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Newsletter – May 2006

Coming Events

10 May meeting: basic fly tying by Stuart (to be confirmed) - this will be a promotional activity for a more substantial series of fly workshops by Stuart outside normal meeting times. Plus leader construction by Geoff.

20-21 May: Coast trip to Bermagui being organised by Stuart.

14 Jun meeting: legal aspects of river access plus possible implications of the privatisation of Snowy Hydro by Mark F.

Monaro Streams - 22-23 April

Four club members made the trip to Adaminaby to fish streams and Lake Eucumbene. Friday night fishing was hampered by strong winds and snow - Peter and Bill sought shelter in the pub for a well-earned pick-me-up and a nice meal to compensate for the lack of fishing action.

Saturday saw them joined by Les and Alan to fish a small back country stream called Cave Creek (tributary of the Goodradigbee accessible off Long Plains Road. There had been a hard frost overnight and the landscape was spectacular.



Upper stretch of Murrumbidgee with Alan making a contribution

It was a great day with Les getting his first trout on fly (reportedly a 10 inch Rainbow on a woolly bugger). Many fish were sighted in the river - up to 100 good sized fish in one pool milling around the bottom, but few fish of any size were tempted to our flies.

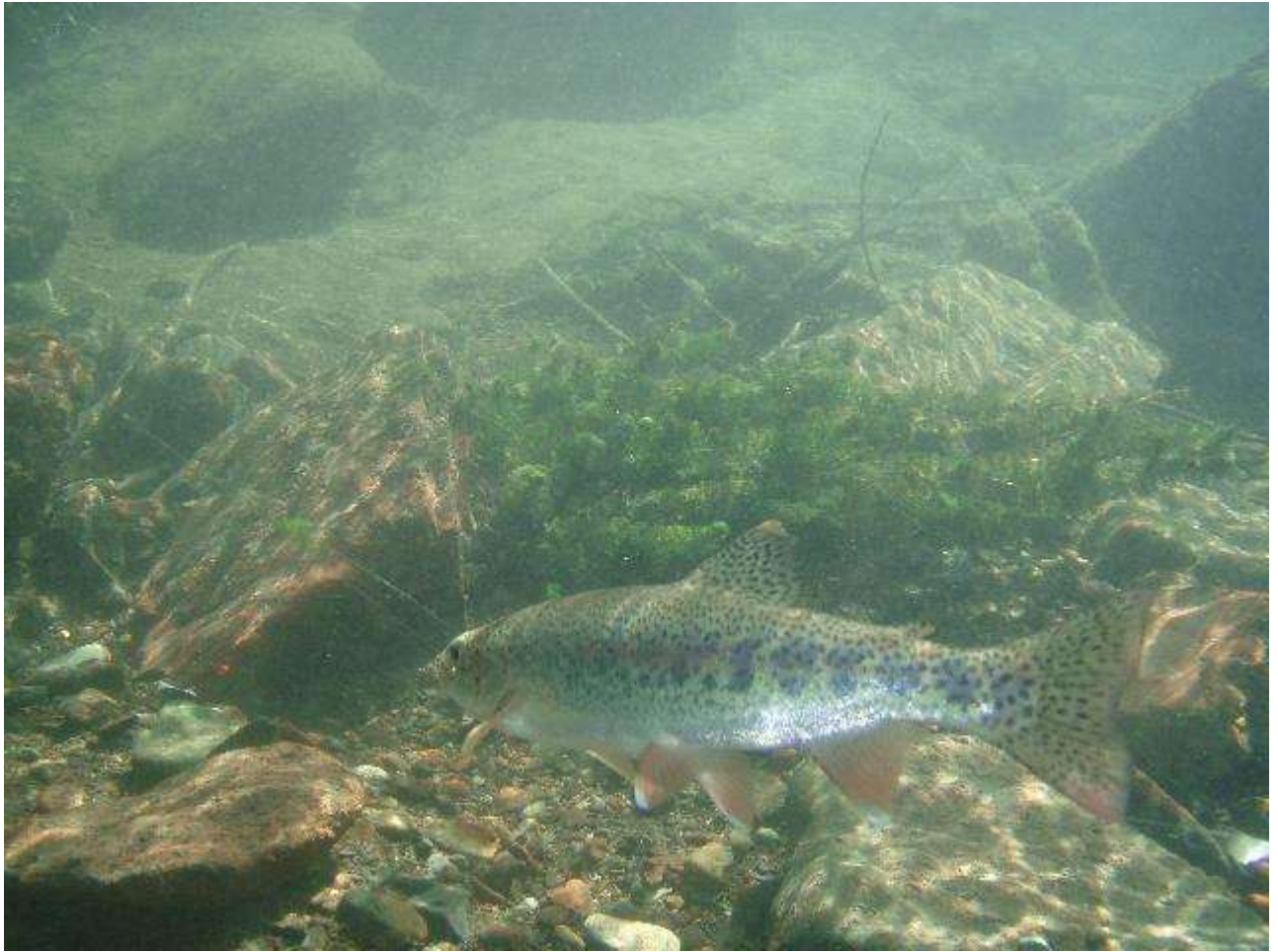


First fish (30+cm) sighted in the river wasn't spooked to any great extent but ignored everything we threw at it.

Regardless the boys had a ball chasing the 'little tackers' - aggressive takes on nymph and dry fly. Bill successfully took 8 from one small chute including an unusual double hookup (some excitement raised there when the drag made it feel like one good-sized fish).



Alan showing off Bill's catch



Underwater shot of one fish - tippet is quite apparent and encourages me to experiment with flourocarbon

Les and Alan then took over the chute. In all more than a dozen fish from about one metre of river.



Les taking a good sized Rainbow from this patch of river much to Bill's chagrin after being the gentleman ☺



Our walk towards the Goodradigbee was halted a bit over a km to go when we came across this waterfall (Peter perhaps wondering if his backing was long enough to reach the bottom).

Sunday saw Peter and Bill spending a couple of hours on the way home checking out the lower Murrumbidgee with no fish caught and only three spotted. Les and Alan headed down to the lake.

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 12 Apr 2006

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Members present Geoff, Charlie, Bill, Les, Stefan, Allan, Peter, Max, Greg, Paul, Damian H, Norm and Steve.

Apologies: Ian.

Meeting declared opened and all members welcomed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting of the 08 Mar were disseminated by e-mail and post.

Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Rules for booking/use of the club boat will be on the web shortly.

Geoff is still investigating public liability for boats operating on Lake Burley Griffin and possible insurance requirements.

Inwards Correspondence

No inwards correspondence was presented to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

\$988.97 at bank. Max has been authorised to receive payment for the new seat on the boat. Stuart can receive payment for minor repairs/replacements if he desires.

Fishing Report

The spontaneous organisation of a carp chasing event was well received. Seemed that some scouts paddling canoes helped to keep the swans at bay.

Future Meetings

May: basic fly tying by Stuart - this will be a promotional activity for a more substantial series of fly workshops by Stuart outside normal meeting times. Plus leader construction by Geoff.

Jun: Mark F will speak on the legal aspects of access to lake/river, also possible implications of the sale of Snowy Hydro.

Upcoming Events

The Monaro streams event will be once again be run from the Alpine Tourist Caravan Park at Adaminaby on the 22/23 April. Peter will be sending an email soon to all members re this function.

20-21 May is Bermagui being organised by Stuart. Looking for takers for the Sunday fishing.

With the official declaration of Pejar being empty the Jun trip will be called off and possibly replaced by a Eucumbene trip - June long weekend was cited as a possible date to permit stream as well as lake fishing. Will be discussed in May meeting.

Fishing Reports

Paul extolled the virtues of Jervis Bay.

Bill spoke later on his trip to New Zealand - had some fun chasing flathead on soft plastics at Burrill Lake.

Peter chasing redfin etc in local lakes with mixed success.

Stefan and Steve spoke about their trip to the Goobragandra on a working bee also getting into some trout. Over the two days all got trout of 30cm +.

Norm spoke of trout around 2lb from White Rocks. He also showed some spectacular photos of whale shark from his 10 day trip Fremantle to Dampier.

Geoff complained that the cold snap had shut down the Thredbo River.

Closure

The acting President declared the meeting closed with the next meeting to be held on 10 May 2006.

A well prepared and received presentation by Bill's son Tim on GPS followed. Bill then gave some insights into his recent New Zealand trip to the Rangitikei and Taupo region.

Geoff

Bill

A/President

Secretary