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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS: JUNE 28, 2018

At the Devonport Library Meeting Room 7:30 pm (Side Entrance)

DFFC Event Schedule 2018

Mon, 28-May-18	Tue, 29-May-18	Wed, 30-May-18	Thu, 31-May-18 Monthly meeting Devonport Library	Fri, 01-Jun-18	Sat, 02-Jun-18	Sun, 03-Jun-18 Casting practice Winspears Dam
Mon, 04-Jun-18	Tue, 05-Jun-18	Wed, 06-Jun-18	Thu, 07-Jun-18	Fri, 08-Jun-18	Sat, 09-Jun-18	Sun, 10-Jun-18
Mon, 11-Jun-18 Queens Birthday	Tue, 12-Jun-18	Wed, 13-Jun-18	Thu, 14-Jun-18 Fly Tying Devonport Library	Fri, 15-Jun-18	Sat, 16-Jun-18 Fly Tying weekend with Brian McCullagh	Sun, 17-Jun-18
Mon, 18-Jun-18	Tue, 19-Jun-18	Wed, 20-Jun-18	Thu, 21-Jun-18	Fri, 22-Jun-18	Sat, 23-Jun-18	Sun, 24-Jun-18 Casting Competition Winspears Dam
Mon, 25-Jun-18	Tue, 26-Jun-18	Wed, 27-Jun-18	Thu, 28-Jun-18 Monthly meeting Devonport Library	Fri, 29-Jun-18	Sat, 30-Jun-18	Sun, 01-Jul-18
Mon, 02-Jul-18	Tue, 03-Jul-18	Wed, 04-Jul-18	Thu, 05-Jul-18	Fri, 06-Jul-18	Sat, 07-Jul-18	Sun, 08-Jul-18
Mon, 09-Jul-18	Tue, 10-Jul-18	Wed, 11-Jul-18	Thu, 12-Jul-18 Fly Tying Devonport Library	Fri, 13-Jul-18	Sat, 14-Jul-18 Destination and trip planning Maintenance rods, reels and lines	Sun, 15-Jul-18
Mon, 16-Jul-18	Tue, 17-Jul-18	Wed, 18-Jul-18	Thu, 19-Jul-18	Fri, 20-Jul-18	Sat, 21-Jul-18 Xmas in July Devon Lodge	Sun, 22-Jul-18
Winter School Holidays						
Mon, 23-Jul-18	Tue, 24-Jul-18	Wed, 25-Jul-18	Thu, 26-Jul-18 Monthly meeting Devonport Library	Fri, 27-Jul-18	Sat, 28-Jul-18	Sun, 29-Jul-18 Casting Competition Grindelwald
Mon, 30-Jul-18	Tue, 31-Jul-18	Wed, 01-Aug-18	Thu, 02-Aug-18	Fri, 03-Aug-18	Sat, 04-Aug-18	Sun, 05-Aug-18
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Mon, 13-Aug-18	Tue, 14-Aug-18	Wed, 15-Aug-18	Thu, 16-Aug-18	Fri, 17-Aug-18	Sat, 18-Aug-18 Early season fishing tips. Tying Mayflies, Duns and Emergers.	Sun, 19-Aug-18 Devon Lodge

WORLD FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Norm Day our club organiser of Controllers for the above event in 2019 has requested that I place the following in the newsletter, I have spare space in this edition hence the early notification:

"Please include the following details about the World Fly Fishing Championships in the newsletter sometime.

Our club has volunteered to be controllers for one of the venues.

Controllers will be required for 5 days from Monday the 2nd December until Friday the 8th December 2019 (next year)

We require 24 controllers each day including a first aid person.

We do not know what our venue will be until closer to the event. There will be 3 lake and 2 stream venues." - Norm Day <https://www.wffc2019.com/>



Draft Minutes

DEVONPORT FLY FISHING CLUB INC.
Ordinary Meeting held on 31st May 2018

The Chairman, John Hepburn welcomed all members, new members and guests to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm.

Attendance: 19

Apologies: Norm Day, Bruce Marshall, David Prince, Laurie Baird, Stuart MacAulay, Col Morley and Tony Scott.

Previous Minutes: Moved Stan Laskey, seconded by Percy Gardner, that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were a true and accurate record. **Carried.**

Business arising from minutes of previous meeting.

A guest speaker for the annual dinner was discussed in general business.

Treasurer's Report: Moved R McLachlan, seconded by Malcolm Murray, that the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. **Carried.**

Correspondence Inwards:

Aurora Energy – Lodge account Feb – May 2018

AAT – Lake Malbena proposal issued a paused decision referral timetable.

PWS (via Norm) – seasonal closure of Lake Augusta Road.

Richard Haymon – [SAFFA May eBulletin](#).

Forico (James Dick) – confirming Guilford Lodge booking in 2019.

Brian Tolagson – [Hastings Fly Fishers May Newsletter](#).

Correspondence Outwards:

Forico – Inquiry about booking Guilford Lodge in Feb/Mar 2019.

IFS – Thank you letter.

Environmental Assessment Branch, Dep't of Environment – Letter regarding Lake Malbena proposal.

Waterbug Company – enquiry about photographs.

Moved David Best, seconded by Roger Hickson, that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards confirmed. **Carried.**

Business arising from Correspondence

Nil.

Reports

Camp committee:

There are 7 paid enrolments, 5 paid returnees and 3 expressions of interest for the next camp. Calico bags for the camp have been ordered and delivered. Emails have been sent to 2018 students inviting them to this camp.

The Liawenee fly casting sessions went well with interest shown in the 2019 Bronte Camp.

The next meeting of the camp committee is Tuesday, 7th August.

Devon Lodge Management Committee:

*It was moved by Malcolm Murray and seconded by David Best that up to \$500 be available to purchase stackable chairs for the lodge. The motion was **carried**.*

It was resolved to write a letter of thanks to Kath Jones for her work in altering the curtains for Devon Lodge.

Fishing trips – Club Events

3rd June - Casting practice at Winspears Dam.

14th June - Fly tying, Devonport Library.

16th – 17th June - Fly tying with Brian McCullagh at Devon Lodge.

24th June - Casting Competition at Winspears Dam.

Talbots Lagoon. Guilford Lodge Booked for Thurs 28th Feb 2019 to Sun 3rd Mar 2019.

Opening Day at Sunnyside Dam starting at 8.00am

Fishing reports:

Malcolm Murray caught four rainbow at the Sunnyside Dam and Reid McLachlan caught three.

Fly tying:

Please bring deer hair and short shank, number 12 hooks for the session this month.

General Business

There was discussion on a guest speaker for the annual dinner. Brendan Keep and Phil Bloomfield are to follow up on suggestions.

The following constitution amendment regarding family membership will be put at the AGM.

Rule 5.2

5. (2) A family granted family membership as provided in these rules are eligible to be members of the Club on payment of the annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules;
Family membership can be granted to a person, their partner and junior children.
Both adult partners of a family shall have full voting rights.
A junior is a person under 18 years of age.

Be amended to read

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Family membership can be granted to a person, their partner and junior children.
Family membership can be granted to a person, their partner and junior grandchildren.
Both adult partners of a family shall have full voting rights.
A junior is a person under 18 years of age.

Chairman, John Hepburn thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm.



Five Reasons to own a Double Hander

A few years ago I bought a two handed fly rod. I soon realized one rod wasn't enough and now I have seven. How I managed to acquire so many double handers is a long story but the why is a more important one. Why would anyone want to own two handed fly rods? Here are five reasons I think you should consider giving them a go.

First we should define what a double handed fly rod is. At first glance the definition should be easy. Any rod that you cast with two hands could be called a doubled handed fly rod. When we delve deeper we find there are many variations on the theme. In the beginning was the spey rod. These originated in Scotland for fishing for salmon on big rivers. They were long and heavy. Since then two handed rods have become lighter and shorter all the way down to switch rods which bridge the gap between traditional single handers and double handers. Nowadays you can buy micro spey rods for trout, double handed fly rods for the surf and switch rods for any fly fishing purpose you want.

My interest in two handed rods came about when injury threatened to curtail my casting. I wrote about that way back in 2012 in the November issue of Casting Around (as it was then called). I was having elbow problems and needed to rest my casting arm. I tried casting with my non-dominant hand and although I could manage to get the fly out, my casting range was very limited. By using a switch rod and casting with two hands I found I could achieve greater distance with less effort and with less pain.

So the first reason you should consider owning a double hander is to allow you to make casts with less effort and less strain on your body. This was brought home to me again recently when conducting a beginners' trout workshop. One of the participants was unable to cast because of a serious back problem. I gave her a two handed fly rod to try and in no time she was making beautiful roll casts without causing any distress to her back. Two handed rods are not going to work in every one of these cases but it is worth giving it a try. As always, if casting causes any pain you should stop immediately.

If you have experimented with spey casts with a single handed rod you will know how effective they can be. Spey casts are dynamic roll casts with additional movements designed to change direction. Spey casts come into their own when you have limited room for a backcast. Think trees down to the edge of the river or lake or mangroves at your back in the estuary. Not only do you remove the problem of making a backcast that is going to get caught up you are reducing the number of false casts you need to get the fly on the water. You can do this with a single handed rod but you can cast further with two hands on a longer rod. The second reason you should consider owning a double handed fly rod is to be able to cast further in tight situations.

The other day I was down at the creek trying to catch a luderick on fly. As usual, the fish were hanging deep out around the furthest pylon of the bridge. I probably could have reached with my single handed rod but not when I added a big indicator, a couple of flies and a pinch of lead. Throwing that much “junk” requires a special fly line and a long rod; and a long rod works best with two hands. Salmon and Steelhead anglers have known this for years. Trout anglers who fish big rivers with big rigs are quickly jumping on the band wagon. Think winter fishing on the Tongariro. The third reason you should own a two hander is if you want to throw lots of junk a long way.



If you nymph fish you will know how important it is to mend your line. Mending ensures you get a natural drift at the right depth. It is much easier to mend the line with a longer rod. Specialist nymph fishers and competition anglers know this and choose rods 10 feet or longer. These rods are generally singled handers but often come with extension butts. It is not a big step from these rods to light switch and micro spey setups. Modern switch rods are light enough to high stick and hold up with one hand all day. The added length allows easier mending and helps handle long leaders and indicators. The ability to cast these rods with one or two hands is an added bonus. The fourth reason you should consider owning a two hander is if you want to nymph fish.

Swinging wee wets, nymphs and streamers down and across is a tried and proven way to catch trout. Anywhere there is moving water this technique will work. The bigger the water the better it is for swinging. The original spey rods were designed for swinging flies for salmon and were quickly adapted to other species. In America swinging flies for steelhead is the fastest-growing part of the fly-fishing industry. Even in the dry fly paradise of New Zealand swinging flies is gaining in popularity. If you want to swing flies you will soon realize the advantages of a two handed rod. The ease of casting, mending and line control are compelling reasons to use one. So if you are into swinging flies here is a fifth reason to own a two handed fly rod.



When you fly fish, as I do, with a two handed rod in the land of “egg beaters”, Alveys and Avon Royals you get to hear many interesting comments. One of the more positive ones came from a passerby recently while watching one of my better spey casts sail out across the river. “How cool is that!” he said to his son. Casting a two handed rod can be fun and look “cool”. If you needed a sixth reason to own a two handed rod it would be to stand out from the crowd and look cool.



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club Inc

Established in 1956, this club aims to encourage the arts of fly tying and fly fishing

Fly Tying Day

With Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Lenah Valley RSL

188 Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley

Saturday 30th June 2018

Between 10 AM to 4 PM

Bar and Lunch facilities will be available

Bring your Vice and Fly Tying Gear along and join with the Fly Tyers Club in a winter tying session.

An opportunity to share and learn new patterns and techniques.

Break for Lunch at 12 noon.

Lunch Menu will be all you can eat \$20.

Bar will be open.



THE QUICK PENNY KNOT

The Quick Penny Knot (by Peter Hayes and Ron Penny)

Trust me; this is the only knot you ever need to know to tie a hook on. I've taught it at Fly Casting Schools all over the world and once you learn it you will never use another knot.

- In most trout tippet strength co polymers it provides 100% strength. This means the tippet will break before the knot lets you down!
- You can learn to tie it quickly and without looking.
- You can learn to tie it with a very short tag end removing the need to trim the end.
- It is possible to use this knot as a loop knot to provide a free swinging fly presentation. Simply pull the knot down tight and lock it off with a nail or similar solid object at the hook eye. Remove the nail and you will have a loop the size of the nail. Do note that it will pull down under the load of a fighting fish.



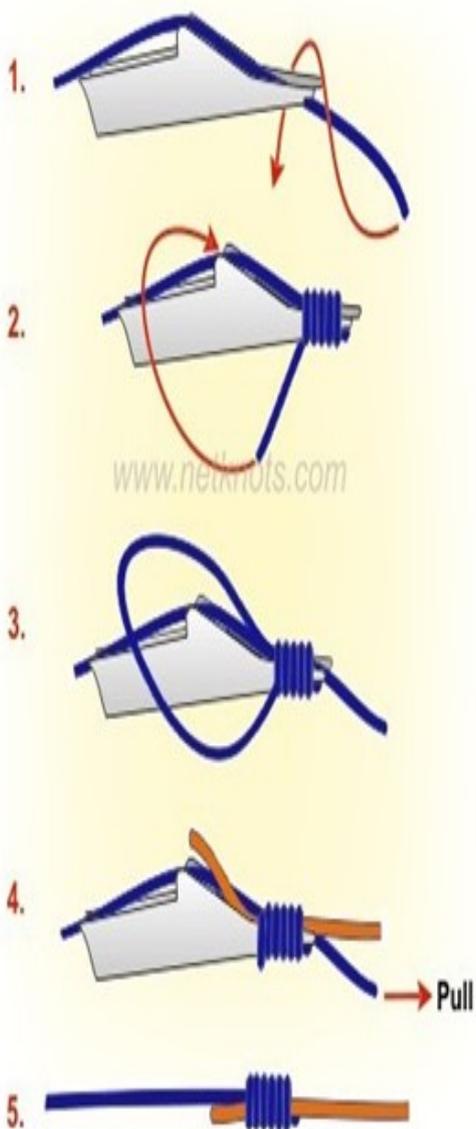
Fig 1

Fig 2

Fig 3

Check out the You-tube demonstration on how to tie on
www.peterhayesflyfishing.com

TIE-FAST KNOT TYER™ NAIL KNOT



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Knot Tyer Nail Knot

1. Hold the tool in the palm of either hand. Place the leader (or backing if that is what you are attaching to the fly line) between the metal guides, on top of the pad and through the tips. Run at least 6 inches beyond the tip of the tool and hold in place with the thumb of the hand holding the tool.

2. Make 4 or 5 tight wraps around the tips of the tool working back toward your thumb.

3. Feed the tag end of the line under the coils just made and back out the tip of the tool.

4. Holding coils in place on the tool with your thumb, feed the end of the fly line into the tip of the tool under the coils and out about a half inch past the coils.

5. Hold everything in place gently and give a quick tug on the tag end of the leader or backing. This causes the knot to slide off the tool and onto the fly line. Make any adjustments needed and tighten down the knot firmly. Trim tag end and fly line close to the knot.

Port Sorell Australian Salmon on Fly - This is an old article reprinted.

Like most Tasmanian trout anglers I eagerly await the opening of the trout season. It's not because of the anticipated start of the trout season but more because it coincides with some consistent saltwater fly fishing in the Rubicon Estuary and this is where I focus my angling attention. The first couple of months of the trout season offer scant few highlights for the fly fisher and the consistent dry fly fishing we all love is a few months away. If the options are to blind fish for slabby, post spawn fish in freezing conditions I'd much prefer to be at a lower altitude saltwater sea fishing on the coast for salmon that pound for pound pull a trout backwards. Most people troll and drift spin for salmon using an array of different types of lures which work with varying degrees of success. I however witness very few anglers perusing salmon on fly. This is a shame as they can certainly be caught on a fly rod and are undoubtedly a great Australian small species fly fishing sportfish.

Salmon in the Rubicon Estuary at Port Sorell are largely a boat based proposition, as many of the schools stay well offshore. Their arrival has usually commenced in early July and they can hold in the river proper, right through to October and up to November as it was last year. Salmon can be found anywhere from the Tongue where the Rubicon and Franklin rivers meet all the way out of the mouth to Carbuncle Island. Yes, that's a big area but a large part of the challenge of catching salmon is finding the fish. Most occasions finding the fish is the hardest part of catching them. Put simply; you won't catch a fish where there are no fish. It's simply a matter of doing the time on the water to get to know the river. They can show up in a number of places, but there are certainly 'honey holes' where they appear to reside more frequently. One thing is for sure when you see a flotilla of boats concentrated in the same spot it's a good indication there are fish there. Failing that, it is a matter of trolling a fly or lure around till you are able to locate a school of fish yourself. The tackle I use is a medium action 9 foot 6 weight rod coupled with a Di 6 sinking line. The leader is a level 10lb fluorocarbon around 9ft in length. If I had the option, an 8 weight rod would be ideal.

While there are many retrieves that work, a quick long strip with an exaggerated pause seems better than the 'figure of eight' or 'rolly polly' retrieves.

The longer it takes to retrieve the fly the better. As mentioned before, the fish are often hugging the bottom and that is where you want your fly. Bites often feel simply like a tightening of the retrieved line. It might be a good few tightens of the line before you get a solid hook up so don't go tearing the fly out of the water. Keep with the retrieve and they will soon hook themselves. There is also the 'rip the rod out of your hand' takes as well which will certainly give you a startle.

Salmon are hard fighters and it will take a while to get one in with your standard trout gear. They pull, jump and grind away for a good while and after all that will suddenly just give up. They revive very quickly and will swim off powerfully. They average a couple of pounds and can be up to four pounds. I have heard of them being larger than this but have not witnessed them myself.

Australian Salmon's quality as a table fish depends largely on whose opinion are listening to. Many claim them to be fine table fare. Others insist they are only to be relegated as bait for a cray pot or shark line. If however you do choose to eat one, it is best prepared by bleeding it and placing in ice slurry.

Salmon are best consumed fresh; like any fish. My preference is complimented with cracked pepper coupled with ground cumin seeds and drizzled with olive oil. It is a firm fleshed fish, which I like baked or fried.

So if you are after an early trout season alternative to blind fishing for trout in the highlands I cannot recommend any more highly than fly fishing for Australian Salmon right on your doorstep. It sure is addictive fly fishing- and a highlight that should be experienced by any keen angler.

DFFC Newsletter, Editors Role.

The editor is provided with a Lap-Top & Microsoft Publisher, dedicated to newsletter publication.

Communicate with Secretary re Meeting Minutes, special notices, event calendar & event promotion.

Communicate with regular contributors of articles.

Assemble content into final layout, currently in Microsoft Publisher software.

The editor is not obliged to generate input on her/his own initiative. In the absence of input from members the editor may publish blank pages.

On acceptance of the role the incoming editor may wish to outline her/his expectations for membership input and content categories. She/he may also wish to introduce layout changes and/or alternative production software.

The present Editor would welcome a break from this role but will continue on in meantime however if anyone else would like to take over this role put your hand up at the AGM in July, the above is a brief outline of the role.

Newsletter Internet Links May 2018

How to Catch and Release a Trout	http://tinyurl.com/y7y6w3nr
Tying the Silicone fry	http://tinyurl.com/y7owb9fy
Sunray 10'6" - 11'6" #0 ZERO weight fly rod	http://tinyurl.com/y9w8bpb3
What are one or two things that most fly fishers don't do?	http://tinyurl.com/ybmm6c2o
Fly Pattern, Balanced Damsel 2.0	http://tinyurl.com/y8myy83o
Video: Everything You Need to Know About Fly Reels	http://tinyurl.com/y9ranaos
3 Slack-Line Presentations Every Trout Angler Should Know	http://tinyurl.com/yaj9s3ux
Video: How to Fish a Lake with a Fly Rod	http://tinyurl.com/ycoumhqx
If you've never caught shark on the fly, you owe it to yourself to do it, at least once.	http://tinyurl.com/yb4n89rh
Attractors and Anchors...getting down	http://tinyurl.com/y94f4wle
How to Tie the Orvis Knot	http://tinyurl.com/y8lurgg3
How to Tie Your Own Tapered Leader	http://tinyurl.com/ycctkk33
Mixing Up Your Streamer Retrieve	http://tinyurl.com/y93vmb6h
HOW TO FISH THE UPSTREAM DRY FLY	http://tinyurl.com/yb5rg4y3
What's More Important, Fly-Casting Distance or Accuracy?	http://tinyurl.com/y9os77tr
Fly Casting – Practice with Purpose	http://tinyurl.com/ybfavlpz
The Uni Knot – One Knot to Rule Them All	http://tinyurl.com/y9vggrou
Fly Tying Thread Comparison UTC UNI and Veevus	http://tinyurl.com/ycokezgr
Joe Humphreys Nymphing Techniques	http://tinyurl.com/ybv924y9
Video Pro Tips: How to Approach a Trout Stream	http://tinyurl.com/y9r7z7zd
A better fly cast for windy days	http://tinyurl.com/y7adqukp
Video: How to Fish a Small Stream	http://tinyurl.com/y8m6hjxr
Morrish Hopper	http://tinyurl.com/ycva85u3
Dry Flies & Emergers - How to Use	http://tinyurl.com/y9f94r4v
The Anatomy of a Fly Hook	http://tinyurl.com/ydxq8fv6
Understanding Hook Sizes	http://tinyurl.com/y9jlvkap
Video: Understanding Fly Lines	http://tinyurl.com/y95zmulq
Insect Facts: The Family Stone	http://tinyurl.com/y8uxl3y4

Drop shot rigs on fly gear	http://tinyurl.com/y8gx6spg
Wind on Your Right Shoulder?	http://tinyurl.com/y9eexqr9
How to Get a Fly Out of a Tree	http://tinyurl.com/y7ue33se
Video - Fly Tying: North Country Spider	http://tinyurl.com/y7puvsdt
Understanding Fly-Fishing Leaders	http://tinyurl.com/y7u4vlrb
The Easiest Blood-Knot Method You've Ever Seen!	http://tinyurl.com/y79g9j25
Understanding Different Kinds of Flies	http://tinyurl.com/y7py8x7j
How to Follow Other Anglers, Part I	http://tinyurl.com/y7oob9x
10 Ways to Justify Your Fishing Trip	http://tinyurl.com/y8d7c5sm
Skagit Casting – Keep Your Hands Close	http://tinyurl.com/ycqzecd4
Intro to Loch Style Fishing	http://tinyurl.com/yceopubf
An Easy Trick to Tie on a Dropper Fly	http://tinyurl.com/y7eq679u
Video Pro Tip: Be Ready to Strip Strike	http://tinyurl.com/yd63ktj9
When you're fly fishing in saltwater there is almost always wind	http://tinyurl.com/y9vt9gy4
Creating a Modular European Nymphing Leader	http://tinyurl.com/ybccpjtn
How to Wrap Multi-Strand Materials on the Hook	http://tinyurl.com/y79f9j9v
CLEANING A FLY LINE - PART 1	http://tinyurl.com/y9fsu827
CLEANING A FLY LINE - PART 2	http://tinyurl.com/ycyes4sc
The wally wing mayfly dun	http://tinyurl.com/y8wyuysv
McKenna's Rumble Bug	http://tinyurl.com/ybbx6ozt

Fly Tying Weekend 16th & 17th June

Notes What Material to Bring

Bio

I first started fishing in the mid 1950 when my father would take me to the Macquarie River at Ross fishing for tench and perch on worms, I can still visualise the trout rising in the evenings.

Living at Parattah and attending school at Oatlands I soon graduated to fishing lake Dulverton on the frog, and fishing Lake Sorrell during school holidays and weekend with good school friend Ian Lewis whose parents owned the lake Sorrel Accommodation house. Unfortunately, Ian was killed in a tractor accident in 1960

I started work in 1960 at E.Z Co as apprentice electrician. One of my first commitments was to lay-by a fly fishing rod and reel hence the commencement of a further 57 years of great fishing experiences taking me to many parts of Australia and the world meeting and making many lifelong friends.

After completing my apprentice in 1966 I joined the HEC living at Tarraleah for 10 years hence commencing a great fishing association with Bronte Lagoon and Dee lagoon and building a great knowledge of the Central highlands waterway through my work.

I transferred to Strathgordon in 1978 experiencing the golden years of Lake Pedder being able to fish the mud eye run every evening during the summer months. Tony Dell who was living in Canberra at this time would tie me a monthly supply of black muddles and send over.

Returning from Strathgordon in the late 80's to work in Hobart I had a major car accident in 1990 resulting in forced retirement.

During my 2 year rehabilitation my good friend Tony Dell encouraged me to improve my fly tying skills which were limited at that time, with lots of tutoring and reading of books it began a whole new chapter in my future fishing life.

I had been a member of the Tasmania Fly Tyers Club since 1983 but had been limited with my involvement due to work commitments.

In late 1992 I started guiding at London lakes, this involvement lead me to starting my own business "Rod and Vice fly Tying Fishing School" during this period, during the winter months I ran commercial fly tying classes 2 nights a week, and during the evening, 1 night per week for the Tas Fly Tyers club which lasted 20 years. During this time, I represented the club at many fly tying demonstration events including the Bronte Tie Ins, Bothwell spin in and Lliawenee open days.

During this time I was a member of Fly Fish Australia and Secretary of fishing in many State and National Fly-Fishing Championships, winning the first state Championship in 1994 I went on to organise many State, Nation and International events in Tasmania. Plus, captioning and managing Australia teams in Finland and New Zealand

Since retiring from guiding I have regularly fished N.Z for 2 to 3 weeks a year and northern Australia for barramundi.

My passion for fly tying and fly fishing is still as great as ever.

B.D. McCullagh

1. Leech Pattern

Hook-Kamasan B830 -6

Thread- Uni thread 6/0

Body- Mohair yarn

Wing /Tail- Devil Hair (synthetic)

Flash Peacock Krystal flash

**This fly best results are in either olive or black*

**Note I have the material to distribute to tie this pattern*

2. Dunkeld English Wet

Hook-B175 or B170 12 -14

Thread-Uni thread 8/0 black

Golden pheasant crest

Body-Flat gold tinsel ribbed with gold wire

Hackle-hot orange cock fibres throat only or palmered

Wing-Bronze Mallard Eyes

**This fly work well with jungle cock or jungle cock substitute*

** Black varnished*

3. Mallard and Claret (English wet)

Hook-Kamasan B175 or B170 12-14

Thread-Uni thread, Black 8/0

Tail-Golden pheasant tippets

Claret seals fur ribbed with gold wire

Hackle-Black (poor quality cock)

Wing-Bronze mallard

Head-black varnished

4. March Brown (wet)

Hook-Kamasan B175 or B170 12-14

Thread-Uni thread Brown 8/0

Tail-Light partridge hackle fibres

Body-Mixture of natural possum and grey seals fur or squirrel ribbed with gold wire

Hackle-Dark partridge

Wing-Hen pheasant

Head-Brown varnished

5. *March Brown Spider*

Hook-Kamasan B175 or B170 12-14-16

Thread-Uni thread 8/0 Black

Tail-Brown feather fibres or brown partridge fibres

Body-Grey possum /squirrel mixed with seals fur

Hackle-Grey brown partridge hackle

Head-Black varnished

6. *Duck Fly (can be fished dry or sub surface)*

Hook-Kamasan B170 12-14 or Gamakatsu 12 14 executive series S10

Thread-Uni thread 8/0 rust brown

Tail-Brown or dark red hackle fibres

Body-Rabbit fur

Wing-Black duck feather cloaked around eye of hook, extending to rear of hook

Head-Rust. Thread varnished

7. *Bobs Bits*

Hook-Kamasan B170 or Gamakatsu 12 /14

Thread-Uni thread black 8/0

Tail-none

Body-mixture of seals fur black and possum dyed black

Ribbing-Uni Mylar pearl size14 (1/32) stretched to make thinner

Hackle-Black cock 1-1/2 turns

Head-Black

**When completed I rough the hackle back through the seals fur body*

**I tie these in claret/black/brown/orange*

8. *Penstock Fly (late Jim Davis pattern)*

Hook-Kamasan B170 or Gamakatsu S10 size 12-14

Thread-Uni thread black 8/0

Body-Uni Mylar gold size 12-14

Tail-Couple turns of unU Mylar holographic red size 12 wound in at hook bend

Rib-Uni French fine gold wire

Wing-Olive marabou tied in at head (length double hook shank)

Head-Black and varnished

9. Possum Emerger

Hook-Kamasan B170 or Gamakatsu S10 Size 12-14

Thread-Uni thread Brown 8/0

Body-Dyed brown possum mixed with brown squirrel dubbing

Tail-Few strands of the dark possum tail base

Loop-Wing tied in at head a twisted to make a loop

Head-Brown and varnished

**I also tie a cdc version of this pattern with cdc tail body and loop wing this seems to work very well when the smaller lighter coloured duns are hatching, even though I tie it in the same sizes*

10. Claret Nymph

Hook-Kamasan B175 size 12/ 14/16

Thread-Uni thread claret 8/0

Head-3/32 or 7/64 black tungsten bead

Body-Claret dyed possum mixed with dark claret seals fur

Rib-Uni French gold wire fine

Tail-Few fibres black or claret possum tail (cock hackle fibres can be used)

**I also use this pattern unweighted which is same tie without the tungsten bead and tied on a Gamakatsu S 10 12 /14 for the wing case I use same material as tail*

11. Foam Back Nymph

Hook-Kamasan B170 sizes 12/14 Or Gamakatsu S10 12/14

Tail-Dark brown cock fibres or possum tail fibres

Body-Brown possum mixed with either brown squirrel or seals fur

Wing-Case grey closed cell foam narrow strip to suit hook size

Thorax-same material as body

Head-Brown and varnished

12. Woolly Bugger

Hook-kamasan B175 or B170 Sizes 12/14/16

Tail-Black marabou at least 1/12 times length of hook shank

Flash-one either side of peacock Krystal flash or peacock mirror flash

Body-Uni Mylar red or holographic red 3/64 -12

Rib-Uni French gold wire

Head-3/32 or 7/64 black or gold tungsten bead

*Palmered body hackle black hen hackle stripped on one side

**The other tie, in this same pattern I use is tied with a shorter tail. This is my go to fly for fishing when the midge are hatching with only peacock Krystal flash and black 3/32 tungsten bead.*

13. Bibio and Variant

Hook-Kamasan B175 -B170 or Gamakatsu S10 size 12-14

Tail-Black Cock fibres

Thread-Uni thread black 8/0

Body-Blac/red, black uni floss

Rib-Silver or gold uni-French fine wire

Body-Hackle black, cock hackle stripped on one side

Head-Black and varnished

**The variant I tie the body out of uv straggle string black (S F 0050) Red uv straggle string (SF3300) back half body black front red*

14. Soft Hackle Spider (B McCullagh)

Hook-B175 size 14

Thread-Uni thread olive 8/0

Tail-Few fibres grey /brown partridge feathers

Body-couple turns medium brown /olive chenille

Hackle-1 1/2 turns grey/ partridge

Head-3/32 black /gold/olive tungsten bead

15. Damsel Nymph

Hook-Gamakatsu S10 size 14

Thread-Uni thread olive 8/0

Thread-Tail olive marabou

Body-Dyed possum olive

Palmered body hackle olive hen stripped one side

Rib-Uni thread fine gold wire

Eyes-Burnt mono

Head-live varnished