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**Front Cover:** Our first Saratoga from Lake Borumba, and Mike is very pleased with his efforts.

Lots of good stuff to read and great photos to view in this month's Flyer. I've said it before, if you are only looking at the newsletter on your phone you are missing out on seeing the quality of some of the photographs. Our guest speaker at this month's meeting, Tom Clancy, has many of his photos published in FlyLife Magazine. You can see some of them here for a lot less than the \$17.95 cover price of the magazine.

Information about the Fly Master awards is included again this month because it is going to be a key part in club life. It's not about the competition but getting more people motivated and involved in fishing with the fly rod. What level have you reached? Check the Hall of Fame on page 38.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2023



I had a quick look through the pre-published version of this month's Flyer. I am astounded by the number of activities that this club has proposed, underway and at this stage completed. Hopefully members can avail themselves of some of the activities on offer. There is a lot of ground work going in to these activities to make them work well for our members and my thanks go to those who are putting in the extra yards to make this the outstanding club that it is.

Looking at the photos and reports from Borumba Dam, it was a most successful trip. Hopefully if it gets the nod next year, I can make it. The photos certainly show it up as a top place to fish.

Coming up we have the Ben's Falls trip which is unfortunately oversubscribed. I know it will be an excellent trip as I have done it several times myself. On my last trip I fished exclusively with flies and unfortunately had no success whereas those fishing with lures had outstanding success with one of our group landing seventeen fish over the two days we were there. The scope has been widened with the dams there holding Bass, Golden Perch and Silver Perch. I'm thinking a variety of flies may be needed to catch three species in one day. Anyway, on this trip I'm looking forward to hearing the results.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont.

For those among us who read the Flylife Magazine you would have come across the article by club member Tom Clancy on "The Waterfall Way". This is an excellent article in the summer issue of the magazine extolling the variety of fly fishing that we have available to us in this area. A great read full of clues to what our area has on offer.

Eventually, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of February, we managed to get our Bass day in here at my wife's and my property and surrounding neighbours properties. I hope it's not going to turn into a five yearly event as that's how long since the last one was held. It has been planned as an annual event but drought and fires (2019), Covid (2020), then floods (2021 - 22) saw to it being cancelled. Anyway, I think all involved had a good day even if the fish weren't that cooperative. It was certainly a good gathering but was somewhat spoilt by the 100mm of rain we had received two nights previously. The river had risen Friday afternoon and night by around .3 of a metre but in one stroke of luck hadn't discoloured so it was decided to push on with the outing. The increased flow made it difficult to hold a position and cast to a likely looking spots.

A good advertorial on Garry's Wading Staff. I remember Gary's incident several years ago that he mentions in the Flyer article and I'm sure he will relate it back to you if you ask about it - a scary situation. At this stage I'm using the poverty pack - one of my wife's discarded hiking sticks but I guess eventually I will get a folding staff probably more for the portability and ease of carrying but they are certainly a must have when fishing.

The club Fly Tying evenings are commencing soon but in the meantime John Everett (another valuable club member) is offering tying classes at MO Tackle with the March offering being the Surf Candy.

Enjoy this issue of the Flyer and be sure to check out the up and coming events that are arranged for your enjoyment and participation.

All the best and tight lines

*Doug*

# From the Editor

The other day I saw a post from someone on our Facebook Page saying he was amazed that there was a fly fishing club in Coffs Harbour. I didn't respond because I am not much of a FB user, but it got me thinking. Why would you be amazed that we have a fly club here? We might not be a big city and we are not based in the trout mecca of the south, but we have a huge variety of fish to target on fly right at our doorstep. From trout at Ebor, Bass all around, bread and butter species in the estuaries and the pelagics offshore, you can find fish to target on fly all year and never get bored. With so many fish about there are plenty of anglers wanting to catch them and some want the challenge of doing it with a fly rod. Not every fly fisher wants to join a club but Coffs Coast Fly Fishers has grown over its short history because we try to make being a member worthwhile. We aim to be a place to share, learn and have fun. I think we are succeeding. Why would you be amazed that there is a fly club here?

One of the problems for fishing clubs is having to plan ahead for outings without knowing what the conditions are going to be like at the time. Murray did a great job putting the Lake Borumba trip together only to find the Saratoga reluctant to co-operate. Despite only landing one Saratoga (I won't tell you about all the ones I missed or dropped) I'm still glad I went. It is always exciting to visit new places and try to work out the fishery. Had we stayed another week and had the barometer risen and had I worn my lucky hat, I am sure I would have boated many more.

Fishing trips are more than just about the catching. Good company, new country to explore and a challenge are what it takes for me to enjoy myself. And Lake Borumba provided that. I hope Tom's report and the photos will encourage you to sign up for some of our future trips.



I am sure Jim's excellent presentation at the last meeting has everyone talking about the Fly Master Awards. They are not about competition ... but self-motivation. I believe when you set out to catch anything, you are likely to catch nothing. Having a goal and aiming for a particular species gives focus to your preparations and fishing. When you have a goal and plan accordingly you will fish with confidence and increase your chances of success. I'd like to see everyone get involved in the Fly Master Program and see what you can achieve. Many of you are well on the way to the next level with the fish you have already caught. Take the time to check what you have caught on fly and set yourself a goal of becoming a Fly Master.

In the early days of the Club, David Moppett went to a lot of trouble designing and ordering great looking and practical club shirts. Unfortunately, minimum order numbers and a supplier going out of business have prevented us from re stocking. We now have a new supplier of the short-sleeved shirt who doesn't require minimum numbers. If you would like to get one or two of these shirts you need to move quickly as we will be placing an order in a couple of days. Check the details on page 9. Club shirts help to identify who we are. They look good too. I'm going to order a new one in a size that fits me now!

*Editor*

# Club Executive 2022-23



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## Tuesday Casting Group

The Tuesday Casting Group is about to commence its third Year. If you have been involved at some stage or would like to join the group, please read the following information.

Casting resumes Tuesday 7th March at the Mylestom Cricket Oval opposite the boat ramp. Starting time will be 10.00am but you will need to be there before that in time to set up your rod and maybe have a quick coffee. We will start at 10.00am whether you are ready or not!



As usual, there will be an urn available with plenty of hot water. Tea, coffee, milk and biscuits will be provided. If you would like to make a donation towards costs that would be appreciated. Last year there was enough in the donation jar to pay for a sausage sizzle on all of our fishing days. This year you **MUST** bring your own coffee cup as we are phasing out disposables. If you forget your cup, you can buy one of the remaining disposables with a donation to the money jar. With limited seating in the park, it would be a good idea to bring a camp chair to sit and relax during the talking bits and morning tea time at 11.00am.

We will endeavour to have casting every Tuesday until December 5th. From time to time, it will be necessary to cancel because of the weather or instructors being away. If we have to cancel you will receive an email to that effect. Sometimes we move to the Alma Doepel Reserve opposite the Café when the ground is too wet or showers might interfere with our activities. If you don't find us on the cricket oval take a drive to the end of the road and see if we are there. If you still can't find us, check the newsletter and your emails to see if it might be a fishing day.

Every month we dedicate one Tuesday to fishing - after all, that's why we are learning to cast. Without good casting skills you are not going to enjoy fly fishing. Once a month we meet at a suitable fishing spot and spend the morning putting our casting skills into practice trying to catch a fish on fly. We finish at lunchtime with a free sausage sizzle. The day and venue is chosen by group members taking into account tides, weather and species to be caught. To find out what day and where, you need to check the newsletter or phone me.



The other Tuesdays each month are taken up with casting. We are following a program developed by Fly Fishers International which introduces skills sequentially and progressively so that anyone can get involved no matter what level they are at.

You can read more about the Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Skills Development program in *Casting Around* this month.

Mixed in with skill development are games such as Fly Golf and fun competitions. The program is organized in such a way as you don't have to commit to every week but, of course, the more times you come the better your casting is going to get.

You don't have to have your own rod, reel and line as the club has a number available to borrow. If you do have your own gear, a bright coloured fly line will help you and your instructor see what you are doing. Don't worry about being embarrassed as no one will be asked to cast in front of the group unless they want to.



Casting days are about improving our casting but there is also a social component. Come along and catch up with friends and have a chat but, remember, if our casting is to improve, we have to practice, listen and learn. Sessions finish at noon and some people stay on for lunch at the cafe and continue the social aspect of the day.

For those who can't get to the Tuesday group, we will be holding casting days during the year on weekends. Last year we tried to get an evening session going but there were no takers. If there is sufficient interest, we will try again this year. Watch the newsletter for any developments.

I hope to see you at a casting day soon. If you need any further information, give me a call on 0427457725

*Allan*

## March Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club at Mylestom. Our guest speaker will be Tom Clancy, a regular contributor to FlyLife Magazine and recipient of our club Silver and Gold Fly Master awards. Tom will be talking about how, where and when he caught his gold level fish.



The meeting will commence at 6.30pm. There will be time to talk about any club issues and pitch ideas for future activities. 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.



## Fly Master awards

At the last meeting Jim gave a very comprehensive presentation on what is involved in the Fly Master awards. There was universal support for the program and it was decided that we will purchase badges as recognition of levels of achievement. We already have 8 Foundation Level recipients and 7 Bronze. At the meeting the first people to reach the silver and gold levels were presented with their certificates.



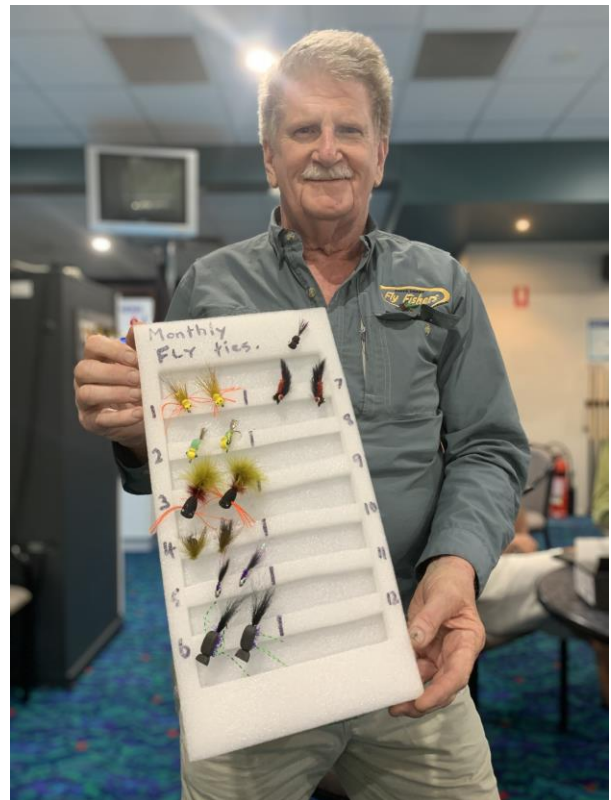
Tom and David with the first Gold Fly Master awards in the club and Jim and Allan with their Silver awards.

If you haven't got on board with this program yet, now is the time to get started. All the information has been presented in previous newsletters or you can get in contact with Jim with questions. If you need motivation to get out fly fishing more and improve your casting and fishing skills, this is it.



## Fly Tying

The winner of the first fly tying competition for the year was Glenn with his bass popper. There were 7 entries most of which featured on our Facebook Page.



Next month the competition continues and the fly to be tied will be an estuary fly. Any fly that will catch any fish in the estuary is eligible to be entered. We are considering having two categories for fly tyers to provide an opportunity for those new to fly tying to have a go and not have to compete with the masters like Glenn. Let us know what you think.

Monday night fly tying sessions will recommence on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm at the North Beach recreation and Bowling Club in the Osprey room out the back. Anyone who is interested in learning about tying flies will be most welcome. This month we will be tying Crazy Charlies in the hope of finding something that will catch a whiting or a least a bream.

You will need to register so that a material pack can be made up for you. The cost will be \$5. You can register at the next meeting or by contacting the Secretary.



The Crazy Charlie is a legendary fly that can be used for Bonefish on CXI or bream and whiting on the sand flats of the Bellinger River. They are not that difficult to tie once you get the hang of it.

## March Outings

### **Learn to Fly fish for trout at Ebor**

All the places are taken for our learn to fly fish for trout sessions at Ebor on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. If you want to put your name on the waiting list you can do so by contacting me. I will be contacting those who have already registered soon with more details.

### **Bens Falls Retreat**

There are no spots left for the outing to Bens Falls Retreat over the weekend of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Homewaters**

We have an outing to our Homewaters on the Bellinger and Kalang Rivers at Mylestom on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Make sure you register by putting your name on the Outings Sheet.

A boat, canoe, kayak or SUP will make the fishing easier but for those land based you will be taken by boat to the sandflats to fish. There is no set starting time but someone will be at the boat ramp at 7.00am if you need help or transport. We will meet up after fishing for a sausage sizzle lunch at 1.00pm.

You must register for this outing so you can be contacted with further details. Glenn Colquhoun is the trip coordinator so contact him on 0409151270.

## Club Shirts

We are placing an order for club shirts on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. You must order by that date by [email](#) or phone or text (0427457725) if you want one. They will be \$45 and can be posted to you for an additional \$10. When you order please state your name, size and if you want delivery. Payment can be made by direct deposit to the Club Account or in cash/cheque to the Treasurer.



The shirts will be the same as our current ones but the logo will be printed, not embroidered. As long as they are cold washed and not put in a dryer, the printing will outlast the shirts.

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

# LAKE BORUMBA SARATOGA QUEST

12th Feb - 17th Feb 2023

*an account by Tom Trefz*

*This idea was floated by Murray Robinson, mid 2022 and, with a fair amount of planning five members fronted up at Murray's place at 7am on Sunday morning. After an uneventful drive with Murray, Alan Ekert, David Lindsay, Michael Ferris, & I we arrived at Imbil Queensland at 3pm to a sweltering 40 degrees C. Air-conditioned cabins were much appreciated. The lake is south of Gympie and is deep sided with extensive back waters that have been stocked with Saratoga, Aussie Bass, Yellow Belly and Cod.*



*Due to the scale of the banks, access to the lake by boat was pretty much essential. Fortunately, we had three boats ideal for fishing the conditions. We decided to set out the following morning for a recce to be on the water by 5.30am. Mike caught and landed the first Saratoga of the trip on Murray's boat, using a popper. Neither Allan, David nor I had a bump that day. Slightly disheartened we were grateful to be back in our cabins by 1pm.*

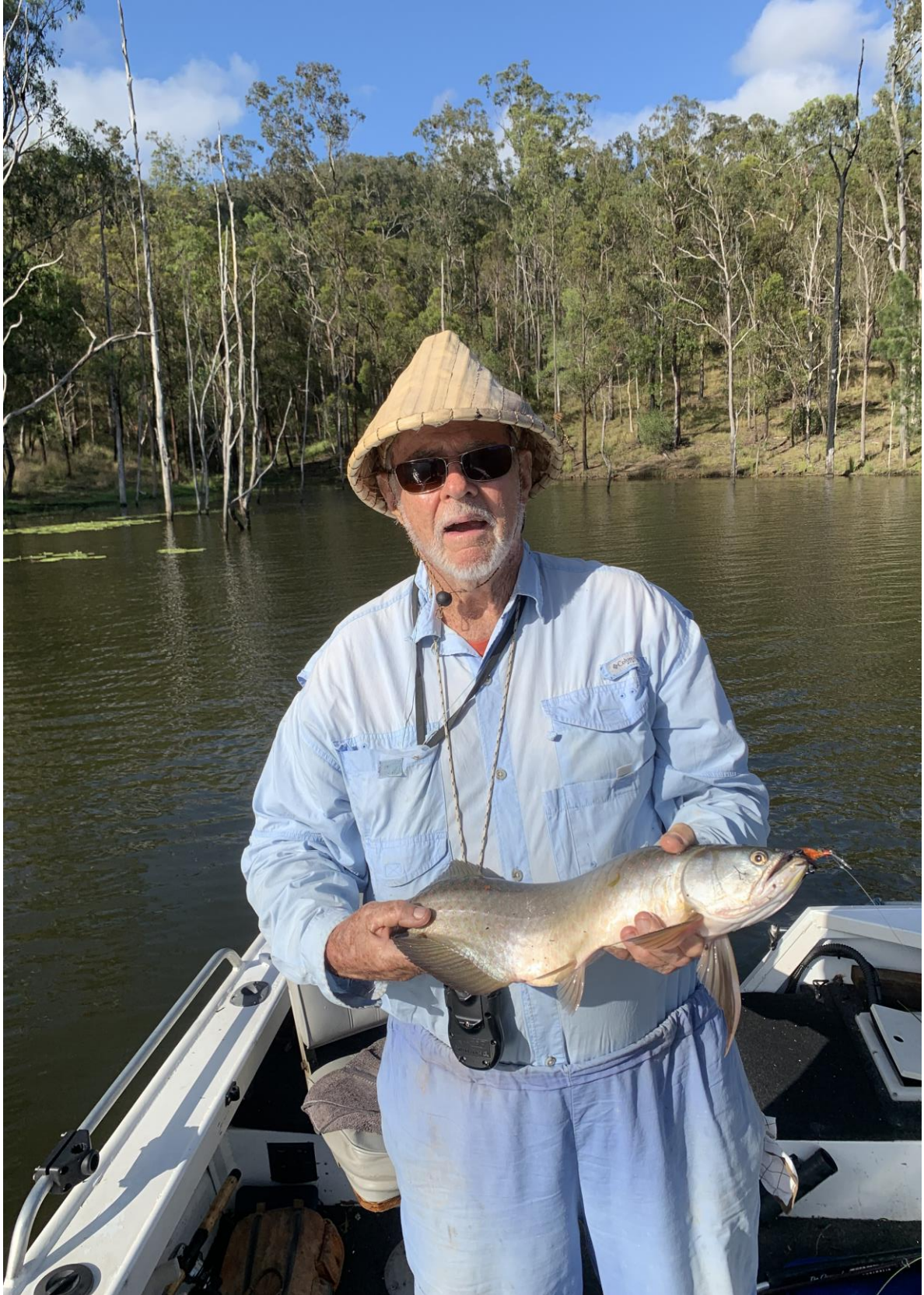
*It was a 4am start for Tuesday. Three boats fished in different areas trying a variety of surface flies. We returned midday without a fish, although a few had been sighted.*

*Wednesday morning, we were up at 3.30am, more determined than ever. A slow trip up the lake ensued with light appearing at 5am. I decided to use a sub-surface fly from my collection, with a "pink thing" which did some damage. I brought two to the boat and dropped one. The rest of the team had mixed reports, with a number of hits and some refusals. Steve Rampant, Gary Hambly and Grant joined us for the final day's fishing.*



*Another early start on Thursday. Having fished one bay unsuccessfully we spread out on the lake. Steve hooked a large Saratoga which took to the air giving us a view of this spectacular fight. I'm sure the strike and subsequent fight won't be something Steve will forget. However disappointingly, it spat his hook.*

*David hooked and successfully landed a 57cm Saratoga. Alan also ended up putting one in the boat. Mike, Steve & I moved to a fresh spot and Mike ended up catching numerous Bass, a 50cm Saratoga, and a stonker Yellow-belly.*





*Although conditions were hot this was a great trip to learn the lay of the area and fishing for a new species. Personally, I will be the first to join another trip to Lake Borumba. Here are few more photos curtesy of the team.*

*Tom*

## Borumba Photos



They say trout live in beautiful places, but saratoga can't complain.







The bass weren't huge but they were there to be caught if you could find them as Steve did.





Mike caught the trifecta but Garry caught the rare Spangled Perch.





After Tom thought he had found the magic fly with a Pink Thing, Murray got to work and tied some for the rest of the crew.





Lake Borumba has excellent launching facilities but on the water could do with some more shade ... headwear is essential in the 40 degree heat.



# Bass Day 2023

*By the Editor*

Would you believe five years have passed between these photos?



Drought, flood and Covid have conspired to prevent us from spending the day at Doug's place fishing his creek for all that time. Even on this trip the weather tried to make things difficult with 4 inches of rain two days before. But, after such a long absence, Doug wasn't going to let a bit of water get in the way.

Fourteen members turned up on the Saturday morning to try their hand at catching a bass on fly. A couple didn't fish for various reasons but most were on the water by 8am and battling the fast-flowing current. Those who didn't have kayaks borrowed one of Doug's while Walter brought his trusty fold-a-boat again.

I was one of the ones who didn't fish so I don't have any photos. Those in the kayaks found it almost impossible to paddle, cast and take photos given the speed of the water so not many photos were taken.

As for the bass, they must have been talking to their cousins in Borumba Dam because they were hard to find. There were stories of vigorous hits and misses but few bass landed. New member Paul and his father, Garry, saved the day with a couple of nice bass each. They may not get invited back again 😊



As usual, Doug was the consummate host, arranging with his neighbours to use their sections of the creek, transporting people around and putting on a BBQ of bacon, eggs and sausages that everyone enjoyed. After all the work that went into the day, including some tasty cake from Marlene, Doug might be hoping for another 5 years before he has to do it again.



Ctrl + Click to view the video



## Seniors Try Fly Fishing

The *Try Fly Fishing* for Seniors morning at Mylestom as part of the NSW Seniors Festival proved quite popular with 6 participants. Thanks to Greg and a handful of members there was plenty of help getting things set up and assisting the learners.



## Changes to rigged rods regulations

Anglers in NSW can now carry additional fishing rods and lines rigged with artificial flies or lures when fishing in non-tidal waters. Currently, the number of lines permitted differs in trout waters and general inland waters. This can create confusion when fishing in or travelling between waters with different rules. To make fishing rules easier to understand, trout fishers can now use two rods and lines in general trout streams, consistent with the rules for general trout dams and the number of lines permitted for use in general inland waters.

There are also increased opportunities for freshwater anglers using artificial flies/lures, with rules now allowing fishers to possess additional fishing lines rigged for use. In general, inland waters, fishers may now possess up to four lines rigged with artificial flies/lures, with only two lines in use at any time. In general trout streams and dams, anglers can now possess up to four rods and lines rigged with artificial flies/lures, with only two rods and lines in use at any time. In artificial fly and lure waters or trout spawning streams, fishers can now possess up to three rods and lines with artificial flies/lures attached, with only one rod and line in use at any time.

The rule changes have been designed to reduce complexity and allow freshwater anglers to enjoy easier, more productive fishing. The rules make it more convenient for artificial fly and lure fishers to swap between lines rigged with artificial flies /lures, if fishing conditions change.

We may end up with a couple of new members after the day but whether we do or not doesn't matter. It's all about spreading the word on fly fishing.



# FLY TYING *Sessions*

- Murray Cod - Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
- Surf Candies - Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
- Poppers - Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm

- Learn to tie flies
- Improve your fly tying skills
- Learn new fly patterns
- Meet other fly fishermen
- Share you skills with others

**\$15\***  
**PP**

\*ENTRY FEE WILL COVER ALL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO TIE WITH  
THERE ARE ONLY 6 SEATS PER SESSION - TO SECURE A SPOT PLEASE CONTACT JOHN  
ON 6652 4611 - FLY@MOTACKLE.COM.AU OR DROP IN TO MOTACKLE & OUTDOORS



## How to become a Gold Fly Master

Tom Clancy and David Lindsay became the first club members to achieve the Gold Fly Master Award. You don't have to submit your photos, but Tom went to the trouble of submitting his and I think they are worth sharing.







**If you want to know more  
about these fish and  
where, when and how  
they were caught, come to  
our next meeting on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and  
Tom will tell all in his  
presentation.**



## Fly Casting Skills Development

The new year is well underway and the Club Tuesday Casting Group starts again this month. This group has been meeting regularly since June 2020. Not everyone turns up every week but enough members have turned up enough times to have made a remarkable improvement in the casting skills within the club. As we commence our third year you would think there is nothing new to learn about casting. Let me assure you, there is plenty for us to do this year.

People come to casting practice for a number of reasons. Some come for the social aspect of catching up with fellow fly fishers. Others come because they want to find out about fly fishing and learn how to cast. The keen ones come because they know getting better at casting will make them better fly fishers. And then there are those who just enjoy casting and want to know how to do it well. Devising a program that meets all these needs is never easy and gets harder every year as more beginners come on board and the casting geeks move further ahead.

Within the wider fly fishing community, the great majority of people don't belong to a club or do any practice. Usually they are self-taught, prefer to fish on their own or with a close mate and don't have time to get involved in clubs. Once they can cast well enough to catch a fish and not be embarrassed in front of their peers, they no longer see the need for instruction or practice.

I have no problem with this. I don't have to make a living by convincing these people they should pay for a lesson. And I know when I see someone fly fishing on my favourite stream there is a very good chance they have left some fish for me to catch because they couldn't make the cast needed to catch those tricky trout. As for clubs, not everyone wants to be social or expose their casting skills (or lack thereof) in front of others.

Our club places great emphasis on teaching and learning. The Tuesday casting group is testament to that. For so many people to be involved over such a long period of time we must be doing something right. I believe what we are doing right is balancing the social aspects of a club with the instructional aspects of a good teaching program. That program is the Fly Fishers International Casting Skills Development program which introduces skills sequentially and progressively so that anyone can get involved no matter what level they are at.

Members of the Tuesday casting group have been working their way through this program improving their skills and catching more fish. This year, some of the group will reach the Silver Level or beyond. The good thing about this program is that it can be followed on your own or within a group. All you need is the motivation to want to improve your casting and some time spent practicing.

So what is there in the FCSD program that will keep the Tuesday casters busy this year and why would someone who isn't in the group want to get involved? It's all about casting leading to better fishing. I want to revisit some of the casts in the Fly Fishing Skills Development program and relate them to why you need to learn them to catch fish. If you have been attending the Tuesday casting group you will be aware of most of this already. For those who need reminding, and for those who need motivating, here is a summary of the levels of the Fly Casting Skills Development program and some of the fishing casts we will be working on this year.



**Fly Casting Skills Development**  
— **Angler Guide** —

The Foundation level of the FCSD program is for absolute beginners and introduces skills to get someone casting and catching their first fish. It starts with putting a fly rod and reel together and rigging up and moves on to basic loop formation and making a cast. If you have caught a fish on fly you have probably completed all the skills in the Foundation Level. However, there is one cast in the Foundation Level that is a very important fishing cast at the beginner level and comes into its own at higher levels for those who want to try their hand at Czech Nymphing. The Lob or Water Tension Cast can get a fly on the water with one movement. When you are ready to try Czech nymphing, the lob cast is the only way you can cast heavy nymphs. If you don't know about the lob or water tension cast then there is still much for you to learn.

The Bronze level of the FCSD program incorporates more skills which are applicable to fishing situations. The emphasis is on accuracy and distance which everyone knows is the secret to success when it comes to catching fish. But the Bronze Level introduces two new skills which are not used or even known by many self-taught casters. For the first time in the program, basic casts have to be performed over the non-dominant shoulder. That is the fly rod has to pass over the opposite shoulder to the casting arm. This is an essential skill to counter the wind or obstacles. If you fish with a partner in a boat you had better hope they can cast on their non-dominant side or use the opposite arm to you.



The other new skill introduced in the Bronze level is roll casting. Most people have heard of the roll cast and think they can perform one. Few people can actually do it well. The roll cast is an essential skill. It can help you make a cast when there are obstacles behind. It helps you remove slack before a cast or lift a sinking line to the surface before recasting. The roll cast is a safe cast to use when there are people around or the wind makes false casting dangerous. The ability to make roll casts well, will lead to better fish catching outcomes.

The Silver level of the FCSD program is where you are really prepared for catching more fish. It builds on everything that has gone before but requires a greater degree of efficiency. Emphasis is on narrowing loop sizes for greater distance and accuracy. You are not going to make that 60-foot cast to a bust-up of trevally unless you can form narrow loops and shoot line.

There are two casts introduced in the silver level which open up new opportunities for catching fish. The first is one for fellow trouties but it can be used for other purposes and in other places. Technically, it is not a cast but a mend where the line is moved after the rod has stopped. Beginners who experience rising trout often have them shy off their dry flies because of drag. This is where the current runs at different speed across the stream and the fly line pulls the leader and makes the fly move unnaturally. The answer is to learn a reach mend. Once you can use a reach mend over either shoulder you are going to catch more trout on dry flies.

The second cast is the Belgian cast. It is more for the salties but will prove useful anywhere there is wind and anytime you want to cast a heavy fly. The Belgian cast is a constant tension cast and by keeping the line moving, without introducing slack, the wind and gravity get less time to do wreak havoc. Done well, the Belgian cast is very safe to use and can prevent the fly from hitting the rod tip and causing expensive damage.



The final level of the Fly Casting Skills Development program is Gold. This level is a stepping stone to certification as a casting instructor. By the time you are ready to tackle the gold level you must be able to cast consistent narrow loops without tailing. All of the casts you perform in the gold level are applicable to fishing but two in particular are worth highlighting because of their usefulness if you want to be a successful fly fisher in our local area.

Many people fish from boats, canoes, kayaks or float tubes. Casting from a seated position presents particular challenges. Because your rod tip is not as high, there is more chance of back casts hitting the water. Being locked into a seat restricts the use of the lower body and legs to provide power for the cast. Then there is the issue of balance. As you get older you need to work on you balancing skills. This is why learning to cast while kneeling or sitting is an essential fishing skill for all fly fishers.



Another cast that is introduced at the gold level is the back cast delivery. Its other name is the Barnegat Bay Cast. It got its name from the coast of Ocean County, New Jersey in the United States where it is often very windy. This is a good cast to use when the wind is blowing into your casting side and you are likely to get hit. Just turn your back to the wind and present the fly on your back cast. You will never hook yourself by accident and you don't have to wait for the wind to change direction or abate to make that cast.

The Barnegat, Belgian, and roll casts are just some of the casts you will learn if you follow the Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skills program and come to our Tuesday Casting group. You could learn them with the help of Youtube, or flounder away until you work it out yourself, but being involved in a group makes learning quicker and more fun. For those who can't get to casting on Tuesdays, check out the club calendar for other casting events. You could also take a lesson or two with a qualified casting instructor and expedite the process. Whatever you do, never think there is nothing more to learn and never rest on your laurels. There is always a fish that will find your casting inadequate no matter what your current level.



# Garry's Corner

Garry Hambly - Owner & Founder of South Pacific Fly Rods Australia



## Wading Staffs - do I need one?

With all the bells and whistles available to the fly fisherman drawing you in like sparkling ornaments hanging from the Christmas tree, it's a matter of navigating your way through the 'can have items' to the 'must have items'.

Wading staffs are one of those items that are a little off the radar for most fly fishermen, and even more so for the Salty who spends most of their time in a boat, or wading the flats, or combing the beaches and headlands. The name Wading Staff immediately implies the use of the accessory primarily for wading, but if you broaden your thinking, there's a lot more applications that come into play.

Firstly, the most practical use of a wading staff is to wade.

Wading through water over slippery rocks and running streams, quickly comes to mind as the most obvious place where a wading staff would be used. Fast moving water on a stream can easily dislodge your footing and cause you to get off balance and into potential trouble.

Once you're wading across water with underwater rocks and hazards, it quickly becomes obvious how much of an asset a wading staff becomes in ensuring that you keep yourself supported, upright and safe in those precarious situations. A wading staff angled away from you downstream bracing you against the current, certainly is an asset in simply crossing a flat-bottom stream.

Out of the water, the wading staff has additional uses often not considered.

When making your way down steep banks, the wading staff becomes a faithful companion. Thrashing your way through brush to get to the bank to start with can be done safely, as well as driving away any lurking snakes or other unwanted visitors. Small trees and overhanging branches can also be held away while making your way to, and from the water. The wading staff can also often be a better option in trying to recover any wayward items dropped into the water, or snagged to your fly, than your delicate rod tip!

While you're thrashing through the bush, eyes-down, anticipating the possibility of slithering visitor, imagine what it's like for the northern hemisphere fisho's often looking straight ahead anticipating coming across a Teddy Bears' picnic, YOU being the picnic! Maybe that's where the fishing saying "Walk softly and carry a BIG stick" comes from???

Using a wading stick on the Saltwater Flats or within an Estuary has its advantages.

Many of the uses on a trout stream are equally applicable in the salt, considering high tidal flow, rough underwater terrain, buffering floating debris, encouraging stingrays to move in the opposite direction, as well as being an ideal sky hook (or would that be water 'hanging post') in the middle of the flats, for a range of options. Some staffs even have 'handle-end camera mounts' for filming yourself in action!

In a boat, the wading staff doubles as an effective barge pole, or an effective poker to quieten your noisy fishing partner. Helpful also to quickly check water depths, or firmness of the waterbed before stepping out of the boat, especially when you realise you're not quite as nimble as you thought you were, or used to be.

There's basically a couple of types, or styles, of wading staffs.

Firstly, the one-piece staff which has its origins in a tree branch! Only problem is, tree branches break and secondly a one-piece staff is inconvenient to carry on the water, and so over the years the development of staffs have gone towards multi-sectional collapsible systems from non-breakable materials.

Some multi-sectional staffs are built similar in principle to fishing rod sections. The downfall of course is the separate sections can slide apart, resulting in a shorter wading staff than moments before, and the dislodged section remains in the waterbed as a distant memory.

In recent times, collapsible spring-into-place multiple section wading staffs have become the preferred option.

Consideration to look for in this style of staff, is to ensure that the inner cable is strong and reliable, and that it's fitted with modern poly ABS ferrules keeping the cable safe from abrasion. With these features in place, you can be confident that you're looking at a good quality well designed staff.

The 'Claytons' wading staff. (The wading staff that's not really a wading staff)

This is the staff that is designed for hiking or trekking with a plastic forward grip handle moulded to fit the hand, which looks good to the eye, and is practical for hiking. But when wading, consider these points.

Good wading staffs are proven in critical moments. A slip-of-the-grip could lead to disaster, a quick secure grab is paramount. A 'hiking or trekking pole handle' is designed to be gripped in only one direction. In contrast, a 'wading staff grip' like a round softer EVA type handle, gives you a firm soft grip to be grasped securely at any angle or direction instantly.

At the other end of the staff, a strong secure point is an important feature to any wading staff. It needs to handle the abrasion and abuse from anything it stabs at, in and out of the water.

Collapsible sectional wading staffs are often housed in a neoprene hip pouch, designed to be drawn from the pouch and flicked into place in the 'blink of an eye' and are the most preferred style of wading staff. The best of staffs include a coil-spring lanyard which attaches to the user, ensuring no separation between either.

Is a wading staff a foolproof guarantee to keep me above the water? ...  
Well, not always.

Years ago, I was wading across fast moving water, in chest waders, with staff in hand, over very large underwater rocks. I lost my footing and found myself upside down being bumped and swept along with the fast-flowing stream. If it was not for the wading staff that I had in my hand, I'm not quite sure if I would've been able to stop and upright myself, but I got out and onto the bank, looking like a puffer fish full of water!

Now, I always wade with a collapsible wading staff. It's not inconvenient, nor intrusive, more so it's the fly fishermen's best friend in so many situations.

Is it worth the investment?

Well, I'm alive telling you that story, and writing this article, so for me, I'd say it sure was.

Check out my South Pacific Wading staff below. I believe it's the best staff available on the market. I think you'll come to the same conclusion while enjoying many years of good service from your investment.

*Gaz*



SAFETY FIRST! - Don't wade without one - The South Pacific collapsible wading staff folds neatly into a neoprene pouch with belt loop and D-Ring attachment so you can leave it clipped to you while fishing. Ideal for when you need it and don't want the inconvenience of carrying a 1pc wading staff all day.

A strong & sturdy sectional tubular aluminium wading staff, which automatically extends by means of an internal braided polymer stretch core. The ABS capped ferrules smoothly lock the sections into place.

Length 56", but packs down to only 16" and stores compacted in a neoprene hip bag with belt-loop and stretch lanyard. Solid Non-slip ergonomic EVA ribbed grip with adjustable wrist strap. The broadened grip end is removable and doubles as an optional camera mount!

- \* Collapsible 'spring into place' system.
- \* Compact neoprene pouch with belt loop, D-Ring and stretch lanyard.
- \* Strong 'no-flash' black-anodised tubular aluminium.
- \* Internal braided polymer stretch core.
- \* ABS capped ferrules for strong smooth interlocking.
- \* Solid EVA ribbed grip is 'round' ensuring a 'no-fumble' grab every time!
- \* 'Rise & float' EVA handle is a real advantage over solid rubber grips.
- \* Secure broadened grip butt end provides a comfortable lean-on pad.
- \* Optional camera mount under the removable butt end.
- \* Custom-fit wrist strap on the grip keeps you safely attached.

This a very high quality, functional design that works extremely well. You couldn't ask for more in a wading staff!

Price: ~~\$99.95~~ **\$69.95**

# CLUB SHOP



Short sleeve dress shirt with logo.  
Currently taking orders. \$45 each. \$10 postage.



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  
Bill Herd  
John Starr  
Greg Baxter  
Ray Phipps  
Doug Urquhart  
Mark Flook

Garry Bennett  
David Small  
Bill Anderson  
Michael Ferris  
Murray Robinson  
Jim Wray



# HALL OF FAME

## FISHING

### Silver Fly Master

Tom Clancy  
Jim Wray  
Glenn Colquhoun  
Allan Ekert

### Gold Fly Master

David Lindsay  
Tom Clancy

## CASTING

### Silver Level

### Gold Level

Allan Ekert

## Fly Tying Competition Winners 2023

February: Bass Fly  
March: Estuary Fly  
April: Trout Dry Fly  
May: Wet Trout Fly  
June: Shrimp Fly.  
July: Salmon & Bread Fly  
August: Clouser  
September: Foam Fly  
October: Carp Fly.  
November: Anything Goes

Glenn Colquhoun

# 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](mailto: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

Murray Cod

Golden Perch (Yellowbelly)

Silver Perch

## **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  
Bonefish 40cm  
Bonito 40cm  
Bream 30cm  
Carp 60cm  
Dart Common 25cm  
Flathead 60cm  
Garfish 30cm  
Giant Herring 70cm  
Golden Perch (Yellowbelly) 35cm  
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  
Silver Perch 30cm  
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
- Golden Perch (Yellowbelly) 40cm
- 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
- Silver Perch 35cm
- 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





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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 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Membership fees will be halved if joining after December

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](mailto:coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com)

Our mailing address is:

The Secretary

Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

11 Butterfly Close

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
Boambee East  
NSW 2452

 Bananacoast Community Credit Union  
Ltd and Police & Nurses Limited

#### Direct Deposit:

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Account No: 02051766  
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc  
Reference: **Your surname**

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

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](mailto: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.