



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Notice of meeting

The next General Meeting will be held at the Lenah Valley RSL on March 21st starting at 7.30pm. Sarah Graham from IFS will talk on the topic '*Where does your angling licence money go?*'. Sarah has recently delivered this talk to the Van Dieman Fly Fishers and Fly Tyers Club in Launceston and reports from this club are very positive.

Activities

Dee Lagoon weekend March 12-13. Dave Chote knows this water very well and is leading this field trip. He will be at the Dee from the 4th to the 14th so contact him on 0412 435 874 if you would like to attend.

Annual Casting Day - hosted by our Patron, Barbara Fowler, at her home 'Bendeveron', Bothwell, on March 27th starting at 11.00 am.

This has been a very enjoyable day in recent years and it is some years since it was held at 'Bendeveron'.

There will be no charge, with the club providing roast meat, potatoes, and bread. Please bring your own salad, crockery, cutlery, and drinks.

There will be two casting competition, the Margaret Knight Dry Fly, and the Hedley Griggs Wet Fly, both conducted on the Clyde.

For catering purposes please RSVP to the Secretary by Wednesday March 23rd.

The John Fowler Fishing in Friendship Trophy

The committee has decided to reduce this to three rounds because members are having difficulty organising times to fish.

Please remember to send you scores to the Secretary when you have fished each of the rounds.

Miena Shack.

There are indications that members are forgetting to pay shack fees. This is very easy to do, so please make every effort to remember. A lot of money has been spent on the Miena shack in the last few months (including a new vacuum cleaner) and the money is needed.

If you are a Mystate member paying by direct debit please use the 'Another Financial Institution' option to make payments and include your name in the comment box. If you don't the Treasurer can't identify who has made the payment.

Also, as a courtesy to others, please remember to book on the website before you go to the shack.

The committee are looking at ways of locating a key outside the shack for those who forget theirs, or accidentally get locked out!

Following talks with the neighbours some trees have been removed making more car parking space.

On behalf of members the committee would like to thank Page Seager for their generosity in donating a fridge and microwave for the shack.

Pete Murphy

Secretary

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Notes from the AAT Meeting 27/2/11

Constitution – all asked to look at this (on the website) and suggest changes.

Funding – AAT receives \$2000/month from IFS. This is not all used, excess could be used for projects to assist IFS, or returned to IFS.

Grants – all are now finished and signed off.

Executive – the position of treasurer has been removed, G France and M Crosse have joined M Stevens and D Edwards on the executive until the AGM.

IFAC – IFS wants to have people with specific skills appointed to broaden and improve the advice given.

IFS report – John Diggle

Shannon Lagoon – possibility of raising the level by about 0.5m to reduce turbidity. This could be done by building a new dam below the existing one. Hydro are resisting this although they say the present dam is fragile.

Triploids – have a new pressure vessel which has been trialled successfully with rainbows. They are looking at selected waters to stock annually (Penstock, 4 Springs and others with no natural recruitment) with small fish (10-20g) produced from wild eggs. Triploids should grow faster because don't go through spawning. Will be trying browns this spawning season.

Brook Trout – world record is around 10lb, but bigger ones have been caught here. Marketing potential for the state.

Irrigation schemes

Shannon/Clyde scheme suspended because the required 80% uptake by irrigators has not happened.

Arthurs Lake – IFS has signed an agreement with Hydro covering both pre and post Midlands irrigation to not let the level go below 947.5m. The issue of uncapped water rights on the Lake River has not been resolved. Hydro has agreed to operate Woods 300mm above previous agreed level.

Great Lake can now drop to 20% capacity before water is drawn from Arthurs (previously 30%). However, if there is a drought and water is needed from Arthurs it will be taken regardless of any agreements. Climate change predictions indicate that rainfall in the highlands will decrease over coming decades.

Other business

Christy's Creek Standing Camp

Parks & Wildlife have advised the applicant to consider whether to proceed following stakeholder consultation, but have not indicated what their decision is following the consultation. AAT has written to them asking for their decision and advice to the applicant.

Anglers Access Program – any suggestion for further projects under this scheme should be forwarded to M Stevens.

Red Jelly – have about \$40,000 of AAT money from uncompleted grants! This will be used to revamp the Fishing Tas and AAT websites, and also to look into webcams for the highlands.

Arthurs Webcam – location is unsuitable because of poor 3G reception. AAT looking at how to fund ongoing maintenance of cameras (\$600/month). One suggestion is to involve MAST, Hydro, and IFS in funding.

Next meeting – May 29th.

P. Murphy