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To make "Clarence Catchlines" an interesting newsletter the editor is after articles to include each month, so if you have something of interest please forward it to the Secretary; eg if you have a fishy story, a new fly or something to sell, please let us know about it and it will get in the newsletter.

Next Meeting

8th June 2011

Our next meeting will be at **Guide Hall, Lindisfarne** at **8.00pm**. The Guide Hall is on The Esplanade on the between Ford Parade and Wellington Road.



The Committee will meet at 7pm.

Topics for discussion include the cabin, fund-raising and planning for the Club's Annual Dinner and BBQ at ~~Anaconda, Cambridge~~.

June events

- ❖ Wednesday 1st June 2011
 - **STLAA Meeting 8pm @ Glenorchy Library**
- ❖ Wednesday 8th June 2011
 - **CLAC Meeting 8pm @ Lindisfarne Guide Hall**
- ❖ ~~Saturday to Monday 18th & 19th June~~
 - ~~Anaconda BBQ~~
- ❖ Saturday 25th June 2011
 - **STLAA Dinner 6.30 for 7pm @ Polish Club**

July dates & events

- ❖ Saturday 1st July 2011
 - **Annual membership fee due**
- ❖ Wednesday 13th July 2011
 - **CLAC Annual Dinner 6.30 for 7pm @ Lindisfarne Guide Hall**

August events

- ❖ Wednesday 3rd August 2011
 - **STLAA Elections 8pm @ Glenorchy Library**
- ❖ Saturday 6th August 2011
 - **Opening of Season for Brown Trout**
- ❖ Wednesday 10th August 2011
 - **CLAC AGM & Elections 8pm @ Lindisfarne Guide Hall**

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STLAA Delegates: Neil Pinkard & Charlie Harris
Life Members: Gordon Banks (Patron), Neil Pinkard, Ron Ruthven & Geoff Watson

Fly-tying nights have recommenced.

Reports & Articles & Photos

Woods Lake – last of the browns

Remember how we all looked forward to the first trip of the season in August? Rods were dusted off, lines were renewed, reels were oiled, and fishing shops were frequented for new fangled gizmos for the season - with great expectancy!

Well, did they work better than the year before?

The final field trip is now over and dusted. We had heard how fantastically Woods had been fishing lately so we were off to check it out.

We'd also heard that the road into Woods Lake wasn't too bad, what they didn't say was "compared to". When Harold & David arrived at the lake, after driving in at a max of 25kph, dodging strategically placed ruts & holes, they found Norm & Neil already set up in camp, with boats already in the water. After setting up their camps and having tea we settled around Norm's glowing brazier, joined by a fellow fisherman, Danny, from the Bothwell Anglers and a South African kayaker from Victoria.

Bruce rolled in after dark, minus his boat, which was still at home due to his trailer lights being incompatible with to his new Mercedes campervan.

Friday night was a getting to know Danny, swapping yarns etc with his country music in the "background". It was during this period that we found out that Danny had been raised in Tarraleah which is where Harold had been the Highlands 100 yard champion which Danny remembered.

Saturday morning dawned to a peaceful lake, almost flat calm. Everyone was an early riser - out on the Lake in search of the elusive browns. Most motored to the river end of the lake, which looked very promising with trees standing in the Lake, weed showing on the Fish Finder, and a gentle eddy to move us over the surface as we fished fairly clear water. David picked up a nice brown, 330cms in good condition on a Green/Gold cobra. Norm and Neil had "boated" one & two on flies from around the trees and off the nearby shore respectively.

Peter with his Labrador "Sydney", fished the day until late afternoon, boating a nice one, probably the best conditioned trout for the day, on the fly. Vince and his son Tristan also came up for the day, taking six; two on the fly and four with lure.

David & co decided that as the fishing was quiet they would do some trolling around the edges to see what was on offer. Our friend Danny was seen doing laps in the centre of the Lake - reported catching a couple of nice fish but dropping more. David latched onto another brown, this time on the fly dropper (black/red with a yellow tail) & Bruce picked up one on a cobra (catch and release) - all caught towards the dam end in 13/14 feet of water.

They were seeing lots of slurping fish, endless circles of water where trout were apparently leaping

out and crashing back into the lake in an effort to shake their roe loose prior to expelling them. This went on all day much to their frustration as they were always out of reach and not interested.

Around midday, Norm & Neil headed back to camp for breakfast however stopped in the middle of the Lake where the occasional rise occurred erratically. Norm picked up one on the dry – a small Elk Hair Caddis pattern. Frustratingly there were many "oncers" but getting close was difficult. When they tired of that they headed back to the boat ramp however Norm veered off to the left as he noticed another rise – a success, but the sole one before Norm weakened, returning to camp at 3.30pm!

Others trolled & drift spun - as the sun went down & the warmth went out of the day, Harold landed a 315 cm brown & David picked up 2 more using a green/yellow Lofty's Devon spinner.

At dusk in his boat off the shore near camp Norm picked up another 3 on his small Elk Hair Caddis pattern.

Saturday night was spent around the brazier again with some refreshments.

Sunday morning arrived with a complete change of weather, miserable low clouds and persistent drizzle, sometimes heavier than other times. Most went out on the water in spite of the inclemency leaving Bruce to sleep in - much to his delight.

Leigh & Scott turned up early, up for the day, so maybe they brought the weather with them?

The day dragged by with little to report, Neil accounted for a nice fish on his "green machine" wet fly – 495gms cleaned - with massive amounts of roe inside. Norm improved on his catch rate ending up with 8 for the weekend. With the weather closing in and not a lot of faith in it clearing most prepared for home, leaving Leigh & Scott to persist – catching 6 & 7 respectively on lures. Scott bagged the best Brown of the w/e 1.27kg cleaned & 54cms.

Maybe a few of us acquired some "Ace" moments in the hope that nominations may cement their position for the annual "Ace Award" presentation.

- 1- David had every key except the one for the lock on the chain attaching the boat to his trailer – the brute force of a large heavy spanner assisted in separating said lock and chain. Another Ace Award nomination?
- 2- Neil, not satisfied with a previous nomination for losing a trailer mud guard last year on the Woods Lake road on the way home, did it again. Another Ace Award nomination?
- 3- Neil's draw bar was seen "flexing" – on inspection it was apparent that the bolts had started to pull through the floor of his van. As he had no larger washers Norm substituted ring spanners to prevent the bolts escaping. It is reported that photos were taken. Ace Award nomination?

Although the turn out for the final Field trip of the season was disappointing those that did attend enjoyed themselves, as usual.

Thirty six trout were caught over the w/e averaging 550gms cleaned and 40cms long.

As Trout were caught by the leaders of the "Consistent Angler Award" the leader-board may have changed. {The final version is not in this newsletter as the result will be announced at our Dinner & Trophy night in July, when "Ace moments" shall be embellished by Stephen in his "Ace Trophy" presentation. Ed}

A Night at Ted's

Thursday 12th May @ Eastern Shore Tackle

About a dozen members turned up to join Ted in his tackle shop at Eastlands. Ted offered 20% off items to members on the night. Members had a good look around, quizzed Ted, purchased new gear, drank Ted's beer and then were attentive whilst Ted demonstrated how he fishes for trout in the Derwent with live bait. He had examples of the types of bait available. Thanks Ted, we all had a terrific evening.

IFS Trout Weekend Liawenee

Saturday to Sunday 21st & 22nd May

The Club once again participated in the IFS Trout Weekend at Liawenee, by organising a food stall selling pies, pasties, sausage rolls, party pies, cake, biscuits, muffins, tea, coffee, milo and soup. Saturday was well attended with the public enjoying the fine conditions viewing the fish trap, taking helicopter flights and watching the stripping of female and male Brown Trout. Food sales were harder this year due to the presence of more food vendors, mainly commercial. However spruikers Norm and Stephen, assisted by Gary and Cheryl, made sure that our raffles sold well.

On behalf of myself and the Club, I would like to thank the following members who travelled to Liawenee to work hard on our stall.

- Alan Shaw
- David Driver
- Gary Davy
- Les Hay
- Greg Brown
- Vince Coyte
- Stephen Granger
- Cheryl Wagner
- Norm Cribbin

There are many others that have been involved too some of whom I will mention now, Margaret Pinkard, Adrian, Alex, Charlie, Leigh etc.

I also want to thank those members that dropped in, particularly the 4 new members who were introduced by Leigh, and the Norman family (James & Charlie attended our May meeting).

Norm & Stephen also spoke to several new prospective new members.

Neil

Name this water



Can you identify this water?

(Another image from a glass plate for a stereoscope – if you have those 3D glasses with one red and one blue lens then you should be able to get a 3D image – mind you don't fall off your chair when you see the precipitous nature of the lookout.)

Raffles

We currently have 2 raffles which we wish members to help sell. We did sell quite a few at Liawenee however we would like members to sell the remainder. Initially you will receive a small book of 12 tickets (Raffle 2) to sell to your friends and work-mates. Naturally you should buy some yourself or you won't be able to win any of the great prizes. As this raffle will be drawn at the Dinner, the stubs and the proceeds should be returned to the Treasurer before the Dinner. **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, or \$20 per booklet of 12 tickets.**

To obtain tickets to Raffle 1 contact Stephen Granger.

Raffle 1

Organised by Gary & Stephen (& Cheryl)

It will be drawn on **Fathers Day (4th September)** at Eastern Shore Fishing & Tackle shop at Eastlands

The prizes are –

- 1st:** Okuma Rod & reel combo
Rapala filleting knife
Plano tackle box
Mojiko 3 drawer tackle box
Lures: 11 Rapala, 7 Trollcraft, 5 Canadian Wigglers, 2 Rebel, 2 Yo Zurri, 8 Juro, 5 Tsunami & 13 Tillin & and Tassie devils

The lures are a mixture of spinning & trolling lures.

- 2nd:** Stormy Seas Grab Bag
3rd: set of Fishcare Posters
4th: Stainless Multi function tool & pouch

Raffle 2

Organised by Norm, Alex, Charlie, Alan & Neil

It will be drawn at our **Annual Dinner on 13th July**

The prizes are –

- 1st:** Huon Pine Fly Box (crafted and donated by our expert wood-worker, Ron Stow) with up to 100 flies courtesy of the characters mentioned above.
2nd: Pine Fly Tying Station (made by our top chippy, Charlie) with fly-tying tools (donated by Spot-On) and a vice donated by Neil and improved by Norm.

Shack at Arthurs Lakes

On the weekend 21st & 22nd May more work occurred so the cabin has a floor, 4 walls, a roof (almost) and a door. [The roof has been completed since these photos were taken.]

**Project completed. Objective achieved.
Well done Adrian! Well done Norm!**



More Progress

This picture was taken on Sunday afternoon 22nd May and shows the workmen putting on the roof after having put on the wall cladding.



Inside view of the cabin

This shows the lining of the walls and the roof. You may be able to discern that there was still one section of roofing iron to go on. The building is marginally longer (about 10cm?) than originally planned due to the installation of the ceiling trusses here shown in blue, which provide structural strength as well as a frame to attach the ceiling.



A view of the cabin from the back.

At this stage the roof was incomplete but is now finished. We, the members, now need to start doing things ourselves. As we raise the money we will need to have working bees to get things done so that we can get it to habitable standard. You will note that we have one door but no windows – they will be one project out of many, eg interior framing, interior lining, plumbing, wiring, ceiling, water tank stand, decking.

It is critical that all members pitch in.



The view down the road side of the Cabin with the Lake visible through the trees

Pheasant Tail Dark Dun Spinner

Tied by Norm Cribbin



Materials

Hook: #12; Mustad 8000N or Kamasan B400
Thread: Black 8/0 Uni-Thread
Tail: Pheasant Tail
Rib: Copper Wire
Body: Pheasant Tail
Post: Peacock Herl
Thorax: Awesome Possum Dubbing Brown
Hackle: Hebert Dry Fly Hackle Dark Dun

Method

Step 1 – Starting one eye length back from the eye from a bed of tying thread. Stop the thread when it equal with the barb. Take three (3) Pheasant Tail fibres and secure to form a tail. The tail should be equal to the shank length.



Step 2 - Secure the tail fibres by winding the thread forward to the eye. Fold the Pheasant Tail fibres back and secure with tying thread. Trim excess fibres.



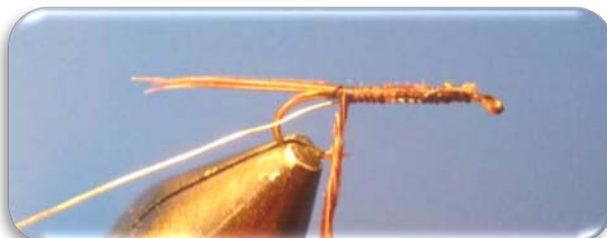
Step 3 – Catch in the copper wire rib and secure with tying thread. Stop the tying thread approximately half way along the hook shank and tie in by the tips, five (5) Pheasant Tail fibres.

Continue wrapping the tying thread back until it is in line with the barb, trapping both the

ribbing wire and the Pheasant Tail fibres as you wrap.



Step 4 – Wrap the Pheasant Tail fibres around the tying thread to form a herl rope.



Step 5 – Wrap the herl rope forward to a point approximately 1/3 shank length back from the eye. Secure the Pheasant Tail fibres with several wraps of tying thread.



Step 6 – Wrap the ribbing forward in equally spaced turns. Five (5) turns is usually sufficient.

Secure wire with the tying thread and remove excess wire by “worrying” the copper wire until it breaks.



Step 7 – Take 3 strands of Peacock Herl and trim approximately 50mm from the butt ends. Offer the herl up to the hook and secure with tying thread.

Note: The Peacock Herl will act as the post to secure the hackle.



Step 8 – Take a saddle hackle suitable for a size #12 hook and strip the fibres from the stem for a distance of approximately 5-6mm. Tie the hackle in by the stripped stem and secure with several wraps of tying thread.



Step – 9 Wax the tying thread and apply the dubbing to form a fine dubbing rope.

Step 10 – Form a small round thorax with the dubbing rope and secure the tying thread at the eye with two (2) wraps around the hook shank.



Step 11 – This is the tricky part. Whilst holding the three (3) Peacock herl strands commence to wrap the hackle. The first couple of wraps should be as close as possible to the body of the fly.

Continue wrapping the hackle using a hand to finger motion, slowly working the hackle up the herl post. The hackle should be wrapped for a distance of approximately 4mm.

Step 12 – Whilst holding the hackle tip pull the Peacock Herl post forward over the thorax. At this point it is now possible to let go of the hackle as the herl will stop it unwrapping, provided you keep tension on the herl.



With the hand that is now free make two (2) wraps of tying thread around the hook shank securing the herl.



Step 13 – Secure the hackle with two (2) wraps of the tying thread around the hook shank. Trim the excess hackle and herl and whip finish the head with 2 or 3 wraps.



Step – 14 Apply head cement and groom the completed fly.

Apply liquid floatant if so desired.



Acknowledgement:
Fly Cards – a Series of Australian Fly tying Patterns
 by Daniel Hackett
 “Pheasant Tail Red Spinner”
 Photos by Norm Cribbin

Recipes

- **Gravlax**

Ingredients

- Trout or Salmon fillets - skun
- Rock Salt
- Sugar
- Dill or Fennel

Method

1. Lay out a length of plastic wrap
2. Sprinkle salt on the wrap, then sugar and then place some dill on top.
3. Place a fillet on this, and sprinkle sugar, salt and dill on top.
4. Add another fillet and repeat.
5. Wrap the fillets and place in the fridge with a dish on top too; for 5 days.
6. To serve, unwrap, clean off excess fluids and dill etc; then slice thinly and place on crackers

- **Soused Trout/Salmon**

Ingredients

- Trout or Salmon fillets
- Lemon Juice

Method

1. Cut the trout/salmon into chunks or slices
2. Place in a bowl and cover with lemon juice
3. Place in refrigerator overnight
4. Serve chilled with toothpicks or the like.

The above recipes were divulged to the members of the Tasmanian Fly Tyers Club by member Steve Martin who also makes fantastic sushi with trout, salmon or tuna.

Speaking of tuna, serve thin slices with dipping sauce made from some soy sauce with some wasabi (according to taste) stirred in it for terrific sashimi.

“Come on members! Submit your favourite recipe for Trout.”

For Sale

Bruce Andrew has a new van so he has a surplus **Toyota Campervan** for sale; high-top, 1996, petrol 5-speed manual, annex, tow-bar, bull-bar, new lighting battery & gas bottle, fridge 12v/240v etc.

Contact Bruce on 6247 6925

Hello, some items for sale after our kitchen revamp.

1. Fisher & Paykel ceramic cook-top. Works well.
2. Simpson Fan forced oven. Working.

Donation to Club,

Contact Vince Coyte (Home 6233 7418)

Profile of a Club Member

Clarence Anglers has new, & not so new, members who often have a story to tell. As we need to get to know them better, this column attempts to add to your knowledge of your fellow members and provide a platform for you to initiate conversation.

Alan Shaw

Age: 71

Occupation: Nine years in Royal Australian Navy resulting from a childhood dream to go to sea, then months as a rigger on the Mersey-Forth hydro scheme followed by 28 years in the Fire Service.

Marital Status: Married to Dorothy

Family: Dorothy

Interests: Fishing, gardening, walking, history & science.

How long fishing? About 62 years

Who started you fishing? Grandfather

Fishing Preferences? All methods except explosives and nets

Favourite Rod: Hardy Smuggler #7 fly rod

Special Lure: Redfin Wonder Wobbler

Favourite Water: The Murray and streams in the UK and NZ

Boat: Blundstone Boots

Type of Engine: Shank's Pony!

Most Memorable Day: All days fishing are memorable

Trophy Fish: 6.25lb Brown Trout & 69cm Atlantic Salmon



Pet Hate: (What gets up your nose?) Angling litterbugs

What can the Authorities do to improve fishing? Ban the use of gill, mullet and beach seine nets

Your expectations for the future? Fishing and more fishing.

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