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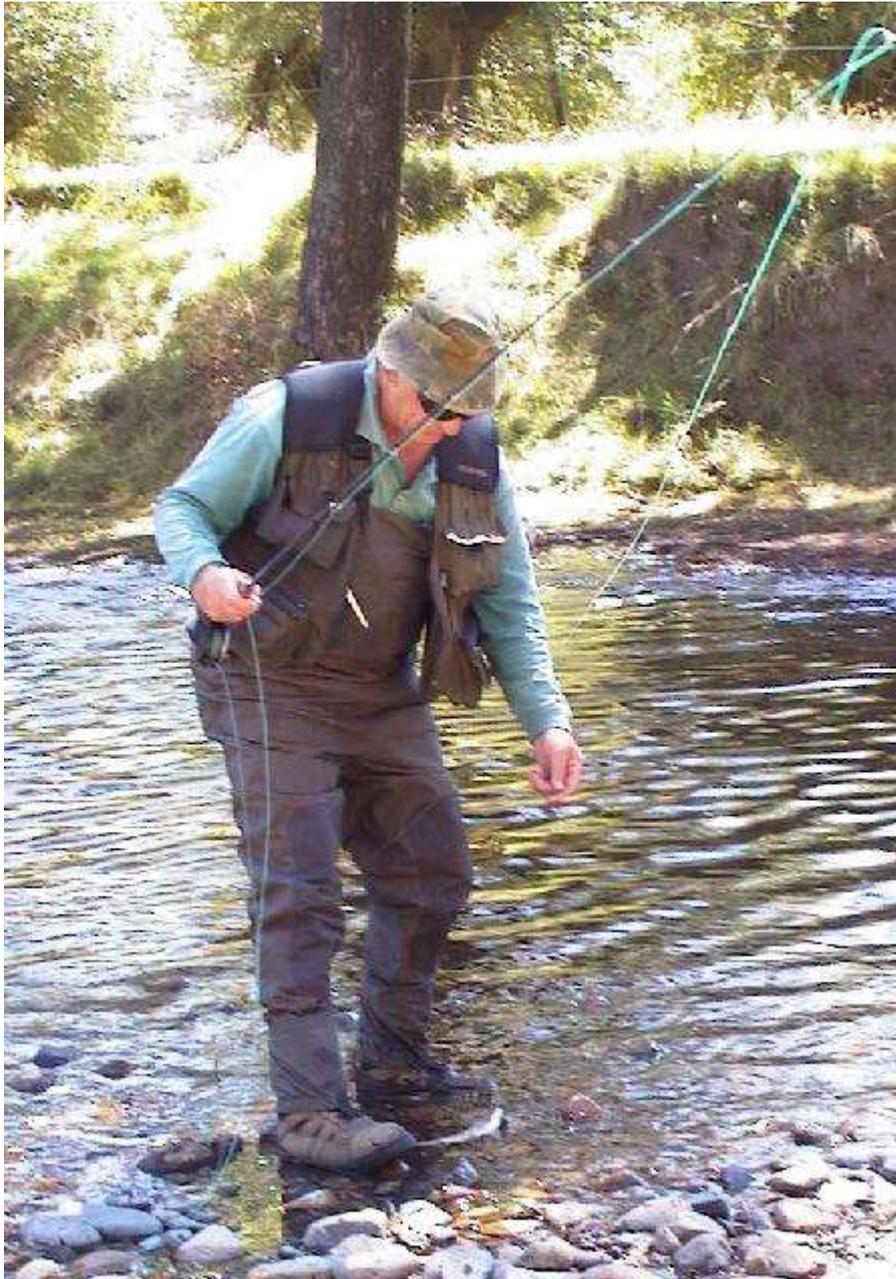
Newsletter – April 2005

Coming Events

Next month we are intending to have Ash from the Fishing Hole along to talk. He described that he wanted to spend some time "debunking some myths of the industry" in relation to equipment by sharing some of the product inside knowledge that he has accumulated. We hope there'll be a good turnout.

Peter and Bill's Report

Well he's done it again! Bill was suspicious when getting into the wagon Peter loaded his rod already rigged up. And rightfully so; we arrive at stream edge and Peter had made his first cast whilst Bill had barely got his waders on - a small brown was then landed to ram home Peter's superior skills.



At least this time Bill managed to land a few - indeed arguably landed the two best for the day and thus may have stayed in touch with the master.



Please excuse the average quality of this selfportrait - experimenting with taking the pictures myself.

Canberra Anglers' Association Trophies

Members are encouraged to register their best fish at monthly meetings to put themselves in contention – Ian holds the registration book. Photos of the various trophies will be included in the newsletter during the year.

Keith Shields Memorial Trophy – best native fish for the year (ie to 31 July – just prior to Annual General Meeting). Named after prominent member.



Talk by Nick Taransky 10 Mar meeting

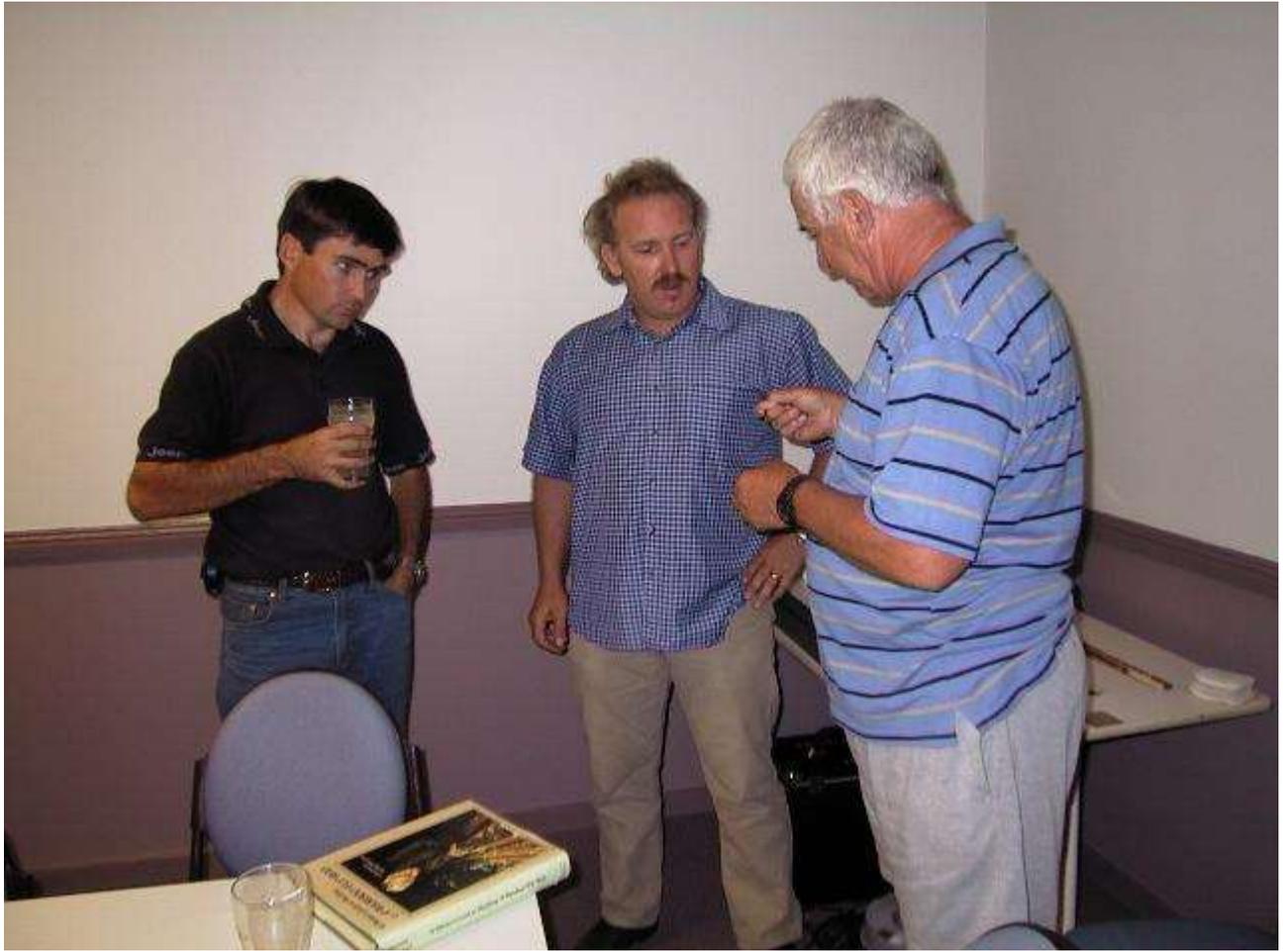
A somewhat disappointing turnout for what turned out to be a fascinating talk by a dedicated and eloquent artisan. Nick is one of only two professional cane rod makers in Australia. He gave the audience a comprehensive walk through the process illustrated by slides and real materials/completed rods. The rods are a work of art yet a convincing argument was put for

their utility, especially for small stream work. Certainly the idea of being able to cast using only the leader was very appealing to this editor (eliminate my dreadful line splash perhaps).

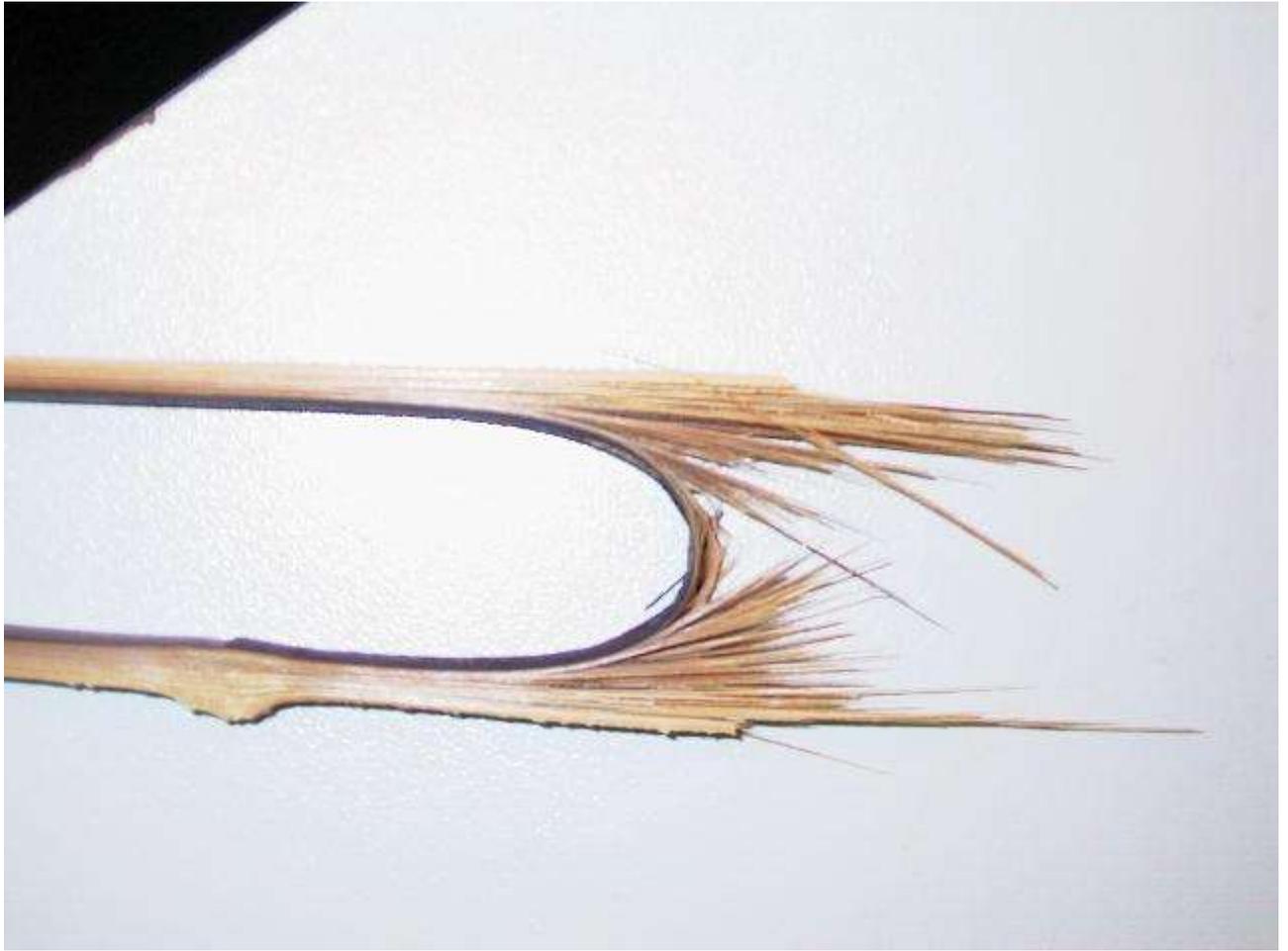
<http://www.taranskybamboo.com.au>



Peter, Nick and Stefan showing the ease of splitting the cane into strips prior to planing.



Scott, Nick and Peter examining a single strength strand from within a bamboo segment



Strip of bamboo broken to show the strength strands



Detail of workmanship at the ferrule - edge turned down to reduce rigidity.



Detail of rod with original bamboo (joint has been planed down).

Monaro Streams Trip Report

Hi Bill,

here's a report for the newsletter. Peter K and myself attended the outing with no keeper size fish caught although Peter caught one that was close to keeper size but freed it anyway. Only tiny fish in the Eucumbene river with Peter catching possibly the smallest trout on fly in the club. Poor Peter K had a bad run of luck with no big fish caught, breaking the tip on his Sage rod, having his Petzl light stop working on him and then getting bogged on Sunday morning. I on the other hand also didn't catch any large fish, but was happy with the way I am casting, being able to put the fly where I want it and being able to change direction of the cast to follow rises.

I did catch one undersize brown at Bolaro and a rainbow in the Eucumbene which was barely 2 inches long. All in all a reasonable weekend was had and hopefully the fish will be bigger and more plentiful next year.

thanks

Scott

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Mar 2005

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Members present: Stefan, Bill, Scott, Peter, Norm and visitor Barry.

Apologies: Ian, Max and Geoff.

Bill declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 9 Feb 2005 had been disseminated via email. Highlights were read out and minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report

\$1689.28 at bank. \$54 charge for annual statement submission is owed to Bruce Walters. \$800 remains outstanding to Max.

General Business

Senator Humphries had written to the club advising too late of funding opportunities. Bill will pursue to see if this is an annual program for consideration for next year.

Events

19-20 Mar is set down for "Monaro Streams" being organised by Scott Arnall.

No events in April due to school holidays/ANZAC Day.

19-20 May is set down for "Eucumbene", traditionally Braemar Bay. Bruce was suggested as co-ordinating in his absence.

Next Meeting

Next meeting 13 April 2005.

Closure

Bill declared the meeting closed.

Stephan

Treasurer

Bill

Secretary