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## Newsletter – Apr2011

### Coming Events

**Next Meeting** – Wed 13 Apr – Randy will be talking about his South American trip

**Tumut** – 21-22 May (note that Alan is now organising with Stefan away)

### Tuross Outing 18-20 Mar

The final turnout was Lyall, Randy, Alan and Bill to attend a very wet weekend down the coast.



Whilst Randy brought his big boat and caught the biggest fish of the weekend (70+ cm flathead in the shallows)



Alan brought along his "Hawaii 5-0" Hobie complete with side rigger – here seen with flathead on fly





Lyll reported:

“He cruised the other side of the drop-off while I fished the sand flats. Alan hooked a nice flatty while I scared the taylor and yes, the rain was heavy but the good ship Hawaii Five-O sailed on!!”

Meanwhile Bill contented himself with boating more stylishly with Randy and Alan on Saturday and 'retiring wet' on Sunday.

## **Message from Stuart**

Got a delayed message from Stuart about his time out with Col Sinclair (Adaminaby):

“The Snake has a frog in its mouth. I was happy taking pics as long as he hung onto it. When he spat it out I bolted?”



## **New Zealand Trip March 2011**

Stuart and Ian arrived in Gore on Monday 14 March to persistent rain and a rising Mataura River. This forced us to look for cleaner waters upstream such as the Waikaia and Pomehaka Rivers. Fishing was challenging with hardly a rise for the whole week. Local contacts meant we could fish a large farm dam where tailing fish feeding on water boatmen proved a visual highlight but still hard to catch. The Mataura started clearing by about Thursday and the fishing gradually improved, especially on Sunday, Stuart's last fishing day.

Peter Kilfoyle spent the week 14-21 March fishing further north, mainly on the Ahuriri and Hakataramea Rivers. He then joined Ian and Peter Tinson at Gore for the week 21-28 March. The Mataura was still falling and slightly coloured. The fishing continued to improve and on the last 2 days we finally saw consistent surface feeding and had the chance to cast to rising fish.

More details and photos at the April meeting.









## Trout Outing 1-3 April

Eleven member of the club had a very successful weekend chasing the wily trout.

Many thanks to Bill L for some very artistic shots,



though the one of Stuart and Stefan reminds me of a scene from my schooldays! :-)





The huts were quite comfortable



and the river was lovely





Most fish were more modest such as a pretty brown amongst those caught by Greg



or like one of Bill's rainbows

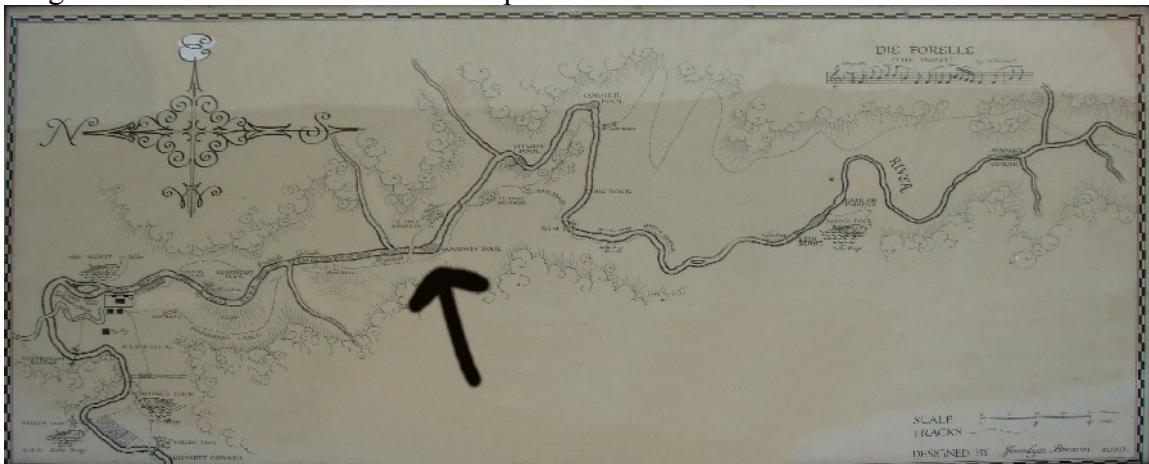




I believe best fish was a 40cm brown jack caught by Steve (image captured by Alan)



caught at “Goodwin Pool” - see the map below.



Nearly all attendees caught fish (the 80-20 rule applies as usual with Stuart catching ten fish all on dry on one day).

Can all members please recognise that it was a privilege for us to gain access to this water and that the owners seek to restrict the numbers in order to control fishing pressure.



## MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Mar 2011

<http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/>

Members present: Ian, Bill B, Stefan, Max, Alan, Randy, Peter, Greg S, Steve, Neil, Norm, Ed, Geoff, Dere , Owen, Greg W and new member Bill L.

Apologies: Damian, Stuart and Lyall.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes of the February meeting, and they were accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$2477.76 at bank less \$161 cheque for boat maintenance not presented.

### **Forthcoming Club Events**

19-20 Mar is Tuross. Alan, Randy, Bill, Lyall and Geoff indicated interest.

1-3 Apr confirmed to be the Goodradigbee.

NSW CFA Interclub meet - Secretary to email out some information.

Next fly tying is at the Weston Club starting 7:30 on 23 Mar.

### **General Business**

Ian spoke on NSW CFA discussions on an initiative to install stiles to provide access to fishing areas. See:

[www.nswanglersaccess.com.au](http://www.nswanglersaccess.com.au)

project officer for public access (Chris Robertson) via the Recreational Fishing Alliance. The project is seeking to protect access to corn land rather than to see it sold to the adjacent property owner.

CFA boat safety video is on its way.

CFA have been warned of Snowy becoming an 'endangered river' with possible impact on fishing.

Secretary is to prepare a proposal for sharing stocking costs with Canberra Fisherman's Club.



CRFA have \$1300 available for marketing. Secretary to enquire whether would be available to pay for our website

**Fishing reports**

Members present participated in a round table discussion of fishing reports.

**Closure**

Ian declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 13 Apr 2011.

Ian  
President

Bill  
Secretary