



CANBERRA ANGLER'S ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Newsletter – Aug 2011

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 14 Jul

Fly Casting days Sun 11 Sep (ie before next meeting), 18 Sep and 25 Sep (to be confirmed if on water for last day)

CRFA Actions

Goulburn Council are considering revision of policies for use of Pejar Dam. CRFA has provided a submission seeking use of electric powered boats:

12 August 2011

Ms Simone Blay

Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Re: Draft Recreational Use of Council Dams Policy

Dear Ms Blay

I am writing to comment on the above draft policy and to propose a modification to the policy to allow the use of electric-powered recreational craft on Pejar Dam.

In its hey-day, Pejar was a very popular fishing destination for many of our club's members, and for Canberra anglers in general. Many respectable trout have been caught at Pejar over the years, and it was the "go-to" location for many anglers seeking trophy-sized fish.

Now that Pejar is full again after the prolonged drought and stocking of trout has recommenced, local interest in fishing there is once again increasing. Allowing the use of electric-powered boats will enhance the appeal of Pejar as a fishing destination for those anglers looking for somewhere a bit closer than the Snowy Mountains. It is a perfect "day-trip" fishery for anglers from the ACT and surrounding region, and allowing electric-powered boats would only increase visitor numbers to the Goulburn Shire.

In terms of the concerns raised about pollution, erosion and rubbish; I regularly fish Googong Dam, which allows electric-powered craft, and have not found such issues to be a major problem. My view is that anglers fishing these types of locations have an above-average respect and care for the environment. CRFA believe the increased tourism to the Goulburn region would far outweigh any additional costs incurred by the Council. Pejar is adjacent to a major road in any case, which is the source of potential pollution itself. Appropriate policy and a boat permit system (similar to that for Googong) could be easily implemented to mitigate any risks.

Yours sincerely
Shane Jasprizza
Secretary/Public Officer

Cartoon Going the Rounds



GADEN TROUT HATCHERY MANAGER'S REPORT July 2011

General Hatchery Overview

During July 55.7mm of precipitation was received as rain, sleet or snow over an 11 day period. The remaining days commenced with heavy frosts. Temperature extremes have been experienced with -13C temperatures received and consequent frost related issues. For instance, the drainage hoses to the ova incubation system froze the screens of the permanent fish trap in the Thredbo River. This meant that the fish trap structure dammed the river for several days until temperatures rose.

In addition to this, problems arose with the pressure pump delivery line in the new hatching room, main water filter overflow valve, raceway spray bars and domestic water supply to the bunkhouse. On a further 10 occasions water supply froze to the staff residence, on site accommodation and amenities. Maintenance was conducted to rectify the problems & restore water.

Other maintenance has been completed such as repairs to the pump house lean to, relocation of air

conditioning unit, concrete repair to the discharge drain, routine cleaning of circular ponds and refurbishment of the tourist centre aquaria.

Administration

Administrative procedures such as MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) updates, WRAPP (Waste Reduction and Purchasing Policy) audit and the Annual EPA (Environment Protection Authority) license renewal application were completed. The draft Hatchery Procedures Manual has also been prepared. Annual petty cash and float reconciliations have been completed. William-Moxon Consulting Surveyors are finalising a detailed survey of the Gaden Hatchery site.

Staff

An application to extend the temporary employment of two temporary guide attendants will be submitted to provide coverage at the hatchery when existing hatchery staff take their leave entitlements during the summer months. During the month Kelly Reader was advised that she was the successful applicant for the advertised tour guide position for the hatchery which has been extended for a further 2 years expiring June 2013.

Stocks on hand / fish movements

Egg picking has commenced for both Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon.

Atlantic salmon

244,000 eyed ova fertility success - 51% adult for age crosses (x9)

- 76% 2+

400 1+

155 2+

90 3+

60 4+

30 5+

Brook trout

55,000 eyed ova @ 57.5% fertility – revised count of 12,000 per litre

350 1+

17 2+

It appears the activation solution has assisted with fertility for the Brook Trout with success rate slightly up from 23% 2007, 44 % 2008, 47% 2009 and 39% in 2010.

Brown trout

511,000 ova laid down at Gaden

350,000 green ova transported to Dutton Hatchery

Trap screens were removed on 12 July 2011 after targets were met. This enabled free passage of the spawning run until Rainbow Trout fish numbers became more dominant later in the month. A total of 838 brown trout were trapped. (212 males and 626 females). Brown Trout continue to spawn in the river and those subsequently trapped whilst targeting Rainbow Trout for production, were liberated upstream of the structure.

Rainbow trout

77,000 ova laid down

1,000 1+ future fishing clinic

600 2+ fishing clinic

250 3+ female ex-fishing clinic

Trap screens were installed again on 21 July and a small number of Rainbow Trout (244) have since been trapped.

The ex fishing clinic females were re-harvested and transferred to circulars during the month. Ripe females have been stripped with the remaining to be propagated within the next few weeks.

Tourist Centre – Events - Revenue

It has been a fairly quiet month for visitors to the tourist centre. This has been most likely due to the generally cold weather conditions experienced and the fact that local tourism at this time of year relates mainly to skiing / snow activities. The existence of ice on most ponds for the majority of the month has also limited trout feeding ability on some tours. Visitor numbers – 404 visitors (72 self guide – 75 tour groups) attending for guided tours with a monthly income of \$3,694.

In addition to daily tours, Kelly Reader will now be concentrating on promoting the facility for the Gaden Family Picnic Day Peter Maberley of Snowy Mountains TV has attended the site to film more footage/segments for the DVD.

Garry Green

A/Manager

Gaden Trout Hatchery

2 Aug 2011

From Peter

Subject: Caddis flies

Hi Bill .

Here is an article that I thought might be of interest to the fly Fishers within CAA

Peter

FLY OF THE MONTH - HORNED TENT WINGED CADDIS DRY FLY PATTERNS - This style of caddis fly pattern is commonly called a "Tent Wing" caddis pattern very similar to the King's River Caddis and the Hemingway. It has a 'down wing' made of feather, over a palmered body with a hackle collar. The term 'down wing' is used to illustrate that the pattern is different from normal Mayfly dry fly patterns that have 'up wings'. Most caddis fly fishing is in the twilight with lots of airborne insects and others on the water skittering across the surface as they try to take off after hatching before a hungry trout grabs them for their dinner from down below. There is another type of Caddis fly fishing on smooth water with helpless dying caddis and trout with refined taste sipping the surface, taking time picking out what they want to eat, being choosy. The first type of caddis fly fishing can be great fun but if you do not have the correct fly the second scenario can lead to failure. Big bushy elk hair wing caddis flies will not normally work. They will not fool the selective feeding trout. You need to have a selection of flat water caddis patterns that give a more realistic silhouette. Slow or still water caddis are commonly smaller than those on rough faster water.

Smaller insects tend to hatch for longer periods and more profusely. On slow water I use low quick casts rather than high slow ones so the trout cannot see my line. I always try to make my false casts off to the side. These two methods will help to avoid spooking the fish. If you fish with novices, are a beginner or you have poor eyesight, fish two flies with a smaller more realistic tent winged horned caddis fly trailing behind a larger more visible fly like a buoyant Goddard's Caddis Fly (G&H Sedge)

The common or slang term 'sedge' originates from the fact that adult Caddis flies can often be found clinging to sedge grass near the waters. Sedge/Caddis flies have four wings. The forward pair are normally a little longer than those at the rear. At rest their wings lie close along the body in an inverted V shape. Caddis flies do not have tails but many have long antennae. The Latin name for this group of flies is 'Trichoptera' (Greek for 'hairwing'). They pass through four stages in their development; egg, larva, pupa and adult. The eggs are laid by the adult female in large jelly mass, which often floats on the water surface and drift until they stick to some river side vegetation. Some species lay their eggs directly on vegetation.

The eggs hatch into larva in about 10-12 days. The Larvae produce a sticky substance and attach whatever material in on the river bed to their body. This offers protection and camouflage. The pupa stage lasts for several days. The fully formed pupa has middle body legs that it uses to swim to the surface to hatch. Some species choose the shore or vegetation to emerge rather than open water where they are easy prey for the trout.

Adult caddis flies vary in size. Their bodies are rather drab in colour from gray, brown to green. The wings are mottled, patterned or pale and vary in colour from black, brown to gray. If the fish are not taking fly patterns of natural colours try a brightly coloured attractor pattern of the correct shape. Most hatch early or late evening. Some hatch in the afternoon and some at night. The fish have two chances of catching these flies; when they emerge and when they return to lay eggs. Some species have a problem drying their wings and remain on the surface for a considerable time, causing a disturbance. Others that move to shore to hatch fully also cause a disturbance.

I can always remember my first introduction to fly fishing using caddis flies. At the village pub one summers evening a friend of mine had been telling tales of the great sedge hatches on the lake near his house. I expressed an interest to try this style of fly fishing and he invited me to have a try the following evening. He told me to meet him at 9pm. I felt this was a bit late but I turned up on time anxious to get started. He did not rush. There was barely an hour left of daylight. When we got to the lake it was flat. Nothing was moving. I was a bit disappointed. We rowed the boat upwind of a broadleaf weed bed. He told me to wait and watch. For about 15 minutes nothing stirred. I was so impatient to get my rod out and try a few casts before we lost the light. Out of the corner of my eye I detected movement. About 40 yards downwind the first adult caddis flies were starting to emerge and scutter towards the weed beds and relative safety. This woke up the trout. The next batch to hatch were attacked in a wild feeding frenzy. We put the boat within striking distance and caught fish after fish for the next two hours with the aid of moonlight

When fishing from a boat try to do what is called a re-float, gently lifting the rod tip and just letting the fly skip back towards you for a few feet while staying awake for a strike at any moment. Often

the trout jump out of the water and down onto the fly causing many fisherman to try setting the hook before the fish has the fly in it's mouth. A re-float is done by picking the fly rod tip up after caddis fly is on the water. This gently skips the fly back towards you. Now lower the rod tip and once again lets the fly drift. Besides imitating the natural habit of a caddis laying eggs on the water, it increases the time spent fishing instead of casting resulting in much more water covered and fished by the fly.

From Charlie

The Long Awaited 'Trout Waters of Tasmania - Greg French 2011

<http://www.troutflies.com.au/store/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=1577>

Product Information

This is a complete revision of Greg's previous guide book, providing up-to-date information, improved maps and excellent photography.

A must for anyone fishing Tasmania.

For a limited time also available in leather-bound hardcover for \$169.95. (Please phone us on 03 62664480 to order this special edition)

price includes post \$78.30

MINUTES OF CAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 Aug 2011

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Members present: Geoff, Bill B, Stefan, Damien, Peter, Max, Charles, Alan, Fred, Greg W, Steve, Randy and potential new member Harry.

Apologies: Ian, Stuart and Greg S.

Vice President, Geoff declared the 66th AGM opened.

Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the AGM of 11 Aug 2010 were read out and minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

The fishstocking proposal remains extant and will be pursued through the Capital Region Fishing

Alliance (CRFA).

Geoff reminded all about the availability of the club boat and encouraged its use.

President's Report

Geoff presented Ian's report, enclosed.

Treasurer's Report

Stefan presented his report, enclosed.

This has been a fairly normal year. Overall standing of the club is \$4218 in total assets. At bank currently is \$2352 - ie sufficient for \$1000 for fish stocking if pursued. Membership stands at 47.

About 52% of income is coming from subscriptions (thus non-financial members are a problem) whilst significant income came from the raffle at the fly casting, especially Bob Morton's sausage sizzle. One unusual item of income was \$200 from CRFA for promotions which was used for the web costs. The venue (Weston Club) remains free.

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

General Business

Reminder to members of the Rise movies on Thu 18 Aug at Manuka.

Fly tying as usual on 24 Aug.

Next meeting is 14 Sep. This is before the Fly Casting Training 11, 18 and 25 Sep. Geoff will check with Chris re access to water. Bill and Geoff to pursue Mark S as chief instructor and flies with Mark F. Need to check with Ian about location of the club rods.

Election

The following committee was elected:

President	Geoff
Vice President	Stefan
Secretary	Bill B
Assistant Secretary	Alan
Treasurer	Steve
Public Officer	Stuart
Council Member	Damian
Council Member	Bill L
Council Member	Peter
Council Member	Charles
Council Member	Randy

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

2011/2012 Program Card

Card issued.

Date	Event	Organiser
Sep 11, 18, 25	Fly Casting	
Oct 8, 9	Lyle Knowles at Eucumbene R	Geoff and Alan
Nov 19, 20	Bass	Damian
Dec 14	Last Meeting for year - BBQ (LBG)	
Dec 17, 8	Jindabyne	Bill
Feb 8	First meeting 2012	
Feb 19	Natives	Greg and Charlie
March 19, 20	Coastal/Estuary	Owen
Apr 20-22	Goodradigbee	Greg W
May 19, 20	Tumut	Stefan
June 23, 24	Lakes	Alan

Trophy Presentation

The following trophies were presented:

Lyle Knowles Trophy	Alan
	48 and 44 cm rainbow
Mick O'Brien Trophy	Geoff
For best trout for the year	63cm brown
ACT Angler's Trophy	Randy
For best salt water	70cm flathead
Keith Shields Trophy	No registrations
For native for the year	
Carp Trophy	Peter
For best carp in local lakes for the year	60cm
Angler's Art Trophy	Peter /Bill
For best trout on an outing	49cm rainbow/brown
Mick Cornick Trophy	Geoff
For best trout on fly for the season	72m brown
CAA Junior Trophy - best trout by junior for the year to 31 July.	Michael
	45cm rainbow
Hardy Rod	Greg W
President's Award for Year Long Contribution	

Door Prize

The lucky door prizes of two zingers and tippet clips were donated by Alec of the tackle shop at Eight Mile just south of Cooma.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is 14 Sep 2011.

Closure

The President declared the meeting closed.

Geoff
President

Bill
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010-11

Welcome to the CAA's 66th Annual general Meeting. I am pleased to present this report of our club's activities over the past year. I will be in Canada as the meeting takes place and hopefully about to go fishing.

Average attendance of 14 at monthly meetings was similar to previous years. We welcomed a number of new members as well as losing active members Lyall and Kelly to overseas postings. We were pleased to hear of Kelly's wedding but somewhat jealous of her report and photos of Alaskan trout and salmon fishing.

The range of speakers at monthly meetings was varied as usual, ranging from Michael Traynor covering back country first aid to Nick Taransky talking about his passion for small stream fishing. Randy's photographs and stories from Patagonia were very entertaining.

The monthly round-the-table fishing reports once again provided good information about fishing conditions and techniques and provoked many discussions. It is always interesting to hear the different reports and I am sure they are the incentive for many members to get out and have a go.

The fly tying group, led by Stuart, continued its activities. There is a core group of tyers but any member is welcome and there is club equipment available for newcomers to use.

We thank the Weston Club again for their ongoing donation of meeting rooms. In return, they ask that CAA members be encouraged to join the Weston Club. Most members have done so and there is a regular group which dines here and shares stories before each meeting.

The annual September fly casting sessions were blessed with good weather and attendance. Special thanks to Mark for his instruction and to all members who assisted on the days, to Chris at the Eucumbene Trout Farm and to Bryan Pratt for the major raffle prize and publicity. Damian did a great job with the barbecue and we thank Dumbrell Butchers of Queanbeyan for donation of the barbecue.

Thanks to those members who volunteered to organise club outings. Some were better than others at organising the weather. A welcome addition this year was the Goodradigbee outing organised by Greg W.

The Capital Region Fishing Alliance covered a wide range of local issues in its first full year of operation. We have been ably represented by Stefan and Bill. Given the difficulty we seem to have in finding delegates to participate in the activities of the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers, it is great to have a local forum where matters of interest can be pursued. Michael's action in drawing the attention of ACT authorities and the CRFA to flood damage at the Vanities Crossing fishway is a good example.

In closing, I thank all members who have contributed to the success of CAA during the year. In

particular, our Secretary Bill and Treasurer Stefan have continued their efforts to ensure the smooth operation and success of our club.

Having said that, I think it is beneficial for any club to have a change of officeholders from time to time. Stefan has done a great job in managing our finances but will now step down, although he is happy to act as assistant to the new Treasurer.

I will also be retiring as President and I thank all members for their past assistance in making CAA a friendly, active club.

PRESIDENT'S ROD

It is always a happy but difficult task to decide who should receive this historic fly rod, donated by Founding President George Westcott on the occasion of the club's 40th anniversary. It is awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to the club. As usual, there are many members who qualify.

This year I present the rod to a relatively new member who has actively participated in CAA activities. Of particular note is his organisation of the Goodradigbee River outing, which took the club back to this beautiful location after an absence of some years. Some older members will remember times spent at Kentucky homestead, over which we held a lease at a peppercorn rental for some years in the 1970's.

Thank you Greg. I hope you enjoy holding this rod over the coming year.

CANBERRA ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2010-2011

The financial position of the club is fair, being in a position to still hold in abeyance (again) a sum of \$1,000 for a fish stocking program.

Membership of the club is similar to past years. Memberships could be grown if we were able to retain better ongoing renewal as there is always some churn. The current membership stands at 47.

Current membership fees comprise (52%) of income. Raffle and sausage stand takings for the annual fly casting days were on par with last year, (28%). There was some income from boat use fees. This year the CRFA contributed funds toward club promotion to be used at our discretion. This may not be an ongoing practice, as it is dependant on funding of CRFA by the Act Government as applied for from time to time.

Expenditure this year was in line with last year. Web hosting averaged out at slightly over \$2.50 per member annually, a reasonable outcome. Equipment maintenance was better than last year. The CAA has acquired a display screen with club logo to be used at events for promotion. This was fully costed in this financial year.

We were again fortunate in having the meeting venue provided at no direct cost to us, which has an ongoing benefit to our books, and we should formally acknowledge our gratitude to the Weston Club. We now regularly use meeting rooms on two nights per month.

The financial position of CAA is good. 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

10 August 2011

CANBERRA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Membership subs	870	730
Badge sales	15	0
Boat Use Fee	100	80
Contribution CRFA	200	0
Raffles	478	484
Interest	7	9
Miscellaneous/Outings		0
SUBTOTAL INCOME	1670	1303
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Bank fees, govt duty	0	0
Meetings	0	0
Admin/Affil Fees/Postage	207	387
Web Hosting	176	-
Printing/Engraving	180	178
Function Costs	94	100
Equipment Maintenance and Rego	466	454
Miscellaneous/Outings	0	0
SUBTOTAL EXPENDITURE	1123	1119
NET - INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>547</u>	<u>184</u>

ASSETS	Depreciation	207	300
	Cost of badges sold	8	0
	NET VALUE PROFIT/(LOSS)	(215)	(300)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	1845	2013
Balance income over expenditure as per cash book	547	184
Cheques from 2009/10	(82)	
Less Asset purchases	0	(480)
Funds on hand at end of year	<u>2310</u>	<u>1717</u>
Add un-presented cheques	41	129
Add Rounding	1	(1)
Balance at end of year	<u>2352</u>	<u>1845</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

Represented by:

Cash Box Value	0	0
Westpac Bank Balance	2352	1845
Less liabilities	(41)	(129)
Badges (Valuation ~ 71 # @ \$2.50ea)	177	184
Assets as per schedule att.	1730	1973
Net Worth	<u>4218</u>	<u>3873</u>

Ian
President 2010-11

Stefan
Treasurer 2010-11

CANBERRA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

ASSET	COST/DATE ACQUIRED	VALUE		
		Deprec.	2011	2010
		\$	\$	\$
Three DAM flyfishing outfits	\$500/13 May 1992		0	0
	Less depreciation	n/a	0	0
Aluminium 3 metre boat, accessories	\$350			
	Less depreciation	n/a	0	30
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	n/a	0	0
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	11	0	11
Outboard Motor	Purchase value \$400	n/a	0	0
Boat Trailer	Purchase value \$400	n/a	0	0
2# Blackridge Fly Kits Complete w line	Anglers Art Purchase 9/9/07 Value \$380	76	0	76
Fly Tying Kits	Purchased 08 val \$118	24	22	46
Boat tonneau cover	Purchase 2010, value \$480	96	348	480
TOTAL		<u>207</u>	<u>1730</u>	<u>1973</u>