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Newsletter – Oct 2009

Coming Events

Sat/Sun 10/11 Oct – Lyle Knowles, Eucumbene River

Wed 14 Oct – next meeting

Fly Casting – the Parliament House Segment

Did people see this in the Canberra Times after the event?

Fly-casting lessons whip up interest and skill leve

By Emily Sherlock

Fishing lines whipped through the morning air as anglers of all skill levels tried their hand at fly-casting on the lawns of Old Parliament House yesterday.

Lines whipped back and forth rhythmically as the anglers cast the line again and again, tips lightly touching the damp grass.

Brennan Carter, 10, of Bonython, was one of those taking part in a lesson on fly-casting, getting some tips from Canberra Anglers Association vice-president Geoff Donkin.

The keen young angler said it was only his second lesson but he was learning quickly and enjoying it.

"At first it is hard and then it gets easier," he said.

Brennan said he loved fishing and often went during the school holidays with his father.

"It is fun. I've probably caught about 11 fish so far," he said.

His largest catch had been about 30cm.

Organiser of the learn to fly-cast morning and Canberra Anglers Association president Ian Keightley said more people were becoming interested in fly-casting.

It was also easier than it looked.

"Basic casting is not very difficult. You can generally get people casting a fly far enough to catch a fish within 15 to 20 minutes," he said.

"It is going on from there - to be able to cope with difficult conditions like strong winds and tricky casting where you have trees straight behind you, and thistles, and things like that."

"Kids, as long as they have reasonable coordination and a little bit of muscle, they can get straight into it and quite often they can learn quickly.

"With the ladies, a lot of women seem to pick it up more quickly as beginners than the men do, perhaps



LEARNING: Canberra Anglers Association vice-president Geoff Donkin gives Brennan Carter, 10, some tips on the finer points of fly-casting. Photo: XARLEEN V

because they haven't done as much of the other sorts of fishing and haven't got habits to unlearn before

they learn to fly-cast." While most Canberrans headed to the Snowy Mountains to try their fly-casting

skills, Mr Keightley said Canberra also had places to fish. "All the local lakes have fish of different sorts in

them and you can try with a fly," he said. "fish with a fly in Lake

Fly Casting Raffle

From: Ian

To: Bryan Pratt Pratt's Tackle Box Belconnen; Bill

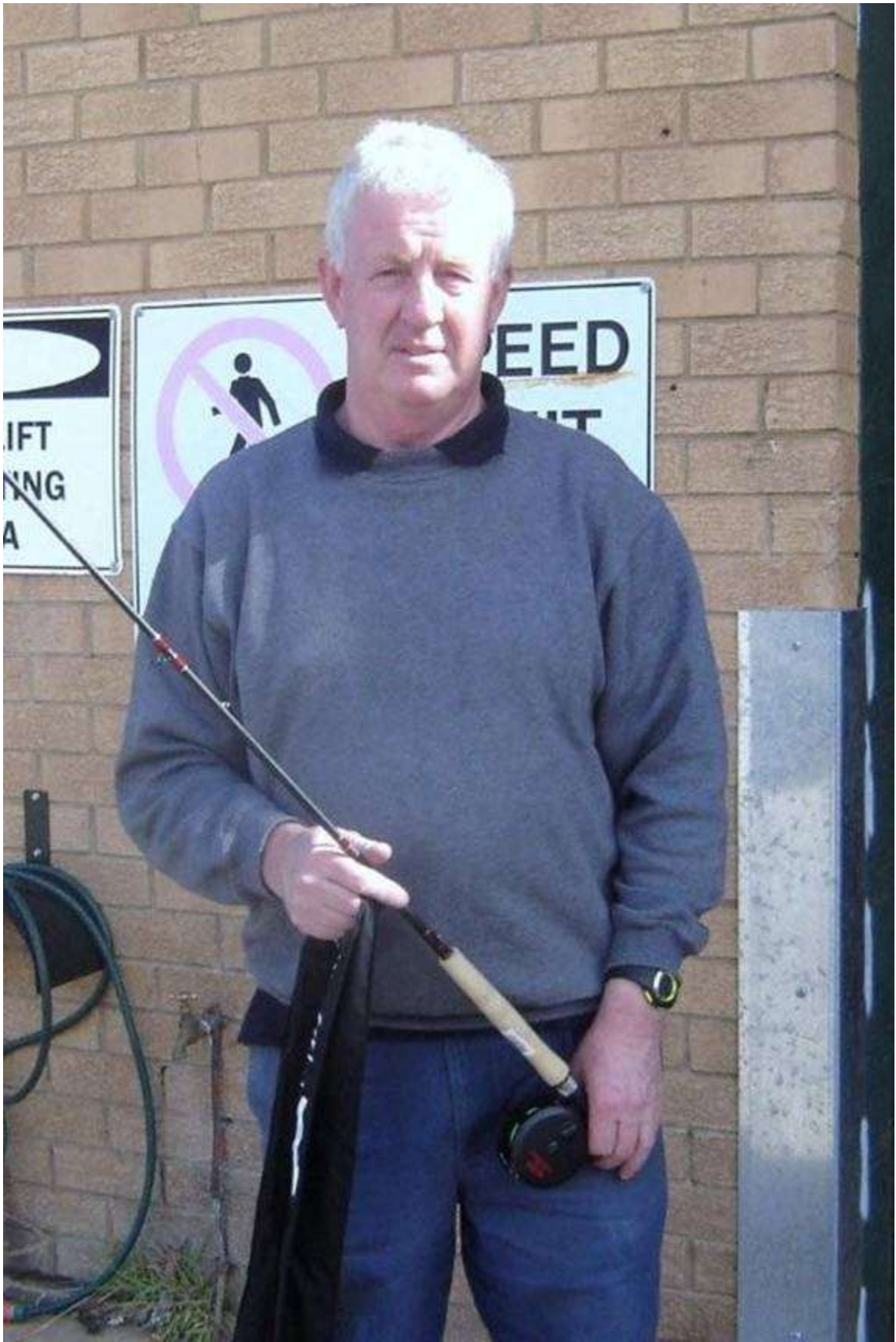
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Bryan and Bill

Here is Clive Hopkins with the raffle prize. He hasn't fly fished for some years and came along to the casting sessions for a refresher course. He was thinking of buying a new outfit and was very pleased to hear of his win.

Ian



Fly Casting Reports

G'Day Bill,

Chris was eager to get a shot of everyone with a fish. I was always off the other side when he had his camera - here's my two bit's worth.

Jason





Bill,
Further to my last, I took a couple of photos of young Tim with one of the trout he caught because I was close by and had a camera. We were all asked to forward any photos we had to you. I don't know if you have his parents' contact details to forward the photos, or if they are of any use for the newsletter, but here they are anyway. It was a good day out by the way. Maybe 50 fish caught all up.
Kel

(Editor: you might recall that Tim was the young fellow who won Nick Taransky-donated fly box on Day One but then a mystery person – perhaps from Tackle Box – gave him fly line, backing, reel and flies as well)



Hello Bill

What a great day last Sunday, I don't think I heard one complaint from the assembled crowd. The weather was abysmal, the catering lousy and the fishing TERRIFIC. Everywhere around the dam fish were being caught, Chris was his usual most helpful self and the punters were happy.

Even I had success, catching my first fish on a self tied fly, (beadhead green woolly bugger tied under Geoff's tutelage last Wednesday). Chris at farm took that photo so it may be in the archive somewhere.

Attached is my photo of Geoff and Kelly proudly displaying their simultaneous catch of two fish.

Regards
Stefan.



Some other shots from Ian, unnamed subjects.









Press Release from Recreational Fishing Alliance
Anglers create more fishing opportunities
through
‘public reserves’

This weekend, the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW, along with the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers, jointly conducted the NSW Angling Access Forum and Workshop, at the Marquee Hotel in Sydney.

The Chairman of the RFA, Mr Malcolm Poole, said, “NSW anglers are now taking a lead role to retain, maintain and improve access for fisherman to NSW inshore and coastal waters where ever possible”.

Mr Poole went onto say, “it was truly an excellent 1 ½ days of fishing effort (the non extractive kind of course), by Government and anglers alike, who share fishing as a common passion. The 55 participants produced an initial vision that will drive efforts to ensure and enable fishermen will be able to enjoy their passion into the future:

Responsible public access to public natural resources,

***for recreational enjoyment, sustainable use and conservation
appreciation
across lands of all tenure, and all our marine and inland waters.***

“All the forum participants identified the need for six key themes that will focus efforts to make the vision a reality. These are; ***effective representation and communication, secure access rights, strategic partnerships, efficient co-management and long term secure funding***”.

The NSW Angler Access Forum was a great success. The strategies, and more importantly, actions arising from the forum will deliver, real, on the ground outcomes for the fishing community of NSW well into the future.

Leading the way, the Monaro Acclimatisation Society recently secured the care and management of an iconic fishing spot known as ‘Paddy’s Corner’, on the Thredbo River near Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains. Steve Samuels, the Society’s president said “At Paddy’s Corner local anglers have assumed responsibility for the adjacent Crown Reserve and will guarantee public access into the future”. “Our success shows that anglers working with Government can protect their valuable fishing spots and provide an enduring asset for the fishing public.”

The NSW Angler Access Forum was funded by the NSW Recreational Fresh and Saltwater Licence Trusts, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, and supported by, Industry & Investment NSW. RFA also acknowledges the in-kind efforts of all the participants.

Mr Poole concluded in saying, “Recreational Fishers are true conservationists, and are committed to ensuring their practices are sustainable in the long term. Securing and protecting access for the fishing public is a vital step in delivering quality recreational fishing opportunities into the future”.

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*Recreational fishers enjoying the benefits of fishing Paddys Corner, on the Thredbo River.
Provided by Steve Williamson, President of the Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association.*

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Sep 2009

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Members present: Ian, Bill, Stefan, Max, Charlie, Mark S, Norm, Geoff, Randy, Alan, Derek, Bruce, Greg, Peter, George and Michael.

Apologies: Damien, Stuart, Les and Fiore.

Ian declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

In the absence of the Secretary's briefcase, minutes were not provided.

Fly Casting Days

Please turn up before 1000 start. Mark Sawa to check with Mark Flint re flies. Raffle prize has been donated by Bryan Pratt. Geoff donated a book for the raffle also. Eucumbene trout farm is doubtful – may know on Sunday.

Lyle Knowles – 10/11 Oct

Eucumbene River Sat and Sunday. Best 2 fish from the weekend – record in the book next meeting. Those attending can meet at 8pm at the Snowgoose Hotel Adaminaby and shared tall tales.

Other Business

Steve Samuels has established a loose affiliation of fishing clubs in the Capital Region.

Ian spoke on the Murrumbidgee to Googong tunnel environmental impact study.

Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach is looking for volunteers to assist with tree planting. Bill is to reply with estimated ten members interested.

Fishing Report

Stuart – last Wednesday polaroiding but busted off.

George blown away at Tuross.

Charles – too cold for natives yet in LBG.

Mark not been fishing but Jindabyne is rising and perhaps too high for weed close to bank.

Alan – 19 days in NZ on the Tongariro.

Peter startled a nice brown at Googong. Small (6 inch) redfin was taken off the hook by something bigger.

Michael has had some smallish rainbows.

Derek – Molonglo is slow. Been to Kalkite but confirmed that can't see the weedbeds because the water is so high. Some huge browns following yabbie baits.

Closure

President declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 14 Oct 2009.

Guest Speaker

Nick Taransky spoke on split cane rods.

Ian
President

Bill
Secretary