



# The Vice



**Newsletter of the Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club Inc.**

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**Inside: Fly tying, Secrets of the Shannon, Tiger Hut, Tippetts *and much more...***

*Cover Shot – Tiger Hut Tying – by David Travalia*

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## President's Report

I would like to thank the Committee for their work and support. David Travalia, as Vice President, has provided wise counsel on many occasions. The Secretary and Treasurer continue to run the club in their usual efficient and transparent way. The Club is also in a very stable financial situation. Tim Urbanc and Tony Abel have been invaluable for their work with the Club Shacks. Dave Long and Wayne have also worked very hard! Although not on the committee, Doug Miller deserves thanks for his ongoing work with the Vice Newsletter.

Thanks to all the trip and event leaders - Andrew Hood's Wine Weekend, Cubbie for the Tiger Hut, Steve Butler, Henry Edgell and Scotty Bowden for the Farm Dams, Brian West for the Beginners Day, Steve again for RSL Tying Day. Malcolm and Aspro for the Long Table Weekend. Wayne for Talbots Weekend and of course the casting sessions. David Hemmings and his team for the casting day. Pete Murphy for Western Lakes. All the Chefs and Helpers like Noel Wilson and Steve B the BBQ Kings. Thanks to Tony Dell for his excellent letter writing skills and his encyclopedic knowledge of who to contact in the Tasmanian Government.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Associate Members kindly making way for new ones. John Pinfold (member for 31 years), Stewart Edwards (12 years) who has had a serious health event and has made a donation. Andrew Cables 24 years due to family and work commitments, and of course David Tadd who has been a member for 48 years!

Speaking of membership the club has 80 full members, plus 8 youth and female members. If you add our very active Life members, we total 96 keen fly tyers and fishers. There are also 12 Associate Members, which makes a grand total of 108 people in contact with the club. This is cause for celebration indeed!

Part of this success is the Club putting on new types of events like the Annual lunch, which was well attended by 48 (minus Anna because of a busted knee) and Bream Day with 19 starters. As always, we are always open to new suggestions.

Malcolm Crosse was inducted into the Angler's Hall of Fame at Four Springs on Opening Day and is well-deserved recognition of both his and Kaylene's hard work over many years. Malcolm also stepped up to be guest speaker at the Annual Lunch, apparently only after his third glass of red wine.

The Club can't thank Steve Butler enough for his computer expertise. He often hides from thanks but it would have been way more difficult for the Club to function in these COVID times without him. He runs the Tuesday night fly tying and general sledging sessions and runs our meetings out to all those on Zoom. I know he has also helped out numerous individual members with their various computer and IT issues.

In closing, thank you to all of you for your support!  
**Cheers Andrew.**

## Clubman of the Year

The Clubman of the year is somewhat associated with the Club's shacks. As the Club's main assets, it is important that we look after and use them. Over the last year the recipient of this award has:

Done 15-20 trips to the Sorell Shack.

Painted the interior, including the kitchen with members help.

Stopped the heater flue from leaking with a band of helpers.

Sourced new furniture and carpet.

Met with nearby shack owners and council members to formulated a drainage plan.

With the help of, in his own words, 'several idle minds' (David Travalia and Steve Butler) planned a renovation to the outside storage/BBQ area.

Organised various working bees and herded cats to get these things finished in time for the opening of Lake Sorell.

He has done all this in just one year on the Committee. To be fair he has been a member for 33 years and had senior roles within the Club. He is a frequent flyer with this having won the Clubman of the Year back in 1994.

The trophy is not yet engraved but we are working on it! Congratulations to Tony Abel.



**Andrew Reed**



Steve at Spot On fishing tackle has kindly provided the Club with 4 vouchers to the value of **\$30** each for the coming season. Many thanks for this kind support, and continue to patronise Steve’s shop. Vouchers can be picked up from the Editor at your leisure!

***This time the voucher goes to new contributor Norm Cribben for his advice on tippet rings.***

**So...Write the best story and win a \$30 Spot On voucher!**

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## Editorial

As usual the main focus of the Winter Vice is on fly tying. There is a report on the wonderful Tiger Hut Tying weekend organised by Lyndon Cubbins and Andrew Hood. This four-day event was, once again, a brilliant event with wonderful food, company and tying opportunities. David Travalia took some brilliant photos of the tying action. Thanks David. Try to get to the next one if you can!

The Les Roberts story is one that needed to be told. Les was Laurie Matcham’s father in law and fishing partner for many years. I think there is a place for a future article about fishing Lagoon of Islands and including other member’s stories of this brilliant fishery of yester year.

Steve Butlers RSL tying day was a great success with a good turnout of both seasoned tyers and beginners. It was well organised and enjoyed by all!

Thanks to Norm Cribben for his article comparing tippet rings. These are a great way of preserving your leader and adding new droppers without shortening the length too often.

Life member Tony Dell has provided a summary of his fishing endeavours over he last season ad it is always good to see which flies work best and where they are most effective. It is also reassuring to note that even great fishers have their blank days too!

The Shannon Rise story from Laurie inevitably led to the tying of the flies. It is always a pleasure to watch and learn from Laurie. He truly is a master tyer and an absolute fount of knowledge.

Congratulations to Clubman of the Year Tony Abel. I know how much work he has put in to the Sorrel shack over the last year and the effort this has required. The shack looks brilliant and will continue to be areal asset to the club as the lake returns to its previous heyday!

Finally, do try and make a space on Tuesday evenings to join in on Steve Butlers Zoom tying sessions. They are really god fun and are an easy way to learn from some of the absolutely brilliant tyers that are associated with this club.

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Les Roberts and the Shannon Rise



When you read about our fishing history there is no better starting point than RH 'Dick' Wigram's book *The Shannon Rise – Tasmania's Fishing Miracle*. This small 47 page book eloquently describes in beautiful detail the enigma that was the Shannon Rise.

*'It is the simple story of a short shallow stream with the power to call men from far places to pit their wits against a worthy foe. To be exalted or humbled, according to the whim of the simple trout that live beneath its surface.'* P5.

This article is however concerned with just one sentence in its early pages. (A full review of the book appears later in The Vice.)

*'One rod is recorded as having killed thirteen trout during the early hours of the morning without moving his position.'* P10



The 'rod' in question was an expert fisherman, a man called Les Roberts. Les was an apple farmer from the Huon Valley and his link to this article and our club is that he was also father in law of a life member of our club – Laurie Matcham. There are many stories of the fishing escapades of Les and Laurie, which Laurie will happily relate, but this article is about Les, how good a fisherman he was and his story of the famous Shannon Rise.

In 1924 Les Roberts owned an orchard and packing factory in Glen Huon. In 1934 bought Mayfield on the east coast, near Spiky Bridge. (In the Mayfield property there is a 12'x12' painting of the area by Houghton Forest. It was sold to Von Bibra's in around 1946 – the painting is still there by all accounts.) Les then went back to Glen Huon and started making pie apple tins for Sir Henry Jones' IXL factory. His Pie Apple Factory did very well indeed and made Les a very wealthy man. When the canning season was closed Les had an idea that he could reuse the system he had developed to cool the cans of apples by running them through special canals. He decided to pump water from the Huon into the canals, which he then used to breed brown and rainbows for the IFS and release in to the Huon River.

Through his business Les formed a lasting friendship with Sir Henry based on their mutual love of fly-fishing. When the time was right Les would receive a telegram from the Great Lake hotel with just two words on it – It's on!'. This would be the signal to drop everything and go.



He would travel up from Glen Huon and meet up with Sir Henry Jones who would pay for Les' accommodation at the original 80-room Great Lake Hotel just near the dam wall. Sir Henry was very old by this time and the story went that he would have a special chesterfield armchair rigged with army stretcher handles carried down from the Hotel to the bridge over the Shannon so that he could sit and watch Les catch fish. And Les could really catch fish!

He caught them when others couldn't. In his special spot near the road bridge he would stand and catch fish after fish and make it look simple, which it certainly was not. Les achieved notoriety for the feat of catching 13 fish averaging over 6lbs in a couple of hours from the one spot. There was outcry over the killing of fish in the local media and this caused consternation after his catches were written about,

quite scathingly, in The Mercury. The bag limit at the time was 13 and fisheries apparently changed the bag limit to 12 as a result of the negative publicity!

Les would regularly meet up with other legends of the rise - Critchley Parker, Hector Jones, Alf Knight and Hedley Griggs (of wet fly casting trophy fame.)

On one occasion, Critchley Parker, who was from Launceston, complained about not being able to catch fish on his brand new rod the Hardy Fairy. He asked Les if he could give it a try to see if he could make it work on the elusive fish. A couple of casts later a 6 pounder was banked. 'Nothing wrong with the rod!' said Les as he handed it back.

It was of course important to have right fly when fishing the rise and Les used to prepare well. He put in an order to Hardy's of Alnwick for:

- 2 Hardy Fairy Fly Rods and one Dry fly Itchen
- A gross of Shannon Moths male
- A gross of Shannon Moths female
- ½ gross of attachments (the Double)
- A gross of Hardys Favourites, March Brown and Greenwell's Glory
- 2 x 3 3/8 St George reels and a Hardy 31/4 Perfect

If you wanted to catch the really big ones when the hatch was on you needed the double fly. This was a female caddis with a male on the back. It was thought to be tricky fly to tie with the brown female on the front of the hook and the grey male at the back. (The Salmon Ponds wanted copies of the male, the female and the double and approached Laurie to tie them up for them. These are still there today in the museum.)



The flies Les used are similar to those used by Dick Wigram but were tied by the Hardy Company.

At one stage Les was doing so well that he ordered himself a Rolls Royce from England and was told it had arrived when the 'its on' telegram came through. Naturally he decided to take new Rolls and headed up



to Hobart to pick it up only to find it was just the chassis, engine, windscreen and front seats. The rest of the wooden body had to be fabricated by City Bodyworks in Moonah. Undeterred Les took the Roller and drove it up as it was. It was a very cold trip and they had to wrap themselves up in blankets and hessian bags. On arrival at Miena they found that an old friend and equally keen angler Geoffrey Hallett had driven his Rolls Royce frame up there from Hollow Tree! The old school tie in action!

Les was well known for his exploits at Lagoon of Islands where he and Laurie set themselves up with a caravan and spent many happy days catching the enormous fish that inhabited the lagoon. There is probably another whole article in this so it should be saved for a future Vice!

Thanks to Laurie for giving up his time to talk about Les and share the patterns and stories that make up this article.



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## AdVice Tips and Tricks

Gadgets, gear and good ideas are always close to the surface whenever fly tyers get together. This section of *The Vice* features recommendations, quick reviews and tips to make the fishing experience even richer. Please feel free to send in any tips you might like to share.

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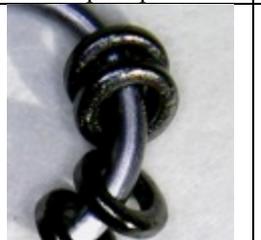
Norm Cribben sent in this analysis of Tippet Rings. It is a useful review that should add to your fishing pleasure!

### Comparison of 2.0 mm Tippet Rings

Brand	Hanak	Cortland	FlyFinz	Generic
Diameter (mm)	1.98	2.46	2.00	2.06
Thickness (mm)	0.44	0.53	0.33	0.33
Aspect Ratio	4.5	4.6	6.1	6.2
Finish	Black Gloss	Black Nickel	Black Matt	Black Satin
Appearance out of the packet	Visible surface marks. Equal dia. wire ring.	No visible surface marks. Equal dia. wire ring.	No visible surface marks. Equal dia. wire ring.	No visible surface marks. Unequal dia. wire ring.
Photo on Snap ring				
Photo on flat				
Photo on Snap ring - Close-up				
Photo on flat - Close-up				
Package				

Ranking score out of 10 with 10 being desired quality				
Round Outer Edges	9	9	8	9
Round Inner Edges	8	9	7.5	8
No Surface defects	7	8	9	8
Smoothness compared to chrome snap	7	9	9	9
Consistent wire diameter	10	10	10	9
Diameter Accuracy	10	9	10	10
Average Score	8.5	9	8.9	8.8
Overall Ranking	4	1	2	3

#### Hanak Tippet Ring Images

	
On Snap Clip	On Flat
	
On Snap Clip -	On Flat - Close-up

#### Cortland Tippet Ring Images

	
Snap Clip	On Flat
	
On Snap Clip - Close	On Flat - Close-up

## Tony Dell's Diary - Season'20/21

### FlyFinz Tippet Ring Images

	
On Snap Clip	On Flat
	
On Snap Clip – Close-up	On Flat – Close-up
<b>Generic Tippet Ring Images</b>	
	
On Snap Clip	On Flat
	
On Snap Clip – Close-up	On Flat – Close-up



**Norm Cribben**



This season just gone, I fished 43 days for 114 fish and had 14 blanks.

I fished Arthur's Lakes twice for 8 fish, all on the wet;  
Bronte Lagoon once (dry) for 0 fish;  
Dover (Esperance River mouth) twice for escaped Atlantic Salmon for 0 fish even though many were sighted;  
Lake Leake 4 times for 7 fish and 1 blank;  
Little Pine 15 times for 56 fish and 2 blanks; and  
Penstock Lagoon 18 times for 43 fish and 8 blanks.

I fished wet for 31 days for 101 fish and had 7 blanks. Of the 43 days fished, I fished dry on 13 days (one day only briefly) for 13 fish and had 7 blanks (1 at Bronte Lagoon; 1 at Little Pine Lagoon when I fished dry briefly at the end of a day; and 5 at Penstock Lagoon). It was my worst dry fly season for many years. Even the Covid-shortened 2019-20 season, which finished for me on 7 February 2020, was better with 26 on the dry and 2 blanks.

I fished a Type 3 line for 5 days (or part days) for 22 fish and 2 blanks; a ghost tip for 21 days for 75 fish and 2 blanks; and floater for 17 days for 16 fish and 10 blanks (don't look too closely at balancing the numbers - I have obviously missed a fish somewhere along the line).

The fact that I caught most fish on a ghost tip should surprise no one who fishes with me regularly as it is my go-to wet fishing line. The interesting one is the 16 fish and 10 blanks for the 17 days I fished the floating line, which just shows how tough nymphing and dry fly fishing was for me this season.

In terms of successful flies, the usual suspects show up. But the interesting thing for me was the success I had with fluoro chartreuse-beaded Woolly Buggers.

Of the 101 fish I got on the wet, 31 were on chartreuse-beaded flies. Six were on the point on a black "Shrek" (i.e. black marabou, black hackle and green tinsel body), and 25 were on the top dropper - 14 on the olive Shrek and 11 on the Magoo. One of the reasons for this may be that the scud in both Penstock and Little Pine, when in breeding fettle, have a bright green-yellow egg mass in their mid abdomen.

The next most effective wets were a Red and Black Woolly Buzzer which accounted for 15 fish - 11 on the point and 4 on the top dropper, and a copper-beaded Magoo with an orange collar which accounted for 14 - 8 on the point and 6 on the top dropper.

I also got fish on the fluoro orange-beaded Shrek (3 point), gold-beaded Shrek (2 point), black-beaded Claret Woolly Buzzer (1 point, 1 top dropper), gold-beaded Magoo (3 top dropper), and one each (all point) on the Black and Peacock Woolly Buzzer, the Black and Red Pulsar, and the Sunset Pulsar. So far as the nymphs and dries were concerned it was lean pickings.

I got 4 on the weighted duck fly and 2 on the black-beaded claret nymph.

I got 2 each on the ginked duck fly, the conventional orange spinner, the brown parachute dun and the possum-winged Barry Lodge Emerger and one each on the claret emerger, the claret parachute, and the Wyatt Variant. Of these, all bar 2 were on the point (again I have missed 2 somewhere, or counted nymphs as dries)

So, in summary, of the 114 fish, about half were on the point, about half on the top dropper, with 2 on the middle dropper. I only fished 3 flies twice and then only briefly.

I don't know what help this is to others, if any, but it's an interesting exercise. The 14 blanks still hurt!

**Tony Dell  
2021**

## Annual Dinner Pics



The Annual Dinner was held at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club and was well attended. It was a luncheon instead of the more traditional evening meal. It was very enjoyable.



## Tiger Hut 2021



Once again, two fly tying sessions were held consecutively between 28 April and 1 May at the Tiger Hut at Liawenie. Despite the absence of a number of regular attendees we had almost a full house for both sessions and it was particularly pleasing to see a number of new faces. As in previous years attendees seemed to enjoy the events, in part due to the coordination by Lyndon Cubbins and Andrew Hood, but mostly due to the cooperation and contributions of all whom participated.



As in previous years, highlights included free and generous exchange of fly-tying techniques and materials, including the novel recognition of used taser wire as a legitimate tying material and, as usual, there were new or varied patterns to be shared.

The evening meals again were a highlight with members contributing casseroles for Friday and Sunday nights followed by a roast meal on Saturday



and Monday nights with the roast meat expertly spit roasted by Ashley Artis. All evening meals were complemented by copious amounts of quality wine brought along by members.



Calm, mild weather which allowed for relaxed walks to verify that there were no fish in the IFS ponds, but which allowed brief relief from the rigors of the tying bench.



There was of course much discussion of side issues, such as woodworking, covid, politics and life in general and, as a result you will be pleased to know that most of the world's problems appear to have viable solutions!



Two unfortunate aspects were the unplanned retirement of some members due to stomach poisoning caused by drinking tap water which turned out to be from the bottom of the tank – a warning to take water in future and to actually read the notice on the kitchen wall!

Mental note - boil the water.



The absence of our 'Club expert', who may have provided additional insights to the several excellent Merlots that were brought in keen expectation, was noted!



All in all, another successful Tiger Hut weekend, with thanks due to all who contributed so generously to this important and popular activity.

**Lyndon Cubbins  
Andrew Hood**

## Fly Tyers Bookshelf



The name of RH 'Dick' Wigram is synonymous with fly-fishing in Tasmania, Australia and the world. The little book he penned about the Shannon Rise gives the reader a glimpse into a phenomenal Tasmanian fly-fishing event that many have heard of but few still with us have witnessed. That it is written with the eloquence and skill of such a master wordsmith who knows and loves his chosen sport with a passion and a depth of understanding it makes contemporary writers pale in comparison.

*Richard Henry (Dick) Wigram was born into English aristocracy in 1903. At four he caught his first fish, and at seven he received his first rod. Educated at Winchester, as a schoolboy he spent his summer holidays angling on England's Midlands streams.*

*At just twenty-one he emigrated with his brother to Tasmania and lived for much of his life close to those fine streams, the South Esk and his favourite, the Macquarie.*

*Wigram was a leader in fly design and manufacture. [He developed many] innovative designs and generally they were well received... For lake fishing Wigram and his team of fly dressers were producing flies such as the Green Matuka, Yellow Peril, Lake Beetle, Black*

*Matuka, Black Beetle and the Penstock Fly, and imitative flies, including patterns by other designers, for the rivers.*



*Wigram was one of the best fly fishers of his era, an exceptional fly creator, fly tyer and one of our very best writers.*

Source: Australian Fly Fishing Museum  
<http://www.affm.net.au/index.php/r-h-wigram/>

The tale begins with a description of the Shannon, the weather conditions and the insects one would expect to find. He changes point of view regularly, which is a wonderful device to transport the reader to the place.

*'Soon after ten the sun is getting warm and a few whitish moths fly out from the grass edge and venture timidly out over the water. These are the males. More flies join them and soon there are some hundreds'*



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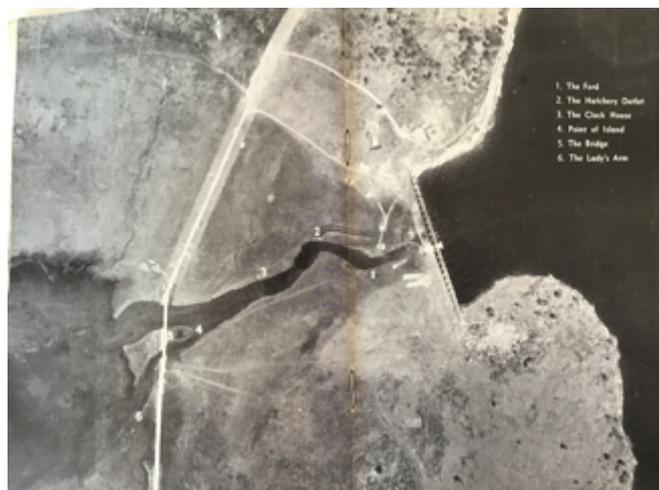
'Young Dick', as English fly fishing royalty Skues and Halford often referred to him, then goes on to describe the difficulty of actually catch a fish in the maelstrom of action that confronted the anglers. *'Oh, no, my friend. These are not ordinary fish. These are special trout, blessed by the patron saint of all fishers. They bear a charmed life. They are gifted with abnormal eyesight. They only make a mistake once in every fifty thousand mouthfuls. I have seen a rod broken across an angler's knee. No, he was not an angler, just a bad tempered male.'* P13

The story goes on through the war years and mentions the Great Lake Hotel at Miena. (This is the only picture I could find of it thanks to Trove)



The evening rise then becomes the focus. The water is 'like a witch's oils – burnt blue and green and white.' Of course the point of view changes once more as the angler prepares for the change in conditions. *"Now, says the fisher, is the time. Now, though I cannot see so well, the fish cannot see either." You are wrong my friend. It is said by the scientist that the underwater region is better lighted at this time of the day than is the air above it."*

There are maps of the area. The stretch of river that is the Shannon Rise is very short - Possibly the shortest and most famous trout stream in the world at the time. Think about that when next you drive over the



famous bridge near the lagoon!

Although the main rise would happen in December the hatch would often last until the middle of February and on some occasions even longer but the fishing became even more difficult. The fish would often retreat to the lagoon. Those that stayed in the river were 'the most highly educated that any man could ask for.'

The final chapter asks 'What of the Future' and for all his love and certainty of the future of this wonderful little stretch of river 'Young Dick' senses a foreboding that *'There is always the fear that through some deviation in that spider's web of the Hydro –Electric scheme that spreads across the Great Western Tiers, some alteration may affect the Shannon.'* P46

In modern parlance – spoiler alert! Sadly it did.



Details:  
*Tasmania's Fishing Miracle*  
*The Shannon Rise*  
 By RH Wigram  
 Telegraph Printery [1953]  
 Launceston

It is available in the State Library.

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## Tying the Shannon Moth



Copies of the three flies mentioned in the story about Les Roberts earlier are in the Trout Museum and were of course tied by master tyer Laurie Matcham. They are pretty much exact replicas of the ones Les imported from Hardy Brothers. If you want more details, contact Laurie.



The flies pictured above were tied by none other than Dick Wigram. They differed slightly from the Hardy versions that Les used which are pictured below.



### Shannon Moth Male (the Snowflake Caddis)

Hook: Acu-point Viking 79703 Bronze #16

Thread: 8/0 Bone (originally gossamer)

Body: fur from hare's mask – little guards but not many

Rib: Yellow floss or gossamer silk

Under wing: Pheasant secondary wing slips, left and right tied reversed splayed

Over wing: Silver Partridge

Hackle: Blue dun size #14



### Shannon Moth Female (Chocolate Brown)

Hook: Acu-point Viking 79703 Bronze #16 or #14

Thread: Black #8/0

Body: Chocolate rabbit under fur or brown wool finely dubbed

Rib: yellow thread (like Greenwell's)

Hackle 1: Chocolate partridge tied facing forward by the stem\*

Hackle 2: Chocolate partridge tied facing back in to hackle 1\*\*

\*Tied by stem so that the fine points stick forward for dry flies. Tie in by the point for wet flies

\*\* Tied in face to face and then gather the hackles together and push them forward. Then clip to the desired length. This is really easy!!!!

## The Great Lake Tie in



### The Double (secret fly) Female in front of the male

Hook: Mustad Viking 9672 #14 3x shank

Thread: Black 8/0

Female part first

Body: chocolate rabbit fur dubbing

Rib: Yellow thread half way down the hook 5 ribs

Hackle1: Partridge facing forward

Hackle 2: Partridge facing back. (Gather forward and trim both to body length)

Male part

Rib: Yellow

Body: Hares mask fur grey dubbed finely 5 ribs is perfect

Under wing: Partridge secondary feather slip

Over wing: Silver partridge

Hackle: Blue dun #14

The females are tied like a Hardy's Favourite but with a chocolate body not a peacock herl body - Partridge is very fine, trimmed by fingernail not scissors – makes it finer at the ends



## THE GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

Saturday  
16th October  
2021  
10am - 3pm



**Great Lake Community Centre**  
Cider Gum Road Miena

- Witness some of Australia's best fly tyers in action
- A range of Fly Fishing merchandise and memorabilia on sale
- Opportunity for Juniors to tie their own Fly at the junior table
- Material Dyeing Demonstrations and more!
- Food & Beverages available at the venue
- COVID safe plan in place
- Entry by gold coin donation.

Friday 15th October at 7 pm  
Talk Trout Tasmania by Inland Fisheries  
"Managing the trout fishery"



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## RSL Tying Day



The annual RSL Fly tying Day was again a resounding success. There was an excellent turnout with tyers from our club as well as some other local clubs. There were even some very keen beginners who had partaken in Westy's Beginner Fly Tying classes, which was great to see! I have included just some of the flies that were tied.



Fly: Another Shucking Emerger

Tyer: David Travalia

Hook: Firehole Nymph emerger Barbless in #16

Thread: Dyeema Black 100d

Tail: Poly wing strands

Body: Moose mane – black and grey hairs

Post: Black possum

Thorax: Claret possum and Spectra dubbing

Hackle: No hackle

Tying notes: Tie the shuck so it is a bit uneven and down around the bend of the hook. The post is tapered to look like a wing.



Fly: Yellow Gum Beetle

Tyer: Jack Parsons

Hook: B401 #12

Thread: Uni Black 6/0

Tail:

Body/legs: Clipped Deer hair

Wingback: Yellow foam

Tying notes: Tie in foam along the hook and leave some protruding over the back that you can pull forward as the wing case. Dub on deer body hair



Fly: Possum Emerger variant

Tyer: Peter Rasmussen

Hook: B400 #12

Thread: Brown

Tail: Dark hen hackle

Rib: Thin wire

Body: Awesome possum black

Wing/post: Possum tail – the oily bit

Tying notes: Loop the post and build up a thread head to make the post sit at 45 degrees

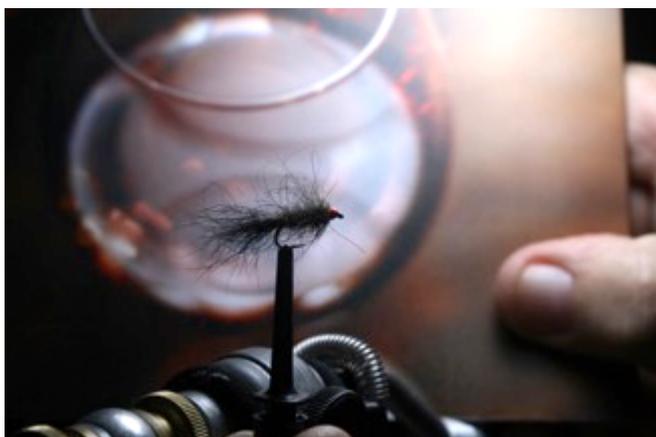




Fly: CDC F-Fly variant  
 Tyer: Chris Hilton  
 Hook: #14 dry fly  
 Thread: Grey Petitjean 8/0  
 Tail:  
 Body: Blue dun CDC  
 Over Wing: Floating polypropylene in rust



Tying notes: Tie in polypropylene first on the top pointing over the hook eye. Spin on blue CDC body using the Petitjean split thread method stroking the fibres upward. Pull the wing back over the body and dub more CDC on the front



Fly: The Raz Jackjumper  
 Tyer: Norm Cribben  
 Hook: B170 #14  
 Thread: ultra thread 70d  
 Tail: Possum tail  
 Body: Possum blend of under fur and guard hair  
 Head: Hot orange



Tying notes: This was from a pattern by Peter Rasmussen. Possum tail and then brushed out possum blend body. Fish in close amongst the trees of an evening



Fly: Long Tail Shrek  
 Tyer: Elliott Blackwood  
 Hook: B175 #12  
 Thread: Uni 6/0  
 Tail: Green marabou (Lost Fly)  
 Body: Green tinsel  
 Rib: Gold wire  
 Hackle: whiting grizzle hen hackle  
 Bead: Tungsten bead in copper



Tying notes: Tail is tied a little longer and can be trimmed off to suit. Tie it in a variety of colours



Fly: Damsel Magoo  
 Tyer: Scott Haslock  
 Hook: Hanak 230 barbless  
 Thread: Black uni 6/0 or 8/0  
 Tail: Lost Fly Olive marabou, 2 strands green and gold Flashabou  
 Body: Peacock herl  
 Rib: Small Red wire  
 Hackle: Whiting Hen in Olive  
 Bead: 2.8mm Tungsten in copper  
 Tying notes: Put in a couple of half hitches around the tail at the bend of the hook to stop tail from wrapping around the hook



Fly: Dirty Flasher  
 Tyer: Tim Urbanc  
 Hook: Hanak 230 #12  
 Thread: Black 70d  
 Tail: Olive marabou  
 Body /wing: Copper  
 Flashabou  
 Collar: Gold angel hair or Spectra  
 Bead: 3mm black tungsten  
 Tying notes: Tie in the hank of flashabou forward over the bead and then fold it back to form a 'skirt'. Tie it on when the water is dirty or very discoloured and hang on!



Fly: Fire orange Yeti  
 Tyer: Anna Bellette  
 Hook: Hanak H230BL #12  
 Thread: Uni Dark Brown 8/0  
 Tail: Fiery Orange Marabou  
 Body: Peacock herl  
 Rib: Copper wire  
 Over Wing: Tan fur tied Zonker style



Fishing notes: Throw at tailing fish or use as top dropper in a team of wets



Fly: Micro Pine Squirrel Zonker  
 Tyer: Andrew Reed  
 Hook: B170 #10  
 Thread: Uni Black 8/0  
 Tail: Red wool tag  
 Rib: Ultra wire small red  
 Body: Lazerlight claret  
 Over Wing: Pine Squirrel Zonker in claret



Tying notes: Fish on a floating line in shallow gutters



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