will be our guest speaker talking about the Keepit Carp Caper.

We will have the usual raffle to cover the hall hire costs and tea and coffee will be available.

March Outing

The only outing planned for March is the trip to Tasmania. If you didn't put your name down it's too late now. You should note that the Keepit Carp Caper was on the old calendar for March but has now been moved to April.

Committee Decisions

The following is a summary of the discussions from the last Committee Meeting. A full copy of the minutes is available on request.

Calendar update and changes

The following alterations to the calendar were discussed and agreed on:

- a. The dates for the Keepit Carp Caper be changed to 3rd-5th April
- b. Fly casting day set down for 18th April be postponed

What to do at future club meetings

It was decided that David Moppett be the guest speaker at our March meeting and we have casting before the meeting for those interested.

Ordering of club shirts

David Moppett agreed to collect orders for more club shirts and if we have sufficient interested an order be placed for the minimum needed of 12 shirts

Trout Workshop

The date was confirmed for the trout workshop on Saturday 23rd May. This year the DPI will be helping us by giving us access to the Hatchery at Ebor.

Fly Tying Workshop.

It was suggested we hold a fly tying workshop in July and invite Brett Clarke from BWC flies to be our guest presenter. The club would provide accommodation for Brett and Cherie and take them fishing in exchange for their time.

Fly Tying Competition

The idea of a fly tying competition was discussed. It was decided we should give it a go and see if there is any interest.



*"Whew! That was close!
We almost decided something!"*

Keepit Carp Caper

After a couple of date changes the Keepit Carp Caper is now firmly booked in for the weekend of 3rd - 5th April. Apologies to anyone still working on the dates from the previous newsletter, but for a number of reasons the outing has now been moved to the first weekend in April. As only two people had registered and they are happy with the new dates there shouldn't be a problem with this change.

It is imperative that you register for this outing with the Secretary by the March meeting at the latest. Those who register will be contacted to help with organizing transport, accommodation and fishing gear. If your name is not on the list we can't contact you.

As mentioned before a weekend is not really enough time considering the 350km drive so you should consider going up at least a day before. Some members will be there from Thursday 2nd until Sunday 5th.



To fully appreciate how good the Keepit Carp Caper is you should attend the next meeting when David Moppett will be talking about fly fishing for carp and what happens at the Keepit Carp Caper. Even if you are not going it will be informative.

All the information in last month's newsletter is still relevant - it's just the dates that have changed. Keepit is now 10.8% full and still rising. If you have any questions please get in contact.

Learn to Fly Fish for Trout

We have another trout workshop planned for Saturday 23rd May at the Ebor Trout Hatchery. This time we are working with the Department of Primary Industries targeting newcomers to the sport. The course will be advertised through DPI channels as well as through the club. Places will be limited to 15. If you have done the course before you probably don't need to do it again but you may want to volunteer to help.



Registration is being handled by the Department of Primary Industries. To register you **must** contact:

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This would be an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in finding out about fly fishing for trout and wanting to catch their first trout on fly. It is open to women, men and children of High School age accompanied by an adult. Participants do not have to be club members. Anyone over 18 years, who does not qualify for an exemption, will require a NSW fishing licence.

The cost for the day will be \$20 which includes morning tea, lunch and a tour of the hatchery.

For more information you can contact the Secretary, or to make a booking (which is essential) you need to contact Mel Buhler at DPI.

Club Calendar 2020

Here is the club calendar for 2020. It is provided to give you an overview of what might happen and an opportunity to plan ahead. Alternative venues have been included to be decided as we get closer to the date. Check the monthly newsletter or website for latest details.

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 is not being held this year Tasmania Tues 3 rd - Sat 14 th	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
APRIL	Keepit Carp Caper Friday 3 rd - Sunday 5 th (some members will be going Thursday 2 nd)	Club Meeting Monday 20 th
MAY	Home Waters Saturday 9 th Fly Fishing for Trout Workshop Saturday 23 rd	Club Meeting Monday 18 th
JUNE	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 Dunmore Waters Fri 24 th - Sun 26 th	Club Meeting Monday 20 th
AUGUST	Home Waters Saturday 8 th Swansea Salmon Classic Friday 21 st - Sunday 23 rd	Club Meeting Monday 17 th
SEPTEMBER	Fly Tying Workshop Saturday 5 th Jackadgery or Copmanhurst Fri 18 th - Sun 20 th	Club Meeting Monday 21 st
OCTOBER	Home Waters Saturday 31 st Dorrigo or Ebor Saturday 17 th	Club Meeting Monday 19 th
NOVEMBER	Urunga Flathead Tournament TBA Home Waters Saturday 21 st	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
DECEMBER	Home Waters Saturday 12 th	No Club Meeting

If you want to organize additional outings don't forget we have a Facebook Group where you can create your own outing. If you are looking for someone to go fishing for a day, weekend or week you can post the information on Facebook and see if any other members would like to join you.

Learn to Fly Fish for Trout With



Led by internationally qualified casting instructor and experienced fly fishers.
In conjunction with NSW Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries

Saturday 23rd May 2020

Dutton Trout Hatchery, Ebor



8:00am to 4:00pm

Workshop Presentations

- Rod, reel and line setup
- What flies to use
- Trout identification, handling and rules

- Basics of fly casting
- Presentation casts for trout

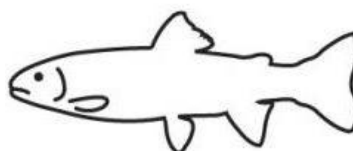
- Tour of the Hatchery
- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Finish with a fishing session assisted by experienced workshop leaders.

Cost \$20

Places are Limited

Open to women, men and children of High School age accompanied by an adult.

*Anyone over 18 years, who does not qualify for an exemption, will require a NSW fishing licence. For more information or to purchase one online, follow this [link](#)



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Fly Tying Competition

Following the success of our fly casting games which are encouraging people to have a go at casting in a friendly, not too serious contest, we are introducing a fly tying competition. At each meeting for the next few months members will be encouraged to enter two identical flies they have tied to be judged by all the members present at the meeting. The winner will have the honour of having a photo of their flies on our Facebook Page and in the next newsletter.

The reason for two flies is to ensure that the first one wasn't a fluke and to discourage people from buying their flies which would be costly and against the rules.

The fly to be tied for the March meeting is a carp fly. Carp eat just about any fly on their day but the winner will be chosen for its simplicity, creativity and proven carp attracting qualities.



In the spirit of fun and fairness please abide by the following rules:

- You must be a financial member to enter.
- You must submit two identical samples (tied by yourself) of the fly. Entries can be in plastic bags or clear plastic containers labeled with your name and the name of the fly (extra points for creativity in naming the fly). Entries are to be given to Pip Bevan before the start of the monthly meeting.

- Each club member may only enter twice each month; that is two lots of two flies tied to meet the theme for that month.
- Members unable to make the meeting can post their flies to the Secretary, 11 Butterfly Close, Boambee East 2452. Allow at least 5 days for flies to arrive.
- The submitted flies will be displayed to members at the meeting and a vote taken. The winner will be determined by popular vote.

So you can plan ahead and start tying your flies here is what's to come:

April Trout flies (Wet)

May Bass flies

June ... Trout flies (Dry)

July ... Australian Salmon flies

Here are a couple of carp flies from Guru Jason to get you thinking. They don't have to be this complicated to fool a carp.



Fly Tying



This month's guest fly tyer is Walter Krainik. Walter is famous for his beautifully tied Dahlbergs, a fly that I don't have the skill or patience to tie. Walter will be tying Dahlberg's at a future fly tying night so keep an eye out for the date. In the meantime, I asked Walter to tie a couple of carp flies as an example for those going to the Keepit Carp Caper. These are simple carp attracting patterns which Walter calls "Wal's Winged Wonder." and "Wal's Weapon" Thanks to Lauren for doing the photographing.

Editor



Both flies are tied with a 2x long nymph hook size 6 ... any brand will do. Materials are pink calf tail, chartreuse marabou, yellow and green ice dubbing and bead chain eyes. Only the steps for "Wal's Weapon" will be shown but if you can tie one you should be able to tie the other.



Tie in dumbbell eyes and a few strands of pink calf tail.



Figure eight the marabou around the calf tail to make a splayed tail.



Build up body with dubbing (any dubbing will do). You can rib the dubbing with copper wire if you want it to be more robust. Tie off and fish with confidence. No self respecting carp would refuse this fly!



Casting With Your Non Dominant Hand

My recent problem with tennis elbow reminded me of how important it is to be able to cast with both hands. I'm not referring to casting double handed; but rather the ability to use your left or right hand on a single handed rod. The ability to use your non dominant hand is a great asset. It will help when injuries occur and more importantly open up more opportunities for presenting the fly to those tricky trout. I hope this month's column will convince you to give it a go.

We all fall into one of four categories when using our hands. There are people who are right-handed, left-handed, mixed-handed (prefer using their left hand for some tasks and their right for others), and people who are truly ambidextrous (can use both the right and left hand equally well). Only about one percent of the population is truly ambidextrous. That leaves a lot of people with a non dominant hand and the opportunity to use it more.

I'm right handed and use my right hand for just about everything I do. I had to start using a computer mouse with my left hand when I developed RSI and I can cast a fly rod with my left when my right needs a rest. But without doubt I am right handed. Whenever I have needed to use my left hand I have had to spend some time teaching myself. It is possible to teach yourself to change hands as any left handed person will testify. Back in the bad old days left handed kids were made to change hands to write. Even today our world is right dominated and it is often easier to learn to use the other hand than find a left handed tin opener or pair of scissors.

As a fly fisher there are many reasons why you would want to be able to use both hands. I've already talked about how tennis elbow provided the motivation for me to learn to cast with my left hand. The late, great Lefty Kreh started his fly fishing career as a left hander but due to a bicep injury had to teach himself to cast right handed - and he did a pretty good job at that! Injuries aside there are other reasons to put the fly rod in your non dominant hand. When the wind blows from the wrong direction being able to swing the rod on the other side of your body can be a lifesaver. Two people fishing from a small boat can cause problems if they cast with the same hand so being able to switch hands can save a lot of frustration and pierced ears. When you are on the wrong side of the river for a right handed presentation being able to cast left handed beats having to cast across your shoulder all day.

What follows are some techniques and practices I have used to teach casting with the non dominant hand. If you are ambidextrous you probably don't need to read any further but you may want to know what those of us who are less endowed have had to go through to keep up.

Learning any new skill is easier the younger you start. Children find learning a new language or changing from left to right handed easier than adults. If you want to learn to cast with your non dominant hand, start now. The sooner you start the easier it will be and the less time you will need to undo bad habits. Whenever I teach a beginner to cast a fly rod I always try to get the rod in their non dominant hand as soon as possible. Not only does this start the process of being able to cast with either hand it helps reinforce what is being taught about the casting stroke.

The most difficult part of learning to cast with your non dominant hand is developing strength. If we are right handed we tend to do everything with that hand and that means it becomes stronger. The reason most people don't switch hands is not because they can't; it is because their dominant hand is stronger. I can cast with my left hand but nowhere near the distances I can achieve with my right. Even accuracy is better in my stronger hand as there is less chance of the rod deviating from my chosen path.

Maybe you will never achieve the same strength in both hands (unless you are truly ambidextrous) but there is a lot you can do to strengthen your non dominant hand. If you start by swapping hands for everyday tasks it doesn't take long for the muscles to develop. If you are really serious you can do exercises just like the gym junkies do. I make a point of trying to use my left hand as much as I can when I am fly fishing. But when it comes to the final delivery shot I usually revert to my stronger side. The more you can use your non dominant hand the more comfortable it will feel and the more effective it will be.

Once you have developed some strength in your non dominant hand you are ready to learn the timing and tempo needed to make a cast. It doesn't really matter which hand we are talking about the same principles apply. One of the most effective drills is a simple pantomime. Pretending to cast without a rod in hand instills proper muscle memory. It's how many of us learned how to cast to begin with, and it's a great way learn how to cast with your non-dominant hand too. Going through the motions without a rod in hand allows you to slow the tempo down and get the correct timing.

In my teaching I often use “clacker sticks” which provide an audible prompt for the forward/stop/pause - backward/stop/pause that make up the casting stroke. These can be used one at a time; in either hand or simultaneously. If you have someone to help you they can set the pace with their clacker stick while you try to synchronize. The sound of the ball bearings “clacking” gives immediate feedback if the stroke is correct.



Being able to see exactly what you’re doing in real time is important if you want to be able to cast with your non dominant hand. You could make a video but pausing your cast in order to look at the video doesn’t allow you to make adjustments while you’re actually casting. Instead, try practicing in an open area on a sunny day, and position yourself so that you can watch your shadow as you cast. It might sound silly, but you’d be amazed at how much easier it is to adjust the timing when you can see it in real time. You could also use the glass facade of a building as a mirror to watch what you are doing.

Another technique I use is to try casting two rods at the same time - one in each hand. Use two rods of similar line weights carrying the same amount of line. Pinch the line and practice false casting at a fixed distance with both rods in unison. It might sound difficult but it is surprising how quickly even beginners can make this work. Sometimes casting with the non-dominant hand alone can feel awkward. Add the other hand and suddenly they mimic each other and it all comes together easily. Watching both lines also helps as it provides immediate visual feedback. Once you can produce consistent tight loops with both hands you are well on your way to being an ambidextrous fly caster.



Learning to cast with your non dominant hand is not as difficult as you might think. Like everything in life you just need to be motivated and find the time to practice. Using the techniques and tactics I have described anyone can learn to cast with either hand. If you are still a one handed caster you should do something about it now. Don't wait until injury occurs or that difficult fishing situation makes you wish you could use the other hand. Put that fly rod in your non dominant hand and get out there and give it a go. There is one proviso, however. If your casting with your dominant hand is rubbish then don't expect your non dominant hand to be any better.



Beginners Corner

Beginners Corner returns this month with another "Dear Dorothy Dixier". Far be it for me to make up questions but have you ever listened to question time in Parliament? So our question this month is "**What do I need to start fly tying?**" I'm sure I have been asked this question many times in the past so in keeping with our fly tying theme this month here is my answer. Don't forget the views, thoughts and opinions expressed here are those of the editor and not necessarily reliable. If any of our more experienced members would like to take on writing this column I would be more than happy to support them. Let me know if you would like to have a go ... you can even make up your own questions!

Before I try to answer this question I always ask about the motivation of the person asking. If you think you are going to save money tying your own flies FORGET IT! It doesn't have to cost a fortune but as in all things fly fishing it usually ends up much more expensive than you first planned. If your motivation is to challenge yourself, create a better fly, or enjoy some mindful relaxation, tying flies is for you.

Let's start this month by looking at the equipment you will want. Notice, I didn't say "need". In its simplest form you need very little equipment to start tying flies. In fact flies were originally tied with only fingers, thread and feathers. You can do it that way and save yourself a lot of money ... but where's the fun in that! Having some new equipment is half the fun of starting to tie flies. So let's look at the equipment you will want.

To hold the hook you will want a vice (or vise if you are American). To save money you could make your own. Vince, one of our distant members from the Gold Coast, has done this using a pair of multi-grips from the local hardware shop.



What could be simpler ... or cheaper? A pair of long nose pliers, a welded nut with shaft thread suiting the nut, a G clamp at the bottom and if you want, a swivel to turn it round. I have more pictures and instructions if you would like to have a go.

If you really want to spend some money on a commercial vice then you have some decisions to make; not the least of which is how much to spend. The vices pictured below range in price from \$30 to \$500.

Vices come in a number of different configurations. You will first need to decide if you want a G-clamp or Pedestal.



G-clamp is light, simple and cheaper but requires the right size table to clamp to.



A pedestal base adds weight and cost but is more manoeuvrable and in my opinion is the better option.

If you go for the G-clamp you can always buy a base afterwards. President Doug has machined a solid base to fit most vices which the club sells for \$20. Ask.

Your final choice when choosing a vice is whether it should be rotary. With a conventional style of vise, the hook remains stationary, and you will wrap the thread and materials around the shank. With a rotary vise, you rotate the vise head with your non-tying hand while your tying hand grasps the thread.

Some say buying a rotary vise is a "waste" and never or seldom use the function. If you are going to tie lots of flies the rotary function will save time. I use a rotary vice.



The vice will be your major equipment cost (but you will spend far more on materials than you ever spend on your vice if you get hooked). Other items of equipment that you might want are far less expensive.



I could probably fill this column just talking about bobbins. A bobbin is a "must have" tool. The main purpose of the bobbin is to hold the spool of thread. Fly tying bobbins help control tension and direct the flow of thread. You only need to buy one bobbin when you first start but it is more efficient to have several, each loaded with different colors and diameters of thread. This way you don't have to keep threading the bobbin when using different threads.



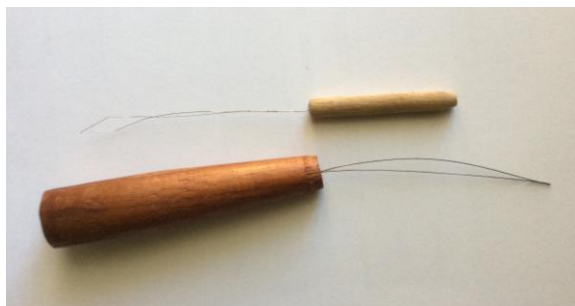
You can buy a simple bobbin for less than \$10 but when you start looking at different sizes, high end materials, ergonomics, ceramic inserts and adjustable tension you can spend four or five times that much.

Threading a bobbin can be a pain and is another reason for having multiple bobbins. A bobbin threader can make life easier.



Simply place the threader through the tube of the bobbin, run the thread through the oversized threading wire, then pull the thread through the bobbin. It beats sucking the thread through the tube but then it does cost money!

If you don't want to buy a bobbin threader they are easy to make. Here are a couple made by clever club members David S and Pip. All you need is a bit of wood and some thin stainless steel trace wire.



Probably the tool you will use the most is a pair of scissors. They need to be sharp, strong and comfortable. You can use any scissors you like but you get what you pay for. If you buy scissor specifically made for fly tying you will find them more efficient and effective especially if you learn to wear them on your fingers while tying.



You can buy scissors from the \$2 shop to get you started but eventually you will want to upgrade. Expect to pay around \$50 for a really good pair of fly tying scissors. I strongly recommend you have at least two pairs of scissors. One cheap pair for cutting wire and other rough materials and a good pair kept just for thread and feathers.

If you don't want to learn the ancient art of tying flies with your fingers you can get started in fly tying with a vice, bobbin, threader and scissors. However, there are a few more tools you could add to the list. If you buy a fly tying kit you will usually find they are included but you may never get round to using them (that is why I would suggest buying tools individually and not as a kit.)



When you finish tying a fly you need to tie off the thread. This can be as simple as tying a couple of half hitches in the thread with your fingers. You can buy a half hitch or tool or just use a biro with the stem removed. If you notice the picture of the threaders above you will see they have a hole in the end so they can be used as a half hitch tool.

If you want to make finishing a fly a little more difficult (but stronger) you could use a whip finish tool. It takes a while to master but it does a good job. And it's not very expensive.



Winding hackle feather is best done with fingers but sometimes fingers slip and you might need a pair of hackle pliers. They are not very expensive and worth adding to your tools for those occasions when you are working with tiny feathers.



The list goes on but the further we go the less likely you are to use these tools or you will find simple cheap alternatives. For example most fly tying kits come with a bodkin which can be substituted by any large needle.



A more specialized tool you will need if your start working with deer hair is a stacker. A hair stacker is used to smooth out deer hair, etc. before attaching it. It's as simple as putting the fur in the stacker, gently hitting a tabletop with it a few times. You could make your own from some hollow copper tube.



There are a few other tools I will add to this article but they don't fall into the beginner's category. If you want to find out what they are used for and whether you might ever have a use for them Google is your friend.



Dubbing spinner.



Hackle gauge



Hackle guard



Marc Petitjean Magic Tool



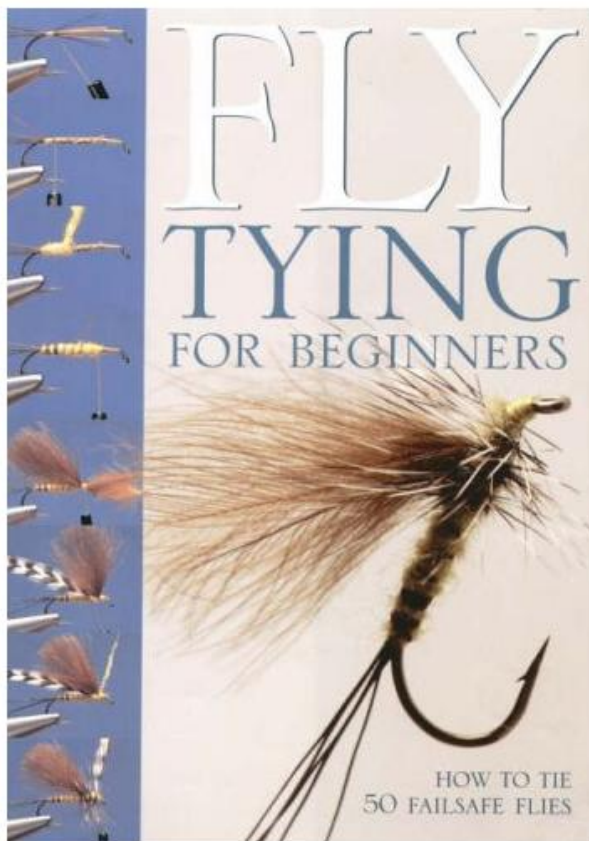
You don't **need** much to get started in fly tying but if you let things get out of hand and buy everything you **want** you will never recoup your costs in the flies you make. Think of fly tying as an investment in your fly fishing career. Some people invest a lot!



No! It's not mine. It's too tidy!

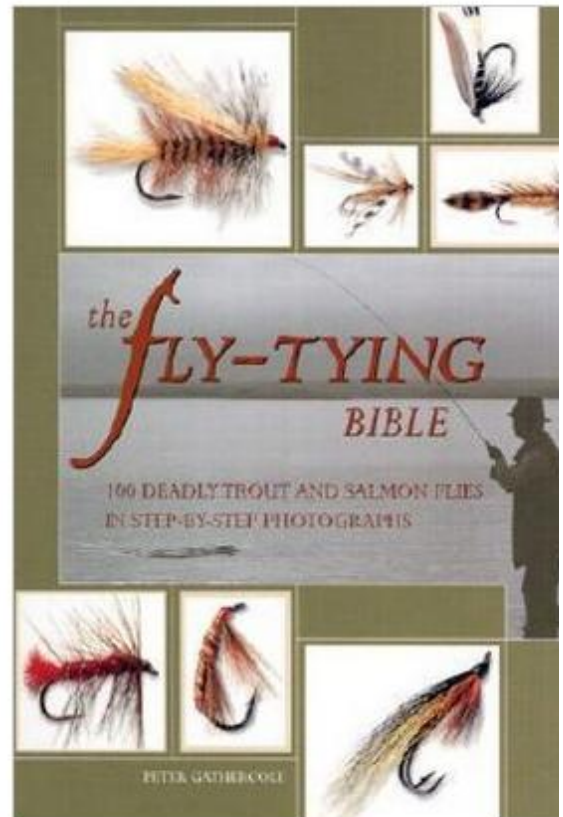
Fly Tying Books

I have a few books on fly tying in my library but these three would have to be my pick for the beginner wanting to get started. These days you will find just about everything you need to know on the Internet and can get step by step tutorials on YouTube for nearly every well known fly pattern. I use the internet a lot but you can't beat a book as a reference if you are serious about your fly tying.



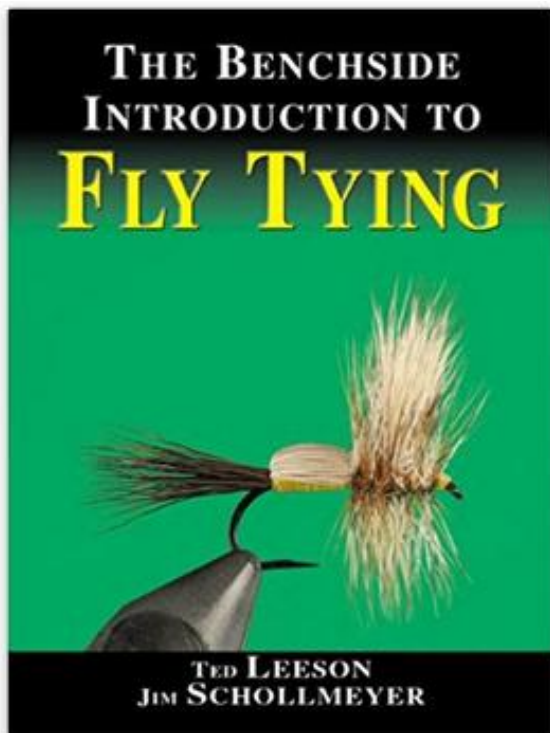
This book is addressed to newcomers to the art and craft of fly-tying and assumes no prior knowledge or experience. It starts by introducing readers to the tools, materials and basic techniques before going on to give clear, foolproof instructions for tying fifty tried and tested patterns, ranging from classic dry and wet trout flies to nymphs, hairwings and streamers as well as a selection of salmon flies suitable for use in all conditions. The instructions for each pattern are given on a single spread accompanied by step-by-step photographs showing each stage in the

process and the book's spiral binding means that it will lie open on the bench for easy reference, leaving both hands free. As well as suggesting the quarry and conditions for which each fly is suitable, the author also provides advice on how, and at what depth, it should be fished.



Avid sport fishermen will treasure this book--which is nearly as beautiful as the objects it describes. Fly-tying is a highly prized fisherman's craft, but it's also an art form, wonderfully captured in this volume's hundreds of color photos. Each of 100 fly patterns is presented in a two-page spread: an enlarged photo and textual description on the left-hand page, complemented with a set of step-by-step, clearly captioned photos on the facing page. In addition, fishing enthusiasts will find sections on fly-tying tools and materials plus general instructions for getting started. The author, a well-known fly-tier and sport fisherman gives instructions on making traditional trout

and salmon flies--all of them fish catchers of proven effectiveness in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Examples vary in complexity, with patterns to fit every skill level from novice to expert fly-tier. Here are dry flies, nymphs and bugs, wet flies, streamers, and hairwings-- a virtually complete selection of traditional and up-to-date examples of the art. The book's hidden spiral binding keeps its pages opened flat, which makes it ideal for reference at the workbench. More than 600 color photos.



Renowned writing team Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer have set another milestone in the world of fly tying with this unique new addition to their Benchside Reference series. Following the incredible success of The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference, Jim & Ted now offer the first beginner's book of fly typing to allow readers simultaneous access to fly recipes, tying steps, and techniques. No more flipping back and forth from fly pattern to technique, hoping the wings don't fall off your mayfly. The first 50 pages of this oversized, spiral-bound book are filled

with impeccably photographed fly-tying techniques. The next 150 pages are cut horizontally across the page. The top pages show tying steps for dozens of fly patterns, including references to tying techniques that are explained step by step in the bottom pages. This groundbreaking book is sure to thrill all fly tiers. Over 1500 beautiful color photographs, over 200 all-color pages.

I have these three books in my library plus quite a few more if anyone is interested in borrowing them. You can get a lot from YouTube and the Internet but you can't beat sitting down to tie a fly with a good book in front of you.

Editor



Fly Tying on the cheap

Fly tying materials from a fly shop are not cheap. There is a very good reason for that and whenever possible we should support the industry especially from our local suppliers. But there are times when the high cost of materials can't be justified and cheap substitutes from the local \$2 shop or Spotlight can be used. The following is an extract from an article by Richard Carter on Fishnet.com.au about buying fly tying materials from Spotlight. I have been unable to check the copyright status as Fishnet seems to have disappeared and Google wasn't my friend. As this has appeared in other club newsletters I assume it is in the public domain now.

Editor

"Before we go any further let it be said that craft stores do not stock fishing hooks, let alone specialized fly hooks or Hoffman premium hackle capes. For some patterns there are no substitutes and those materials specifically required for a fly are only available at tackle stores. Our passion for fly fishing could not exist without the local tackle store. So support your local tackle stores because if they were not there the basic things would cost even more when you add transport or postage costs to get them elsewhere.

Unlike some American fly tiers I have met which have to have the exact recipe down to the minutest material and method, and once they have it never ever straying from the path, Australian fly tiers seem a little more relaxed about not having all the materials to make a fly they have been told about.

Aussies as a whole are a 'make do with what you have' sort of people ... whatever it takes to get the job done. When I first started tying I couldn't tie more than a few of a pattern without making a change in materials or

proportions to see if that would make a difference in cost, tying time or performance.

So if you too are a 'make do' kind of tier who hates paying some of the prices that are currently out there for fly tying materials this article is for you. Let's walk through the aisles of a Spotlight store and identify materials we can use for fly tying and give a few examples of flies tied with the suggested materials.

In the aisles we have.....

Kids craft - pompoms for globugs and bread flies, even pulled apart for dubbing uses, coloured pipe cleaners for fly bodies and chenille substitutes, glitter for mixing into your epoxies or adding a scale effect.



Above are the pompoms, and the globugs made with them.

A vast range of pipe cleaners is available.



Below is a pipe cleaner Crazy Charlie fly - a very good use of the material. This is

a good bonefish pattern remembering any bonefish fly is most likely a good whiting fly.



Then we have stemmed dolls eyes at half the price of the ones sold in tackle stores.



The Salamander fly for freshwater and tropical species below has stemmed dolls eyes.



The thread section has almost any colour you could use; in bulk too. Clear mono thread is far cheaper than any fly store. From a saltwater, bass bug tiers point of view the mostly thicker threads are not an issue, though the thin threads are there too.



More choices of thread than you can imagine.



Plenty of Gudebrod thread which although a long thin spool you can get other bobbin holders to suit or just use a power drill to wind thread onto an empty spool suited to your current bobbin holder.



Also metallic threads here by the spool and at a comparable price, yet greater range. These for use on the bodies of Crazy Charlie and minnow type patterns.

In the yarn and wool sections - you can match any nymph colour such is the range of balls of wool, you can even untwist some yarn and mix colours to form multi colour segment wraps for nymph bodies, a very effective tying method.



Not forgetting Faux wool (shown next), this wool is used to knit fluffy teddy bears but

for the fly tier it makes great one wrap woolly buggers, no palmered feather needed. Limited range of colours though. Here we have a length of Faux wool and the 'Faux Fur Bugger' fly.



Millinery (hat making) materials are useful too - marabou, guinea fowl, feathers, braiding and tassels. Below is the range of marabous (look at the size of those bags in the next image). The range of ribbon material is endless and has many applications in carapace and wingcase components of nymphs, prawns and crayfish.



Boas and others, buy your marabou and saddle hackle by the yard, though not the best quality hackles, you would be better with strung hackles from the tackle store, though they too still have their place on the tying desk.



Beads, eyes and other - bead flies, eye stalks, squid eyes, salamander fly eyes, 3D eyes. Rattle dolls eyes for poppers and bass surface flies. A wider range and much cheaper than any tackle stores.



Next are a few patterns utilizing the plastic beads above, for eyes in the prawn patterns, extended body material in the oversized damsel pattern I am currently using to target bream. Plenty of more uses, totally use to your inventiveness. The top right one is a prawn pattern using flower stamens for eyes but the body instead on silicone is clear plastic beads.



Then when you are after a pattern with bead eyes but not the weight of bead chain, here's your material - strung plastic beads in a vast range of colours as shown below and see an example in previous group of flies, the bottom right fly - a 'Hackle Prawn' with green plastic bead eyes.



There are fake furs for teddy bears - used as tails of the Eyes fly and Crazy Charlie applications. Although definitely not 'polarfibre', the same applications can be done with some of the fake furs available - the one shown below is 'Yeti Fur'. For the same price as a 6" x 4" patch of polarfibre you can have almost a meter of 'Yeti fur'



Next is a baitfish fly using the 'Yeti Fur'. I am currently developing some rainbow fish patterns similar to this one but different colourings for my next trip to the Northern Territory. This style of fly tying promoted by Paul van Reenen of Success Flies is perfectly suited to one of the prime food sources for Barramundi in the lagoons. This one is a mullet fly.



The tropical lagoon food source previously mentioned is a rainbowfish, in particular as shown below, the 'Exquisite Rainbowfish' from Corroboree lagoon.



Using a big game or circle hook and various colours of 'Yeti Fur' and some flash materials you can imitate any baitfish creating an exact

duplicate in fly materials, 3D profile, weed proof, colourings and just the right size. A very versatile tying style indeed. I have some videos on the tying method for those interested.



How about fabric paint for making 3D eyes, adding ribbing to a pattern and many more things.



Silk flowers make great wings for mayfly dries, leaving the stamens for where you need eyes on other flies. Other uses include carapace materials for the same crustacean patterns as you the stamens for.



Below is probably the item I hope to find the most useful - dark tipped silk flower stamens. You could use the other colours and use a marker pen to make them the colour you want. For a few dollars I get 100's of eyes for my silicone prawn pattern and others and what saltwater fly does benefit from a good set of prominent eyes.



Next are a few of the silicone prawns using the stamens.



Upholstery, curtain making and Mylar tubing plus many more tassels, ribbing materials that all have a place on the tying bench.



There's also bulk large headed pins used for dress making which make good eyes. Plus Velcro tabs for crab patterns and other uses. Good quality hot glue guns and plenty of spare glue rods, even a few coloured/glitter ones (red, blue, green, silver and gold). Great for building crab patterns, building scud patterns for trout, there is a great web site on using hot glue guns in fly tying at, <http://globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/hotmelt/index.html> well worth a visit and a surf for a couple of hours.



Above we have these feather based tassels, I don't know what the crafty types use them for or what they call them, but each contains enough goose biot for a few years worth of flies (these for Prince nymphs and 'Doodlebug' flies - a variation on the montana nymph using red goose biot down the sides of the nymph and forming tail).



Above is some coloured plastic tubing, I think they use it for the hooks on knitted coathangers. There is a fly tying style called 'Lipstick' flies. In NZ they use lumo tubing in the similar manner for a fly used at night and call it Nuclear Fushin'. Basically it's a length of tubing on a hook, add prism eyes, add optional marabou tail, use a red marker to add some gills, maybe a darkened back (black marker) and then go "fushin'". The original 'Lipstick' pattern used the clear tubing used for tropical fish tank air hoses.

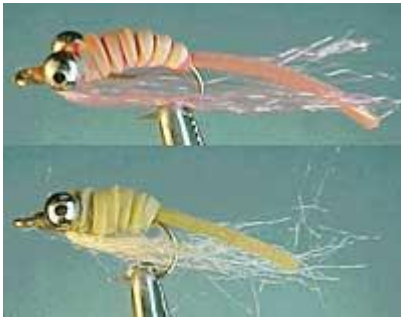
There are the other stores to consider:- \$2 shops, Op-charity shops, Lindcraft, smaller craft stores and materials shops, hobby shops. Not forgetting Woolworths for items like Xmas tinsel. I have been using the one lot of blue/silver tinsel for almost two years now, cost 60cents, for Eyes flies and the like.



Also rubber gloves which can be cut up using finger tips for squid cases.



Then stripping the rest of the glove for larva lace type uses, Woolworths also have bags of bulk rubber bands (multi-coloured best) again for same larva lace uses and crazy charlie applications as the stripped rubber gloves.



Rubberband Charlies great in sizes 8 and 6 34007 for whiting and other estuary species.

Well that's a starting point for you, the rest is up to you. I suggest you head off to a Spotlight store next time you are searching for fly tying materials, you may find what you are after and you may save yourself some money (but because of all that's available you may end up buying more things than you first intended to!)"

Happy tying,

Richard Carter

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For Sale:

A 10 weight complete outfit ready to fish. It's a TFO Clouser Rod and Redington Behemoth 9/10 reel loaded with backing and line. It's in great condition and has only been used for lawn casting. This outfit is valued at over \$570 but I am selling for \$300. For photos or to have a cast contact Allan Ekert 0427457725 For more information on the rod and reel you can check these websites:

<https://www.motackle.com.au/fishing/fly-fishing/fly-rods.html?p=2>



<https://www.motackle.com.au/fishing/fly-fishing/fly-reels/redington-behemoth-fly-reel-46850.html>



For Sale:

If you are after a cabinet to store all your fly tying gear take a look at this.



It cost \$250 new but you can have it for \$150 or best offer. If you are interested contact Tom Trefz on 02 66561028 or see Tom at the next meeting.

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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
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4	Sa	Tu	We	Sa Keepit	Mo	Th	Sa Casting	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	4
5	Su	We	Th	Su Keepit	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa Fly Tying	Mo	Th	Sa	5
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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 Outing	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	9
10	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr Easter	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	10
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Membership Form

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(print full name)

of.....

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

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

Emergency Contact:..... phone:

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

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I agree to: (cross out if you **do not** agree.)

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- receive emails from the club including newsletters and club announcements.

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

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