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## Newsletter – Nov 2011

### Coming Events

**Next Meeting – 9 Nov – .**

**Bass** – Fri 18-Sun 20 Nov. Bass fishing at [Brogo](#) at the old Homestead area – Damien organising.

### Peter K's report on opening weekend and after

Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2011 4:42 PM

Subject: trout fishing report

Saturday 1 Oct 2011

Went to Vanity crossing on Saturday for opening but was amazed to find 3 vehicles there all fishing in various parts of the river so I packed up and went to Cotter river near the dam. Water was discoloured. Slow running and smelly. Had a few casts saw a couple of carp. had a fly attacked by a bird and the heavens opened up so came home and sulked

Tuesday 4 Oct 2011

Fished Vanity crossing using a dry fly (Adams Parachute) and a bead head nymph, Not having any luck until I was about 300 metres upstream where I changed from the Adams to a Royal Wolff. Caught 4 rainbows in the space of about fifty meters ranging from 25cms (picture attached) to 31cms all taken on the Royal Wolff. Missed three others and found that there was no hook on my nymph which explained why I was getting hits but no fish. A member of Canberra Fly fishers named Mick caught up with me and as I had had a good successful morning I let him go through, while he fished the hole with bead head nymph where I had just dropped a nice rainbow, he had instant success catching two rainbows in the same hole.

Peter K



*Tranquil scene on the Cotter.*



*Vanity's Crossing of Cotter in high flow.*



*Cotter rainbow.*

## **Singapore Chapter of CAA visits NZ**

Some news was received from Lyall on fishing in Singapore and the trip with Alan to NZ.

*Hi Bill,*

*Thanks for another entertaining news letter.*

*Things are going well in Singapore but no trout within two thousand miles !!! I have had to make do with feeding bread flies to 18 cm Tilapia in the upper Singapore River!!! Word at Coho Fly Fishing shop in Singapore is that Sage is bringing out a replacement for the Z-Axis named the ONE which will see the end of production of the Z-Axis - let's see whether this is true or not.*

*The big problem with fly fishing in Singapore is the back cast - too many people. They sneak up behind you to see what you are doing and they are prime candidates for a nose piercing!!!*

*I have attached a photo taken at Ngongataha River near Rotorua. That day Alan and I just happened to both be wearing Kokoda matching shirts and blue jeans, probably both shirts bought at Campin' n Fishin' in Canberra. "Nice shirt mate - yeah, you too!"*

*Bye for now,*

*Lyall*

*CAA (Singapore Branch)*



## Huge Crowd at Fly Tying

Our biggest turnout – had to set up another table (out of camera shot).



## Some “first trout on fly” achieved

In the lead up and conduct of Lyle Knowles, three of our newest members landed their first trout on fly (in Richard's case on a fly he tied himself at the club fly tying classes). Unfortunately, no photo of Peter O.



*William (soon to return to Hong Kong) and using one of the club fly rods!*



*Richard (where is that famous fly?)*

## Report from Stuart

From: Stuart

Sent: Monday, 17 October 2011 11:16 AM

Subject: Fishing Exmouth WA

Bill, some pics while fishing at Exmouth WA, for news letter ??.



*The long extension bar is for launching off the beach, not seen it before, quite clever.*



*Don't you love the central shopping district 7.45 Saturday morning, hive of action.*



*Fly fishers heaven, Brett is to forward pics of small permit when he gets back from the cook islands, the big queenie shall have to do. It sure ripped of some line, caught on small gotcha, 10wt.*

## **Lyle Knowles**

Eight members braved the forecast (and achieved) nasty weather to fish the Eucumbene River for the Lyle Knowles. Most stayed in Adaminaby socialising with both the traditional Saturday barbeque and Sunday night at the "Bowlo".

The lake was higher than seen for many years with the mouth only a few hundred metres downstream from the Providence Lodge. The river was running reasonably high but clear and things looked pretty positive on that front. The river was fished at various places from Providence Lodge area all the way up to Kiandra (where a few claimed they were snowed upon!)

Some members had much success, including on the dry fly, whereas others were less fortunate. Alan probably took the cake for most success with, I think, 13 in one afternoon.

Overall a great weekend, much better than the weather might have suggested, with good company if not co-operative trout.



*Did we say the weather was a little nasty? Ian rugged up for winter*



*One of Ian's catches – typically caught at the end of the drift after casting down and across due to the wind coming downstream*





*One of Peter K's rainbows – this and two others came out of a pool immediately after being fished by Bill with no success*



*Saturday evening barbeque.*



*Took until Monday for Bill to bag his two – thank goodness for it being a long weekend*

## **Seen at Murrumbateman Field Day**



*We're waiting to see the cup holder appear on Alan's kayak.*

## Australian Alps invasive fish survey

Members might be able to help with this survey – needs to be completed by 18th of November. *“The purpose of this questionnaire is to gain information on the distribution of European carp and other invasive species (oriental weatherloach, goldfish, redfin and mosquitofish) in the Australian Alps national parks. Please note: this study is NOT interested in salmonid (trout) distribution.”* (I hope this means that Nathan doesn't see trout as “invasive”. Editor)

From: Nathan Miles  
Sent: Wednesday, 12 October 2011 3:25 PM  
Subject: Participation in Carp Survey

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to a project we are currently conducting through the University of Western Sydney in relation to the distribution of carp in the Australian Alps National Parks. Basically, we are after any information on sightings or capture of carp in the area in and around the Australian Alps National Parks (see map for detail) so we can assess their distribution and potential impacts.

I have attached the [questionnaire](#) (and instructions) we are using to collect the data for this study. On this questionnaire, you can provide information on the date, location etc of the sighting and a map has also been provided, so the location can be marked.

If you have any queries, or would like to receive this information in paper form, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below.

Kind regards,

Nathan

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## **Material from Jim's talk on 12 Oct.**

Will put this onto the website separately, including recipes for Bill's yabbie and water snail.

### **1 / HOW TO READ LAKES**

- WHAT IS UNDER THE WATER IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS ABOVE
- LOOK AROUND BEHIND & BESIDE YOU, ***THERE ARE ROCKS /TREES /GULLIES /DROP OFFS***
- NOW LOOK BACK INTO THE WATER, IF ***THERE IS A GULLY RUNNING INTO THE LAKE, THIS CREATES A DROP OFF IN THE LAKE A NATURAL SHELTER AND AN AREA THAT FOOD WILL BE DELIVERED TO FISH***
- TREES AND ROCKS ARE NATURAL HABITATS FOR FOOD AND SHELTER
- WIND IS YOUR BIGGEST ASSET WHEN LAKE FISHING
- THE ***WIND WILL BRING FISH TO YOUR FEET***
- ***PRACTISE CASTING INTO OR 45 DEGREES ALONG A BANK THAT THE WIND IS BLOWING ONTO***
- YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT HOW MANY FISH YOU ACTUALLY SEE
- FLAT GRASSY AREAS ARE BEST FISHED WITH SOME WIND AS THE FISH WILL SPOOK WITH NO COVER
- BARREN ROCKY SHORES FISH WELL WHEN YABBIES ARE ABOUT, SPRING /SUMMER
- PROMINENT POINTS ARE GOOD BECAUSE DEPENDING ON THE WIND FOOD IS BEING PUSHED ALONG OR AROUND
- DROP OFFS ARE THE KEY TO CONTINUALLY CATCHING FISH/ COMBINE WITH A SOAK EXCELLENT***

### **2/ HINTS ON WHAT TO LOOK FOR**

- DUCKS FEEDING IN AN AREA, THEY ARE THERE FOR A REASON, FEEDING, THE FISH WILL NOT BE FAR AWAY
- LOOK FOR BIRDS FEEDING ON A BANK THAT THE WIND IS BLOWING ONTO, SOMETHING IS BEING WASHED UP
- SWALLOWS FEEDING OF THE TOP, SOMETHING IS HATCHING
- LOOK FOR MOVEMENT IN THE SHALLOWS, STICK CADDIS OR TADPOLES
- CONTINUALLY LOOK FOR SWIRLS OR SOME MOVEMENT, CHASING YABBIES
- WIND LANES/SLICKS CLOSE TO SHORE OR ENTERING INTO A BAY

### **3/ HOW TO FISH**

- MOVEMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT KEY IF FISHING LARGE FLY'S
- ***SMALL FLIES SIZE 14 & 16 ARE THE BEST FISHED ULTRA SLOW***

-VARY YOUR MOVEMENT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, DON'T DO MORE OF THE SAME IF NOT WORKING

***-DON'T BE AFRAID TO STRIP OR MOVE DRY'S QUICKLY***

***-ESPECIALY MIDGE BALL IMITATIONS***

***-DRIFT BUZZERS ON A LONG LEADER ON QUIET DAYS, WORKS WELL***

***-ALWAYS FISH SHORT TO START WITH, COVER ALL WATER CLOSE THEN CAST LONG***

-LONG LEADER SET UP 16-25 FT FLOURO CARBON

-WEIGHTED SMALL FIE'S ON A LONG FLURO CARBON LEADER

- WHEN SIGHT FISHING, TRIGGER A QUICK ATTACK OF YOUR FLY

– ***ALWAYS FISH INSIDE A SIGHTED FISH OR MAKE IT TURN***

#### **4/ WHAT TO USE**

-SNAIL PATTERNS

-NYMPHS

-FLASH BACK NYMPHS

-MIDGE PATTERNS & MIDGE BALL PATTERN

-STICK CADDIS

-BEETLE PATTERNS

-TC (ANY VERY SMALL MUDEYE PATTERN) -BIBIOS WORK WELL

-BILLS YABBIE

-SIZE 14 RED & BLACK FUZZY WUZZY ON BRIGHT CALM SUNNY DAYS

-BLACK OR RED & BLACK BUZZERS

-DAMSEL NYMPHS

#### **WHAT TO USE**

##### **OCTOBER**

BILL'S YABBIE, WOOLLY BUGGERS, FUZZY WUZZY, MRS SIMPSON, BEAD HEAD NYMPH, NYMPHS, BEETLE PATTERNS, FLASHBACK NYMPHS, MOUNTAIN SHRIMP, SNAILS, STICK CADDIS, TOM JONES, MIDGE, TERMITES, BLACK & PEACOCK, MIDGE BALL, HUMPY, STIMULATOR, CRAIG'S NIGHTIME

##### **NOVEMBER**

SNAILS, BEETLE PATTERNS, MIDGE PUPAE, MIDGE, NYMPHS, MIDGE BALL, STICK CADDIS, WOOLLY BUGGERS, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS

##### **DECEMBER**

MIDGE, MIDGE BALL, RED TAG, WOOLLY BUGGER, BILL'S YABBIE, CRAIG'S NIGHTIME, MUDEYE PATTERNS, STICK CADDIS, NYMPHS, BEETLE PATTERNS, ANTS, MUDDLER MINNOWS, MOUNTAIN SHRIMP, BUZZERS, DAMSEL NYMPHS

## **JANUARY**

BILL'S YABBIE, STICK CADDIS, MIDGE, BEETLES, SNAILS, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS, MIDGE PUPAE, KLINKHAMMERS, ELK HAIR CADDIS, DAMSEL NYMPHS, MUDEYE PATTERNS, TADPOLES, HOPPERS, FUZZY WUZZY, BLACK&PEACOCK

## **FEBRUARY**

MUDEYE PATTERNS, SNAILS, MUDDLER MINNOWS, MOUNTAIN SHRIMP, HOPPERS, BEETLES, MIDGE, STICK CADDIS, WOOLLY BUGGERS, TADPOLES, NYMPHS, FLASH BACK NYMPHS, BILL'S YABBIE, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS

## **MARCH**

NYMPHS, SNAILS, MUDEYE PATTERNS, MUDDLER MINNOWS, CRAIG'S NIGHTTIME, RED&BLACK MATUKA, STICK CADDIS, RED TAGS, BEETLE PATTERNS

## **APRIL**

NYMPHS, WOOLLY BUGGERS, BILL'S YABBIE, SNAILS, MIDGE, MUDEYE PATTERNS, BEETLES, DAMSEL NYMPHS, STICK CADDIS, MUDDLER MINNOWS, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS, FUZZY WUZZY, TOM JONES, RED TAG, CADDIS, MRS SIMPSON, RED&BLACK MATUKA

## **MAY**

WOOLLY BUGGERS, BILL'S YABBIE, CRAIG'S NIGHTTIME, MRS SIMPSON, STICK CADDIS, SNAILS, MIDGE, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS, NYMPHS, MUDEYE PATTERNS, MUDDLER MINNOWS, RED&BLACK MATUKA

## **JUNE –SEPTEMBER**

WOOLLY BUGGERS, BEAD HEAD NYMPHS, STICK CADDIS, SNAILS, MRS SIMPSON, MIDGE, NYMPHS, RED&BLACK MATUKA, BILL'S YABBIE

# **MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 12 Oct 2011**

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Members present: Geoff, Bill B, Stefan, Randy, Alan, Mark S, Ian, Peter K, Norm, Max, Charlie, Damien, Stuart, Richard, Jim, Col, Peter O, Cate, Owen, Helen, William and new member Mike.

Apologies: Bill L and Steve.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Previous Minutes were read.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer was unable to attend.

### **Club Events**

1. President noted the large turnout tonight.

2. Similarly, we were packed out for flytying last month and may need to change rooms.
3. Lyle Knowles was very successful.
4. Bass in November with Damien is confirmed for Fri 18 Nov start at Brogo (the old homestead site for rough camping).
5. Wed 14 Dec – reminder of end of year barbeque in lieu of normal meeting.
6. Jindabyne for weekend 17/18 Dec (Bill B to organise).

### **Fishing reports**

Member's present participated in a round table discussion of fishing including trout season opening and Lyle Knowles.

### **General Business**

Reminder that a call will go out for volunteers to assist with trout fin clipping at Gaden Hatchery 17-9 Jan 2012.

Norm and Bill noted the passing away of Fred Aschenberger last week. Fred was a long-time member of the club and only recently was finding it hard to attend meetings.

Ian noted that another past member, Alan Lawrence, had died suddenly recently. Alan was an active member from the 1980's, including as President and Treasurer for a number of years, before leaving Canberra in the early 90's to practise law in Albury. Alan loved his fishing and his family and approached life with good nature and enthusiasm.

### **Presenter**

Jim provided an entertaining and informative session on lake fishing. His notes will be given in the November newsletter.

### **Closure**

President declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 9 Nov 2011.

Geoff

President

Bill

Secretary