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Newsletter for the Members of the
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July 2007 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 or President; 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

11th July 2007

Beltana Hotel

East Derwent Rd, Lindisfarne

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Subscriptions 2007-8

Annual subscriptions for 2007-8 are unchanged & will be due effective 30th June 2007 – however you may pay then to Ron prior to then:

- Seniors \$30.00
- Juniors \$5.00
- Family membership \$50.00

If you have not paid your 2006-7 subs, please pay to Treasurer, Ron Stow NOW.

Next Month!

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at "Spot On" commencing at 7pm

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To ensure we have the best possible office-bearers & committee either make a nomination or volunteer for a position. Form attached.

❖ **Saturday & Sunday 25-26 August – Cressy**

Tasmanian Trout Expo

@ Cressy District High School

- **Fish Brumby's Creek competition**
- **Catch the \$10,000 tagged trout**
 - **Taste of Trout**
 - **Fishing exhibits & gear etc.**

We expect that quite a few of our members with make this trip, some with partners & family. Those with vans intend to stay at the Longford Caravan Park by the river.

Check with Norm and/or look up the website
www.tasmaniantroutexpo.com.au

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❖ **Wednesday 10 October – Meeting**

8pm at Lindisfarne RSL

Video night part 1 of "Trout Bum Diaries Vol. 2"

❖ **Wednesday 14 November – Meeting**

8pm at Lindisfarne RSL

Video night part 2 of "Trout Bum Diaries Vol. 2"

Raffle

You have been sent a book of raffle tickets for our Annual Raffle which will be drawn at our Annual Dinner on 11th July. This fund-raising is important to the financial well-being of the Club, so we would appreciate if you could sell as many tickets as you can. A flyer has been included with the raffle book so that you can show prospective buyers the great prize.

Please ensure ticket stubs and money are in the hands of the Treasurer (Ron Stow) before or at the Dinner.

Thanks go to Ron who made the fly-box, to Norm who made the fly-tying station, to The Fishing Connection who donated the tools, to Alex and the other fly-tyers who donated the flies. A terrific Club effort!

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**.

No gear - no problem! There is always a spare vice & plenty of tools, materials & advice to go around. It is a friendly atmosphere and beginners are welcome. If you have nothing to do on a Thursday evening why not come along. We might tie a fly or two, discuss experiences or flies to use, how to set up your gear or watch a video.

23 Browne St, West Hobart
(opposite Pine St)
Use back door please!

More Articles Needed

Members, we need more stories and articles from you, we are all too often relying on the same people to write for the newsletter.

If you have an interesting photo, why not send it in and share it with the members? Send the Secretary some jokes (clean) or pen a short story about your fishing trips.

Shack site Update

The Committee has asked Stephen Granger to be Planning Coordinator. Pass on your ideas on:

- ❖ Building plans
- ❖ Construction methods
- ❖ Construction materials
- ❖ Financing
- ❖ Fund-raising
- ❖ Working bees
- ❖ Project management

Reports & Articles

Roos, Snakes & First Aid

I was sitting in my workshop looking at some old fishing gear & I thought about my "younger" days when, if it was too wet to work, we went kangarooing – sounds daft but it is fact.

In the early days at Tarraleah, I was accepted into a small group of blokes who went together shooting 'roo & wallabies. One of these chaps had 4 hounds which were soon on the scent of a roo. They were in fact too good & if we went out the old 14 Mile Rd on a Sunday they would go on the scent of one roo after another & come home weary & footsore about the next Wednesday.

Well after all this preamble what I wish to write about is survival techniques, equipment & practices in those days & also on lake fishing camping trips to Arthur Lakes.

Roo Shooting: We were always warm-clothed with thick socks, boots well treated with "Dubbin", short rain-proof coat & the trusty old felt hat. Usually an old ex-Army haversack held water-proof matches, spare socks & most importantly a Bourneville Cocoa tin full of "Bobs" – these were kerosene soaked rags which when placed against a stump & covered with stringy bark & dry sticks broken from a standing spar & then lit one could guarantee a good fire in no time. The haversack also contained a small billy & mug with the tea, sugar & some rock cakes or some such.

Even though we usually were familiar with the area of bush, there was always a "plan". We went in a rough line for a designated time, always met up at a point for lunch & if on another property, the owner/lessee would brief us & outline the day's shooting - always warning us, "Do not cross any fence line, then if you get lost I shall know in which 'run' to look for you."

The "lost" signal, by shotgun, was 2 shots spaced about 30 seconds apart. You then stayed put & waited (with your fire) until found. Getting lost was a very rare occurrence.

One of the biggest hazards in this very damp bush was the leeches. They would, in spite of the thick socks & laced up boots, quite often attach themselves & be found mostly full of blood that evening on return. I recall having had 2 poisoned legs as a result of leech bites. Treated by hot salt-water compresses, or if the Dr was consulted, then the only treatment then available was a course of

"Sulphur Tabs" which, although pre-Penicillin, usually worked.

Camping Arthur Lakes: I have previously written about the old huts below "Blue Lake" & the 12'x10' tent. My father, with always some of his young family along, was quite particular about "First Aid" & had his satchel containing the usual bandages, sticky tape, Aspros etc. But there was always a "snake bite outfit". This consisted of a smallish wooden cylinder – one end of which screwed off – that contained "Condi's Crystals". The smaller end also screwed off to reveal a pointed sharp piece of steel. The idea being, that at the actual bite of 2 punctures, the skin was scarified with the sharp instrument & Condi's Crystals rubbed into the resulting bleeding area. The patient was then taken to the nearest Dr or Hospital. I still have, unused, this rather "sus" piece of equipment - tourniquets were also in fashion.

For burns the usual piece of equipment was a phial of Picric Acid. Boracic Acid powder was also there for all & sundry complaints.

But I have left until last my father's most prized & efficacious remedy, a small bottle of Methylated Spirits. This could be applied to a range of ailments – sore feet, cuts & bruises, insect bites & many other disorders. The answer to a young family member being, "oh, put some Metho on it. You'll be right." To this day, I am not without my "Metho".

In those early days, we spent lots of time in the dinghy in the Morass or on Blue Lake.

As well as the accepted fire lighting gear, billy & food, my father always carried a stainless steel mirror, with which he could signal "Morse Code". I suppose because of a bit of good planning & common sense we never had cause to use emergency gear. But, in more recent years, as in this month's newsletter, a couple of times my son & I took shelter on Brazendale's Island until the wind blew itself out, rather than risk the short steep waves back to the launching ramp.

I suppose in the modern days of mobile 'phones etc people tend to rely on them to communicate if in distress. But old customs & habits die hard & looking at my old fishing bag, there are still some "bobs" & the stainless steel mirror.

Lionel Lewis

Be Prepared!!

With the season well & truly closed, it is time to look at making ready for the coming season.

1. Strip down the rod & remove the reel. Check all the guides to ensure that they are clean & there are no broken or scarred parts. These should be replaced particularly if broken but equally so if there are any rough edges that can damaged the line, causing it to part at the most inopportune time!
2. The reel should be cleaned & fresh lubricant applied.
3. The line should be replaced. This is a must, as it probably has done a power of work in the preceding season. Attention should be paid to replacing the leader & ensuring that all knots are formed securely.
4. Maybe it's time to purchase some new equipment – like new lines, lures, flies, swivels etc; maybe even to treat yourself to a new rod cover. The guys at "Spot On" will be only too willing to give advice & help you select – make sure you mention you are from Clarence Anglers!
5. How about the outboard motor? There's nothing worse than having your "donk" fail when you're out in the middle! Now is the right time to put the motor in for servicing. Don't leave it to the last moment – do it early before the rush sets in! Like last year?
6. What do you tow it on? The trailer of course! How long is it since you checked the wheel bearings & re-packed the grease?? There is a sickening feeling to see the trailer wheel pass you on the way down the hill! I know from past experience!
7. Indicator lights working? Is the wiring OK? Check the globes and plugs. Do the tyres need replacing?
8. How about all those small things you thought of during the fishing season & never had the time to implement? Those things that would make life out on the water that bit more comfortable & safe??

NOW IS THE TIME TO LEAVE THE COUCH & GET THEM DONE

David

My Dreams Come True!

One wet & cold night at Lake Pedder - after a lifetime of fishing , commencing in the Jordan R at Broadmarsh with bush rod & floater, Arnott spinners in the Derwent, & many, many wet & dry flies over the years – I finally landed that fish of my dreams.

During the late 70's & early 80's while based in Hobart in Power Branch HEC I had work interests at Strathgordon Power-station which took me out there at fairly frequent intervals. Needless to say my fly rod & gear occupied a place in the boot of the car. So after dinner at the Strathgordon Chalet it was down to the bay, or out to the "Gabions". Many cold & dark hours were spent using Mud-eye patterns & other flies, but quite a few Pedder trout came to net, ranging from 6 to 10 lbs in weight but the Pedder monster eluded me – until this evening!

My Fire Officer & I had been installing fire protection equipment all day so about 7pm we went down to the bay where the construction Diesel Station had been situated. We fished until 9.30pm – Don McPherson using a "fish-cake" & me a "Popping Bug" on the fly rod. We had several half-hearted bites, and then the cold wind was joined by sleety showers. Don said, "Will we give it best?" I said, "Righto", but on the walk back up to the road, I , having no doubt warmed up a bit, said, "What say we give it ½ an hour down in the Serpentine in the corner where the Lake goes through the rip-rap to that small lagoon." Don, more to please me I reckon, says "OK". He went around the small bay towards the launching area while I went on the road-side on the rip-rap.

After about 15 mins of casting, I heard a splash to my right about 15 yards (13m) away, so cast my "Bug" there. Result? a short sharp "nip". So I cast "out to see" a few times, then I thought, "You'll be coming along the wall looking for Yabbies" so I cast to my right again. BANG! I was into something which felt more like a log of wood.

After quite a few runs I said to Don, "I'm into one!" Don, being rather a dour character & cold, says something like "Thank Gawd". I placed my Big Jim torch on the rocks & beaming down into the water. After another 15 mins I guided this fish down through the beam of the torch, what I saw seemed to be a never ending trout body.

"Don," I says, "come over, I've got a big bugger!"

The monster slowly swimming to & fro, Don eventually arrived, & was quite impressed when the trout again swam through the torch beam. "Right, Don" I said, "I'll tire it out a bit more, and then you gaff it as it swims slowly into the beam." Don says, "I've never gaffed a fish before, what's the drill?" I gave Don a few instructions & told him, "Next time it swims through the torch beam you do what I've just told you." Well along came this great fish, Don made the upward thrust but the gaff point must have been up the side of the fish giving it a "lift" & accelerating its progress out & away to sea. But it was till on, so a repeat performance ensued. This time Don lifted the brownie high into the air. Off it came from the gaff & fell beside me on the rip-rap rocks, flapping madly. I dropped the fly rod & fell on the fish, my legs into the icy water up to my knees, I wrestled it up the rocks to a slight depression & there it was a beautifully proportioned hen fish, shaped just like a rainbow. I was so pleased that Don escaped any comments re his gaffing technique.

By now it was raining & blowing strongly as it can only in Strathgordon. Next morning a photo was taken with the Polaroid & I returned to Hobart with a grin on me which a plastic surgeon would have had trouble removing.

In 1983 I retired from the HEC so I have not been back to Lake Pedder.

Lionel Lewis

Trout Badges

We have some brass badges of a leaping trout (see picture of fly-box or tying station) made available to the Club. We sold several at Liawenee but we have some left that members can buy at the special price of \$4.



See Ron and Norm to purchase.

RECIPE

Seeing our newsletter is about freshwater fishing it seems appropriate that we include a trout recipe.

"Trout Expo" is held each year at Cressy and is well worth the trip to look around this well planned exhibition in August.

The organisers have given us permission to include the following recipe in our newsletter.

No 3 recipe in the series

Highland Trout Burgers

This is a recipe for all the family, kids included and it can be adapted to Salmon

4 trout fillets
1 onion
Broccoli, finely chopped
2 eggs
Carrot, finely grated
2 tablespoons tomato sauce
2 tablespoons BBQ sauce
Butter
Dash of oil
Breadcrumbs
Bush spices (sprinkle)
Season-all salt (to taste)

Mince the fillets.

Add all ingredients into a mixing bowl with enough breadcrumbs to stiffen the mixture.

Shape into patties and fry in butter and a small dash of oil until golden brown.

Serve with a fresh garden salad.

Per kind favour of "The Tasmanian Trout Expo Planning Group"

PS: Don't forget that the Annual Tasmanian Trout Expo will be held at Cressy 25th & 26th August 2007. Check out details on the web-site www.tasmaniantroutexpo.com.au or www.troutterritory.com.au

A promotional graphic for Trout Territory. At the top, the words "TROUT TERRITORY" are written in a large, stylized, blue font. Below this, in a smaller yellow font, are the phrases "Guided Trout Fly Fishing in Tasmania" and "Casting & Fly Tying Tuition". The names "Gary France & Fiona Dewar" are written in a cursive font. Below that, the address "1317 Powrana Road, Cressy 7302 Tasmania Australia" is listed, along with phone, mobile, and fax numbers, and an email address. At the bottom left, there are two circular logos: one featuring a trout and another with a green checkmark. The background is a dark blue with a subtle pattern of water ripples.

Lake Levels

Below FSL as at 03/07/2007 at 10am

Lake/Lagoon	Metres from full	Comment
Lake Augusta	1.86	Falling
Arthurs Lake	4.26	Steady
Great Lake	17.02	Steady
Trevallyn Pond	0.06	Rising
Shannon Lagoon	0.28	Steady
Penstock Lagoon	0.17	Steady
Lake Echo	10.39	Steady
Dee Lagoon	0.21	Steady
Bradys Lake	2.84	Rising
Bronte Lagoon	1.83	Steady
Pine Tier Lagoon	2.05	Rising
Little Pine Lagoon	0.93	Steady
Laughing Jack Lagoon	6.93	Steady
Lake St Clair	1.68	Steady
Lake King William	11.99	Steady
Lake Liapootah	0.9	Falling
Wayatinah Lagoon	0.53	Steady
Lake Catagunya	0.54	Falling
Lake Repulse	1.39	Rising
Cluny Lagoon	0.19	Falling
Lake Meadowbank	0.15	Steady
Lake Pedder	1.23	Steady
Lake Gordon	37.53	Steady
Lake Burbury	9.61	Steady
Lake Plimsoll	4.88	Rising
Lake Murchison	17.15	Rising
Lake Mackintosh	7.08	Steady
Lake Rosebery	0.96	Rising
Lake Pieman	3.59	Rising
Lake Mackenzie	6.15	Steady
Lake Rowallan	8.19	Falling
Lake Parangana	0.95	Falling
Lake Cethana	1.89	Falling
Lake Barrington	1.6	Steady
Lake Gairdner	8.28	Rising
Lake Paloona	1.96	Rising
Woods Lake	2.71	Rising

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.

Most Consistent Angler Award

Vince has carried the lead to the end of the season, heading off Norm's concerted efforts to overhaul him in the latter part of the season. David's consistency & persistency enabled him to finish in 3rd position. Peter Molony was the best of the newcomers & looks a likely challenger for next season. Neil, Stephen, Tim, Sam, Bruce, Charlie, Paul and Bert all showed that they have the skills to challenge when they are able to have a full and successful season.

There's always next season & its starts soon!

Vince Coyte	125.0
<i>Norm Cribbin</i>	111.3
<i>David Driver</i>	91.2
<i>Peter Molony</i>	60.7
<i>Neil Pinkard</i>	55.8
<i>Stephen Granger</i>	54.0
<i>Tim Holloway</i>	54.0
<i>Sam Kjorsvik</i>	53.9
<i>Bruce Andrew</i>	53.5
<i>Charlie Harris</i>	52.3
<i>Paul Millhouse</i>	51.5
<i>Bert Thunig</i>	46.6
<i>Andrew Simmons</i>	40.0
<i>Gary Davy</i>	35.6
<i>Lynn Simmons</i>	35.0
<i>Ron Stow</i>	34.6
<i>Ailene Stow</i>	30.0
<i>Jeff Freeman</i>	30.0
<i>Alex Smith</i>	25.0
<i>Adrian Tanner</i>	22.9
<i>Greg Brown</i>	22.8
<i>Harold Schiebel</i>	20.0
<i>Tristan Coyte</i>	15.7
<i>Warwick Bonney</i>	15.0
<i>David Riley</i>	10.0
<i>Linda Riley</i>	10.0
<i>Madeline Riley</i>	10.0
<i>Martin Brown</i>	10.0
<i>Michel Granger</i>	8.0
<i>Alan Shaw</i>	5.0
<i>Barry Ritson</i>	5.0
<i>Dan Newbury</i>	5.0
<i>Dylan Brown</i>	5.0
<i>Greg Allen</i>	5.0
<i>Peter Vince</i>	5.0
<i>Rick Franklin</i>	5.0
<i>Ron Ruthven</i>	5.0

Photo Gallery
Lionel Lewis' Father



George Lewis on the edge of the Morass, Arthurs Lakes, with Mt Penny in the background



May Lewis at Blue Lake landing a nice trout



Dad & Bill in the Morass after the big-uns 1950



George & May Lewis on Blue Lake 1932



George Lewis & Bill Roberts with Trout from the Morass 1954

World Record Rainbow

A new All-tackle world record Rainbow Trout was caught June 5th at Lake Diefenbaker! Adam Konrad of Saskatoon Saskatchewan caught the Rainbow Trout at Lake Diefenbaker.

The impressive trout weighed in at 43 lbs 6 ounces which eclipsed the old record made in 1970 in Alaska when a Rainbow Trout was weighed in at 41lbs 1 ounce.



Gum Beetle by
Chloe Cribbin

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