



# The Vice



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

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*Cover Shot –Arctic Fox Salmon Flies by Laurie Matcham!*

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## President's Report 2022

It is with great pleasure that I deliver the 2022 Presidential Report.

This year has seen some changes with the easing of COVID restrictions, although there are many at risk members of the Club due to everyone's advancing years.

We have run most of our usual events this year and they have been well attended. It was particularly pleasing to see the Annual Lunch attract a crowd of 50. In a sign of the times, we had 5 people unavailable on the day due to being unwell or a close COVID contact!

Club events run over the last season included  
Annual Lunch  
Tiger Hut  
Casting Day  
Lee's Paddock  
Lake Sorell Working Bee  
RSL Fly Tying Day  
Farm Dams Weekend  
Bream Day  
Lake Fergus trip  
Zoom Fly Tying Sessions

I would like to thank all those who lead, helped and provided support for all of these club activities, and they deserve a round of applause!

The Club survey has been a great success with 70 responses from our membership. According to those who do this sort of thing this is a fantastic amount of interest and feedback. Some of these responses were presented to the Club at the last general meeting and this video can be viewed on the club website at <https://youtu.be/jnrdcgqDaDg>

The Committee has listened and responded tonight with the proposed changes to club rules around membership numbers - Special thanks to Tony Abel for his work with the rewording of the relevant sections. The survey has also provided the Committee and Club with much 'food for thought' on a variety of issues and we will be working hard over the next year to digest and act on this information. It was particularly pleasing that so many of you had put considerable thought into your answers.

Tim Lewis is now planning for more fishing after 9 years of being Club Secretary. How do I say thank you to a person who has done so much for the Club and, on a personal note, mentored me into the Club, on to

the committee, as Vice President and then as President. Tim has been a core part of the committee and he will be sorely missed. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of both land and shack owners and always knows where to find information. The very able Tony Abel who was last in the job between 1991 and 1994 is replacing him!

As one Committee member leaves another one arrives. We are very happy to welcome Paul Markey who joins us this year. He's been a member for 4 years and represents our ongoing renewal process. The need for younger voices on the Committee was mentioned frequently in our recent survey.

David Travalia, the Vice President, often talks of the generous spirit within the club. Members see this every time we get together for any reason. Two examples stand out over the past year.

The first is for the Annual Lunch Raffle where club members donated 12 of the 13 prizes to the club!

The second involves special thanks to Jim Jones for his donation of the beautiful cane fly rod, I'm sure whoever wins it will have great pleasure fishing with this classic. It represents hours of work and truly encapsulates this generosity of club spirit. Jim certainly deserves a round of applause for the time he has invested in this work of art! On the topic of tonight's raffle, Granny is also in line for thanks for sourcing and organising Davie McPhail's flies for the runners up prize.



*John Spencer won the Cane Rod donated by James Jones*

### Clubman of the Year

The Clubman of the Year is always a tough decision to make and this year is no different. I had to go back to the year 1996 when outgoing President Tony Abel faced the impossible decision between two club

legends of Macca and Delly. So, for only the second time in club history there are dual winners this year.

Tonight's first recipient is also repeating history. In 1978 Bob Peacock presented the inaugural winner of Clubman of the year trophy to Tom Summerville. This was for an extended term as Secretary. After a quick count from the honour roll it required 9 years of service. It will come as no surprise that our retiring secretary gets this award. Congratulations to Tim Lewis.

He shares this trophy with my actual Right-Hand Man and Zoom maestro. There is much involved in the smooth running of the club and we are all so grateful to have a tame IT Expert on hand. His ability to manage computers and Zoom makes these things run seamlessly and adds to the functioning of the Club. It also encourages us all to keep in contact and look out for each other. Congratulations to Steve Butler.

Trophy sharing will need to be organised between the pair of you and I strongly recommend you ask Macca and Delly to see how they did it.



*Tim Lewis and Steve Butler – Clubmen of the Year*

I now close the AGM and invite you all to take a short break and we will reconvene in 10 minutes for the General Meeting. I'm looking forward to the next year and am honoured to serve as your President.

Thank you!

**Andrew Reed**

## Editorial

The Winter Vice is, once again, mainly comprised of fly tying related stories with reports on the Tiger Hut tying weekend and the RSL Tying day. There is also a special article on tying Salmon Flies using Arctic Fox instead of the rare and often hideously expensive

feathers. Thanks to Laurie Matcham for demonstrating how to do these amazing flies!

There is also a report on the Annual Lunch and some information on upcoming events like the Great Lake Tie in contributed by Anna Bellette. There is also a page contributed by life-member Malcolm Crosse highlighting his efforts to raise awareness, and opposition to, the proposed wind turbines in the Central Highlands.

On a personal note I would like to thank outgoing Club Secretary Tim Lewis for all the work he has done to support me in producing The Vice and presenting it in such a fantastic way. Thanks Tim!

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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!

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

Send your stories to [55dmiller@gmail.com](mailto:55dmiller@gmail.com)

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## The Great Lake Tie-in 2022

The Great Lake Tie-in is on again and it's the same day that the Mienna Shack clean up day is on so it may be a good day to pop in afterwards and have a look at the tie-in and grab some lunch.

This year we have Steve and Jo Starling as our special guests. They will assist TGALT members judging the fly tying competition.

The tying competition is a secret fly that will be revealed on the day, all materials and hook along with a photo will be supplied to each participant. TGALT and Red Tag Trout Tours have supplied the prize money donation. There will be main categories, even a kid's section. It is open to public and anyone at the tie in on the day.

Roger Butler along with Tourism Tasmania have organised for the Starling to be in Tasmania and to promote our beautiful state.

There is a special dinner organised by Roger, a dinner and presentation on the Friday night before the tie-in, 14<sup>th</sup> October it will be held at Central Highlands Lodge and are limited. Roger informed me there will be prizes to the value of \$1,000 to give away.  
(From Rogers post on Red Tag Trout Tours fb page)

Don't miss out on a top evening planned for the Central Highlands on the Friday evening October 14<sup>th</sup> preceding the Great Lake Tie-in on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### "Tales of Scales with the Starlings"

Enjoy an evening of tall tales and slippery scales with Steve & Jo Starling two of the nation's most influential and experienced fishers and story tellers.

Where: Central Highlands Lodge

When: Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm

Cost: \$45 for two-course dinner.

Bookings: Essential with the C.H. Lodge (03) 6259

8179 or e- [highlandslodge@bigpond.com](mailto:highlandslodge@bigpond.com)

Lucky Door prizes as well!!

Note, there will be no IFS talk on the Friday night.

As you can see this is going to be a great weekend.

Please feel free to advertise how you like, let me know if you need any more information on anything.

### Cheers

Anna and GLTI team, Tom Woolley, Norm Cribbin,  
Scott Haslock and Wayne Bellette.



## THE GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

Saturday  
15th October  
2022  
10am - 3pm

Great Lake Community Centre  
Cider Gum Road Mienna

- Witness some of Australia's best fly tyers in action.
- Fly Tying Competition, fly and materials supplied on the day!
- 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.

For more details, head to our fb page or email us at [greatlaketiein@gmail.com](mailto:greatlaketiein@gmail.com)



## Tiger Hut 2022



There is no doubt that the Tiger Hut Fly tying weekend is one of the highlights of the Club activity calendar. The opportunity to learn from some excellent tyers, perfect some favourite and commiserate with others of similar tying talent about materials that 'just won't' is something that is quite wonderful.



This event has been running for at least 22 years and is held in the depths of winter at The Tiger Hut, which is at Liaweenie in the central highlands. Life Members Lyndon Cubbins and Andrew Hood who have made it into a fine art have coordinated it. There are two sessions offered, one from Friday until Sunday for those who are only available on weekends and another from Sunday until Tuesday to those who are more flexible with time.



The venue is fantastic. It is very warm in the main rooms and there is plenty of space to set out all the gear you need to tie. Everyone is free to tie whatever they like and there is a culture of sharing and advice is readily available. It is genuinely inclusive for tyers from expert to absolute beginner!



The food is quite wonderful with casseroles or similar on the first night and a selection of roast on the second night, which are cooked to perfection in Ashley Artis' wonderful spit roaster.



A staggering number of flies are tied over the two days, enough for whatever part of the coming season takes your fancy or simply filling the empty space in your fly box for your old favourites.

Requests for how to tie standards such as The Duck and the latest and greatest are always appreciated!



## Fly Tying on the WWW

As we all know the www and YouTube in particular is a fantastic resource for learning fly tying and discovering new patterns. Tyers such as Barry Ord Clarke, Scott Jackson and the guru Davie McPhail are always producing fantastic videos of exotic flies from all over the world.

Every now and then however one of these masters of the vice learn from people like us and present one of our flies to the world. How do they do this I hear you ask? Well they join in our Tuesday night Tying session run by Steve Butler – that's how!

For a while now said master Davie McPhail has been joining in with the general banter and sharing of ideas and advice and recently posted this beautiful version of The Yeti which he learned from us!



Tying The Yeti a Tasmanian Fly with Davie McPhail

<https://youtu.be/pcMNTHjr72M>

If you would like to be a part of one of the most influential live fly tying sessions in the world\* on a Tuesday night then simply click on the link below and join Steve, Craig and the rest of the gang for a great evenings tying!

If you would like to join in contact the club for access to this fantastic weekly event!



Thanks to Cubby and his team for yet another fantastic event. If you missed out this year make sure you put your name down for next year - you wont regret it!



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Hi Doug,

If you are able to put the article below in the next edition of the Vice I would appreciate it very much.

The raffle is drawn **21<sup>st</sup> October**.

Regards

Malcolm Crosse

'Many of you would not be aware of a foreign owned Korean company is planning on building an industrial sized wind farm in the centre of Tasmania very close to Penstock Lagoon one of the world's iconic shallow water fly fisheries. Whilst I am in favour of alternative energy, this inappropriately proposed wind farm is going to impact on our social license, scenic values, wild life, ambiance and along with other memories we hold dear to this special part of the world the like of which are fast disappearing.

A dedicated group <https://ntag.auraffles.com.au> is challenging this proposal and the attached link will give you all the details .

The group has to raise funds for specialist's reports, lawyers, etc. and in the only way I know how is to seek your support by the way of this international raffle based around our love of fly fishing. Through our friends from TU Colorado USA, families from Tasmania and some of Australia's gifted fly tyers have come together to give you a chance of winning one or more of the fabulous prizes on offer and doing so will help us raise the much needed funds. The raffle is limited to **2000** tickets only so the odds are good.

Please read the detail of the raffle,

<https://ntag.auraffles.com.au/> buy a ticket and help us have this wind farm development located to a more suitable place which would not impact on our high country heritage and way of life.

<https://ntag.auraffles.com.au/purchase-tickets>,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this email and I look forward to your support and please feel free to send all this onto to others whom you may think will support this David and Goliath battle. If you wish you maybe come a member of this group by just visiting the NTAG web site."

Kind Regards

**Malcolm Crosse**

## Help Keep Tasmania's Highlands Unique



The No Turbine Action Group Inc (NTAG) is fighting to save a large unique area in the Tasmanian Highlands (home of the threatened Wedge-tailed Eagle) from being destroyed by a massive wind farm planned by Korea Zinc. World-renowned Penstock Lagoon sits on the boundary of the project and is visited by thousands of Australian and international fly fishermen every year.

The No Turbine Action Group Inc (NTAG) is a broad-based community organisation that supports renewable energy projects but believes that the proposed St Patricks Plains wind farm in the Highlands is in the wrong place

### First Prize



Homestay for two in Colorado USA in the heart of the Rockies, hosted by members of Colorado Trout Unlimited, leaders in cold-water conservation who are at the apex of America's fly fishing fraternity. Includes 8 nights accommodation in TU leaders' private homes on both the Front Range and Western Slope of Colorado, plus meals and guided adventures. A chance to visit and fish many of the iconic Gold Medal rivers and streams such as Rocky Mountain National Park, The South Platte, Roaring Fork, Frying Pan, Colorado, and Gunnison Rivers.

**The stay is valued at AUD\$8,000 plus AUD\$2,000 in cash (flights, transfers not included).**

**Total prize AUD \$10,000**

## Fly Tying Day at the RSL

The open day at the RSL on Saturday 30 July at the Lenah Valley RSL was very well attended as usual. The day was organised by Stephen Butler and his group of



willing workers and as usual was a great success.

As this Winter Vice is the fly tying edition I spent the day tying one or two flies for myself, and then going around recording the flies that others in the room were working on. Thanks to everyone that was willing to share their patterns.

Enjoy

Tyer: David Travalia  
 Fly: Kebari Tenkara fly  
 Hook: Tiemco 2499sp  
 Barbless #14 and #12  
 Thread: black 6-0  
 Body: peacock herl with thread reinforcement  
 Rib: Tying thread  
 Hackle: Hen pheasant swept forward, or back preferred  
 Wing: None  
 Tying notes: extra large or long head



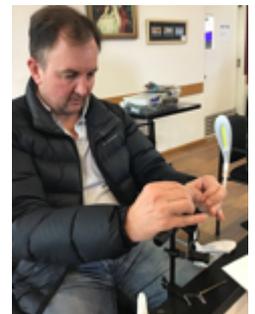
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Tyer: Andrew Reed  
 Fly: Claret Fur fly  
 Hook: Hanak #10 barbless  
 Tail: Fluoro green floss  
 Body: straggle string in lichen  
 Rib: Copper wire  
 Hackle:  
 Wing: Claret pine squirrel zonker



Tyer: Scott Hasluck  
 Fly: Pheasant tail Euro Nymph  
 Hook: Hanak #16 Jig Superb  
 Tail: Coq de leon  
 Body: pheasant tail – 3 strands  
 Rib: fine copper wire  
 Tag: Fluoro orange hot spot  
 Bead: Hanak slotted 3.5 silver or gold  
 Tying notes: very fine body is tricky!



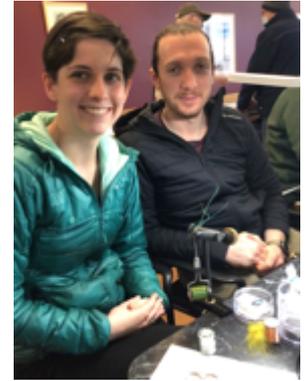
Tyer: Dave Long  
 Fly: Matuka fur fly  
 Hook: Kamasan B830 #8  
 Thread: olive 6-0  
 Tail: orange cock feather  
 Body: Masterbrite dark olive dubbing  
 Rib: copper wire  
 Wing: pine squirrel zonker in olive  
 Head: Orange thread with UV varnish



Tying notes: lead wire underbody – around 6 wraps



Tyer: Daniela and Fabian  
 Fly: Gill abdomen Mayfly Nymph (Barrie Ord-Clarke)  
 Hook: Saber #7013 size #14  
 Thread: Olive  
 Tail: Pheasant tail  
 Body: Larva lace and peacock herl  
 Rib: larva lace  
 Wing case and legs: Pheasant tail  
 Thorax: Peacock herl



Tyer: John Spencer  
 Fly: The Guts (Urbanc)  
 Hook: #8 and #10 for early season and #12 late season  
 Tail: None  
 Body: yellow seals fur, hot spot of self prism in fluoro yellow or orange, front half peacock herl  
 Rib: gold or copper wire  
 Wing: Dark olive zonker or pine squirrel for smaller hooks  
 Tying notes: lead underbody tied keel style u der the hook



Tyer: Jack Parsons  
 Fly: Nothing Fly  
 Hook: Kamasan B405 #14  
 Thread: olive 6/0  
 Body: olive thread  
 Wing: fine cat fur tied in 4 very fine wispy clumps  
 Tying notes: The fly is tied 'Tom Jones style'. You use it in Penstock as a wet fly dropper, fished very slowly.



Tyer: Wayne Bellette  
 Fly: Red Tag Euro style  
 Nymph  
 Thread: red UTC 70d  
 Tag: Red floss  
 Hook: #16 Jig hook  
 Body: Peacock herl  
 Rib: Copper wire  
 Hot spot: red thread  
 Bead: Pink tungsten.  
 3.2g



Tyer: Craig Granquist  
 Fly: 'The' Yeti  
 Hook: Hanak H230BL or  
 B175 #8 - #12  
 Thread: UTC 70d  
 Tail: pink Antron body wool  
 Rib: red copper and  
 Madeira Red 515  
 Body: 3 strands of peacock  
 herl  
 Wing: chocolate mink or rabbit zonker  
 Eye: Jungle cock or similar



Tyer: Stephen Butler  
 Fly: Green and Yellow Yeti  
 Hook: Hanak H230BL #8  
 Thread: Olive UTC 140d  
 Rib: Fine gold wire and  
 lead keel style underbody  
 Body: yellow seals fur,  
 Hotspot of UV yellow  
 Hends,  
 Thorax: Peacock herl  
 Wing: Dark Olive rabbit or  
 mink Zonker strip  
 Can have a small bead on the front for extra weight



## The Annual Club Lunch 2022



The Annual Club Lunch was once again held at the Lindisfarne Yacht Club on a Saturday afternoon. The venue is spectacular and the company was great. Following is the speech that President Andrew Reed made to open the official part of the event.



*Thanks to all of you for making this event a success, we have bettered our numbers from last year by 10.*



*I must say I'm so relieved that Norm Cribbin is here because he was initially unable to attend. This wasn't a problem apart from the two pages of instructions he sent to the Club for his raffle prize preferences in his absence.*



*Special thanks go to Jim Jones for his very generous donation of a Split Cane Fly Rod. This will be the major prize at our AGM raffle in September. This represents hours of work and is indeed a work of art. Jim specifically wants the rod to go to club member and for it to be used for fishing.*



*Speaking of the AGM, please put your minds to next year and think about what you can do for the club. This may involve being on the committee, leading an activity or being involved as a participant.*

*In a busy word the Club continues to offer a broad range of activities and we are always open to suggestions for new things or how to improve old things. We are united by a love of fly-fishing and fly tying and long may that continue.*



*I told you this was going to be a short speech!*

**Andrew Reed**

## Arctic Fox Salmon Flies

The idea of tying those beautiful salmon flies that master tyers spend hours on involves having excellent tying skills and a bewildering range of rare and exotic feathers, until now...



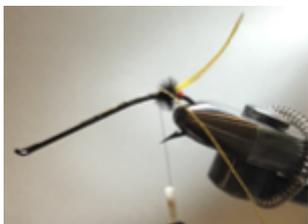
Enter Laurie Matcham (ok he is a master tyer etc.) Laurie has a way of making the wondrous achievable for mere mortals. His alternative solution to the need to employ a 'Feather Thief' is to use Arctic Fox dyed in a range of colours, some UV glue and the normal stuff that most of would have or could get relatively easily. So strap yourselves in for a master class on how to tie the 'Paramedic' – an original salmon fly by Laurie!

### Fly: The Paramedic

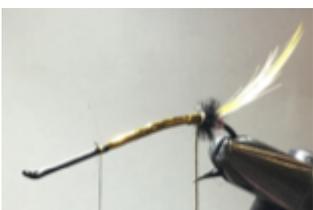


**The Dome:** This represents the flashing light on an ambulance\*. Wrap some red holographic tinsel around the hook near

the bend and use UV glue to make a dome or bead. Wrap about 4 turns of oval gold tinsel in front of the dome.



**The Tail:** Take around four strands of Golden Pheasant Crest and tie it in about ½ the hook shank in length. Then tie in 3-4 wraps of dark ostrich herl.



**Body and Rib:** Tie in a rib of gold wire or oval gold tinsel and the gold tinsel body material. Try to make this as smooth as possible using touching

turns. Wind up the rib and tie it off.



**Thorax - collar:** Tie in some orange or red ostrich herl. Tie this in with 3-4 wraps as shown in the picture.



**Wings:** This is where the fun starts! Tie in your first layer of Arctic Fox. In this case it is the orange one. Make sure it is sparse and fine. Follow this with red and blue!



**Throat:** Tie in a blue feather with guinea fowl breast feather and a black overwing making sure to smooth everything back as you

go. The different colours should blend or 'marry' together.



**Over wing and Eyes:** Tie in another piece of Golden Pheasant Crest as an over wing and a set of jungle cock eyes. Trim, tie in another

piece of ostrich to hide the wraps and form a neat black thread head.



Apply your varnish and... Voila!

## Advice Tip and Tricks

With all the talk of zonker strip flies at the moment I thought it time to share a device that makes the cutting of these little gems a bit easier. I have always struggled to get zonkers that are thin enough for the size 10 and 12 flies that I want to tie. My efforts involved holding the fur in a set of hackle pliers and using a scalpel. The results were less than fantastic!

I saw this video on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/pBzQ5QIYiKk>) with a person making a little bench that held the fur taut and using a multi-bladed scalpel and thought that I could adapt this, even with my basic building skills!



I adapted an old tabletop fly bench I made a few years ago and don't need anymore. This allows me to use various lengths of skin and stretch it tightly and hold it securely with some clamps.



The scalpel was made using four wooden knives with some razor blades glued between them. This allowed the zonkers to be trimmed to a width of about 1.5mm.

After 'squaring up' the fur and trimming it to a usable size it was relatively easy to produce a number of zonker strips of uniform size. It did take some practice

but I think that this will be a successful jig for a future of happy zonkering!



*(I know some of these are a bit rough but ... they work!)*

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## Index of Vice Articles

I have compiled a list of contents from previous editions of the Vice as some members have asked about various stories and the like. All these can be accessed directly from the club website under the link to The Vice. I will include it in all future editions and add to it where possible.

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