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## September 2011 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.

### Next Meeting

#### 14th September 2011

Our next meeting will be at **Spot On, 87-91 Harrington St Hobart at 8pm**. The shop will be open from 7pm so members can wander around the store while the Committee meet in the office.

Andrew and others will be willing to answer any query you have.

Steve Bax usually provides refreshments in the form of drinks and sandwiches. No doubt you will be able to find something to buy – especially if your family has given you a voucher for Father's Day.

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The Committee will meet at 7pm.

#### Upcoming events

- ❖ Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
- Craighourne Dam
- ❖ Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
- Pawleena Dam
- ❖ Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011  
- Tas Fly Casting Championships 10am @ Hayes on Brumbys Fishing Lodge
- ❖ Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
- STLAA meeting 8pm @ Glenorchy Library
- ❖ Saturday & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
- Woods Lake  
(Scott & Leigh to co-ordinate)
- ❖ Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
- Cressy Trout Expo @ Cressy  
(Alan Shaw to co-ordinate)
- ❖ Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
- Lake Dulverton  
(Adrian Tanner to co-ordinate)

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**Life Members:** Gordon Banks (**Patron**), Neil Pinkard, Ron Ruthven & Geoff Watson

## Activities

### Lake Pedder

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Fellow member, You may have noted that the Season 2011-2012 Calendar now has 2 locations for the Australia Day 2012 weekend – Lake Pedder as well as Lake Burbury

If you wish to go to Lake Pedder, Peter Molony has booked a house at Strathgordon for 26, 27 & 28 January which he has offered to share with fellow members – for a share of the costs. It has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms

If you are interested please contact Peter on 0408 359 074 – first in first served.

### For Sale

#### New and Second Hand Fly Rods for sale

- Two 6 weight 6 piece Talon Travel Rods (new)
- Two 6 weight 4 piece (s/h)
- One 4 weight 6 piece (s/h) Travel Rod.

Contact Graham Blight on 0417 590 986

### Raffle

On Fathers' Day (4<sup>th</sup> September) the raffle organised by Gary & Stephen (& Cheryl) will be drawn at Eastern Shore Fishing & Tackle shop, Eastlands.

If we have mailed out a booklet of 10 tickets to you, **please return your money and stubs to the Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 (ie \$17-\$20 per booklet).

The prizes are –

- 1<sup>st</sup>: 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stormy Seas Grab Bag
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: set of Fish-Care Posters
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stainless Multi function tool & pouch

## Reports & Articles & Photos

### President's Report

August 2011

#### Season 2010/2011

Recapping on the season that was:

We enjoyed and had good participation at our 16 field events including events our club enjoyed attending being the Rise Fly Fishing Film festival last August, the Tas Fly Casting Championships in September, Cressy Trout Expo in October.

Substantial milestones we have achieved this year including building of the shack to lock up and securing these premises to conduct our meetings and social activities. This venue proved very successful for our trophy night, and from all reports everyone was comfortable, enjoyed the festivities and the heating proved sufficient for the July time of year. The trophy night also had very good attendance.

Many members and committee involved themselves in our fundraising activities both at Anaconda, raffles and IFS Open weekend. I wish to extend my thanks to you all, for without this we would not be at status quo with the shack.

We have seen a substantial increase in membership this year, which is extremely pleasing and we wish a long association with these members and was pleased to see some new members attended our first field event for this season. We look forward to enjoying your company throughout the season.

I wish to extend congratulations to all the trophy winners this year, for excellent angling results.

I wish to congratulate all club members and committee in winning the Bridges Bros trophy this year. This was awarded to CLAC at the STLAA annual dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

I wish to thank our Office Bearers Neil Pinkard, Secretary & Gary Davey Treasurer, Charlie Harris Senior VP & Warwick Bonney VP for again another year committed to the success of this club, and the many hours devoted to their duties.

Also to the committee and STLAA Reps: inc: Adrian Tanner, David Riley, Norm Cribbin, Peter Molony & Tim Holloway, I wish to extend my thanks for your input and commitment to CLAC, and your tireless efforts for the benefit of our members,

I wish to thank all club members for their support and friendship over the last 12 months as President of CLAC.

Tight lines!!

## Name this water

*Did you recognise this as being Dove Lake taken from Cradle Mountain?*



**Charlie (Hart?) the Mountain Goat gets the view of a life-time!**

*(This image is 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. Neil)*



**Here is a more recent photo covering the same water but from a slightly different direction**

## Iceberg Strike

A sequel to “Lunacy at Arthurs Lake”, by a lunatic!

A snap decision to fish Reynolds Island on the 13<sup>th</sup> June was made as a high pressure front hovered. Although a near full moon would be present for the three hours we intended to fish after dark, a decision was made to not fish throughout the night because the previous overnight temperature had been about minus 7°C! (Great Lake is colder than Arthurs!)

The snow plough had been through, leaving snow heaped along the side of the road from about the Steppes area onwards. Upon arrival at the Great Lake that afternoon, we were presented with a flat calm mirror like surface. Neither a zephyr nor a cloud made for a pulchritudinous winter evening. Near perfect reflection of the snow shrouded hills to the east matched the silent stillness. Much of the lake edge was glaciated with glaucous [*Yes, that's what he wrote. Look it up, I did because I didn't know the meaning.*] ice sheets extending from a few to ten metres from the shore, especially in the shaded areas.

Having gathered sufficient wood to give us warmth for a few hours after dark we staked out our rods. Under such halcyon tranquillity we boiled the billy, cooked a jaffle and mused by the fire.

An amused smile was given by my fishing cobbler when asked the perpetual question, “How many fish do you want?”

Suddenly, just on dark, the mate's strike indicator fell down, giving us hope of a fish. However, this was not to be. One of the ice sheets from the shaded area, just around from the point where we were fishing, had dislodged, and ever so slowly had dragged against the line.

Excited by ice!!

Over the next hour or so only two runs were observed. However, both fish (rainbows) were missed.

After this only the lustrously gleaming moon and the shimmering lights of a couple of aircraft were to be seen moving on the water. So with more ice invading our rods and frost on the ground we headed for home.

P.S. In all aspects these few hours contrasted to Lunacy at Arthurs Lakes; where the catchcry of,

“Foul weather, fine fishing”, becomes

“Fine weather, few fish!”

## Season start

**Saturday 6th August 1 minute after midnight**

This marked the opening of brown trout waters.

New Norfolk Anglers invited all clubs to participate in the Inter Club Challenge on the Derwent River for Opening w/e with a free BBQ at the weigh-in.

## Season Starter



Some of our Members at the BBQ.



NN Weather was overcast but Woods was still & fine



One of four trout Norm caught at Woods

## Woods Lake

Thursday 25th August 2011 Leigh & Scott Garth

Scott & I decided we would spend a week-day somewhere fishing as I am currently between employment and Scott needing to reduce his "timebank" (additional hours worked).

We considered Bronte but with the windy forecast (30km winds predicted) thought that our next favourite lake, Woods, was a better option. We had to be a bit crazy really, but we have been so busy lately doing driveways, gardens and garages so we really needed some rest & relaxation.

The evening before, we went to the Rob Paxevanos evening held by Spot On - great evening, but not home till 10.30pm. Yet to cut lunches and Scott needed to do some final packing (now under lights in the garage. Yeah!!)

Set the clocks for 4am with a departure time of 5am on the water by 7.30. This is called rest and relaxation??? When we woke up it was 7am! We don't even sleep this late on a weekend. Do we still go? Yes...we were on the road at 8am. No stopping at Scott's favourite place, Mood Food @ Kempton, for an egg and bacon roll.

Wind across St Patricks Plains was awesome...this is not going to be a good day. Maybe we can leave the boat on the trailer & just cast a few lures from the bank.

Got to Arthurs; White caps galore. Glad we're not going there!!! On we went like soldiers to the battlefield. Down into Woods where we could see a boat on the water, a red boat...

The water was so encouraging - bit of chop, bit overcast, no problem going to have an ok day after all. The "red boat" was Enduro Hydro doing some water testing. We now had the Lake to ourselves. Got to be a message in that! Wind was not blowing into the boat ramp, which has caused us a bit of grief in the past.

For the day (4 hours on the water) we had 8 hook ups, 5 in the boat, 2 kept and 3 released and 2 sighted follows. Scott had success trying out a popper, and I used a husky jerk red/yellow that has never caught a fish before, and a couple of my other favourites.

But on the horizon - black, black clouds. Wind gusts now increasing and then down it came, HEAVY rain. Got rather wet! Last visit to Woods my raincoat failed, got a new one, and this time my waterproof pants failed. Scott's brand new raincoat also failed.

Headed back to the car, just for the heater...Wind was now changed and heading directly into the ramp. Oh joy! Trailer, wind and boat...

Steak Sandwich with the lot ...thanks Mood Food.

(ps: no financial gain received in promoting certain food houses.)

## 29 Pounds Trout

*The Mercury, Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 1886*

### A Twenty-Nine Pounds Trout

A shepherd named Beckett caught a fine brown trout yesterday in the Great Lake. I saw the fish myself and it weighed over 20lb. Beckett told me he caught it with an ordinary rod and line baited with a small frog. This is a great season for trout. The rivers Clyde and Shannon are alive with them, and now is the time for visitors who like the sport to enjoy themselves with angling.

*The Mercury, 8<sup>th</sup> February 1932*

### Good Sport at the Lakes (By "Matuka")

Notwithstanding the heavy toll of trout which the grub fishermen are taking at the northern end of the Great Lake - a situation which incidentally is causing considerable concern to the fisheries authorities - it is satisfactory to learn from a report received last week from Mr. WF Williams of Rainbow Chalet, Great Lake, that a good many fish have recently been taken, not only on the spinner, but also on the dry and wet fly.

### AT LAKE LEAKE

Further interesting particulars of the fishing at Lake Leake have been received from Mr. M. Coghlan, of the Government accommodation house there. The weather of late, he says, was far from suitable for fishing, day after day being squally, with too much wind for dry fly anglers. Some very fine fish were taken, however, the rainbow trout particularly being in excellent condition, and parties visiting the lake were most successful. Trout ranging in weight from 6½lb. to 2½lb. were secured. The month of February should prove more favourable to anglers. Captain and Mrs. Hare were responsible for a splendid performance, for in four days, fishing with a wet fly, they landed 39 beautiful trout, weighing from 5¼lb. to 2½lb., and in addition about two dozen small fish were returned to the lake.

### THE GREAT LAKE SEAL

Mr. Critchley Parker, who has been a staunch advocate of Tasmania for many years, and in particular has done a great deal to give publicity to our angling attractions, will doubtless be gratified to know that confirmation from an authentic source is forthcoming with regard to the seal, or some such animal, which, it must now be believed, inhabits the Great Lake. It will, be remembered that this seal, facetiously called the bunyip, was seen near the Miena dam by Mr. Parker some three years ago.

While anglers generally did not doubt that some unusual occupant of the lake made one of its rare

appearances at that time, there was a diversity of opinion as to what actually was the real identity of the stranger. As was reported in "The Mercury" a few days ago, Mr. Wilfred Hudspeth, a well-known Hobart legal practitioner, undoubtedly saw at no great distance something swimming on the top of the water which he could only describe as a seal. What is perhaps more valuable, since a huge trout or a big platypus might easily make a wake which it would be difficult to explain, is the fact that Mr. Hudspeth's account of the incident is confirmed by a lady who was in the party. It would not be possible here to go over the history of the descriptions which are periodically received concerning this strange creature, but it seems at any rate clear that fishermen and others who have been frankly sceptical of the existence of the "bunyip" must now find something to think over, and doubtless they will soon have many theories, explanations, and conclusions to advance.

## Recipes

### Ristinnaulittu Sikka

**(Racked Trout)**

This recipe is traditionally from Finland

#### Ingredients

- 1 Trout ; 1-2kg (fresh or thawed, head removed, skin on, split open & boned)
- ½ cup of light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Paprika
- 1 Lemon cut into wedges, for garnish
- 1 teaspoon ground dry mustard
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine

You will need a roasting pan, mixing spoon, metal spatula or pancake turner

#### Method

1. Preheat oven roasting pan to high for about 10 minutes before roasting fish.
2. Rub the skin side of the fish with the melted butter.
3. Open the fish & lay on roasting pan with buttered skin down.
4. Add ground mustard, brown sugar & Paprika.
5. Place fish about 6 inches (15cms) under broiler
6. heat & cook for about 25 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Serve the fish immediately, garnished with lemon wedges.

The original recipe for Rishinnaulittu Sikka stipulated that the trout be nailed to a hardened plank & grilled by reflecting heat from open fire. The above is a modern day alternative to the open fire method

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

## Woolly Bugger Mark II

by Norm Cribbin



The Mk 2 Woolly Bugger is a great searching fly all year round for those days when the trout aren't showing. It also works very well in the smaller sizes for tailers and frog feeders, for which it was originally adapted from the original North American Woolly Bugger with the addition of a short tuft of hot orange marabou on either side of the black marabou tail.

You see plenty of variations of the Mk2, but the above recipe is the correct pattern and the most effective and favoured by Ken Orr, one half of the team that developed the fly, the other being John Bessel.

The Mk2 is also very good with a bead head added for extra weight and action. I like to use a good dense marabou feather for the tail; blood quills or woolly bugger marabou is suitable.

The Whiting Farm "Bugger Packs" are great for the body hackle.

### Materials

Hook: #10-6 Kamasan B830 (long shank - heavy)

Thread: Black

Body: Dark olive green chenille

Tail: Black marabou and hot orange marabou

Hackle: Black Woolly Bugger hackle

Rib: Gold or copper wire

Alternative materials used in variations of the original:

Body: Peacock Herl

Tags: Glow Bug yarn or  
Antron Body Wool – Fluoro red

Tail: Pearl Mylar added as attractor

Head: Gold or Black Bead

1. If it is to have a bead head, thread the bead onto the hook first

2. Tie on thread and wind on to cover the shank to the bend.
3. Tie in the Marabou tail.
4. Add the colour tags and/or Mylar on either sides of the shank at the bend
5. Tie in the wire for the rib
6. Tie in the chenille/peacock herl on top of the shank
7. Take the thread to the eye
8. Wind the chenille/peacock herl from the bend to 2mm short of the eye in touching wraps. Tie it off.
9. Tie in the hackle feather between the body and the eye
10. Palmer this feather, ie wind it around the body from the eye to the bend
11. Catch it with the wire which is wound forward in spiral turns to the eye where it is tied down with the thread and then worried off
12. Trim excess feather
13. If the tail needs to be shortened, do not cut with scissors as that will give an unnatural look. Pinch the tail required with one hand and then with the other hand tear off the excess marabou



Original Woolly Bugger



Another one!

## 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.

### **Bruce Andrew**



**Age:** 79 (with a milestone coming up in December)

**Occupation:** Retired now.

I was a Works Engineer with the Blacktown Council, NSW, & previously at the Manly Council also NSW.

**Marital Status:** Married to Wendy

**Family:** A daughter Lisa, married, who lives & works in Western Australia.

A son Nicolas, married, who lives in Sydney, & has 2 children (boy & girl)

**Interests:** Fishing (salt & fresh), travelling, music - particularly jazz, windmills, old sailing ships & history.

**How long fishing?** 65 years

**Who started you fishing?** My father introduced me to fishing. I did a lot of fishing in Broken Bay NSW.

**Fishing Preferences?** Hand lining on offshore reefs, or trolling & bait fishing in freshwaters

**Favourite Rod:** Anything that puts a line down in the water.

**Special Lure:** Anything that a fish grabs is special ☺

**Favourite Lake:** I love Woods Lake

**Boat:** 435 Quintrex

**Type of Engine:** 40Hp Johnson 4 stroke

**Most Memorable Day:**

Salt Water: 9kg Snapper off Kalbarri in WA

Fresh water: 9.8kg Atlantic salmon in Brady's Lake.

**Trophy Fish:** The Snapper & the Atlantic salmon without a doubt

**Pet Hate:** Unnecessary petty bickering.

**What can the Authorities do to improve fishing?**

Good boat ramps which have easy accessibilities for seniors – like walk ways.

**What are your expectations for the future?**

Staying vertical & keep fishing; to wake up each morning & continue fishing in both salt & fresh waters.

## Photos of Pawleena Dam



**From a few years ago**

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