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Newsletter – Sep 2009

Coming Events

Wed 9 Sep – next meeting

Sun 13, 20, 27 Sep – fly casting

Report from Peter

Hi William,

Managed to get to Jindy today to do some polaroiding but weather proved unfavourable as wind and cloud made it very difficult. I decided to change tactics and fish streamers in likely places and was finally rewarded with this nice 2kg 57cm atlantic salmon taken on the goldfish fly. Was a spirited performer and took several runs as well as leaps but I remained patient and finally got him onto dry land. Decided that it was a table fish and noted that he had built up a small amount of milt which to me suggested spawning season for the atlantic salmon is still a fair way off.



Report from Michael

date was a while ago..june actually...about the 25th...fish was around 45-50 cm..location was jerra..but dont publish that because charlie made me swear to secrecy





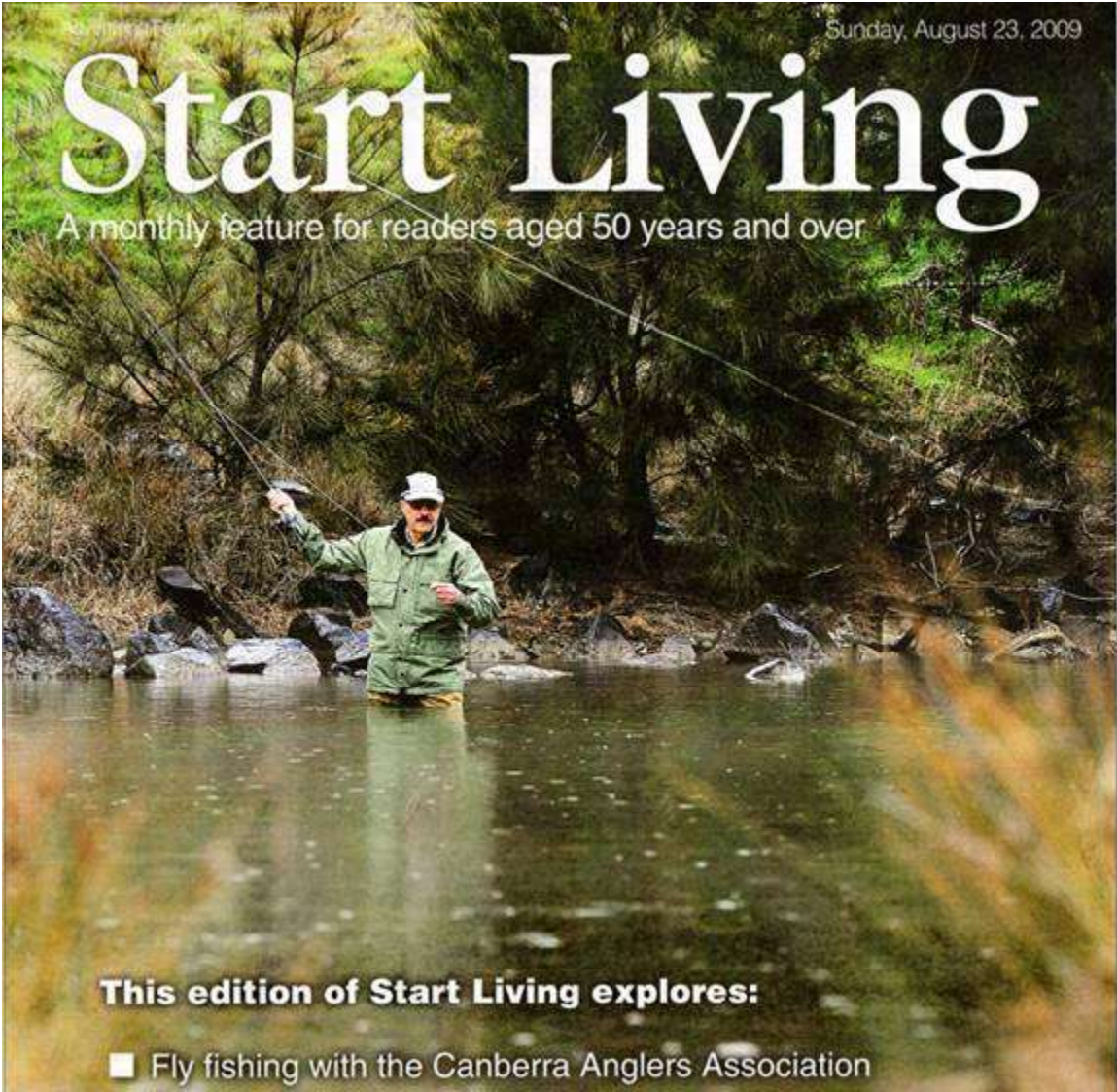
Canberra Times Extract

Our new 'pinup boy' Ian, showed off the club to the Canberra Times:

Sunday, August 23, 2009

Start Living

A monthly feature for readers aged 50 years and over



This edition of Start Living explores:

- Fly fishing with the Canberra Anglers Association

Cast of anglers know where the fish bite best

DURING September if you happen to be walking past the lawns of Old Parliament House don't be alarmed if you see a group of people fishing on the grass.

No, they are not sadly misguided anglers, but keen fishermen/women who are practising the art of fly casting.

The Canberra Anglers Association has been hosting these training mornings for years, and club president Ian Keightley said they were certainly used to the jokes of passers-by. Often a wisecracking type will walk past and comment on the lack of fish being caught — Mr Keightley said that instead of explaining what they're doing, they simply reply they've already caught all the fish.

The aim of these fly casting days, held on September 13 and 20 from 10am-noon, is to learn how to cast, improve skills and, for the more experienced, to assist those who are learning.

"We just teach whoever comes as much as we can about fly casting. We give them the basics and most people get the hang of it within half an hour," Mr Keightley said.

While it may seem strange to cast onto the grass when fishing is clearly done in the water, it's quite simple why this is the case. It becomes infinitely more difficult to teach someone to fly cast when they keep hooking themselves, the instructor and every tree in the immediate vicinity. Instead, a brightly coloured piece of wool is attached to casters can keep track of what's happening.

Wool may not be too attractive to a fish (especially when the wool is on the grass), but a member during last year's training days had an entertaining struggle with a magpie that didn't want to lose what was

clearly a worm. In past years the third training day in September was an optional day on trout-stocked water near Lake Eucumbene. Mr Keightley said this event had not yet been confirmed for this year due to the crippling drought.

The Canberra Anglers Association has a meeting every month at the Weston Club, which the president said was relatively informal. Guest speakers are often invited to discuss a range of issues, such as new gear and great fishing spots, and the club also has fly tying nights.

"It's a very satisfying way of fishing. When you're actually fly fishing you've got pretty much a direct connection to the fish."

Mr Keightley said there was a monthly outing, usually to a freshwater location such as Jindabyne, but most of the fishing was not done in a group.

"The fishing is generally individual, because that's the nature of fishing."

Asked what appealed to him so much about fly fishing, his answer is typical of lots of anglers — he doesn't exactly know how to describe it.

It certainly seems hard to define the lure of this particular activity.

"Fly fishing is just a different way of fishing. It's a very satisfying way of fishing. When you're actually fly fishing you've got pretty much a direct connection to the fish."

The club has a number of trophies that are, not surprisingly, awarded to whoever catches the biggest fish. The oldest one of these dates back to 1945/46.

Mr Keightley said he had no



Focus: Fly fishing in the Murrumbidgee River at Uriarra Crossing. Photos: Holly Treadaway

desire to get his name on one of the trophies.

"As far as I'm concerned, getting out to do the fishing and the places you go to, the lovely lakes and streams, trying to use your skill to catch a fish — that's what it's about for me."

The fly casting training days will be held on the lawns of Old Parliament House, corner of King Edward Terrace and Parkes Place West, from 10am-12noon on September 13 and 20. If you are interested in fly fishing make sure you go along. You might not catch more than a brightly coloured piece of wool, but you will gain skills to help you land 'the big one'.

For more information, phone Ian Keightley on 6288 6621.

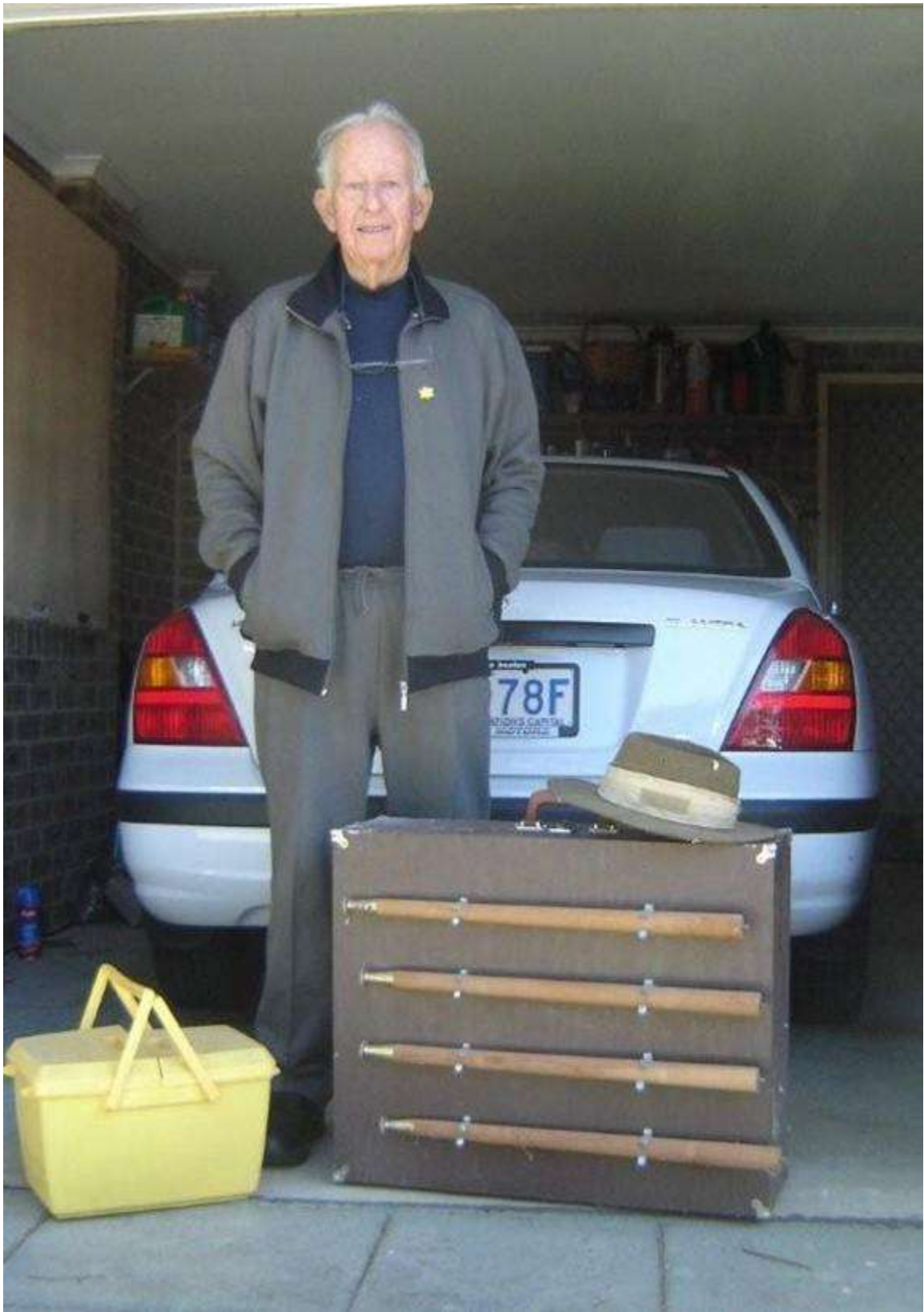


Focus: Ian Keightley is well-prepared for the thrill of the chase.

Donation of Fly Tying Kit

Hello Bill

Attached are photos of Doug Blake AM VRD and the fly tying outfit he donated. Doug rang me after seeing the CT article about our club and the fly casting sessions. Doug told me he received some casting hints from CAA classes back in the 1960's. He has been an active fly fisher and tyer for many years. He no longer ties flies and is keen to see his extensive collection put to good use. The outfit contains an excellent selection of fly tying tools and materials. Doug is a well known Canberra identity and Blake's Restaurant at the Ainslie Football Club is named in his honour. Has been associated with Herl & Hackle in the past and fished a lot with Peter Roberts, early CAA member and proprietor of Ally Nish's sports store on Northbourne Ave until it closed in the 70s. I think he was Clerk of the House of Reps as part of a long career at Parliament House.





Capital Region Fishing Alliance

Ian and Bill attended the inaugural meeting of this initiative of Steve Samuels.

ACT Recreational Fishing Alliance

Minutes of inaugural meeting - 28 August 2009, 6:00pm, Deakin Sports Club

Attendance:

Steven- NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers (facilitator)

John- ACT Fly Fishers

Peter- ACT Fly Fishers

David- Queanbeyan Anglers Club

Shane- Canberra Fisherman's Club

Bill- Canberra Anglers Association

Mark S - Queanbeyan Anglers Club

Ian- Canberra Anglers Association

Apologies:

Phillip- Vikings Fishing Club

Stefan- Treasurer, Canberra Anglers Association

Steve- Belconnen Soccer Club Fishing Club

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. A brief run through of the proposal to form an Alliance (Steve).
3. Suggested name for the Alliance – facilitated by Steve
4. Possible goals for the Alliance – facilitated by Steve
5. Application for Community Grant - (Shane)
6. Run down of a meeting held between ACT Fisheries, Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach Coordinator and Steve Samuels on Tuesday 25 August 2009
7. If general agreement is made to establish the Alliance then “What next and actions to be taken” are established.

1. Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves, gave a brief outline of their Club and activities:

ACT Fly Fishers (John– Current President, Peter– incoming President)

Have assisted NSW Fisheries with fin-clipping projects
Currently 120 members after putting a bit of effort into marketing
Members into saltwater and freshwater fly fishing
Hosted recent National Fly Casting Championships

Canberra Anglers' Association (Bill– Secretary and manages website, Ian– President)

In process of looking at stocking. Not in ACT, but interested in being part of ACT stocking.
Hosts fly casting lessons in lead up to Trout Opening weekend.

Canberra Fisherman's Club (Shane– past President, outgoing Secretary)

Affiliated with Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA)
Membership around 100-120 over past few years.
Contributing to ACT fish stocking for past 3 years (RFCGP grant for 2 and Carp-Out proceeds in 2009)
Shane has considering trying to get coordinated stocking effort happening for a while,
coincidence that he got in touch with Steve doing the same thing.

Queanbeyan Anglers Club (David– President, Mark ??? – Secretary)

Have been stocking Queanbeyan/NSW streams since the 1950's
Stocking mainly trout but have stocked natives.
See Googong as focus, to return it to a premier mixed fishery.
Want better fishing generally in the ACT.

Vikings Fishing Club – not present**Belconnen Soccer Club Fishing Club – not present****NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers (Steve– President)**

Steve saw that the time was right to get clubs together, mindful of past bodies that haven't worked

In a good position, with the 5 clubs being CFA members, engaged and willing participants.

2. Alliance Proposal

Steve outlined how his thoughts for an ACT alliance came about, including:

- the inadequate consultation and representation in ACT (eg clubs and anglers knew nothing of the Stocking Plan), anglers not being engaged;
- number of anglers who fish outside of the ACT, receiving the benefits of the CFA work in NSW;
- range of waterways in ACT, only a few being utilised;

He mentioned trepidation over what had occurred in the past, wanted to avoid politics.

He favoured a loose alliance, no strict rules, memberships etc, just meet a couple of times a year.

John said he favoured a less formal arrangement, didn't want to get bogged down in red tape and bureaucracy. He noted we all have a common goal and need to work together towards it, as it was achieving outcomes which would lead to growth and success.

Bill asked to clarify which clubs had been invited, as it was important to have as many clubs represented. He also asked if the alliance would fit within the CFA. Steve advised that only the 5 CFA member clubs approached so far, but the alliance would be separate from CFA. All agreed that as many clubs as possible should be involved.

Mark asked where Queanbeyan clubs and anglers would fit in to the alliance. All agreed that, given the interconnected waterways, proximity and common interest in improving local fisheries, Queanbeyan clubs and anglers would be an integral part of the alliance. The focus would be on the broader ACT-Queanbeyan region, not just ACT lakes.

Shane noted that his original idea was for a more formal structure and this is how his grant application had been framed, but saw the benefits of a less formal structure.

Steve described the Snowy Mountains Lakes Stocking Committee he was part of, which sets the stocking policy and fishing rules in Jindabyne/Eucumbene/Tantangara, which was an alliance between anglers, guides, DPI and Snowy Hydro. The model worked well.

Two alternative membership models were possible: a "peak body" type of organisation, with members being clubs only; versus a traditional membership-based structure, which allowed groups and individual members.

There was general agreement of those in attendance that the former was preferred, at least initially, ie a less formal structure of an alliance representing clubs and anglers in the region.

3. Proposed Name

ACT Recreational Fishing Alliance was the name suggested initially. Could use "ARFA" or "ACTRFA" as acronym.

Several attendees concerned that this may not encourage Queanbeyan participation, may appear to exclude them.

Steve stated that Queanbeyan and the region surrounding the ACT would certainly be an important part of the alliance. All present agreed.

Changing "ACT" to "Capital Region" was suggested, with general acceptance.

Name of "**Capital Region Fishing Alliance**" was suggested. All agreed that this was a good option (subject to any "copyright concerns with existing Capital Region body).

4. Proposed Goals

Steve advised that the goals for the CFA were built around 3 "pillars", suggested this group use the same to frame its own goals. They are:

- **Fish** – the primary requirement for a good fishery
- **Access** – can have heaps of fish, but no good if you can't fish for them
- **Habitat** – important for maintaining and sustaining a viable fishery.

All agreed that these were suitable and relevant.

Shane suggested a fourth important area, being **participation**. Suggested this was an important objective to take to Government.

There was general discussion, with all agreeing that objectives should be developed around these 4 "pillars".

5. Community Grant Application

Shane outlined the application he had submitted to the ACT Government 2009-10 Community Support and Infrastructure Grants.

\$17,800 for setting up a formal, Incorporated Association, purchasing office equipment, website, promotional material, pay an office assistant.

Realised that this is not the way the participants may want to proceed, but needed to make assumptions to get the application in on time. Advised that it was possible to vary conditions if grant won.

This was just one example of a wide range of grants available, including Sport & Rec, Environment, ACT Festival Fund.

6. ACT Fisheries / UMDRC Meeting

Steve outlined a meeting with Matthew Beitzel, head of the Aquatic Ecology Division at TAMS.

Matthew was enthusiastic about prospects for the group, willing to sit down and talk.

As the Government agency, they were hamstrung the Stocking Plan, available budget and threatened species legislation

Steve also outlined a meeting with Luke Johnstone, the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach Coordinator for a project from Scottsdale Reserve to Smiths Crossing (ACT and NSW waters).

The Program is about bringing back the health of the river, weed and pollution control, riparian vegetation, fencing, fish stocking etc.

Program had run out of funds since change of Government, but Luke still interested in getting anglers involved and running projects to improve river.

It was important that anglers and fishing groups got involved in the project, as there was a potential risk of there areas becoming de-facto freshwater reserves.

On a similar note, Shane advised the group of RiverSmart Australia, who he had met through the NCA's Lake User Group. They promoted community projects to improve river health and could be a possible future partner.

7. Next steps

The following action items were proposed and agreed:

- identifying other local fishing clubs and inviting them to join the group;
- writing to the Chief Minister advising of the formation of the group, with a following letter advising who we are and what we want (funding for better fishing);
- engage the NCA re stocking of Lake Burley Griffin – they are responsible for the ecology of the lake;
- group to devise goals/objectives, using the 4 “pillars”;
- investigate model rules/constitution;
- consider identifying a suitable Patron for the group (eg Michael Jeffery);
- look at fund raising ideas and options.

Group agreed to discuss and advance these actions via email, with the intention of meeting again in mid-October.

Meeting closed around 8:00pm

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was suggested that the group put together an inventory of local waterways (ponds, lakes, streams etc). This could be used as a basis for identifying candidates for stocking, allocating between trout and natives.

Leap into Frogwatch this Spring!

Find out all about our local frogs

Learn how to identify different frog species

Take action to protect these fascinating creatures

Preparations are in full swing for this year's ACT and Region Frogwatch Program, and I hope that you are enthusiastic to participate in this year's activities! Please read on to get the details of our exciting program for this spring, and how you can get involved in Frogwatching.

Frogwatch is an exciting community activity that is open to everyone with an interest in frogs.

Frogwatch aims to involve large numbers of volunteers to undertake frog monitoring in the ACT and region.

To participate, simply come along to one of our free Frogwatch training events, where you will learn all about our amphibian friends. You will receive your free Frogwatch Kit that includes all you need to know to participate in the ACT and Region National Water Week Frogwatch Census in October 2009. See below for more details on our Frogwatch training events.

If you would like to help spread the word, there is a flyer attached. Please feel free to forward this on as well as print the flyer to place on your workplace or community noticeboard.

Kind Regards,
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FROGWATCH TRAINING EVENTS, 2009 - DETAILS

In early Spring 2009, we will be conducting a series of Frogwatch Training Events. You will only need to attend one of these to participate in the spring Census in October. We recommend attending one of the Introductory Seminars if you have never done Frogwatch before, or if you'd like a refresher on the basics of Frogwatching. The Advanced Field Trip is suitable for experienced Frogwatchers who would like to opportunity to learn more about frogs and frogwatching.

Introducing Frogwatch - Frogwatch Basics

This seminar is essential for the first time Frogwatcher or as a refresher for those who have participated in previous years. It will cover all you need to know to participate in the 2009 National Water Week Frogwatch Census, including identifying frog species, using Frogwatch Field Data Sheets, undertaking habitat assessments and performing your first frog monitoring activity.

This seminar will include a short walk in the gardens to practice our frog identification skills. Please be prepared by bringing sturdy shoes, a torch, and wet weather gear if necessary. Please note: both of these introductory seminars will be the same - you only need to attend on one evening.

Introductory Seminar 1

DATE: Wednesday 23rd September, 2009

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00pm

VENUE: Australian National Botanic Gardens - Education Centre (Crosbie Morrison Building)
Clunies Ross St, Acton

The gates to the botanic gardens will be open from 5:45 pm. Please arrive promptly as the gates will be locked at 6:15 pm sharp! Please understand we are relying on good will from the Australian National Botanic Gardens to allow us to be there after hours so please follow instructions and respect both arrival and departure times.

Introductory Seminar 2 (Repeat of Seminar 1) Note: this session will only run if the first seminar is fully booked

DATE: Wednesday 7th October, 2009

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00pm

VENUE: Australian National Botanic Gardens - Education Centre (Crosbie Morrison Building)
Clunies Ross St, Acton

The gates to the botanic gardens will be open from 5:45 pm. Please arrive promptly as the gates will be locked at 6:15 pm sharp! Please understand we are relying on good will from the Australian National Botanic Gardens to allow us to be there after hours so please follow instructions and respect both arrival and departure times.

Advanced Frogwatch Training - Field Trip to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

This seminar is aimed at experienced Frogwatchers, who would like to further develop their identification and monitoring skills. Participants in this field trip will have the opportunity to investigate important components of frog habitat, and talk with expert ecologists in the field. Come along and learn about the Corroboree Frog Breeding Program as well as practice your Frogwatching skills.

DATE: Wednesday 30th September, 2009

TIME: 5:30 - 8:30pm

LOCATION: Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. More detailed directions will be provided upon registration.

We will be walking as a group around the nature reserve, throughout the evening. Please be prepared by bringing sturdy shoes, a torch and wet weather gear if necessary. In case of severe weather conditions, participants who have registered will be advised of an alternative venue closer to the date.

RSVPs are essential. Registrations CLOSE on Wednesday 16 September 2009.

To reserve your place at any of the Frogwatch Training Events, or to register your participation in the Frogwatch Census, please contact:

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ACT & Region Frogwatch Coordinator

Ginninderra Catchment Group

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Key Frogwatch dates for spring 2009:

August - Registrations OPEN for the 2009 Frogwatch Training Events and 2009 Frogwatch Census

16 September - Registrations CLOSE for the 2009 Frogwatch Training Events and 2009 Frogwatch Census

21 to 25 September - ACT Frogwatch at Floriade Look 'n' Learn Marquee

23 September - Introductory Frogwatch Training Seminar 1 at the Australian National Botanic Gardens

30 September - Advanced Frogwatch Field Trip to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

7 October - Introductory Frogwatch Training Seminar 2 (REPEAT of Seminar 1) at the Australian National Botanic Gardens

1 October - Start of Frogwatch monitoring period

18 to 24 October - National Water Week - FROGWATCH CENSUS WEEK (all Frogwatch sites monitored this week)

31 October - End of Frogwatch monitoring period

MINUTES OF CAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 Aug 2009

Members present: Ian, Bill, Stefan, Peter, Max, Bob M, Charles, Mark S, Allan, Kelly, Stuart, Col, Derek, Owen, Claire, Les and Geoff.

Apologies: Michael, Damien H and Mark F.

President, Ian declared the 64th AGM opened.

President's Report

Ian presented his report, enclosed. Ian is especially looking for support for attendance at the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers meetings during the year.

Treasurer's Report

Stefan presented his report, enclosed.

Membership is down slightly on last year – 41 members. Fees comprise 63% of income. Major expenses were trophy engraving, NSW CFA affiliation fees and boat maintenance. The venue at Weston Club remains free. No charges will be sustained this year for submitting our accounts. At bank currently is \$2013.

Subscription fees are recommended to remain at \$20 for adult, \$10 for concession/junior and \$30 for family.

Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the AGM of 13 Aug 2008 were read out and minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

The idea of financially assisting a fish stocking program was re-affirmed in principle. Stuart suggested that a separate sub-committee be established to examine this. The idea may be embraced into the initiative of Steve Samuels to establish a ACT wide affiliation of fishing clubs.

Third party insurance for the boat remains an action – Ian will pursue.

The meeting registered our shared thanks to Ian for his excellent efforts as President.

Election

The following committee was elected:

President	Ian
Vice President	Geoff
Secretary	Bill (Derek undertook to clear our Post Office Box on Bill's behalf)
Assistant Secretary	Allan
Treasurer	Stefan
Public Officer	Stu
Council Member	Peter

Council Member	Derek
Council Member	Claire
Council Member	Charles
Council Member	Bob M

Ian registered thanks to all committee members and particularly members of the club who have organised outings.

General Business

The meeting endorsed executive to explore further with Steve Samuels the affiliation idea and agreed in principle to it being a good idea.

Stuart raised idea of a second hand goods sale – potential as a fund raising idea. Concept will be taken to Steve Samuels.

Future Activities

Fly Training Days

13, 20 and 27 Sep. Geoff will pursue with Chris access to the trout farm noting the poor state of rain. Alternative is to return to three days of casting on the lawns.

Ian will explore possibility of a major raffle prize from Bryan Pratt. Flies for minor prizes are needed.

Mark Sawa has indicated willingness to accept role of chief instructor.

Location of rods was clarified. Holders are to double check condition.

Bill will action promotion of the event.

2009/2010 Program Card

Card was not available – Geoff will arrange for next meeting.

Tentatively it is:

Meetings	Trips	Organiser
12 Aug 2009 AGM		
	22-23 Aug 2009	Polaroiding Snowy lakes
26 Aug 2009 fly tying?		
9 Sep 2009 meeting		
	13 Sep 2009	Fly Casting Days
	20 Sep 2009	Fly Casting Days
	27 Sep 2009	Fly Casting Days
23 Sep 2009 fly tying?		

14 Oct 2009	meeting fly	10-11 Oct 2009	Lyle Knowles	Ian
28 Oct 2009	tying?			
11 Nov 2009	meeting			
	fly	21-22 Nov 2009	Brogo	Bill
25 Nov 2009	tying?			
9 Dec 2009	BBQ meeting			
		12-13 Dec 2009	Jindabyne	Peter
		tba Jan 2010	Carp fishing local lakes	Charles
10 Feb 2010	meeting			
	fly	20-21 Feb 2010	Natives	
24 Feb 2010	tying?			
10 Mar 2010	meeting			
	fly	20-21 Mar 2010	Estuary fishing	
24 Mar 2010	tying?			
14 Apr 2010	meeting			
		17-18 Apr 2010	Monaro streams	Peter
	fly			
28 Apr 2010	tying?			
	meeting			
12 May 2010		22-23 May 2010	Tumut	Stefan
	fly			
26 May 2010	tying?			
9 Jun 2010	meeting			
		19-20 Jun 2010	Pejar	Alan
	fly			
23 Jun 2010	tying?			
14 Jun 2010	meeting			
		24-25 Jul 2010		
	fly			
28 Jul 2010	tying?			

Fly Tying Classes

Geoff will be running the class in August – salt water flies.

Trophy Presentation

The following trophies were presented:

Angler's Art Trophy For best trout on an outing	Bill 43cm rainbow
Mick O'Brien Trophy For best trout for the year	Derek 64cm brown
Mick Cornick Trophy	Stuart

For best trout on fly for the season	56cm brown
Lyle Knowles Trophy	Geoff
ACT Angler's Trophy For best salt water	Alex
Keith Shields Trophy For native for the year	Derek 66cm Murray Cod
Carp Trophy For best carp in local lakes for the year	Charles 65cm
CAA Junior Trophy - best trout by junior for the year to 31 July.	Michael 54cm rainbow
Hardy Rod President's Award for Year Long Contribution	Derek

The meeting discussed limiting the Mick Cornick trophy to stream fishing only as implied by "for the season" – after discussion this was agreed.

Stefan volunteered to provide a trophy for best fly tied at the monthly classes.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is 9 Sep 2009. Nick Taransky will speak on split cane rods.

Closure

The President declared the meeting closed.

Ian
President

Bill
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008-09

Meeting attendance over the last year averaged just over 13, an increase from 12 the previous year. Presentations at monthly meetings were varied as usual. We started with Steve Samuels' thought-provoking talk on the politics of fishing, with particular reference to the role of the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers. Stuart introduced us to the contents of his fly vest and the other gear he regards as essential for going fly fishing. James spoke to us about lure fishing, especially for native fish. Ross Rowe spoke about ProAngler and brought along rods, reels, clothing and other items for examination and discussion. Danny Spelic spoke about the time he spent in the Northern Territory developing a tourist promotion video, with reference to fishing at Borroloola, Pungalina Station and Aurukun.

The round-the table fishing reports at monthly meetings were varied and informative. Many fishing destinations and techniques were highlighted, with the

addition this year of the kayaking reports. As well as all the local waters members reported on success or otherwise in New Zealand, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and Germany.

Stuart, for the fourth year, continued his fly tying sessions for interested members.

Our thanks go to the Weston Club for their ongoing donation of meeting rooms for our monthly meetings and the fly tying. In return, they asked that CAA members be encouraged to join the Weston Club. Most members have now done so and there is a regular group which dines here each month before our meeting.

The fly casting lessons were once again successful in introducing more people to fly fishing. The first two sessions each attracted good numbers and there was a reasonable attendance at the Eucumbene Trout Farm on the third Sunday. Many thanks to all the club members who took part, to Doris and Bryan Pratt from the Tackle Box for their publicity and donation of an excellent raffle prize and to Chris at the Eucumbene Trout Farm.

Participation levels in club outings were varied as usual. I thank the organisers of each outing as I know it is often a thankless task trying to get people who usually fish by themselves to link up into a larger group. Particular thanks to Max for his efforts to warn others about the low water level at Brogo in March. Special thanks also to Stuart for organising the combined fishing and whale-watching trip to Bermagui. It looks like we need some stiffer competition for Alex who has caught the best saltwater fish for the last two years.

Our affiliation with the NSW Council of Fresh Water Anglers continued. We are entitled to two delegates for the quarterly meetings (volunteers welcome) and I encourage all members to review the current issues on the CFA web site so that we can make an informed contribution.

Many members took an active part in the campaign to avoid the closure of Gaden Hatchery. We look forward to the development of successful strategies for its future.

The new guidelines for awarding annual trophies are in use for the second time tonight. As usual, many members did not record catches. This is a personal choice, but I ask any members who are interested in winning trophies to make sure they either record fish at a club meeting or provide full details to the Secretary.

I thank all members and committee members for their support during the year. In particular, our Secretary Bill, our Treasurer Stefan and Vice-President Geoff have contributed to a successful year. I look forward to everyone's continued participation as our club enters its sixty-fifth year.

Ian

President 2008-09

CANBERRA ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 AUGUST 2009

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2008-2009

The financial position of the club is strong in light of a generally economically slower year.

Membership of the club this year is was down on last year, but in line with normal expected fluctuations that we have seen in previous years. We still have a good number of junior memberships. The current membership stands at 41. Club membership is down from a record of recent times last year.

Again, membership fees comprised the major component (63%) of income, while raffle takings for the annual fly casting days was down, (comprising 33%), a possible indicator of the financial collapse at the time. No transactions were recorded for club run outings or functions, they being independently organised and funded.

Expenditure this year was up on last year due to increase in post box rental and costs of trophy engraving. Also a bigger contribution to CFA affiliation, based on last year's membership, was incurred. However, we were again fortunate in having the meeting venue provided at no direct cost to us, which has an ongoing benefit to our books. Additionally, the ACT Government has ceased levying fees on small association annual report lodgement, if presented in a timely manner.

Although the club boat has again only garnered minimal use, thereby giving limited income, it did require expenditure for tail light maintenance Members are again encouraged to use this resource more.

No major changes need to be made to how the club operates.

I therefore recommend that:

- (a) this Treasurers' report be accepted;
- (b) Membership fees be retained at the current level;

Stefan

Honorary Treasurer
12 August 2009

CANBERRA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Membership subs	610	760
Badge sales	10	15
Boat Use Fee	15	35
Social Function		0
Raffles	322	466
Interest	7	7
Miscellaneous/Outings	5	720
SUBTOTAL INCOME	969	2003
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Bank fees, govt duty	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Admin	77	73
Postage	135	128
Printing	153	40
Function Costs	0	0
Equipment Maintenance and Rego	166	56
Miscellaneous/Outings	0	660
<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	531	957
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
NET - INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>438</u>	<u>1031</u>
Depreciation	342	342
Cost of badges sold	6	8
NET VALUE PROFIT/(LOSS)	(348)	(350)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	1574	644
Balance income over expenditure as per cash book	439	1031
Less Asset purchases	(0)	(118)
Funds on hand at end of year	<u>2013</u>	
Add un-presented cheques	0	
Add Creditors	0	
Add Rounding	0	2
Balance at end of year	<u>2013</u>	<u>1559</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		
Represented by:		
Cash Box Value	0	90
Westpac Bank	2013	1484
Badges (Valuation ~ 74 # @ \$2.50ea)	184	190
Assets as per schedule att.	1793	2135
	<u>3990</u>	<u>3899</u>

Ian
President 2007-08

Stefan
Treasurer 2007-08

**CANBERRA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2009**

ASSET	COST/DATE ACQUIRED	Deprec. \$	VALUE 2009 \$	VALUE 2008 \$
Three DAM flyfishing outfits	\$500/13 May 1992		0	0
	Less depreciation	n/a	0	0
Aluminium 3 metre boat, accessories	\$350			
	Less depreciation	30	30	60
Split cane 1911 Hardy fly rod	Donated 1986	n/a	400	400
Rod case for Hardy fly rod	Donated 1986	n/a	375	375
10 fly casting outfits	Purchased with grant 1997 \$1,000			
	Less depreciation	42	0	42
Trophies:	1946			
Lyle Knowles	n.a.	n/a	300	300
Mick Cornick	Donated		50	50
Anglers Art	Donated		40	40
ACT Angler	Donated		40	40
Mick O'Brien	Donated 1991		60	60
Keith Shields	Purchased 1992		55	55
Carp trophy	Donated 1994		40	40
	Total trophies		585	585
Boat Oars	Purchased \$80/2002			
	Less depreciation	10	21	31
Outboard Motor	Purchase value \$400	80	80	160
Boat Trailer	Purchase value \$400	80	80	160
2# Blackridge Fly Kits Complete w line	Anglers Art Purchase 9/9/07 Value \$380	76	152	228
	Purchased 08 Val \$118			
Fly Tying Kits		24	70	94
TOTAL		<u>342</u>	<u>1793</u>	<u>2135</u>