



# The Vice

## News letter of Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club Inc.

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### Presidents Report

Wow! What a start to the season and I haven't even been fishing yet. I've been checking the Lake and river levels over the past month and how marvelous to see so many spilling. This should be a great season with so many options for us all.

I don't think any of us will top Bruce Barkers 12 plus pounder from Arthurs Lake last season but hopefully we will see this lake recover quickly from its previously low levels to become the jewel in the crown again. I remember taking an interstate friend of mine for a few days fishing 2 years ago and wanted to show him a variety of Tasmanian Lakes but I couldn't get him away from Arthurs. "Why the bloody hell would you want to go anywhere else" he said. Why indeed? You could spend a lifetime fishing this water and never tire of it.

The club has a field trip to Arthurs Lake in October which I am looking forward to. However, this month's trip to Woods Lake should be a cracker. Tie up some Galaxia patterns or some of Pete Trotty's marabou knobblers and hang on!

What a wonderful sport this is. The planning, the anticipation and the bad nights sleep before we go fishing. So bring a positive outlook and a spring in your step and I look forward to seeing some of you on the lakes, at the Bob Peacock Lodge or at the regular club meetings.

David Hemmings

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### Coming Events

The next **General Meeting** will be held at the Black Buffalo on October 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8.00pm.

**16 – 18 October Arthurs Lake** (Miena shack)  
Contact organiser P. Murphy

**Next Vice 2nd November** Deadline for contributions  
19<sup>th</sup> October. Contact John Smith  
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## Suggest a Caption

Dan Rimmer correctly guessed that the lake in the last issue was the Great Lake so Dan gets the \$30 voucher from Spot On. -well done Dan.



Guess who and suggest a caption for this sleeping beauty on a recent field trip and win a thirty dollar Voucher



The boys at Spot On fishing tackle have kindly provided the Club with 4 vouchers to the value of \$30 each for this year's **competition**. I'm sure everyone will join with me in thanking the lads for this kind support, and continue to patronise Steve's shop.

## Monday Meetings

Simon Thomson's professional, and passionate presentation about cane rods was enjoyed by all.

I am sure that we would all now love to own a cane rod be it burnt or a blond. Those owning Hardy rods, like Pete Murphy were somewhat disappointed to learn that American cane rods were better.

I felt quite anxious just thinking of the precision required to build a cane rod. Splitting the bamboo, shaving down the sections so they are all exactly the same, dipping and hanging to get the exact finish, turning the cork handle, making the runners and much more- all a bit much for me.

It really was a great presentation and I know that some members, the more skilled and meticulous, have been enthused enough to have a go. It is great to have someone like Simon to offer his help and share his devices.

Simon's rods are fantastic treasures and I have spoken to Dave Young about getting them on the National Heritage list.

**Thanks Simon**

## The Annual General Meeting

At the annual general meeting the motion to increase the limit on membership from 75 up to 80 was carried with a large majority. A very good roll up enjoyed a few drinks from club funds after the meeting. Congratulations Tony Dell; our new life member. Congratulations to Dave Hemmings for a great job in leading the club over the past year, and to Clubman of the Year John Smith.

The new committee elected are:

President	Dave Hemmings
Vice President	Peter Trott
Secretary	Peter Murphy
Treasurer	Tim Munro

Committee Members

Malcolm Crosse  
John Spencer  
John Smith

Feel free to contact these officials about any club matters.

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## The Great Annual Dinner

About 50 members came along to the best dinner we have had in years Thanks to Grace and Laurie for a wonderful night, great food, a real feast, a great venue and a drop or two of fine wine to get us moving. Fantastic hosts, fantastic effort.

Dave Hemming did a fine job with organisation and even donated a day's drift fishing on the Macquarie

River with the best looking guide in the State. Malcolm Crosse won the honour; enjoy.

Pru and John O'Halloran donated a day's fishing at Highland waters which was won by Steve Martin and his chamber band. Well done Steve.

It is a great night to meet and get to know fellow members.



## In Memory of John Diggle

We were all saddened to hear that John Diggle, a valued member, died recently at the age of 73. John was a keen fly tyer and fly fisher

His favourite waters were Sorell, Tooms Lake and Dee Lagoon. He loved camping at Brownie Bay on the Dee.

He fished a lot with the late Jim Hastie, a member of the club, who was a teacher with John at Kingston High School.

John readily shared his knowledge about fishing with the young and took school groups away fishing in the lakes, usually to Silver Plains on Lake Sorell.



John has also made his mark on the fishery through his son of the same name who has made a career of improving the trout fishery as head of Inland Fisheries.

No doubt father taught son about trout fishing and instilled a love of the craft in John. His interest in electronics and inventiveness no doubt influenced John Diggle (Junior) in a successful fisheries research career including the carp eradication program.

He will be missed but memories of the good times fishing will remain with members who knew John well.

Our thoughts are with his family

John was an active member attending many club field trips, fairly quiet, but a great bloke to go fishing with. He was really practical and would have a go at anything. For example he was involved with computers and electronics in the early days before they became common place. He was indeed an innovator. He was also a great cook.

John has not been an active member in recent years but the club has recognised John's value by keeping him as an honorary member.



## Member Profiles

### Denis Abbott

A few months after our wedding in the winter of 1968, I attended one of Ray Longden's fly tying courses. I knew nothing about fly rods or their use, until Nick Ingles took me off to Hawker & Shadfords to buy a Sealey cane rod and an A.W. Young reel. On opening day, we went to Orielson Rivulet, and I started flyfishing.

Nick Ingles was doing the tying course, as well as Peter Fay, Eric Canning, Wal Hucalak, and Father Benneworth. Marg Knight had done the course many years before that, but attended on many evenings. It was ironic that the course, was held in the room in the Carnegie Building which, until 1962, was the State Librarian's office. In 1962 the State Library moved to Murray Street, the year I started work there after high school and before heading to university.

Over the last 10 years Marg and I shared another interest as inveterate readers, swapping books at Dellie's flytying sessions.

My first fish on the fly was caught in my second season of fishing on the Macquarie River, just upstream from the Stewarton Bridge using a Pot-scrubber nymph.

#### **Favourite fishing places?**

My favourite haunts used to be the southern rivers, the upper Macquarie, the Clyde and the Shannon, but that has all changed in the last 10-15 yrs due to long term drought, large scale irrigation extraction and changed agricultural practices. Since they have deteriorated so much I've chased the dry fly around the northern shores of Arthurs, the Pine, Howes Bay Lagoon and until hip replacement surgery in 2004, the Western lakes. I regret that I wasn't more familiar with walking and fishing in the Western lakes long before we started going there regularly.

My favourite flies used to be small Black Spinner and Red Spinner, both tied simply with bodies of maribou silk. The Pearsall's orange silk when wet with water, or floatant is the exact burnt orange colour of the insect. I was introduced to the streams by Alan Walker and often used Walker's Fancy, the fly named after him. In recent years I've used an emerger pattern more often than a dun pattern and the onion bag fly, mainly on Arthurs. It's tied with hackle wings, the feathers taken from a bantam cape and the onion bag strand is from an old, pale orange onion bag, not the bright red ones that are around now. I've not seen red spinners on



*Denis with a brown Lagoon of Islands 1970 "ish".*

Arthurs so I wouldn't be surprised if the pattern is often taken for an orange caddis. When I use a dun pattern it is an adaptation of the Lyne's Fancy, the difference being a "sail wing" instead of a split wing.

My fondest memory is of the day I fished to rising fish all day on the Macquarie and caught my bag (12) using a red spinner. Both red and black spinners were over the water and some trout were fussy about which one, but I didn't change flies, just moved on to another run. I had such a pleasant day that I left the river mid-afternoon with fish still rising. I kept the biggest fish, 4lb, by far the largest. This was in November 1996, after a flood in September, the last time the river flooded and ran strong and clear with prolific hatches.



*A 10lb Lake Pedder Brown and two little Abbotts.*

The only beautiful river water that I've seen since was in 2003 when we stayed in a B&B in Stockbridge, on the banks of the River Test, the famous English chalkstream. The water was crystal clear and flowing strongly in autumn. It was very enticing, but without being one of the landed gentry, or a rich pop star buying up from the faded gentry there's no chance of casting a line on that water.

My largest fish was a 10 pounder from Lake Pedder, on a mud-eye imitation in the evening, but more memorable was a 5½ lb rainbow at Lagoon of Islands, memorable for its line-stripping runs, head-shaking at depth and leaping out, way beyond where the line entered the water. This was in the late 1970s, when we camped there for a week and fished among the floating islands with large, palmered, red spinner patterns tied on no.10 Wilson up eye salmon hooks.

My recent camp experiences are back with those Western lakes trips, often memorable for foul weather rather than fish. Nevertheless, it was exhilarating, just roaming in a landscape of glacial lakes and pencil pines, with the occasional chance of fishing to rising fish and convivial company around the campsite in the evening.

The most adventurous fishing trip was in 1972 just before we left Canada, after living there for a year. My Canadian fishing mate organized the trip and it involved an overnight train trip from Toronto to White River, north of Lake Superior, then we were dropped into a remote lake by a Beaver float plane for a week. We got into an aluminium, Canadian canoe and paddled flat-out from the shore to shake off the biting blackflies, then fished for brook trout.

I used to do most of my fishing on my own, savouring the solitude, but when you're lonely all the time, solitude loses its appeal. To me, the two sensations are radically different. In the last two years since that life-shattering smash, I've enjoyed some dry fly trips especially with John O'Halloran, as well as David Imber, Tony Dell and an introduction to Atlantic Salmon by John Smith. I'm grateful for their kindness.

In retirement, I have done some work as a guide for an eco-tour business, principally for birds on Bruny Island.

*Denis joined the fly tiers club in 1976. He has been a member for 33 years. I wish I had joined the club then. I first met Denis in the great days of the Lagoon of Islands when a group of around 20 of us would camp there in third week of November. Denis fished from a*

*fantastic clinker dinghy which Reg Fazackerley, the renowned dinghy builder, built for him in 1973. Denis later built a sailing dinghy, but that certainly wasn't for fly fishing. They were great days and great nights. I have also known Denis through work from time to time. He also makes magnificent things from wood he is indeed a man with many skills and qualities. We are extremely lucky to still have Denis with us after the terrible crash on the midlands highway. I remember Denis for his sense of humor and an almost wicked laugh. With floods on the Macquarie we might just get Denis back there this season for a bag on the dry.....JTS*

What to say about Denis Abbott  
Watching birds and catching fish are his habit  
To the Macquarie he'll go, red spinner will show  
Watch out fish! Denis is no rabbit!



*Denis at Tiger Hut 2009*

In his varnished clinker treasure  
The fish he has their measure  
Denis remember the Lagoon in November  
Large Rainbows; oh what pleasure!



## Member Profile Peter Murphy

Peter is a North West coaster being born and bred in Smithton where he lived with his family on the Duck River. Peter started fishing at a very young age on the banks of the Duck River catching brown trout on worms. When about 12 he started using the spinning rod and he made his own spinners. During the whitebait season Peter would dash down to his special spot to cast for trout sometimes catching 2 or 3 and nearly always at least 1.

Innovation helps make great fish catchers so when Peter heard that fly fishing was the way to go and bamboo was the material. Peter along with brother, Mick went to nick some bamboo from a neighbour's garden. Home made wire runners were carefully bound onto the "rod" and the old heavy green cord was wound onto an old bakerlite reel. Then came Pete's first fly 'white chook feathers tied to a hook then dipped in enamel paint with green spots added'. Off on the Duck river for some casting with no idea how to cast led to some vocabulary development with words never used in front of or by a lady. They vacated the river in haste when to their dismay they realised that the whole episode was being watched by a worm fisher with his young lady.

Father heard about fly fishing and purchased a Hardy Triumph #5 cane rod but because of a war injured wrist found he could not cast so he put the rod in the shed and this is the rod that started the serious career of Murph, the fly fisher who we all know and love.

When 17 Peter went on a 4 day fly fishing trip with two family friends and they fished very hard in Brady's, Little Pine, and Dee Lagoon where several fish were taken but not by Pete. However skill in casting was acquired which paved the way for some serious fishing. Tucker was a can of baked beans placed in a tussock then fired.

He also started walking the Western Lakes. With the cane rod which Peter used for the next 23 years, the first two with an old flat silk, line Peter (Now at university in Hobart) started fishing all the lakes in the Bronte system including the Dee, the Lake St Clair Lagoon, Clarence Lagoon and Laughing Jack. He could not recall his first fish on the fly but it was taken soon after his first trip. Most fishing was done in summer using a dry fly, mostly dun imitations.

When Pete replaced the flat green line with a plastic line there was no room for backing so the skill to control and dominate a fish was picked up by necessity.



*"Murph" with a Cracking South American Rainbow*

One memorable day was a flying ant landing at Bronte when the fish went mad, everywhere, rushing around sipping down ants and they greedily attacked a well presented Dun.

"Murph" returned to Smithton as a qualified teacher and cut back on fishing in favour of family and oyster farming before returning to Hobart in 1996 to get stuck into the fish again. Still fished the Bronte chain but started bushwalking and fishing in the western lakes; still a favourite type of fishing.

Flies - well for wets it's a woolly bugger or **Pete's green cat fly**, made with a green body black tail and a barred rabbit fur strip. For dry flies well it's the Royal Wulff, a Black Spinner or an Adams.



Pete finished 2 fly tying courses with Macca and realised that he could improve his fishing by joining the Fly Tyers' club which he did about 3 years ago. He still enjoys the western lakes and has fished Arthurs in recent years and likes fishing with club members to learn from them but also to share his knowledge. He is a renowned cormorant with some remarkable performances including 8 on a club Macquarie trip. He has fished in South America and recalls a great day with a guide where he caught a 7 lb rainbow the one and only fish to ever take him out to the backing.

A great club bloke who has done a professional job as secretary in the last year, he can also cook and contributes to the Vice. A fine bloke to go fishing with providing you can stop him talking.

Pete tried fly fishing with Mick  
Bamboo to make rods they did nick  
First fly was quaint chook feathers with enamel paint  
Green cotton line to cast, not so slick

They tried casting on the Duck river  
Knew nothing just had to dither  
The frustrated pair did nothing but swear  
When caught; off they did slither.



### Member Profile Steve Martin

Steve Martin, one of our renowned musical members, started his fishing at Bronte Lagoon a long time ago when he attended the Bronte fishing camp at a cost of \$25 for 5 days. He picked up the fundamentals of fly fishing as well as the fishing virus and he has not looked back.

His first fish was taken in the Tyenna River where Steve has taken many rainbows particularly in his early fishing years.

Steve, extremely fit for his age, loves the Western Lakes particularly the Christys Creek system which is a few hours walk from the Lake Ada car park. Camping out for two or three days provides some excellent fishing opportunities. Even though the fish are spooky you nearly always see fish and Steve certainly catches his share. Polaroiding fish on a clear day is hard to beat.

He enjoys the combination of bush walking and fishing. Because of his love for salmonoid flesh, Steve is quite prepared to carry a good specimen for many miles.

He recalls a remarkable event, slightly heart breaking, when he hung a nice golden brown in a tree overnight. When he returned from fishing the fish had gone and all that remained was a perfect skeleton with a neatly peeled back skin. Sounded a bit like Noel Wilson's filleting, but Noel was not on the trip, so it must have been a bird; The Greater Christies lake filleting bird!

Gravalaxing ; fillet, add salt and sugar and stack , press and refrigerate. Add brandy if you have any left, perhaps a dash of fennel.



*Steve with a fine Brown from Woods Lake*

Steve has fished overseas while touring with the Orchestra including a trip to Canada and Washington State where Dan Rimmer's father took him lake fishing in a float tube and Steve did catch fish.

On returning he immediately purchased one with a view to increasing catch rates. Believe it or not he revisited Lake Skinner **carrying his float tube**, took off from shore on a normal windy day to get a better crack at the wonderful Lake Skinner rainbows. Survival, not fishing, took over when his leg powered propulsion was only just sufficient to remain stationary against the wind.

He is a willing participant in club activities including the walks led by Ashley Artis into Lake Halkyard. He

shared a tent with Simon Gates the year he broke his ankle and he talked Simon through a painful weekend. I am quite sure he would have carried Simon out had the need arisen. He recalls the time he out fished Westy and even catching the first magnificent brown of the season from Westy's boat as a memorable experiences

Unfortunately Steve has encountered restricting knee problems but he has invested heavily in a couple of operations and he is keen to get out west again.

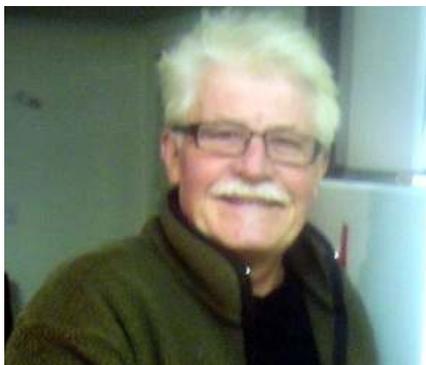
A red tag and any fur fly are Steve's choice.

A memorable fish: "Fishing on Christies in terrible weather, snow sleet, howling wind appalling

conditions, I cast a dry red tag to a slight movement in the water and the fish took it."

Tony Dell taught Steve heaps about fly tying and indeed nominated Steve as a member quite a few years ago.

I first met Steve on the Burbury trip when he was learning to play the ukulele. He is great company and a good bloke to go fishing with. We shared a boat, a van and a skinny dip and Steve serenaded me all the way home.



Off to Christies went Steve  
After big browns to heave  
Being well taught many fish he has caught  
But he's got to look after his knee

A musical member Steve Martin  
A fish once hooked there's no parting  
Up the lake skinner track with float tube on back  
He's known for his fishing and carting

## Great Lake Opening Weekend

Whilst only a small band turned up at the lodge for the opening weekend, it was all quality and we had a great time. The weather was not the best with strong westerly winds on Saturday with sleet and snow. Winds swung into the North West on Sunday and if we had remembered the milk it would have been blown out of the tea.

The fish were not as hungry as we expected. Arthurs failed to yield a fish on Saturday. Westy and Steve Martin caught 3 brown silver bullets about 3 lbs each at Woods Lake but it took all day. Tim and Westy went to Arthurs and caught a fish on Sunday.



Brian West with a fine fish

## Food for Thought !

### Malcolm Crosse looks at some developing trends overseas

They say that travel broadens the mind and you have the chance to see how things are done in other parts of the world.

This certainly has been the case from a recent trip overseas where I had the opportunity to visit and fish some very different fisheries.

As a visitor to both the WFFC and the CFFC both of which were held in Scotland in June of this year I was able to spend time talking with anglers from many parts of the world.

A couple of points of interest are worthy of repeating: The world governing body of coarse and freshwater Fly fishing (with a title too long and complicated to be bothered with) has said that in four years time only properly commercially manufactured barbless hooks will be permitted in competitions run by this body. It seems that the folk on the other side of the angling fence are putting more and more pressure on game angling and the cruelty to the fish. The barbless hook modification is seen as a way to combat the argument. Also as many of us have been fishing with debarbed hooks for a long time now it is quite surprising how few fish are lost by using this type of hook, maybe down the track this type of hook will be the accepted thing.

With the development of better electric outboard motor technology many of the smaller fisheries are banning the use of petrol outboards, many of the lakes I visited were electric or rowing only.

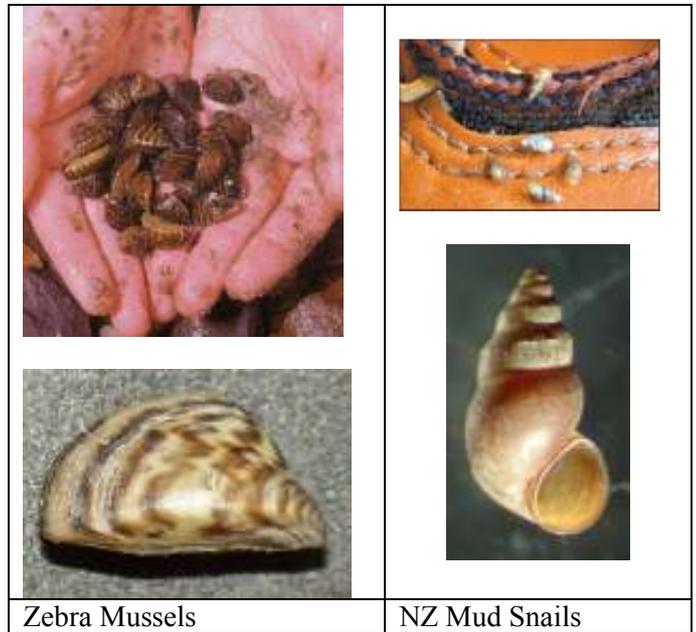
It is interesting to see this trend and talk to people who are driving this course of action and in many cases it all about the concern for the aquatic environment.

On the same subject closer to home it is also interesting to see that the subject of electric outboards and their use on Penstock Lagoon seems to be again on the table for discussion.

From my own point of view whatever steps are needed to be taken to ensure that the Tasmanian fishery, which is coming under increased pressure from more anglers, and decreased angling venues should be taken. If this means to trend towards electric outboard motors on some waters so be it.

The problem of transferable water borne potentially damaging plants and animals was is high on the agenda and whilst we all are aware of the Didiymo problem I thought it may pay to throw a couple more nasties, which I have come across in my travels over a

number of years, on the table. I have reproduced in full the details of the threatening beasts (below).



I guess it's now a given thing with anglers being more mobile that we need to be ever aware of ensuring that our gear is dry, disinfected, and whatever else needs to be done to protect against these and other water borne infestations.

About the fishing it was interesting in California but water levels were low.



*Malcolm Cross with a nice trout*

# New Zealand Mudsnails

## WHY CONTROL NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAILS?

NZMS disrupt the food chain by consuming algae in the stream and competing with native bottom-dwelling invertebrates. A population crash of invertebrates (small aquatic organisms) can follow the introduction of NZMS, which reduces fish forage. With a decrease in food availability, fish populations may decline as well. Learn more about New Zealand Mudsnails at [www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms/](http://www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms/).

## How to Identify a New Zealand Mudsnail

- New Zealand Mudsnails average  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, but young may be as small as a grain of sand. A plate covers the opening of the gray, brown or black cone-shaped shell with 5-6 whorls.
- They live in most types of waters, from silted river bottoms to clear mountain streams and brackish waters.
- Temperature tolerance 32-77°F (66°F optimum).
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- Densities of over 750,000 per square meter have been found in Yellowstone National Park waters.
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# **DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!**

## **Quaggalzebra mussels ruin boats and destroy waters**

**Quaggalzebra mussels** in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. The mussels clog water pipes, coat piers, and ruin boat motors. Transferring a boat from an infested water to another water could spread the mussels.

### **YOU CAN STOP THEM!**

#### **When leaving the water:**

- **Inspect all exposed surfaces - small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.**
- **Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.**
- **Remove all plants and animal material.**
- **Drain all water and dry all areas.**
- **Drain and dry the lower outboard unit.**
- **Clean and dry all live-wells.**
- **Empty and dry any buckets.**
- **Dispose of all bait in the trash.**
- **Keep your watercraft dry for at least five days in warm, dry weather and up to 30 days in cool, moist weather between launches into different fresh waters.**



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# Fishing the Great Lake

## A John Smith summary of club discussions on the Great Lake

The experience of members and their willingness to share their knowledge about fishing the Great Lake made the meeting on this lake a resounding success. The map produced (with a few additions) shows the fishy spots with weed beds, rocky shores, and where the best wind lanes usually are.

I have tried to capture some of the knowledge without mentioning names as I am unsure of who said what or what they said.

The Great Lake is a diverse fishery with many different fishing opportunities at any time of the year, any time of the day, for rainbows or browns.

Early season the rocky shores with good structure are a good place to fish as this is where the galaxia spawn with stimulation of increasing day length and rising water levels. These same structures provide some protection for the small fish and are a good place to try in the evenings and also late season. Wet flies are the go.

One of our members likes the night fishing in these places and uses large black wet flies if the fish are not rising or two large dries on the still balmy evenings of summer when there is insect life about. Hear the splosh and feel the strike. This can be exciting fishing.

After a still cold night, large midge hatches occur and many are unable to get air borne leaving slicks of insect soup to be sipped down by cruising fish. If the breeze comes up a bit and we get wind lanes, the tighter the better, then we are in for some exciting fishing. We need to be on the water before sun up searching for wind lanes and rising fish. One suggestion on the night was to start off using a large dry and or even a woolly worm and dragging this across in front of the fish, an aggressive approach which can be repeated quickly. As it gets lighter, change to a smaller dry and cast well in front of the fish swimming up the wind lane (some members drift down wind, some use the electric) As the sun rises change to a still smaller dry, possibly a midge pattern. I have seen hoppers work as well as red tags. One of our members uses a hare's ear and cdc midge patterns.

If there is no wind and no wind lanes then you can chase fish on the midge but they are often "oncurs"

and seem to be a cast and a half away. Do you chase or wait or go home for breakfast?

Wind lanes are worth a look at any time as they concentrate food. If there is food in them and not just bubbles, then hang about the fish will come. Wind lanes are 3 dimensional fish food stores. Often the best place to fish and see fish is along the edges, although the fish will be found in the clear still water which provides a window of opportunity for fish and fish foe. Remember for every fish you see on top then there will be another three below. Drifting down a wind lane, fishing wets can be productive. If you miss one, don't turn around, another fish will come along.

When the North wind blows and there are bright cloudless skies then it is time to seek out "the sharks" either in the waves or even in the wind lanes. The rainbows stand out like red beacons and you need to get a fly in front of them before they see you. They are hungry they are up looking for food and they will often take your fly (so they say). This is exciting fishing which really does get the heart pumping. It is best to have a boat controller assistant spotter and a fisher. You do need to spot fish early before they spot you – be cast ready but remember that continual casting and movement that can scare fish

When conditions are not right for wind lanes or sharks there are other fishing opportunities. Drifting over the weed beds fishing small wets and cadis imitations or nymphs can be effective. Use up to 3 flies, leaving about a metre between each one to cover a range of depths.

In summer when there are insects floating about, large dries will attract fish even when you are not seeing rises. Large foam flies have been popular in the past, but some recommend large black deers hair attractants. Using up to 3 dry flies seems to work well. Remember to leave about a metre between the flies. Some choose a dropper which will cover a range of depths.

I think I have reported what I heard, but some conflicting points of view would go well, even in a letter to the editor..



*Anglers Alliance Tasmania has allowed us to use the background map. See the great Inland Fisheries Access brochures prepared with help from Australian Government, Hydro Tasmania and Anglers Alliance Tasmania*

### President's Report August 2009

I'd like to open by thanking you all for your support over the past twelve months. I think the new committee has become more familiar with the general issues that we have to deal with and we are able to look at medium to long term planning. It's a healthy idea to review such things as Sorrell shack or future club venues or the number of members we should have, even if there is no actual change in the outcome.

I also like think that is an achievement for a club such as ours to survive with the busy lives that we all have these days. Two of the committee members have spent a lot of time overseas, but still manage to be committed to the club and attend meetings. All of us are busy in our own lives and yet meetings are well attended. Club Field days remain popular (some - very popular) and winter fly tying numbers are healthy. Membership numbers seem to be slowly increasing.

In terms of the next twelve months, the activities have been finalised with some minor changes in venues. We have some good ideas for general meetings and want to continue with the series of "how to fish this lake". This will result in some good sharing of knowledge and eventually in mapping of these lakes for members.

We will have a web site for the club up and running and should be able to book the shack on line.

The committee has for some time wanted to include fly tying on a more regular basis, but has struggled with how to put this into practice. Cubby recently suggested to me that we could video someone tying a particular fly or demonstrating a method and that we show this at each meeting. They can then discuss this for 10 minutes. This is a great idea which we will put into practice. We will also have the occasional guest tyer to supplement this idea.

Finally. I'd like to announce that the committee has decided that a trophy will be awarded to the winner of the casting field day which will be perpetually known as **The Margaret Knight Memorial Trophy.**

#### Clubman Trophy

There are a number of members who would qualify for the annual Clubman award, but as I can only award this to one person, I'd like to award it to someone who epitomises the notion of a quiet achiever. He attends field days with a smile, puts up his hand when work is required, is happy to take on committee work and provides me with encouragement when required - **John Smith**

### Oysters de la Murphy

You will need	How it's done
<p>1 cup of coarse bread crumbs (or small cubes of bread)            ½ cup of diced ham (or bacon)            ½ cup of grated cheddar cheese            ¼ cup chopped chives (or parsley)            Sour cream            Tabasco sauce or finely chopped chilli            One dozen oysters</p>	<p>Mix all the ingredients adding sufficient sour cream to give a stiff paste-like consistency.            Clean and drain one dozen oysters on the half shell.            Cover each oyster with the mixture.            Bake or grill until the coating is golden brown.</p> <p>(Enjoy with some good fishing mates)</p>
<p><i>A dab hand in the kitchen is Pete            Be it fish chicken or meat            When the fishing's not great            he will still fill your plate            With a wonderful culinary treat.</i></p>	

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Stove for the shack. Must be in excellent condition and have some hot plates working. Contact Tim Munro. <a href="mailto:tim@theatreroyal.com">tim@theatreroyal.com</a> .	The <b>cooking of pancakes</b> in the shack has been banned for health and safety reasons	
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