

The Burley Line

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Former CAA fly casting instructor John Brickcius (R) with a well known current member showing his versatility in fishing interests.

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Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 11 June – 7:30pm at Raiders Weston Club. .

Next Outing – To be Advised – we'll discuss the merits/weather at June meeting.

Fly Tying – Wed 25 June.

Have you seen these Weather Bureau Services

After having to cancel a fishing trip on basis of Snowy Mountains weather forecast (there's never a town close enough to where I want to go) I chanced on these new pages offering forecast for rain and wind. Have added into our [Useful Links](#) page.

Rainfall <http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/watl/rainfall/pme.jsp>

Wind <http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/watl/wind/index.jsp>

Latest from the 'Thursday Carp Crowd'

From: Barry
Sent: Tuesday, 6 May 2014 6:50 PM
To: Secretary CAA
Subject: Carp Session

Hello.

Carp Catch up-date for Tuesday 6th May.
Winds NW backing to NE around 4pm

Charlie, Fish evaded all attempts at capture including enticing Maltese fish calling love songs?

Mike did very well, crumbed up, cast out and got 2 nice Carp. One 59cm and the other 57cm.

However, Mike didn't get away with an easy catch. The second fish found a lot of line resistance when it took off with the corn, Yup! Mike had forgotten to back the drag off the result being a dash into the water to retrieve his fast disappearing rod! He got pretty wet!

Charlie and I were very concerned for Mike given the cold wind and his very wet state! (After we got up of the ground from laughter, ... it sure was funny)

Barry, .. Got a good one to within 2m of the shore and it spat the hook! Day's result "0"

Cheers,.. Barry M



Mike tussling with one of his catches.

‘My CCI Journey’ from Nathan

From: Nathan
Sent: Monday, 12 May 2014 9:32 PM
To: newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au
Subject: CCI Journey

As most of you who know me, I’m pretty fanatical about fly casting. It has been an ambition of mine for some time now to become a Certified Casting Instructor under the International Federation of Fly Fishers. I recently took part in the Australian testing event at Peter Hayes’ Fly Fishing Lodge in Cressy, Tasmania on Wednesday the 26th of April.

Haysie has been a huge inspiration in my fly casting career and is mostly responsible for getting me to the level I’m at now. If there’s anything about fly casting that he doesn’t know...It’s not worth knowing!

I flew into Launceston on the Monday with mate Stuart Fagan.



The first day consisted of meeting all the other candidates and examiners and just getting to know everyone...whilst casting of course!

To be certified you must be examined by 2 Master Casting Instructors (MCI's). At this event there were 4. Peter Hayes, Peter Morse, Roy Wybrow & Tony Loader. There are only 7 MCI's in Australia and we had 4 of them in Tassie! What a wealth of knowledge we were privileged to be in the presence of!

Prior to the testing these guys were going around and helping everyone in preparation for the exams. The only condition was that you were not allowed to have any form of tutelage within the last 6 months from any of the examiners testing you. My examiners were Peter Morse & Roy Wybrow so Haysie was getting me up to scratch and running myself and others through the test and giving his critique...which I was absolutely thrilled about by the way!

I was pretty well prepared for the test bar a few minor glitches which were soon fixed up by Haysie in the casting workshops. I had been studying the theory component every day, and going down to the oval after work just about every afternoon to run through the practical stuff. Mostly on the side of the oval while blokes were doing footy training. I got some strange looks I can tell you!

I was 1st cab off the rank on the Wednesday morning and it was beautifully warm and sunny...and probably the only time that the wind wasn't absolutely howling! That Tassie wind was relentless!

Apart from obviously being nervous, I passed the exam with flying colours. Peter Morse & Roy made the experience so enjoyable. They really took the edge off my nerves and helped me to relax. It just all came together perfectly and I was so pumped when they told me I had passed and congratulated me. All the hard work had finally paid off!

I then had the rest of the time to relax and really just enjoy the company of such a great bunch of guys. It's an experience I can highly recommend to anyone who not only wants to teach Fly Casting but improve their fly casting and fishing skills in general. The amount that I learned was invaluable. The people you meet along the way and the wisdom they impart is priceless.

The fly fishing community is such a generous group willing to help anyone who would like to further their knowledge in this



great sport of ours. I'll be studying hard for MCI accreditation over the next 3 - 4 years before I take the exam. A realistic time frame I'm told by the MCI's I spoke to.

Cheers,

Nathan



Nathan showing his style above and certificate below.





Goddard's Caddis Flies – an Article Sent to Peter K

See <http://bit.ly/QLaOBv>

The Goddard's caddis with clipped hair body works great on fast water over big rocks where higher flotation and visibility is important. It also works well on quieter water.

The trout looking up at the surface recognize the silhouetted shape of the clipped Goddard's Caddis as that of the natural caddis. On bright sunny days fishing on water that is reflecting the sunshine it can get difficult keeping track of your fly. Use a White Goddard's Caddis. If the sun goes in try a more natural colored Goddard's caddis to match the local hatch.

Originally this caddis imitation was called the G and H Sedge (John Goddard & Cliff Henry sedge) and still is in Britain. Sedge is another name for Caddis. It was designed by the fly fishing entomologists Mr John Goddard and Mr Cliff Henry after they had observed and studied



the silhouette of caddis flies as they skittered invitingly over the water's surface during the later part of the day. They wound buoyant deerhair onto a hook and then sculptured the material until it matched the insect's wing and body shape. They ended up with a nearly unsinkable fly that when retrieved on the water surface produced a realistic wake. The trout loved it.

It was a radical design when it was first published in fly fishing magazines and pattern books. To understand the design of this Caddis fly you need to know a little of the natural history of the caddis. When the caddis hatch the emergent adult tries to swim as fast as it can to the safety of the bank. In this mad dash for survival it creates a 'V' shaped wake a bit like a small speed boat. The trout are on the look out for this give away sign of fast food on the move and home in on these flies with some spectacular takes. The blunt stubby wings that copy the shape of the natural insects' wing cause a disturbance on the retrieve, in the water surface that mimics that caused by the scuttering adults.

Goddard's Caddis flies are not the answer to all your rising fish fly fishing situations. When the trout are sipping little blue winged olives from the water surface they will often ignore a large floating Goddard's. But during quiet periods without any major hatch underway the Goddard's Caddis is a great searching fly for drawing strikes from larger than average trout. The versatility of this fly is the key to its success. Fished dead-drifted over a rising trout will often draw a strike, but when this does not work the high floating characteristics means it can be skated, twitched or otherwise worked on the surface to get a response. Sometimes these tactics can draw slashing strikes from large fish as big trout hammer the fly with the same gusto of a big bass taking a surface deerhair popper.



I like to fish these flies down and across the stream. I use a reach-casting and then slack line technique to avoid drag. When the line tightens in the current I twitch the fly briefly and then lower the rod tip to create slack and the momentary dead drift of the fly as if it is resting. I dress both fly and leader with floatant. The leader must be floating along with the fly or your twitches will drag the fly under. Sometimes I only dress the fly with floatant. The leader tippet sinks drawing the fly under when it is twitched. If you give it some slack at this point the deer hair will bob quickly back up to the surface in an action trout find irresistible. The Goddard's Caddis's extreme buoyancy means that it also works well as a strike indicator

Report from Nathan

From: Nathan
Sent: Monday, 19
May 2014 5:52 PM
Subject: Rainbow Trout
- Pejar Dam

Hi Bill,

One and only fish caught on a trip to Pejar on Sunday 18th of May. Rainbow Trout, 60cms, 4.75lb. Taken on an Olive Woolly Bugger (my special).

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Nathan
IFFF Certified Casting
Instructor



Nathan subsequently put on the [CAA Facebook page](#) a picture of him and a nice (5lb plus) brown that he caught at Rainbow Springs during an ACT Fly Fishers' outing. It is interesting that the fish has definite spots on its tail – I had thought browns never had spots on their tail. Nathan also explained that he had to take his shoe off to wade out in order to land the fish – that'll teach him to be better prepared!



Lord Howe Island



I had the pleasure of spending a week on Lord Howe Island with my wife and two other friends. Full report is in our [“Special Places”](#) section.



One of my kingies – note I'm wearing the marine camouflage/CAA tartan shirt – Ball's Pyramid in background.

CAA Bumper Sticker

I bought a number of these as an experiment. Some were handed out at the May meeting and I have a few left. The happy holder of the fish will remain nameless but a search through CAA Newsletter archives will reveal all.





NSW CFA Newsletter Items

These items may be of interest to members, certainly I've sent in my observations regarding Quarantine inspections for returning from New Zealand. My personal response was:

I can attest to having similar experiences over the years. When I first went to NZ fishing (12 years ago) only fishermen were aware of the didymo threat. Quarantine later became quite strict in inspecting gear. Over the past 3 or 4 years, I've noted a significant relaxation. This produces in me a quandary in that it means we get through more quickly given I'm confident that we've taken all precautions but does give ground for concern that less conscientious folk may not be picked up. My most recent experience was early this year where we were called upon for inspection, but it certainly wasn't an extensive examination. Seems that Quarantine are taking a risk management approach especially when there are long queues.

I should say, that anglers who can assure the inspectors that they know what is the issue are perhaps the least of the threat. I've got greater concern that the general public, who wade in the rivers, paddle canoes etc are possibly not being considered as a more significant threat of being vectors for didymo. Any approach by CFA to Quarantine should highlight that anglers are not the only threat.

How secure are our borders from didymo?

NSWCFA President Don Barton reports that when returning from a fishing trip to NZ a week ago, he was shocked by the airport customs officers' lackadaisical approach to checking his fishing gear. Even when he mentioned to the officer that he had fishing gear in his luggage that he might like to check, the reply was something along the lines of 'You look like an honest bloke, I'm sure it will all be clean.'

The entry of didymo into our waterways could be disastrous for our recreational fishing and farming industries. Perhaps this is inevitable with such lax bio security.

The NSW CFA has recently written to the Federal government ([see letter here](#)) complaining about reduction in biosecurity services and if Don Barton's experience is anything to go by, the situation is getting worse.

What are your experiences with checking of fishing gear when coming in from NZ (or any other country where didymo is found)? We'd be interested to hear if you have had similar experiences...please let us know at freshwaterfisher@viridia.com.au.

NSWCFA meeting at Goulburn 17 May

The NSWCFA met at Goulburn on 17 May. As has often been the case at most of our meetings over the past couple of years, the main topic of discussion was access, with delegates expressing continuing alarm at the NSW government's accelerated approach to disposing of Crown roads which could provide recreational angling access. There was also a lot of discussion about a not-unrelated problem: landowners illegally blocking access on Crown roads.



[Read the President's report to the meeting at this link.](#)

Other issues discussed included plans for next year's Fly-Fishing Meet, the possibility of greater commercial involvement or a fly-fishing expo of some sort, the Fish Habitat Partnership and strategic research priorities for recreational fishing.

Cooking Corner

Available on our [Cooking Page](#). Peter K has just offered up his recipe for Pea and Ham Soup made in a Slow Cooker. More recipes from members welcome please.

Equipment Review

These can be found in our [Gear Review](#) page on the web.

Contributions from members on other items they've been using are welcome please.

While it is not really 'gear', I've put a recent submission by Jason M on Fly Fisher magazine into this section. A snippet below:

I had just discovered FlyFisher magazine when their last independent issue came out. Being more of a flick and hope, or needing to visit an area to check out the local bug colours, I was looking forward to part two of the Kozi dun article in the last issue (other than watching the kozidun website). So I ducked into my local tackle shop, found out it's now part of Freshwater Fishing, and that I'd missed the middle edition.

I first got into digital magazines almost ten years ago, and still have many of those still on my electronic devices. With a bookcase or two full of magazines, I was keen to try out the new electronic Australian fishing magazines, although there is benefit for a hardcopy on those short flights where you barely get a chance to turn on you portable electronic devices. So, in the space of a week, I purchased the March/April FWF/FlyFisher, and the previous edition of FlyFisher in digital format.

For Sale

Any fishing related items that members would like to advertise here, please email newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au.



Randy has some items for sale:



Snowbee felt sole boots, Used, but still good sole. \$10 or best offer.



Rod And Fly backpack. Not used often enough, in good nick, \$75. Mine does not have hydration unit (Camelback), but easy to slot one in. Normal retail \$135

One item from Stuart:



Donation to the club shall secure the boots.

Size 8 with socks, but with neoprene booties suitable for size 7.

I am a size 8.5/9 but over time the leather has shrunk and my foot has spread. Still very serviceable.

Regards

Stuart.

Notable Fish Recorded

As at end of May 2014, 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
Peter	Brown Trout	59cm	Fly	Denison (Eucumbene River) 31 Oct
Nathan	Murray Cod	85cm	Spinner Bait	Yerrabi Pond 2 Dec
Damon	Murray Cod	65cm	Surface Popper	Casuarina Sands 3 Dec
Ian	Brown Trout	52cm	Mudeye under float	Jindabyne outing 14 Dec
Jason M	Flathead	38cm	Soft plastic	Coast outing 21-23 Feb
Mike	Flathead	40cm	Bait	Coast outing 21-23 Feb
Mike	Flathead	38cm	Soft plastic	Coast outing 21-23 Feb
Owen	Australian Salmon	48cm	Bait	Coast outing 21-23 Feb
Owen	Flathead	43cm	Bait	Coast outing 21-23 Feb
Alan	Brown Trout	53cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 7-10 Mar
Jason M	Rainbow Trout	47cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 7-10 Mar
Barry	Carp	66cm	Bait	2 Apr
Bill	Brown Trout	50cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 11-13 Apr



Jason Q	Brown Trout	57cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 11-13 Apr
Nathan	Rainbow Trout	60cm	Fly	Pejar Dam 18 May

May Minutes

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 14 May 2014

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

Members present: Bill, Peter K, Alan, Norm, Greg S, Greg W, Kelly, Mark S, Nathan, Steve, Stefan, Owen and Charlie.

Apologies: Jason M, Jason Q and Ian. In addition, Randy apologised for having to depart after the talk.

The meeting was preceded by Nick Bromilow speaking about techniques for ultra light fishing for trout and bass.

Minutes

Minutes were read and accepted.

Matters Arising

Koorabri outing was subject to a last minute cancellation and the outing instead went to Bondi Forest Lodge due to safety assessment in light of the extended rain. Bondi was reported by Greg W to be an excellent facility with the bonus of the stocked dam on the property. All bar one in the group caught fish. Owners of Koorabri understood and respected the concerns of the organiser.

Correspondence

NSW Fisheries has advised that a Trout Forum will be held at Cooma Ex Services club on Thu 29 May at 6pm to discuss the current concerns in relation to trout numbers in the Snowy Lakes. An expert from NZ has been engaged by Fisheries will be present to discuss similar experiences in Lake Taupo and possible actions here. Secretary will attend but others are welcome also.

Secretary has received NSW Rec Fish DVDs on fishing safety. These were handed out and remainders were provided to Nathan for distribution at Pratt's Tackle Box.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balance stands at \$3500. PO Box payment of \$173 remains outstanding.



General Business

The club has insufficient stock of “Life Member” badges even to present to recently awarded members. The badges comprise a bar labelled “Life Member” with a suspended CAA badge beneath. Treasurer has sourced a badge manufacturer. Cost per badge with bar is \$23.60, with just the CAA badge (and pin behind) cost is \$15. The manufacturer has minimum order of 50 badges including 15 with bar. Treasurer proposes an order of 25 each with the intent that pins could be sold to contribute to defraying the almost \$1000 required. Decision will be called for at a future meeting.

Secretary has personally purchased a number of CAA bumper stickers as an experiment and a number were handed out at the meeting. Cost is about \$1 each for a sticker with a minimum order of 21. Kelly’s assistance may be sought to develop a more attractive design if membership believe there is merit in producing more.

The passing of CAA member Rowan was recognised and members spoke of his engagement with the club.

Nathan’s success in achieving Certified Casting Instructor was acknowledged and congratulations were passed.

Greg W reported on his recent attendance at MAS meeting. Issues raised included the Trout Forum, NSW Government actions in respect to selling off crown roads and recognition of the 150th anniversary of trout in Australia.

Outing Update

Stefan spoke about the Tumut Outing 16-18 May. Seems there are at least 6 starters.

Fishing Reports

General discussion was had around the table. Some limited success on the Eucumbene but while some very big fish spotted, only a few more modest sized fish landed.

Greg W
Vice President

Bill
Secretary