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Newsletter – December 2005

Coming Events

10-11 Dec Jindabyne. Anyone who has not registered with Ian please contact him.

14 Dec final meeting for the year at Lotus Bay (on LBG behind the Hyatt - BYO barbecue food/drink and fishing rod). Raffle will be run that evening for a "Fishing Reel Protector" pouch. Tickets @ \$2ea, 3 for \$5, 8 for \$10, 20 for \$20, 50 for \$40 (depends on how badly you want this collector's edition beige catch and release "Freshwater Fishing Magazine" logoed item). Peter tells us some good sized Red Fin up to 1 lb being caught on fly at Lotus Bay.

Reprise on Stuart, Martin and Geoff's Report from Opening

Recall that Stuart provided the largest fish of the day (60cm?) but that subsequently (17 Oct), Geoff got back by himself for a working day fish and landed a huge brown.

Dimensions are now confirmed at 68cm. 5.4lb - it'll take some beating this.



photographic record



and a nice looking rainbow also

Peter's Report

Hi Bill .. arose early today (0430) and went down to Eucumbene river at Sawyers Hut. Worked my way upstream and failed to connect up with anything until I got a fair way upstream. There has been a lot of traffic at the holes close to the ford and this could explain no hits at those holes. Worked my way up to the gorge and by the time I arrived there I noticed hatches of duns and caddis, I stuck with the nymphs as there only seemed to be tiny fish rising to these hatches. Finally got onto some nice rainbows and a brown in the rapids. Decided I had had enough when on way back I noticed a good rise. I tried my usual suspect dries... i.e. iron blue dun and blue dun but no joy. I then decided to try a royal wolf and holy dooley all hell broke loose. As I already had my bag limit I had to release her but she deserved an honourable mention in the "I am not going to be bought ashore stakes". Anyway ended up with six fish captured and a very tired me by the time I got back to Canberra. Have enclosed photos of a couple of the fish I caught but was unable to obtain good back drops for the piccies. How the hell do you get a trout that you want to release to pose for the camera?





Further to Geoff's Talk on Basic Trout Flies

Sorry, but will have to put this material up later. In the meantime check out:

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

Brogo Bass Fishing Report

Numbers fell like flies but finally Bill and Stefan arrived for Sat/Sun with only a few friendly folk joining us. Scott and his stingray wound meant no boat for Stefan. We can report the fishing was much quieter than last year. As we had expected, there were no fish during the day, but a storm front in the afternoon provided some entertainment with the wind blowing Bill around in his blow up kayak. Come 5pm and fish became active, at least for Bill and his 'secret fly' - "sorry Stefan, not my design and I've been sworn to secrecy - it's a floater with a hackle that throws a good surface wake, try a muddler".

Geoff T had thought to canoe in from the dam wall renting canoe and all camping gear from a company called Brogo Canoe (search the web using Brogo Wilderness). We saw one young

couple who said it was about a 40 minute paddle to where we camped, so this might an idea for next year. Having a canoe is a great way to sneak up on bass.



Stefan at the Campsite at Brogo



View from the Campsite - Water is perhaps 5m higher than last year when Peter, Bill and Scott were able walk these banks.



Bill on his 'Diveyak' with one of the first bass of the evening- not too impressive ©



Best of the weekend



Mist in the Valleys - Dawn on Sunday

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Nov 2005

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Members present: Ian, Stefan, Bill, Max, Scott, Peter K, Charles, Alan, Damien Ferraro, Steve, Greg, Les and Paul.

Apologies: Peter T, Geoff, John.

Ian declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

Max is still chasing insurance aspects for the club boat.

Ian has rego/sticker for trailer

Treasurers Report

\$1448.90 at bank. 60th anniversary functions costs of approximately \$300-400 have not yet been withdrawn.

General Business

A vote of thanks to Ian for all his efforts in organising a successful 60th anniversary dinner was registered.

Ian presented the Hardy Rod into the care of Peter K as recognition of Peter's inspiring support to the CAA stepping into the Secretary's shoes when required and providing so many ideas and activity in respect to fishing. The 'President's Rod' is held by the recipient till the next AGM.

Events

Members discussed who would be going to Brogo - contact will be established via email/phone over the next week

Jindabyne is 10-11 Dec. Accommodation is in cabins at Snowline Caravan Park - 3 per cabin at around \$60 per night.

The Lyle Knowles trophy has yet to be won. The meeting decided that the first person to register length of a legal trout from Cotter below the dam will be declared this year's winner.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is end of year barbecue 14 Dec 2005 at Lotus Bay Lake Burley Griffin near the Hyatt Hotel - BYO everything including fishing gear for afterwards.

Closure

Ian declared the meeting closed. Nick Taransky then spoke on his experiences fishing in various places on the East Coast of the US and in the Yellowstone area. This was followed by Bill presenting material from Geoff on basic trout flies.

Ian

Bill

President

Secretary