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November 2009 Newsletter

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.

General Meeting

11th November 2009

Our next gathering will be at "**Beltana Hotel**", Lindisfarne. Formalities will start at **8pm** although we recommend that you show your support for the Beltana by dining in – bring your partner/family too.

If you have not paid your subs you may pay to our new Treasurer, Gary Davy, on the night.

Committee members please note that there will be a Committee meeting at this venue at 7pm.

This Month

- ❖ Wednesday 4th November 8pm
– **STLAA** meeting @ Glenorchy Library
- ❖ Wednesday 11th November 8pm
– **Clarence** meeting @ **Beltana Hotel**
- ❖ Friday 13th November
– Club night @ **Eastern Shore Fishing & Tackle Store** with **Ted & Plinio**
- ❖ Saturday 14th November
– Field Trip @ **Craigbourne Dam**
- ❖ Saturday 14th November 2009 at 11 am. The 2009 Hall of Fame Induction will be held at the **Salmon Ponds**.
- ❖ Sunday 15th November
– Field Trip @ **Pawleena Dam**
- ❖ Sunday 29th November
– Free Fish Day @ **Norley Dam Meadowbank**

Where's This Water?



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STLAA Delegates: Neil Pinkard & Charlie Harris

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Membership Fees 2009-10

Annual subscriptions for 2009-10 are unchanged & were due on 1st July 2009:

- Seniors \$30.00
- Juniors no charge!
- Family \$50.00

Family consists on any of member, spouse, partner and children (please advise Treasurer)

Please pay to the Treasurer (**Gary Davy**).

You need to be financial to participate in the Club events as otherwise you are not covered by our public liability insurance.

Hire, Borrow, Sell or Buy

For Hire

The **Gazebo** and the **ice-boxes** are available for hire by members (\$20/weekend and \$5/night respectively). Any damages are to be paid for.

Free to Use: Sewing Machine

Did you know that the Club has a sewing machine? It has now taken up residency at Peter Molony's Eastern Shore Upholstery. It is available for any member to use for doing those jobs that you (or your wife) don't want to risk damaging your domestic machine, eg boat covers, motor covers, canopies, tents, seat covers, curtains for your van.

Simon assures me that it is running well.



For Sale

Trout & Other Badges

We have some **brass badges** of a leaping trout (see picture of fly-box) Tassie Devil, Tas Tiger, Tas map & platypus made available to the Club. We have some left that members can buy at the special price of \$4. See Treasurer.



Book: Tas. Trout Fly Patterns

The Club has acquired a further 10 copies of the reprint of the uniquely Tasmanian classic book on **Tasmanian Trout Fly Patterns** by Max Stokes. You may purchase a copy from the Treasurer for only \$10.

Couch, Trailer & Gear for sale

Couch: 2-seater, winged, deep peach velvet, excellent condition

Price: \$100

Contact: Alex Pinkard 0424 827 296

Life Jackets: 2 red inflatable, for up to 66kgs

Price: \$20 each

Contact: Jeff Freeman 6244 4648

Box Trailer: 4 foot x 3 foot, 10" wheels

Price: \$100

Contact: Jeff Freeman 6244 4648

Boat Winch \$20

Contact: Jeff Freeman 6244 4648

Trailer Wheels with rims, bearings & tyres x 3

4.80/4.00-8 71N Tubeless 6P.R with bearings in the wheels – make me an offer!

Contact: Neil Pinkard 6234 6245 / 0427 346 245

Wanted To Buy - Outboard

3.9hp Mercury or Mariner Outboard

Contact: Lionel Lewis 6245 1245

Fly Tying & Gear Maintenance

For those interested in tying flies, using plastics, undertaking general gear maintenance or watching fishing videos come to Neil Pinkard's house Thursday evenings from **7.30pm**.

23 Browne St, West Hobart

(opposite Pine St)

Use back door please! (more convenient)

The Cabin

The garage has been delivered to Charlie Harris' residence for storage until we get Council approval and build the foundation. We had to move the material from his front yard to the back yard, thanks to Charlie, Norm, Neale, Ron, Warwick & Neil.

We are currently having the plans and other Council requirements to be drafted so we can lodge them with Council.

The success of this project will be **very much dependent on members supplying the labour and maybe some financial support.**

We will keep you informed.

Coming Events

Anglers Friday Night

Friday 13th November 2009

Ted Newstead has invited our Club Members along to an anglers' evening in his store "Eastern Shore Fishing & Tackle" which is Shop G037 at Eastlands Shopping Centre (near the entrance at the river end of the complex).

He has arranged for Plinio Taurian to come along to talk to members about fishing with plastics, and maybe have some tips for fishing Craighourne, Pawleena and the Derwent River.

Come along for an enjoyable social evening and replenish (or add to) your tackle for fishing at Craighourne and Pawleena over the week-end.

Fishing Day: Craighourne Dam

Saturday 14th November 2009

This is the first of our day trips to close-by waters for the weekend. Come along to Craighourne to see if you can catch those big rainbows and salmon.

Some have been attaching themselves to Stephen Granger's line recently. These are some of the brag photos that he sent in for prominent inclusion in this newsletter.



Rainbow, Craighourne Dam, 24/10/2009. Length 60cm, weight 3.47kg uncleaned} - Rapala lure



Atlantic Salmon, Craighourne, 24/10/2009. Length 67cm, weight 2.95kg uncleaned} - Rapala lure

Fishing Day: Pawleena Dam

Sunday 15th November 2009

Another day trip that you can easily fit into your itinerary. It's only a short trip from town. Go to Sorell and turn left just outside the town limits on the way to Port Arthur. The Dam is about 8km along the dirt road and is on the left hand side.

The gate remains closed but you can still access the water on foot. Park on the side of the road instead of driving on the farmer's paddocks - it is only a short walk! Keep it clean and tidy

There will be a BBQ at the usual spot – easily spotted by any new visitors.

Come along, check out the beautiful location, try the fishing (lures, bait or fly) and then join fellow members for a social gathering around the BBQ.

Our "Free Fish Day"

Sunday 29 November 2009

IFS has approved our application for a Free Fish Day on Sunday 29th November 2009 so you can now start to rally prospective anglers for you to bring along, show them how to catch trout & introduce them to the joys of angling.

Once again the Club will join with "Catch Toy & Leisure World" to host the IFS "Free Fish Day" with the support of IFS at Norley Dam, near Lake Meadowbank.

The benefit of joining up with "Catch Toy & Leisure World" has been access the younger potential anglers & their parents through their "Catch Cubs" Junior Angling Program. The event in 2008 held at Norley Dam was a great success as the water was small and easily accessible to all.

IFS have agreed Norley Dam will be restocked with an appropriate number of Rainbow Trout for the day to be a success.

The venue would be Norley Dam on the Norley property at Lake Meadowbank just south of the Ouse township.

Club members are asked to contact Norm or Neil if they are available to assist the juniors fishing, or to man the BBQ or the gazebo stall, or the IFS staff in stocking of the fish.

Anaconda BBQ 27th Dec.

Don't forget that the Club will be running a BBQ at Anaconda (Cambridge) on Sunday 27th December 2009 the day after Boxing Day which we have been advised will be a busy day!

We will need some volunteers on the day to help set up, cook and serve and clean up. Many of our usual volunteers will be away so if you can help please contact Neil (0427 346 245).

Reports & Articles & Photos **Huon River**



**Vince had a good day!
These are just 2 he caught.
Atlantic 3.5kg Brown 2.8kg**



Andrew's Atlantic Salmon 500mm, 893gm cleaned



Vince's bag



They are all smiling so they must have enjoyed themselves!

Tooms Lake 2009

After several abortive trips to rivers and Craigbourne Dam it made a pleasant return to one of our favourite lakes which has been off the menu following seasons of low levels and algae blooms.

I journeyed up to Tooms on Thursday giving the Hobart Show a miss – a few days on the lake is far better than the “shove and push” at the Show. The weather forecast seemed reasonable and the likelihood of a couple of nice trout certainly won me over. When I arrived Peter Molony was already set up having come up the previous day along with his 2 year old Labrador who resembled a small pony in size.

Early reports that we were not allowed to leave our boat on the foreshore proved incorrect – also a reasonable but rough dirt launching ramp had been built which allowed us to unload the boats in water a little deeper than in the past.

The Lake was spilling after the recent drought breaking rains however the water was quite dirty probably from the inflow from various creeks. There was no evidence of any insect life on the surface which, with the soup-like water, didn't auger well for fly fishing. I trolled and drift spun for several hours and only landed 3 juveniles of 280cms which were released.

Neil and Vince had arrived & set up camp in my absence. With Norm away this looked like a good chance to put some points on the board for our annual trophy. Neil landed a nice brown on the wet fly (BMS) in the evening by fishing in between the small rainbows splashing around.

Next morning Harold arrived and we went out to try our luck. As the day progressed Harold hooked onto several small trout, a brown and a rainbow. From the massive strikes we initially thought we were onto something pretty big. The manner in which the rod bent & line was pulled off got that adrenaline pumping. They turned out to be 280cms long and it was obvious that they

were either a sign of a recent spawning or IFS had put a batch into the lake – the latter proved to be true (rainbows).

On each occasions either a green & gold or red & gold cobra had proved very effective. Trolling was again the successful way although we did do a fair bit of unproductive spinning around the shores and further out in deeper water. Towards the end of the afternoon session I hooked into a whopper but he broke my line at the hook & “pinched” my good lure– I suspect should have checked my line more often!

Later on I made up for the loss with a nice 430cm brown on a red & gold cobra.

Back on shore Vince had boated a lovely fish using a plastic lure –he admitted to trolling too! We thought he was solely a fly fishing purist!!!! Vince had also caught and released some more juveniles.

Friday night by a well-lit fire – a few drinks and talk of the day’s fishing.

Saturday we were out again searching for the elusive trout which were apparently staying well down on the bottom trying to keep out of the turbid water above. Fishing was pretty hard and a lot of water in between any fish. It was useless fly fishing as there was almost no fly life and the once abundant weed beds had disappeared when the lake had gone through the droughts.

At the end of the day I had 2 browns in pretty good condition (435cms & 450cms) in the safe.

Our numbers had risen with the arrival of Ron & Aileen followed by Vince’s son Tristan.

Another evening around the fire place – Vince substituted for Norm by being our resident fire poker!

Harold visited one of his neighbour’s cabins and was told that fishing was great in front of the shacks and later in the evening. We tried but with no success.

Sunday we packed up and made for home leaving Neil & Vince to try to build on their tally.

This had been a weekend where the flies took a back seat to the plastics or cobras. We found the best colour were red & gold or green & gold.

All big fish caught were pretty empty and hadn’t fed for a while - except for a solitary galaxid in one of my browns. There were a lot of juveniles around willing to strike a lure and definitely fought well above their weight initially giving hope – falsely!

However the ones we did keep were in fairly good condition so Tooms may be worth a return trip later in the year when hopefully the water becomes clearer.

My catch – 3 juveniles (280cms) – 3 brown keepers (430-435-450cms)

Harold – 4 juveniles of 280cms (one being a rainbow) Our next trip is Craighourne Dam.

David

- 🚩 11 members attended (18 days total)
- 🚩 10 browns caught
- 🚩 Largest by Vince was 57.5cm & 1.66kg cleaned
- 🚩 Lots of small rainbows interfered

Soft Plastics

Soft plastics may be new on the Aus market but they have been around in many forms for some time, particularly in America. Trout fishers have found them much to their liking as they provide another way of working to the elusive trout.

The lures on their own are reasonably priced but the “catch” is the special jig-heads to get them down to the prey. In normally shallow water (6-10ft) we only need a lightly weighted hook, but in deeper waters the lure needs to be a bit heavier. So the way to go is to ensure we do not overly weight the Plastic else it doesn’t do its job properly which is to act like a slightly injured juvenile. If it’s too heavy it becomes unbalanced & drops like a stone when we pause. Ideally when given a trial “swim” besides the boat it darts the same way a normal juvenile fish would when we twitch the rod – and when we pause it falls in a natural manner and that is when the predator strikes – hopefully!

Feeding the hook into the body is fairly simple. I lay the hook along the side of the soft plastic so that it shows me where the hook should come out when inserted into the body. Keep a finger at that spot and insert the hook keeping it upright and in the middle- bring the point out and check that it is snugly against the plastic’s head and the hook is centred along the spine.

Some jig head hooks may be designed to fit inside the plastic – some have a small bit of wire along the shank to keep the lure in place.

Soft plastics are usually rigged with a single barbed hook however it is possible when fishing to those short striking trout to employ an extra hook.

One way is to slide another hook over the jig head hook when it is in place in the plastic lure- it can be kept in place with a bead or a small piece of tubing.

A second method is to place a small treble at the tail of the softie, one barb is inserted in the lure and then a piece of braid or mono is locked onto the treble and run back to the bend of the jig head hook where it is tied firmly.

As the makers say the soft plastics are very efficient straight out of the packet. But occasionally we need to employ additional technique for the ones that strike short.

It pays to experiment sometimes when the going is tough – check your softie balance jig head weight) and maybe an extra hook?

David

Recipes

Trout Soup

Ingredients

- + 2 cups diced grey trout meat
- + 2 cups peeled potato, diced
- + 2 tablespoons of butter
- + 6 cups water
- + 2/3 cups finely chopped onion
- + 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- + 155ml heavy cream
- + Salt and pepper to taste
- + Chopped parsley to serve

1. Melt butter into a casserole, add chopped onion and cook for 3 minutes.
2. Add trout slices. Cook without browning for 5 minutes.
3. Mix in potato cubes, cook for 2-3 minutes more, stirring.
4. Pour in water. Salt and pepper. Bring to boil.
5. Lower heat and simmer for 40 minutes.
6. Whip mixture vigorously to just slightly crush all ingredients and thicken soup but do not puree soup.
7. Boil and cover for 5 minutes more.
8. Turn off heat, pour in cream. Do not boil.

To serve

Ladle soup into deep bowls. Leave until the yellow colour from butter rises to the surface and slightly colours the soup.

Serve, sprinkle with a pinch of chopped parsley

Enjoy!

For some time we have been including recipes in our newsletter from the Trout Cook Book. I would like to include some of our own in future, so “Come on members! Submit your favourite recipe for Trout.”

Trout Boiled In Wine

1. One of the better ways of cooking a trout is to boil it in white wine.
2. Scale & clean thoroughly, leave head on.
3. Inside the gut cavity, place a piece of butter worked with fresh green herbs, salt & pepper.
4. Place the fish in a fish-kettle and pour in the wine, enough to cover the fish well (about a thumb's breadth).
5. Season with salt, pepper, nutmeg, cinnamon, 2 onions finely chopped, 2-3 tablespoons of meat stock and 2 bread crusts with 2 cloves of garlic in each.

The above recipes have been reproduced from the Trout Cook Book (compiled by Fiona Dewar) per kind favour of “The Tasmanian Trout Expo Planning Group”



South Esk Management Plan

This has been released and input from anglers is invited. AAT urges all anglers & Clubs to read the plan through www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au AAT will be making comment but the number of submissions received from anglers will have a direct effect on the future of the plan and so your input is vital.

AAT suggest that you pay particular attention to:

1. Science recommends a no take level of 100-160ML but the plan is reducing this to 40ML, ie a drop of at least 60% against the evidence.
2. Ground water considerations are not entailed which may be a significant concern given the monoculture forests in the headwaters.
3. The trial period is 10 years!
4. The protection of the river is very poor balance when water legislation gives the environment a surety level of 2 but irrigation a level of 5+. Given the amount of abstraction being suggested this would appear to be at severe odds with both the environmental aims and social objectives of the Plan.

Comments are required by the 11th of December.

Lake Levels

Below FSL as at 04/11/2009 2:00 PM

Lake/Lagoon	Metres from full	Comment
Lake Augusta	1.79	Steady
Arthurs Lake	2.63	Steady
Great Lake	11.9	Steady
Trevallyn Pond	1.17	Falling
Shannon Lagoon	0	Spilling
Penstock Lagoon	0.14	Steady
Lake Echo	3.54	Steady
Dee Lagoon	0.25	Steady
Bradys Lake	2.33	Steady
Bronte Lagoon	0.44	Falling
Pine Tier Lagoon	2.16	Steady
Little Pine Lagoon	0.84	Steady
Laughing Jack	0.1	Steady
Lake St Clair	1.71	Steady
Lake King William	0.71	Steady
Lake Liapootah	0.48	Falling
Wayatinah Lagoon	0.49	Steady
Lake Catagunya	0.4	Falling
Lake Repulse	0.71	Falling
Cluny Lagoon	0.08	Steady
Lake Meadowbank	0.18	Steady
Lake Pedder	0.94	Steady
Lake Gordon	25.9	Steady
Lake Burbury	1.51	Falling
Lake Plimsoll	2.68	Steady
Lake Murchison	13.1	Steady
Lake Mackintosh	1.68	Falling
Lake Rosebery	0.8	Rising
Lake Pieman	1.82	Falling
Lake Mackenzie	2.64	Steady
Lake Rowallan	1.77	Steady
Lake Parangana	1.8	Steady
Lake Cethana	0.98	Falling
Lake Barrington	1.01	Rising
Lake Gairdner	2.84	Falling
Lake Paloona	1.09	Falling
Woods Lake	0.01	Steady

Hydro's disclaimer: These figures as to river flows and water levels are estimates only. River flows and levels are subject to sudden changes, which can be dangerous. While every care has been taken in the preparation of the figures, Hydro Tasmania makes no representation and gives no warranty or guarantee as to their accuracy or completeness and accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage arising from reliance on them.

Consistent Angler Table

Points are awarded for attending Club fishing trips and also for the size of fish caught.

- 5 points per event
- 0.1 points per cm of length of trout caught

You do not need to keep the fish, just quickly measure & release, or estimate. Then advise the weigh-master at the event – often Norm. Alternatively advise the details to Norm soon after – preferably with photos to Neil.

It is the editor's hope that members will make lots of efforts to de-throne Norm next season.

Come on! Maximise your enjoyment of life and attend more fishing outings and get out on the water fishing more often. "You know you want to. You know it makes sense" as Kekka often declares.

ACE Leigh has retained the lead closely followed by Vince, David & Scott; then Norm.

<i>Leigh Garth</i>	50.1
<i>Vince Coyte</i>	49.7
<i>David Driver</i>	41.2
<i>Scott Garth</i>	36.6
<i>Norm Cribbin</i>	22.8
<i>Alan Shaw</i>	15.0
<i>Jeff Freeman</i>	15.0
<i>Ailene Stow</i>	15.0
<i>Ron Stow</i>	15.0
<i>Adrian Tanner</i>	13.0
<i>Andrew Simmons</i>	12.1
<i>David Riley</i>	10.0
<i>Dorothy Shaw</i>	10.0
<i>Annie Stewart</i>	10.0
<i>Barry Ritson</i>	10.0
<i>Greg Allen</i>	10.0
<i>Neale Stewart</i>	10.0
<i>Peter Molony</i>	10.0
<i>Tristan Coyte</i>	10.0
<i>Neil Pinkard</i>	9.2
<i>Lyn Simmons</i>	8.6
<i>Stephen Granger</i>	8.4
<i>Alex Smith</i>	5.0
<i>Bruce Andrew</i>	5.0
<i>Charlie Harris</i>	5.0
<i>Cheryl Wagner</i>	5.0
<i>Gary Davy</i>	5.0
<i>Greg Brown</i>	5.0
<i>Linda Riley</i>	5.0
<i>Luke Riley</i>	5.0
<i>Madelyn Riley</i>	5.0
<i>Sam Kjorsvik</i>	5.0
<i>Harold Schiebel</i>	5.0

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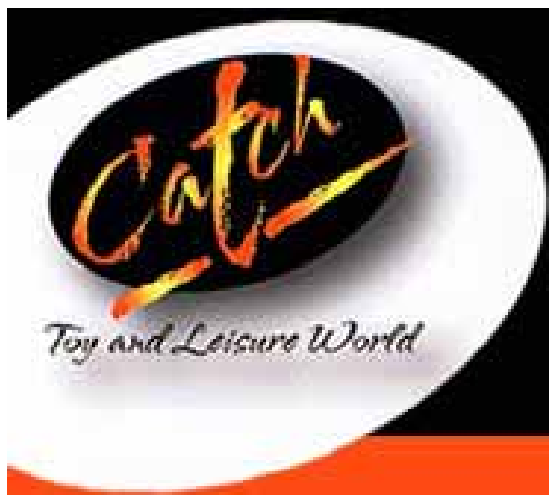


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