

# The Burley Line

November 2013



*Sam with this 62cm brown taken during Lyle Knowles competition*

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## Coming Events

**Next Meeting** – Wed 13 Nov 7:30pm at Raiders Weston Club.

**Brogo** – Fri 22 to Sun 24 Nov – down to the South Coast to chase bass – Damien is organising.

**Fly Tying** – Wed 27 Nov – Jason Q on big (perhaps articulated) flies for cod.

## Lyle Knowles

Well wasn't it a hard weekend? The sun shone and the water looked fantastic – but where were the fish? Ultra reliable anglers attending were drawing a blank all Saturday working the upper river. Tales of woe, of 'had just a touch' or worse 'was on only for a headshake' were all we had to show for a full day and there we precious few of even these teasers.

As they say (when we don't catch anything and don't want to sound like whingers), "well it's great being out in the mountains even if the fish aren't on".



*View of the river provided by JM.*

In the early evening most of us gathered at the mouth (still in the moving water please) and watched as many trout rose. Again it was a story of lost opportunities UNTIL ... Sam came back from across the other side of the lake and decided to have a go in the moving



water. Two dropped opportunities and three landed including a 40cm and a whopping 62cm meant we went to bed pretty certain who the winner would be. Gave us an excuse to sleep in and when we woke to gale force winds it offered a good excuse for many of us to come home early.

Well done Sam – a champion effort.

After querying an email from Peter with subject of “Fishing Report – photos enclosed” but no enclosure, I got the following response:

Well I am pleased to see that some fish were caught. It appears the irony of my report was lost upon you... there was no attachment as I did not see a sign of a fish at Denison and wore myself out casting all day into the wind. Thought I saw Al as I arrived at Denison but don't know where he got to and only saw three fisherman for the day who decided the best place to fish was right on top of me when there was a clear 1500 metres of river clear to fish. They were in a sky blue Honda CRV and even after I gave them a mouthful for their lack of stream etiquette, they still failed to appreciate how they had stuffed up my whole beat. Anyway as I was stuffed by 1500 hrs. I left and drove down to providence. Not recognising any vehicles there , I had lunch and then returned home.

Meanwhile JM and Owen had some luck outside the competition fishing in the lake (near Portal and Seven Gates respectively.)



*“3 fish boated, 0600-0900 (Saturday) above the Portal. All on Craig's Nighttime casting to rises. Not one fish were interested in taking emerger nymphs, spinners etc.... FRUSTRATING!!!! This one went 46cm, 2 other were similar but kept just the one”*





*Owen's 45cm brown from 7 Gates*

## **Report from JQ**

JQ provided a report on recent fishing on the Cotter. On the strength of this, Peter and I went up last week – suffice to say we didn't have the same result and I'm still working out whether I got wetter from the bucketing rain or the hole in my waders (now fixed thanks to some good advice from JQ and others).



*He was 18cm but biggest went 32cm. Close to a dozen caught but only 8 landed... Must stop using barbless!*



## For Sale

Any fishing related items that members would like to advertise here, please email [newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au](mailto:newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au)

While we await finalisation of Jason Q's badge embroidery arrangements, members might like to take advantage of our clearance sale of the older coloured sew-on CAA patches. Enquire with Treasurer, the last few are going for a song at \$5 each.

As advised earlier I received an email from Matt Huntington (late Max's son) offering up Max's camper trailer at a special price for CAA members. Some images below. If you are interested and haven't contacted Matt directly, please hurry as they will be putting it out to the general public on 2-3 Nov.







## Fin Clipping Volunteers Please

Received the following from DPI. Members have participated in the past and enjoyed the camaraderie:

Greetings finclippers,

Finclipping this year is scheduled at Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne to start on Tuesday the 14th January 2014. Last year we had such a great roll-up of clippers that we finished all of Eucumbene's rainbows in a day! As such, I would plan to attend earlier in the week as often the work is done and there is nothing for volunteers who turn up on Thursday/Friday to do.

We will provide lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the day(s) of clipping, so if you feel like helping trout research and can spare a day, a few hours or whatever you like, feel free to join us. There is plenty of time to talk trout with a plethora of like minded people, in the very pleasant Gaden environment.

DPI staff are on site setting up Monday afternoon, but all the action takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, where we start about 8.00-8.30am.

As per last year, DPI staff will be using the coded wire tagging machines to tag the 50,000 trout to be released into Jindabyne.

All are welcome to join us, but remember that you will need covered in shoes as part of our WHS.

## CAA Shirts and Embroidery

We've reached the minimum number of shirts required to get the discount \$35 price. An additional \$8 will be charged if an embroidered logo is needed. Payment arrangements, final advice on colour and logo or not will be a subject to separate email traffic. If there are any late takers, please email the Secretary as soon as possible.

ProAngler has also offered, only in conjunction with our shirt order, a special price for the polo shirts of \$20 (rrp \$30) if we get to half dozen or so. Currently there is interest in four (Sue, Kelly and Alan B). If there are no others, then we'll have to let those members work directly to ProAngler (normal discount is 10%).

For those with gear that they'd like embroidered already, this can be arranged independently, contact Kerrie at Integral Embroidery via email [integral@dodo.com.au](mailto:integral@dodo.com.au) or phone 0418 246 214. More information at <http://www.integralembroidery.com.au/>



## Gear Review Corner

If you've ever had need to unspool a fly line to change to a different one, then you might be interested in the Omnispool Switchbox fly line spooler reviewed in our Gear Corner <http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/newsletter/gear/gear.htm>

## Notable Fish Recorded

As at 1 Nov, following notable fish have been recorded for the 2013/2014 season

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Damien	Brown Trout	53cm	Bait	"Back to Buckenderra" 23-25 Aug
Jason Q	Brown Trout	51cm	Fly	"Back to Buckenderra" 23-25 Aug
Owen	Brown Trout	45cm	NR	7 Gates 11 Oct
Jason Q	Rainbow Trout	46cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene 12 Oct
Sam	Brown Trout	62cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 12-13 Oct
Sam	Rainbow Trout	40cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 12-13 Oct

## MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Oct 2013

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Members present: Greg W, Bill, Peter K, Charlie, Stuart, Ian, Alan S, Kelly, Owen, Greg S, Jason Q and new members Sam, Mike and Glenn.

Apologies: Geoff, Jason M, Randy, Stefan, Susan and Nathan.

Ross Rowe from Pro-Angler commenced the meeting with an entertaining slide show of fishing near Greymouth in New Zealand and Alaska chasing sockeye salmon. He then gave a short brief on Pro-Angler products including the shirts being proposed for club member purchase. Ross was kind enough to donate three caps for lucky door prize/raffle prizes.

### Minutes

Bill read the minutes of the previous meeting.



### **Matters Arising**

Nil

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer absent. Bank shows funds available at approximately \$4074. Not included is sausage sales at Fly Casting:

Total taken: \$534.40

Cost of goods: \$252.90

Profit of BBQ: \$281.50

### **General Business**

Stuart noted that the use of fly tying material as raffle prizes was not appreciated by many of the winners. We should not do this next year. Also noted is the need to organise the prizes of flies earlier to ensure good quality and numbers.

A particularly pleasing experience from the Fly Casting was that one of the students expressed her sincere appreciation for the CAA conducting the lessons. It was the first such thank you that Stuart had ever seen and was well received

Advice from NSW Fisheries is that our application for dollar for dollar stocking is still being considered. Hopefully an answer will be received before the November meeting. A working bee is likely to be needed for the actual stocking.

### **Club Events**

Alan has made a booking for a four person cabin for Friday and Saturday at Providence Portal for Lyle Knowles.

Fly tying on 23 Oct will be sparkle pupa – Stuart will acquire the antron

November fly tying will be Jason Q showing us how to make those articulated (or at least ginormous) cod flies. He is exploring with Nathan and Pratt's Tackle Box whether some of the material may be able to be donated.

Bill will beef up/tidy up the fly tying section of the web pages.

Greg W  
Vice President

Bill  
Secretary