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Above: Terns on Sandy Cape Fraser Island overlooking Break Sea Point. Photo courtesy Ken Joyce.

Cover: Brian (Pip) Bevan with a well conditioned rainbow from Dunmore Waters.

From the Editor



Great minds think alike. It had to be more than a coincidence when Fly Fishers International published its Fly Casting Challenge Program hot on the heels of Paul Arden releasing his Sexyloops Fly Casting Challenge. Now we have another casting program for those interests in advancing their casting skills. It appears I'm not the only one interested in casting programs! You can read more about this new kid on the block in *Casting Around* on page 11.

To plan or not plan! That is the question that comes to mind when we think of club outings for the coming year. Leaving it to the last minute to decide where to go and what to do allows you to take into account the weather and latest fishing reports. Planning ahead gives time for people to prepare, make bookings and get organized. On page 9 you will find a draft calendar for the next year. We might get rained out, the fish may not be there but at least we have a plan to make sure we get out fishing. Take a look at the draft plan and make your thought known through your committee.

With more practical and interesting things happening at our monthly meetings the committee is being called upon to make the day to do decisions that keep the club running. This does not preclude you from having your say. Anyone is welcome to attend a committee meeting or contact a committee member to make your point of view known.

Our November meeting will be the last for the year - late December gets too busy! It's been a full-on year and a lot has been accomplished as we continue to grow and get better at doing what we do. Thanks to all those who have contributed in some way, especially the new committee which has brought new ideas and enthusiasm.

Make sure you read your newsletter carefully and keep a copy as there are many things happening that you need to be aware of or might want to have your say about.

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November Meeting

The next club meeting will be held on Monday 19th November. This will be our last meeting for the year and we are going out with a bang! There will be no general meeting as all the time will be devoted to the HUGE Buy/Swap/Sell night. If you have anything you want to sell or swap all you have to do is label it and bring it along. Garry from A1 Fly-fishing will have a stack of gear for sale at bargain basement prices - as much as half price. This will be a great chance to pick up a bargain for Christmas.



The night will start at 7.30pm. There will be tea and coffee and plenty of time to chat. The usual monthly raffle will be run to pay our hall costs and there will also be tickets for sale in the Major Raffle (see page 6)

Make sure you attend this meeting and feel free to invite a friend (or two or three). Oh, and bring your money with you.

Fly Tying

Fly tying resumes this Monday 5th November at 7.00pm at the Uniting Church Hall in Coffs. As we are going to Lake Keepit in December we will be tying some carp flies. If you don't like carp you can always use some of these flies on bream, whiting and bass.

The possibilities for carp flies are endless. We will be concentrating on a few simple ties for sub-surface and surface feeders. You could check out the Facebook Group called "Kangaroo Carp" run by Jason Strafford if you are interested in what others use.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1070962742986374/>



For the beginners in the group there will be individual instruction on fly tying basics. All the hooks and materials needed will be supplied and spare vices are available. A donation of \$5 is requested to pay for the hire of the hall, supper and the tying materials.

5 by 5 Mid Week Bash

The weather has prevented us getting underway with the 5 by 5 Mid Week Bash. All being well we will try again on Wednesday 31st October and Wednesday 7th November. All the information is included again from last month if you have forgotten the details.

Remember you must log in so that we know who will be attending.

As the name suggests the official start time is 5.00pm but for those who can get away earlier you

can fish when you like. The "Bash" will be held each Wednesday for 5 weeks if there is sufficient interest. You must log in each week by ringing, texting or emailing allan.ekert@yahoo.com.au 0427457725. Please let me know what time you will be fishing and if you will be land based or have a seat in a boat to share. If you don't log in no one will look out for you at the ramp and if we have no logins then the trip may be cancelled.

You can fish from the shore but a boat or kayak is better. If you don't have water craft, when you log in we may be able to put you on a boat for the afternoon. Finish time will be before dark (remember daylight saving will have started). If you want you can finish with a \$5 pizza or pie to celebrate your success.

You don't have to fish with the fly rod if you would prefer spinning gear. Where you fish is up to you but there is plenty of water in the Kalang and Bellinger Rivers to keep you occupied. If you need some help with the fishing make sure you log in so we can talk to you before you start, Remember to pack your camera and take photos to post on Facebook.

November Outings

The 5 by 5 Mid Week Bash continues in November with the last outing being Wednesday 7th.

The other outing for the month is the Urunga Flathead Tournament. This is not an organized outing but members are encouraged to think about attending and supporting the Urunga Club (see details below).

We had planned a trip to Mylestom this month but as we can't get anyone to be the co-coordinator the trip has been cancelled.

Berkley Urunga Estuary Sport Fishing Flathead Tournament

Urunga Anglers Club is again hosting the Berkley Urunga Estuary Sport Fishing Flathead Tournament. This Tournament is strictly Lure and Fly Catch and Release Only. Anglers from far and wide will be divided into 4 divisions, Adult Male's, Adult Ladies,

Junior Boy's under 16yrs, and Junior Girls under 16yrs, all competing for their name to be etched onto the Perpetual Longest Flathead Trophy. This is more than just a fishing competition and will have a Random Raffle Draw, educational speeches about new innovative techniques & products, and also speakers to talk about the importance of catching and releasing fish for the future.

The dates for 2018 are November 9th/10th/11th. For more information visit the website: <http://www.urungasportfishing.com.au/>



Flathead Fishing

If you intend taking part in the Urunga Flathead Tournament you will need lots of local knowledge and a good understanding of the habits and habitat of flathead. For those who missed Dale Johnson's talk on the subject of fly fishing for flathead at the club a few meetings ago a copy has been placed on our website. It's well worth reading.

<https://coffscoastflyfishing.weebly.com/links.html>



If you want to learn more from Dale don't forget he conducts guided trips on the local waters where he will show you how it's done.

Motackle & Outdoors Flathead Information Talk Night



Although not specifically on fly fishing for flathead this night at Mo Tackle is a must do event if you are going to the Berkley Urunga Estuary Sport Fishing Flathead Tournament or just want to catch a flathead.

Motackle & Outdoors in conjunction with the 2018 Berkley Urunga Estuary Sport Fishing Flathead Tournament are presenting a Flathead Information Talk on the 8th of November 2018 starting at 5pm.

Meet other fishing enthusiasts in a relaxed friendly environment while listening to expert fishing guest speakers from brands such as Berkley, Abu Garcia, Owner and Lowrance (subject to change/addition).

With plenty of practical and instructional demonstrations, learn the basics of flathead lure fishing such as rigging soft plastics, tying leaders to braided line, knots, lure retrieves plus more.

A sausage sizzle will be available on the night.



Major Raffle

The Major Raffle has been on sale for just a month and most of the tickets have already been sold. Dale Johnson of Freshest Fishing Tours generously donated a half day guided fishing trip for two people as the major prize. Tickets are \$5 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at our January meeting to be held on 21st January 2019. Members can buy tickets at meetings and can take tickets home to be sold to friends and neighbours.

If you are a distant member you can also buy tickets. Just deposit your money electronically and send an email or phone to say how many tickets you want to purchase. Your tickets will be emailed back to you.

We are only printing 100 tickets so your chances of winning are good. Buy a ticket and support the club.



December Outing Lake Keepit

A trip to Lake Keepit has been organized for the weekend of 7th/8th/9^h December. We will be staying at the Lake Keepit Recreation Area where you can choose to camp or hire a cabin. Members will be responsible for organizing their own transport, food and accommodation. Make sure you put your name on the outings sheet or contact Glenn if you would like to go. You can read more about our target species, carp, on page 15 and I have included some notes below. You may have gathered I enjoy my carp fishing so I plan to head to Keepit a few days before the official outing.



If you are camping you have the option of camping around the dam where there are campsites with pit toilets. You can also camp in the caravan park but you must make a booking. Campsites around the dam cost \$18 per night which includes your entry to the state park and you can use the facilities of the caravan park. If you stay at the caravan park the cost is \$22 for unpowered sites and \$32 for powered sites per night. You can also book cabins from \$94 per night. For details visit this site:

<https://reflectionsolidayparks.com.au/park/lake-keepit/>

As far as fishing gear is concerned you can take your spin rod or any fly rod in 6-8wt range. I will have the club rods and reels for anyone who wants to borrow a fly rod. Most flies will work on carp but woolly worms and woolly buggers are a good standby. I will have some spare flies for anyone who would like some (see the article on Carp on Page 15)

You don't need a boat as the best fishing comes from walking the shore line but a boat or 4wd is useful for getting to the back of the lake away from the water skiers. I will make sure everyone gets to a section of the lake where there are carp and will help anyone who has never caught one on fly before.



The lake is currently at 8% capacity so boat owners will need to be careful (last time we were there it was 13%). The good news is that there is less water for the fish to hide in.

Everyone should take their own food. The Kiosk will be open from 9 to 5 each day with light snacks. There will be a club BBQ on Saturday night so bring something to cook. There are electric BBQs but bring some \$1 coins.

If this is your first visit remember it is a 350km trip so leave plenty of time for the drive. It is always hot at the Lake so take plenty of drinking water and wear clothing to prevent sunburn. You don't need a special license to fish there but you must have your NSW fishing license.

Casting with Morsie

Peter Morse is returning to Coffs Harbour to conduct fly casting lessons next month.

He will be here Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December. He will be covering basic casting across the skills spectrum, fundamental loop making, distance, curves and mends, dealing with the wind, whatever you feel you need to get better at. You can register for Saturday or Sunday or both if you are keen.

Cost is \$150 pp for the day; the day starts at 8am and finishes at 4pm. **Bookings are essential.** Contact David Moppett for more information or to make a booking.

Peter Morse is a Master Casting Instructor (MCI) with Fly Fishers International



Club Caps

Club caps are available for sale again. We only ordered 10 so first in first served. They are \$20 each. If you are a distant member you can order yours by phone or email and deposit your money electronically. Your cap will be posted to you.



Members Contact Database

If you responded to the email regarding the Members Contact Database you should have received an email with a link to the Database. If you didn't receive an email or your link didn't work please contact the Secretary.

Committee Meeting

The Committee will be meeting before the Buy Swap/Sell night on Monday 19th November. Start time is 5.30pm. As there won't be time in the general meeting decisions regarding accounts to be paid and the 2019 club calendar will be made in committee. Any member is welcome to sit in on committee meetings and make representations through committee members.

Home Waters

The Club has settled on a **Home Waters** policy aimed at increasing opportunities for members to catch fish and offering guests and visiting anglers a place where we can showcase the best of fly fishing on the Coffs Coast.

The **Kalang/Bellinger River** system, merging at the township of Urunga, was selected after careful consideration of all the other possibilities. The system was chosen for the following reasons:

- It is a declared recreational fishing haven, no professional fishing activity allowed. Since the declaration of the recreational fishing zone the fishing has improved immensely every season
- There is a diverse range of species in residence all year or visit seasonally in reliable numbers
- Extensive opportunities exist to fish the waterway and accommodate multiple crews and individuals
Kalang River. 77 kilometres
Bellinger River. 109 kilometres
- All river, estuary, tight water, beach, breakwater scenarios are catered for. If you're skilled or brave Bluewater possibilities exist
- Opportunities for canoes, kayaks, trailer boats and walking the flats abound
- This is the only joint system that can offer Bass, the Trevally family, Mangrove Jack, Mulloway and the usual estuary suspects
- Given our membership runs from Yarrahappini to Woolgoolga, Urunga can be considered a central location

Dedicating our efforts to a **Home Waters** will allow us to build up data regarding species, seasonal influences, tidal effect, water conditions, entry points, preferred flies etc.

In the future it is hoped that we can exhibit our social and environmental citizenship to the wider community by being a part of events such as "Clean up Australia Day."



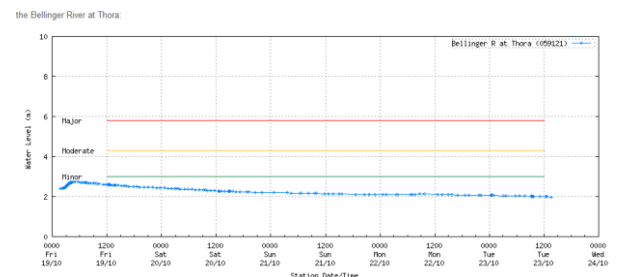
Having **Home Waters** is a solid move forward for our club, giving us the means and location to become expert masters of this system. Pooling our catch data and experiences will provide many enjoyable times ahead for our membership group.

This policy has the support of the Committee and the general membership. This is a condensed version of a detailed article that David Moppett has presented to the Committee. If you would like a copy of the full article please ask a committee member.

River Levels

To kick off our intelligence gathering on our Home Waters I found this website showing river levels for the Bellinger/Kalang Rivers (among others) This should prove very helpful if you are wondering what the recent rain has done to your waterway.

<http://www.bellingeweather.org/rivers.htm>



Club Calendar 2019

Below is the draft calendar for 2019. It is based on what we have done in the past and some new ideas for the future. It will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting on Monday 19th November 2018 where there will be opportunity to make changes and additions. If you have any thoughts, comments or ideas for the calendar please contact a committee member.

| Month | Outings | Activities |
|------------------|--|--|
| JANUARY | Casting Day Saturday 19 th | No Fly Tying Club Meeting Monday 21 st |
| FEBRUARY | Lake Keepit Friday 8 th - Sunday 10 th Home Waters Saturday 23 rd | Fly Tying Monday 4 th Club Meeting Monday 18 th |
| MARCH | Forster Fly Muster (TBA) Bass Bash Wednesday 13 th (pm Home Waters) Ebor Saturday 23 rd | Fly Tying Monday 4 th Club Meeting Monday 18 th |
| APRIL | Casting Day Saturday 13 th Home Waters Saturday 27 th | Fly Tying Monday 1 st No Club Meeting |
| MAY | Home Waters Saturday 25 th (Flathead/Jewfish) | Fly Tying Monday 6 th Club Meeting Monday 18 th |
| JUNE | Bluewater Saturday 22 nd | Fly Tying Monday 3 rd Club Meeting Monday 17 th |
| JULY | Dunmore Waters Friday 26 th - Sunday 28 th | Fly Tying Monday 1 st Club Meeting Monday 15 th |
| AUGUST | Swansea Friday 9 th - Sunday 11 th Home Waters Saturday 31 st | Fly Tying Monday 5 th Club Meeting Monday 19 th |
| SEPTEMBER | Casting Day Saturday 14 th The Gorge Clarence River Friday 20 th - Sunday 22 nd | Fly Tying Monday 2 nd Club Meeting Monday 16 th |
| OCTOBER | Ebor Weekend Friday 25 th - Sunday 27 th | No Fly Tying Club Meeting Monday 21 st |
| NOVEMBER | Urunga Flathead Tournament TBA Jackadgerary Mann River Friday 15 th - Sunday 17 th | Fly Tying Monday 4 th Club Meeting Monday 18 th |
| DECEMBER | Lake Keepit Friday 13 th - Sunday 15 th | Fly Tying Monday 2 nd 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.

Facebook

By David Moppett



Thanks to everyone and their efforts with the Facebook campaign it is proceeding well. We have 147 members, which is very good. We have secured 2 full members from this at present. Demographically we have identified between 6 and 8 legitimate prospective members for the club, who we hope to convert over the next couple of months.

The basic formula for Facebook is very simple;

- Content and participation
- Participation = like, share, comment, post & invite
- Context = relevancy (put garbage in, get garbage out)

The page is for everyone it is not a competition or a glory board for a select few. We are trying to create an experience for the viewer, waterways, sunsets, boats, birds, people, large & small fish. One mistake we did make was pushing all our efforts into the Inc page then expecting people to change or put effort into pushing a new page.

Coffs Coast Fly Fishers Facebook suggestions and recommendations:

- Don't use Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc anymore
- Only post to Coffs Coast Fly Fishers
- Avoid if possible recycled posts from other pages. Static posters etc
- People love real life what we are doing
- Movie clips from your smart phone are great
- Clear photos

- As members, we need to 'like' even if we didn't really like it. Why? It encourages people to keep posting, makes people want to post. Facebook has rankings on 'likes' and it looks like we are an active page.
- Ask our friends to follow
- You don't have to believe the Facebook plan is perfect, but if you haven't got a better one please support.

The goal we are trying to achieve is to demonstrate to people we are doing things in a positive and active way. People won't join a club like ours unless we are doing it better than they are doing now. We are not a service club, so the attraction needs to be created.

Exciting news for our Facebook followers is that we will be running a photo competition in the coming months. Open to anyone with a camera, phone, box brownie or even a set of crayons the competition will be judged by an independent expert. The subject will have to be fly fishing related but if you happen to slip in a landscape, some fauna or flora or leave the spinning rod in the photo you will still be eligible. All you have to do is post it in our Facebook Group. More details to come on Facebook. We hope to announce the winning photo at our January 2019 meeting. There may even be prizes!





Another Casting Program

Last month I wrote about casting programs and how they can help us become better fly fishers. At the risk of boring you even more I want to tell you of another program that has just been released. This one has been produced by Fly Fishers International and is called the Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program. It has many things in common with Paul Arden's Sexyloops Challenge but what sets this apart is the fact that it comes from an internationally recognized organization that has been involved in fly fishing and accrediting casting instructors for many years.

To give you some background on the pedigree of this program you need to know a little about Fly Fishers International. FFI has been around since 1964. It is a non-profit organization headquartered in Livingston, Montana USA and was first called the Federation of Fly Fishers. In recent years it has spread its wings to encompass many other countries and is now called Fly Fishers International. Its mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community.

One of the major achievements of the FFI has been to develop a Casting Instructor Certification Program. This was established in 1992 by some of the most respected names in the world of fly fishing including Mel Krieger, who founded the CICP, Gary Borger, Lefty Kreh, Joan Wulff, Jim Green, Al Kyte, Bruce Richards, Steve Rajeff, and Al Buhr. International expansion has brought further well-known names into the program including Australian Peter Hayes who is on the Casting Board of Governors.

The Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) was developed to enhance the overall level of instruction in fly casting by increasing instructor knowledge, casting proficiency, and teaching ability. Most fly clubs in Australia have at least one certified casting instructor in their ranks. To become a certified casting instructor you have to have a thorough knowledge of the mechanics of casting and be able to teach people at all levels. It is also essential to be able to cast well. Many people who can cast well want recognition for their casting but don't want to learn about the theory of how a cast works or worry about how you would teach someone. They also don't want to go through the rigorous and costly process that leads to certification. For these people a casting program like the Fly Casting Skills Challenge can provide recognition for their achievements and a pathway to becoming a casting instructor down the track.

So let's look in a bit more details at the Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program and how it compares to the other programs I wrote about last month. Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program is designed for the experienced beginner caster, as well as intermediate and advanced fly fishers. It is meant to be a fun, voluntary way to study, practice and challenge oneself in a progressive fashion at one's own pace. It allows participants to measure progress with an option of receiving documentation and recognition for doing so. Each casting challenge at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold game levels is directly applicable to increasingly difficult fishing scenarios and includes these general areas:

- Pick-up and Lay-down cast
- False casting
- Roll casting
- Reach mends, slack line, and curve casts
- Accuracy, from Dominant and Non-Dominant shoulders
- Distance and shooting line
- Hauling
- Casting while seated or kneeling
- Presenting the backcast

The Challenge Program is supported by online educational resources, including soon to be included videos of all the casts. These resources can be used by individuals, groups, and Clubs. You can undertake the program on your own but as I said last month working with a partner or group will be much more effective and rewarding. The guidance of a FFI certified fly casting instructor is useful but not essential as any experienced caster can provide the support needed. Assessments can be made by anyone but if you are seeking accreditation through FFI someone at Gold Casting Skills Level or a CCI will be needed.



Having used the Orvis and Sexyloops programs I am prepared to say I think this is the best of the three. For absolute beginners I still think I would start with the Orvis Program as it is essential to learn about short casts and a short casting arc. For more advanced casters the Sexyloops Challenge offers a more thorough test of real fishing situations. But if I had to pick just one program the Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program would be my first choice.

Most people who have caught fish on fly should be able to master this program with a little practice. The expectations are not beyond the reach of a beginning caster. For example, the distance cast for Bronze level is only 50 feet and the accuracy and roll casts are to 40 feet. With only seven levels it is possible to complete the program in a reasonable period of time. The strength of this program is that it will teach real fishing skills and develop the consistency needed to catch fish.

There is one major drawback with the Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program and that is you have to join Fly Fishers International to receive official recognition and purchase certificates and pins. This is a costly process as membership is USD\$35 and certificates and pins range from USD\$25-\$35. Fortunately, you don't need to join to use the program. You can download all the information, documents and resources you will need from here:

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting/Casting-Skills-Challenge>

I'm keen to try this program. It offers a structured approach to developing casting skills and provides the resources needed to achieve success. If you are looking for a way to improve your casting and maybe receive recognition for your casting ability I think this is the program for you.

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Legends of Fly Fishing

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If you have been reading the series on legends of fly fishing you will have noted how American centric it has been. Although fly fishing has its roots in England the Americans have dominated the sport in recent years. Whether it's because they have had more movers and shakers or whether they are just good at self promotion is open to debate.

This month I want to write about Gary Borger. His name crops up wherever you see anything related to fly fishing and fly casting. He is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He has been a fly fisher since 1955 and has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. A free-lance writer and photographer, Gary is also a Contributing Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine, Editor at Large for the Virtual Fly Shop, and Fly Fishing Columnist for North American Fisherman.

He has written eight best-selling books on fly fishing: "Nymphing," "Naturals," "The Borger Color System," "Designing Trout Flies," "Presentation," "Fishing the Film," "Reading Waters," and "Long Flies."

Gary also pioneered video instruction with his release of "Nymphing" in 1982 and is a designer of fly rods and reels, clothing and many other innovative angling products and fly designs. He is internationally recognized for his conservation efforts and is a founding board member of Trout Unlimited, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and many other organizations.

Gary was named one of the top seven most influential fly fishers of the last 50 years by Canada's Fly Fusion Magazine.

In an interview Garry was asked what are the key steps in becoming a good fly-fisherman? His list of top 10 requirements is worth noting.

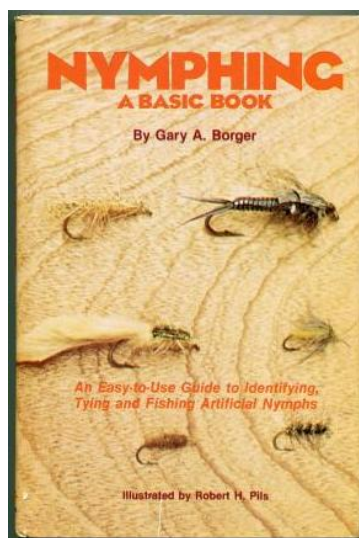
1. Casting ability.
2. Understanding the biology of the fish and its food organisms.
3. Reading waters not just to find fish but to plan the best approach, cast, fly selection, and so on.
4. Understanding fly construction and how that construction will affect the behavior of the fly when fished with a variety of techniques.
5. Understanding the need to play the role of the angler as predator and hunt and stalk fish.
6. Knowing a wide variety of angling tactics and the circumstances under which they give the best results.
7. Be willing to fish for a wide variety of species.
8. An eager willingness to learn, to try new things, and to expand one's fishing experiences.
9. A solid knowledge of fishing equipment and how to use best use it.
10. An undying passion for fishing.

If you want to learn more from Gary Borger you can watch one of his early videos (remember that HD video cameras didn't exist in the 1980s) here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xU_fOVKm-ao

If you enjoy listening to podcasts this interview with Gary Borger is worth a listen:

https://flyfishingjourneys.com/?powerpress_pinw=1185-podcast



Carp

Heaven forbid that a troutie write an article about carp unless it is to heap scorn and derision upon them. Well let's get the scorn and derision out of the way first.

Carp are an introduced freshwater fish which are in plague proportions throughout most of NSW. They are a pest because of their destructive bottom-feeding habits, which stir up sediments and muddy the water which has a detrimental effect on native aquatic plants, animals and general river health. Carp feeding habits can undermine river banks leading to the collapse of banks and vegetation. Carp compete for food and habitats that effects the recruitment of our native fish.

Little wonder with such a record every effort is being made to eradicate them. Currently, research is being done into the release of a virus which will significantly reduce the number of carp in our waterways. And that will be good!

No one wants to see carp continue to thrive. But at the moment they are still around in great numbers and if I can do my bit to catch and kill a few I am happy to help.



As a troutie I see a lot to like about carp. The average size is probably bigger than any trout I've caught. You will get to see the backing on your reel most times you hook up on a carp. And they present a challenge equal to any educated trout.

I am a troutie because I am a hunter. I like being able to sight my quarry and watch it eat the fly. I like being able to fool a trout into taking my artificial, especially when I have tied the fly myself. If trout are my first choice of prey, carp are not far behind.

Carp can be sight fished in clear water (like Lake Keepit). They can be found in the margins but they do not suffer noisy approaches, bad presentations, or lack of casting skills. If you can catch a carp on fly you are learning the skills needed to catch a trout.



When it comes to flies carp can be just as fussy as a trout. However, if you get the presentation right most flies will work. In preparing for our club trip to Keepit in December I have been tying flies to share. I've settled on 3 simple generic patterns that are easy to tie and use basic materials. I'm not even sure of the names of these flies as I have stolen the patterns from Jason or someone in the Kangaroo Carp FB Group.





And just in case these three patterns won't work I'll be taking a few extra boxes of patterns that have worked at one time or other.



I will probably be thrown out of the trouties union for writing this but then I was probably never really a member. If I had my choice I would fish for trout every day but when that is not possible I am happy to chase carp. If you haven't fly fished for carp before I suggest you give it a go. Everyone I know who has been on a club trip to Keepit has returned with a new respect for carp and a desire to return. I hope I might see you there this December.

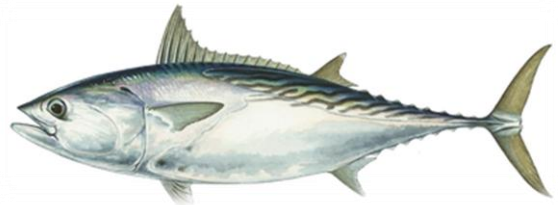
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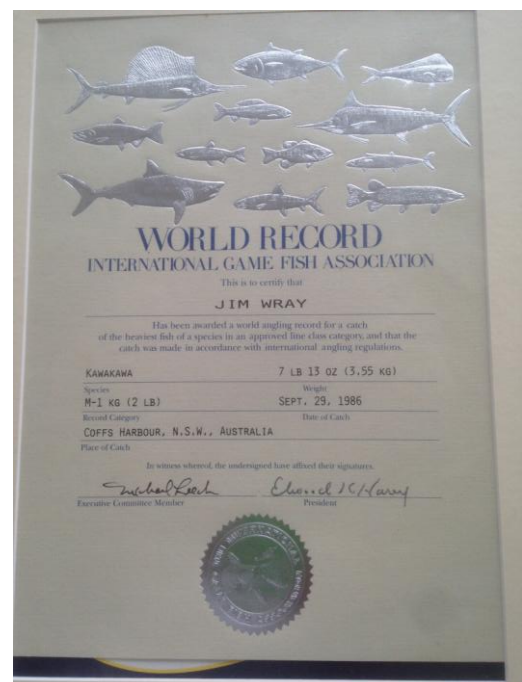
Those interested in tournaments and seeking recognition for their fishing skills might want to consider joining the Australian National Sportsfishing Association (ANSA) See page 24

Talk to David M, Glenn or Jim if you would like more information. It's a great way to hone your fishing skills and gain some recognition.

In the days when Coffs Harbour had a Sportfishing Club many records and certificates were held here. It's not well known but Jim Wray, a founding member of our club, still holds a world record with the International Game Fish Association - a 7 lb 13 oz Mackerel Tuna (Kawakawa) on 2lb line. Now that would take some landing! Next time you see Jim you might want to ask him about how to land such powerful fish on such light line.



| Line Class | Min. Req'd Weight | Weight | Location | Catch Date | Angler | Record Details | History Details |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| M-01 kg (2 lb) | | 3.55 kg (7 lb 13 oz) | Coffs Harbour, N.S.W., Australia | 28-Sep-1986 | Jim Wray | Record Details | History Details |



Recreational Fishing Trust grants

Do you have a great idea to improve recreational fishing in your local area? Now is the time for NSW fishing and community groups to apply for funding to bring their ideas to life, with Recreational Fishing Trust funding applications.

Grants are available for both large projects involving more than \$10,000 of funding, and smaller projects involving less than \$10,000.

Projects funded from the Recreational Fishing Trust include recreational fishing education, fishing access and facilities, improving fish habitat, fisheries research and much more.

Some of the popular projects currently funded include fishing platforms, fish cleaning facilities, fish stocking, fish aggregating devices, fishing workshops, the Fishcare Volunteer program and fish habitat rehabilitation.



Each year, around \$15 million is raised from the sale of recreational fishing licences and re-invested back into projects that benefit recreational fishing.

Applications are open to anyone, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups, and individuals. Joint applications, including those that combine freshwater and saltwater projects, are encouraged. You can discuss your funding ideas with DPI Fisheries by calling (02) 4916 3835 or by emailing recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Applications close on 30 November 2018. For more information, [visit DPI's website](#).

Trout Flies and Colour

I have just finished reading the newsletters from two of my other fly fishing clubs, one in Tasmania and one in New Zealand. I was interested in the fact that the subject of colour cropped up in both. In New Zealand they have been experimenting with blue flies and had a competition where only blue flies could be used. It obviously worked.



In Tasmania distant member Alan Taylor has been using red beadhead flies for trout for a number of years. Recently he has been experimenting with chartreuse and having great success (although anyone who knows Alan will know he can catch fish in a bathtub!)



The moral to the story is don't be afraid to experiment with colour.



Garry's Corner



We're in the middle of a big warehouse clean up!

There's so much stuff that has been sitting in corners over the past decade and it's all coming to the Coffs Coast fly fishers Club for a massive 50% off the A1flyfishing.com.au website prices sale.

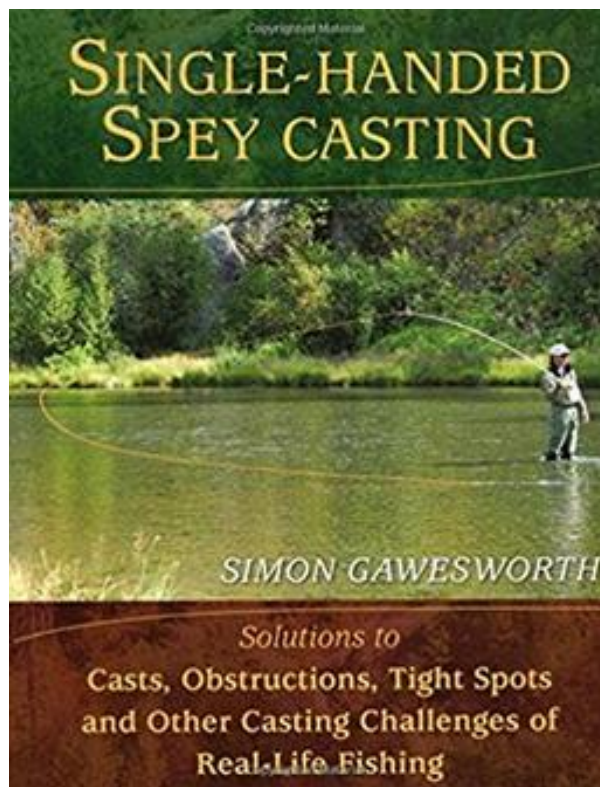
There's so much fly fishing gear of all sorts as well as examples, clearance stock, end of product line items, etc, etc!

Get prepared to get yourself a bargain, see you on the night!

A1 flyfishing
'Once in a decade' Factory Clean-up
SALE!
One night only !!!
November 19th
Coffs Coast Fly Fishers Club
100's of items
Tying Gear
Nets
Clothing
Fly Reels
50% off the website prices !!!
Rod Tubes
DVD's
Tying Vises
I might Join the Club!
hmm
Bargains
Fly Rods
I'm going for sure!
Me too!
... and \$2 Lures OVERLOAD!
The Granddaddy FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE
plus .. Conventional Tackle too

Book Review

Single-Handed Spey Casting Simon Gawesworth



This is not a book review per se. Rather it is an opportunity to let people know that Simon Gawesworth is in Australia next month and will be giving free casting demonstrations in Brisbane. If you are interested in attending the details are at the end.

Simon may have not have reached Legend status yet but he is acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on spey casting and has taught and demonstrated spey casting around the world.

He has both cast and fished for England in British, European and World Championships and was elected Captain of the England team for the 2003 World Fly Fishing Championship.

Simon is A.P.G.A.I. and S.T.A.N.I.C. certified in the U.K. and C.I., Master and T.H.C.I. certified in the U.S.

Simon currently lives in South West Washington when he is not touring the world fishing and teaching.

The other reason I wanted to include this book review was to make the point that all the current talk about doubled handed rods and spey casting is just as applicable to single handed rods. It's a book that anyone wanting to learn about fly casting should own. Here is a bit about the book:

"Expert spey caster Simon Gawesworth shares casts adapted from two-handed spey casting that enable you to fish the challenging spots most anglers skip. Whether you're a small-stream angler casting for tough trout or a saltwater fly fisher, Simon has refined spey casts for all one-handed rod needs: the single spey, double spey, snake roll, snap T, side cast, shepherd's crook, reach cast, and aerial mends. Learn ways to cast a fly to cope with obstructions wherever you find them and whatever water you fish, making it possible for you to fish the waters that frustrate other anglers."



Format Hardback | 248 pages
Publication date 17 Dec 2009
Publisher [Stackpole Books](#)
Publication City/Country United States
ISBN10 0811705595
ISBN13 9780811705592
Approximate cost AUD\$50

Simon Gawesworth in Brisbane

Simon Gawesworth will be in Brisbane for 2 events, one will be a talk on fly lines on the evening of 15th November with the Brisbane FFC. The other is a full casting day on the 17th of November which will present an opportunity to

win a swag of prizes. It's also being held through the Brisbane FFC. The casting day will have 10 identical Sage rods (5X#5 weights (X's) and 5X#9 weights (SaltHD's) each with a different RIO line. Additionally we'll be holding the RIO casting Olympics - 5 events with around \$1200 worth of prizes going to the overall Australian champ.

Thursday the 15th November

Venue: North Brisbane Football Club

Address: 44A Thistle St, Lutwyche

Time: 6:30.

Simon will be talking about fly lines, tapers, and how these should influence our line selection and will be open to questions.

Free casting day Saturday 17th November

Venue: Wilston Grange Football Club

Hickey Park, Babarra St, Stafford.

Time: 9am - 3PM

This day is a mix of many different opportunities. Firstly the opportunity to hear what Simon has to say about casting - he is a former champion fly caster and competition fisherman.

Both these events are a great opportunity to spend some time with one of the legends of the fly fishing world, the great Simon Gawesworth as well as RIO fly lines and Sage rods.

Freshest Fishing Tours

Last weekend I was joined by fellow club member John on a half day fishing trip with Dale from Freshest Fishing Tours. I own a boat, I have fished the river often and I have caught all the target species on fly so it may seem strange that I would pay for a fishing trip with Freshest Fishing Tours. I could say it was in the name of research to see the value of the prize the club is offering in its major raffle (see Page 6). But really it was a good way for me to learn more about the river, the fish and how to catch them.

John didn't know the river well so for him it was as an opportunity to gain some local knowledge which would help him fish the area more productively in his new boat. By sharing the costs we both achieved our goals with the outlay of not much more than you would spend on a night out at a good restaurant.



Dale is happy to show you his favourite fishing spots but the value of his trips is more in the techniques and tactics that you will learn. I was particularly interested in learning about sounders and GPS and Dale set me on the right track with his expert knowledge.



We did catch fish and spent a very enjoyable morning in the company of a very knowledgeable and accommodating guide. I can highly recommend Dale to anyone wanting to know more about fishing our local waterways. We only fished fly but Dale can cater for all types of fishing and people with all levels of fishing ability.

If your family always complains about how difficult it is to find something for you for a Christmas present might I suggest you leave this page of the newsletter open on the kitchen table.



<http://www.freshestfishing.com.au/>

Our Supporters

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



Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

2018 Club Calendar

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
|----|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| 1 | Mo New Year's Day | Th | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Sa | Mo | Th | Sa | 1 |
| 2 | Tu | Fr | Fr | Mo Easter Monday | We | Sa | Mo Fly Tying RedBuilding | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su | 2 |
| 3 | We | Sa | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Mo Fly Tying | We | Sa | Mo Fly Tying | 3 |
| 4 | Th | Su | Su | We | Fr | Mo Fly Tying | We | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | Tu | 4 |
| 5 | Fr | Mo | Mo Fly Tying | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | We | Fr Outing Ebor | Mo Fly Tying | We | 5 |
| 6 | Sa | Tu | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Fr | Mo Fly Tying | Th | Sa Outing Ebor | Tu | Th | 6 |
| 7 | Su | We | We | Sa | Mo Fly Tying | Th | Sa | Tu | Fr | Su Outing Ebor | We 5 x 5 Urunga | Fr Outing Keepit | 7 |
| 8 | Mo | Th | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Sa | Mo | Th | Sa Outing Keepit | 8 |
| 9 | Tu | Fr | Fr | Mo | We | Sa | Mo RedBuilding | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su Outing Keepit | 9 |
| 10 | We | Sa | Sa Forster Fly Muster | Tu | Th | Su | Tu | Fr Swansea | Mo | We 5 x 5 Urunga | Sa Urunga Flathead | Mo | 10 |
| 11 | Th | Su | Su Forster Fly Muster | We | Fr | Mo Queen's Birthday | We | Sa Swansea | Tu | Th | Su Urunga Flathead | Tu | 11 |
| 12 | Fr | Mo | Mo | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | Su Swansea | We | Fr | Mo | We | 12 |
| 13 | Sa | Tu | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Fr | Mo | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | 13 |
| 14 | Su | We | We | Sa Keepit | Mo | Th | Sa | Tu | Fr | Su Gone Fishing Day | We | Fr | 14 |
| 15 | Mo Meeting | Th | Th | Su Keepit | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Sa | Mo Meeting | Th | Sa | 15 |
| 16 | Tu | Fr | Fr | Mo Meeting | We | Sa | Mo Meeting | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su | 16 |
| 17 | We | Sa | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Mo Meeting | We 5 x 5 Urunga | Sa | Mo | 17 |
| 18 | Th | Su | Su | We | Fr | Mo Meeting | We | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | Tu | 18 |
| 19 | Fr | Mo Meeting | Mo Meeting | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | Su Casting Day | We | Fr | Mo Meeting | We | 19 |
| 20 | Sa | Tu | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Fr | Mo Meeting | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | 20 |
| 21 | Su Outing Mylestom | We | We | Sa | Mo Meeting | Th | Sa | Tu | Fr Port Macquarie | Su | We | Fr | 21 |
| 22 | Mo | Th | Th | Su Outing Woolgoolga | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Sa Port Macquarie | Mo | Th | Sa | 22 |
| 23 | Tu | Fr | Fr | Mo | We | Sa Winter Solstice | Mo | Th | Su Port Macquarie | Tu | Fr | Su | 23 |
| 24 | We | Sa Outing Taylors Arm | Sa Outing Ebor | Tu | Th | Su Outing Stuarts Pt | Tu | Fr | Mo | We 5 x 5 Urunga | Sa Dorrigo Show | Mo | 24 |
| 25 | Th | Su | Su | We ANZAC Day | Fr | Mo | We | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | Tu Christmas Day | 25 |
| 26 | Fr Australia Day | Mo | Mo | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | Su | We | Fr | Mo | We Boxing Day | 26 |
| 27 | Sa | Tu | Tu | Fr | Su Outing Bonville | We | Fr Outing Dunmore | Mo | Th | Sa | Tu | Th | 27 |
| 28 | Su | We | We | Sa | Mo | Th | Sa Outing Dunmore | Tu | Fr | Su | We | Fr | 28 |
| 29 | Mo | | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su Outing Dunmore | We | Sa | Mo | Th | Sa | 29 |
| 30 | Tu | | Fr Good Friday | Mo | We | Sa | Mo | Th | Su | Tu | Fr | Su | 30 |
| 31 | We | | Sa Easter Saturday | | Th | | Tu | Fr | | We 5 x 5 Urunga | | Mo | 31 |

Membership Fees

Membership Fees are as follows:

- Adult membership \$25
- Concession membership \$20
- Junior membership free
- eMembership free

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June. If paying membership after December fees will be reduced by 50%.

¹ Concession membership is available to senior cardholders, pension card holders (including disability support and aged), Centrelink and Veterans Affairs cardholders

² eMembership replaces Distant Membership and is available to anyone not wanting to attend meetings or events but still retain the other benefits of club membership. eMembers are not covered by Club Insurance. eMembers wanting to participate in an event or meeting must pay to become full members.

³ 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:**

BSB 062-678
Account Number: 10333424
Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc
Reference: Your surname

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

Club Executive 2018-19

President: Kevin Cosgrove

Vice President: Doug Urquhart

Secretary: Allan Ekert

Assistant Secretary: Rod Leane

Treasurer: Walter Krainik

Assistant Treasurer: Denise Jones

Public Officer: Allan Ekert

Committee:

Don Cummings, Glenn Colquhoun, David Moppett

Newsletter Editor: Allan Ekert

Club Contact Address

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

Our mailing address is:

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Internet

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/>



Sportfishing NSW
Application for Membership
 2018-19



Member Details:

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|---------|--|-----------|--|
| Name: | | | | | |
| Address: | | | | | |
| Suburb: | | State: | | Postcode: | |
| Email: | | | | | |
| Phone: | | Mobile: | | | |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Type of membership (tick one) | Individual- \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family- \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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I agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws and rules and regulations of ANSA NSW.

| | | | |
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| Signed: | | Date: | |
|---------|--|-------|--|

Additional family member details:

| Name | D.O.B. (if under 16) |
|------|----------------------|
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Please make cheque or money order payable to ANSA NSW. Payment can also be made via direct deposit to **BSB: 062 646, Account No.: 0090 0752, Account Name: ANSA NSW Main Account** using your surname as the payment reference.

Return completed form and payment

to: Membership Officer

PO Box 481

Matraville NSW

2036 Or by email to:

membership@ansansw.com.au



Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

Membership Form

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

(print full name)

of.....

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

Email address.....

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

Emergency Contact:..... phone:

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

- | | | | |
|---|------|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult membership | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Concession membership ¹ | \$20 |
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I agree to: (cross out if you **do not** agree.)

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

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

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

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