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2018 July Newsletter

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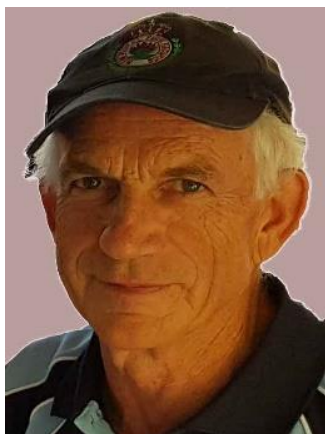
Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club meets on
the first Wednesday of each month at:-

Beresfield Bowling Club
Anderson Drive
Beresfield
At 7.00 pm



Editor's comments

Jeff Yates



The Salmon Classic is fast approaching and Cherie B has still got some places available for those that may be interested but not quite sure. If you read the article on a recent day trip you will see how even rookies can catch salmon on their first outing. There are heaps around and Brett and Cherie Clarke from BWC Flies kindly donated their time and knowledge to those that were able to make the recent fly tying day at Mai-Wel Maitland. I'm sure that they will all be armed with freshly tied Surf Candies to tempt those hard fighting fish.

Our recent Xmas in July held at Bero Bowling club was a tremendous success. Darren has submitted another article on that event. Check out your new club champions!



President's Report

G'day members,

Welcome all to the July Newsletter.

This month has been a big one. We had an awesome fly tying day with Brett and Cherie from BWC Flies showing members how to tie Surf Candies; a warm-up day on the water chasing Salmon with a couple of members landing their first Salmon on fly; and the annual Christmas in July and Club Awards Night. A huge thanks to our Events Coordinator Cherie Blackburn for putting on another spectacular night. Congratulations to those that received an award on the night.

The Kangaroo Carp (Facebook group) carp fly swap is now over, I will do an article for the next newsletter. The flies were varied and very well tied.

The Salmon are on again at Swansea. Although they can be a bit of a hit and miss affair, they are quality fish when you do land one. One thing I noticed when once hooked: if the Salmon stayed deep there were no bities around; if they started jumping out of the water they were trying to avoid been the menu for a ravenous seal, bronzie or whaler. Boat traffic is starting to increase as the action is starting to increase.

The next club outing is the Salmon Classic at Swansea so I hope everyone is tying their favourite Salmon fly be it a Surf Candy, 3M Tape Fly or a Gar or Anchovy imitation. Don't forget to check your leaders, tighten your drags and hang on.

The next club meeting is on Wednesday 1th August at Bero Bowlo, see you all there for the start at 7.00pm.



The Claw Fly?

Flies from a very old fly wallet from the North East of Scotland

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Scruffy flies and big fish.

Darren Foster

President, HVFFC 2018

Month	Date	Venue/Event	Trip Master	Contact Number
January	20 th	Saltwater Fly Tying with Lawrence & Cherie	Lawrence B.	0432989797
February	07 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
February	16 th —18 th	Hawks Nest – Saltwater	Tom Jones	0406662713
February	20 th	\$4\$ Bass fingerlings release at St Clair	Darren	0413392774
March	07 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
March	TBA	Forster Fly Muster – Day Trip	Darren	0413392774
March				
April	04 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
April	13 th –15 th	Lake Lyell	Rod Fox	0407195508
April				
May	02 nd	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
May	12 th	Lake St Clair – Bass, Yellowbelly	Darren	0413392774
May				
June	06 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
June	15 th , 16 th , 17 th	Lake St Clair – Bass, Yellowbelly	Peter Sewell	0428685101
June				
July	04 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
July	14 th	Christmas in July	Cherie	0410555019
July	15 th	Swansea Day Trip (self-cater)	Jeff	0427002766
August	01 st	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
August	10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Swansea Salmon Classic	Cherie	0410555019
August	24 th	RISE Film Festival – Bero Bowlo	Darren	0413392774
September	05 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
September	21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd	Hastings	Lawrence	0432989797
October	3 rd	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
October	5 th – 7 th	Windamere Dam	Chris M.	0422144382
October	12 th – 19 th	Elm Grove Mountain Retreat - Trout	Rod Fox	0407195508
November	18 th	Club AGM Meeting @ 5.30pm	All	
November				
December	5 th	Club Meeting at Bero Bowlo	All	
December	TBA	Christmas Dinner	Lawrence/Cherie	0410555019



How to Tie a Surf Candy BWC Style

By Darren Foster



Saturday 7th July turned out to be quite a windy, blustery day to be tying flies. Luckily, we had the luxury of an indoors (airconditioned) venue to make the most of. Thanks to Mai-Wel for allowing us to use works facilities. The plan was to tie several flies for Salmon that can be tied without the use of the UV epoxy which not everyone has.

Shortly after sending out the last info email I was in contact with Brett from BWC Flies. So, after one missed call on Messenger and then a message on Messenger from Brett, I was halfway through sending a reply when I decided to call Brett back. Part way through the call we were briefly disconnected. Due to, or thanks to technology, (I'm still deciding on which one) we finally got to have a chat during which Brett graciously offered to come up for half a day and show the members how to tie a Surf Candy.

Members started to dribble in and after a quick house-keeping speil and an even quicker tour of the workshop (that wind was horrendous and bitterly cold) we retired back to the tying room to prepare for the tying lesson. Brett and Cherie brought with them materials for the others to tie the candies and try using the UV Resin. They also brought enough materials to purchase on the day if members required.



Brett gave a good explanation of the materials he uses to tie his candies of which most do not incorporate flash and those that do have very little flash.

Quite often the flash can put the salmon off, making them reluctant to bite.

Tail length can play an important part as well. You just don't know if the baitfish they are eating are 75, 50 or 30mm long.

Brett went through his tried and true techniques and methods for tying a simple, effective Salmon scoffing Surf Candy. From spacing, positioning and securing the material and positioning the eyes to utilising the uv resin to hold the materials in place before starting to form the resin body, Brett explained each step carefully and thoroughly. Nothing was left out and with each question put forward, Brett took the time to answer explicitly with nothing left out.

Cherie was ever present answering questions about tactics and equipment including leader size and length for targeting the Salmon. Cherie is also an accomplished tier and had plenty of tying tips walking around the room helping out where she could, also sharing knowledge on the various materials used in tying the candies.



Brett going through some of the motions whilst tying a candy.

The BWC Surf Candy



Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SL12S #2 SS

Tail: Supreme Hair – White

Wing/Under Body: Supreme Hair - Olive

Eyes: Gold 3D Prism Eyes

Main Body: Solarez Thin UV Resin

Once Brett had gone through the steps on how to tie a candy, members started to set up their vices and materials ready with prime positions set up around Brett. It was good to see new member Tanguis and 1st year rookie Shane eager to have a go at tying not only their first surf candy but their first fly ever. With Tallis, Kevin, Ray and Fiona all just as eager to tie their first surf candy as well, all working with the uv resin for the very first time.



Every one lined up tying their first surf candies under Brett's excellent tutorage. Rod and Cherie were present to help out along the way.

Whilst everyone was tying flies, Patrick and myself braved the big, bad outdoors to cook the sausage sizzle for lunch.



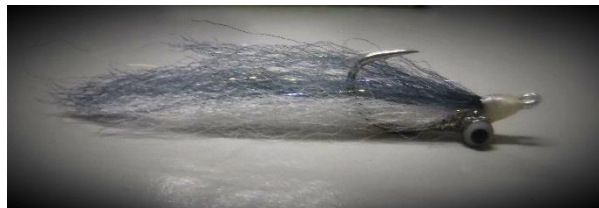
After rounding up all the paper towels that the wind decided to distribute to the packed tables in the background, Patrick showed a bit of rare dexterity wielding two sets of tongs. Mind you this was only so he could tend to the onion better.

There was a pic of Patrick munching on an all-onion sandwich but fortunately it never made the cut.....not a pretty site.

A huge thanks to Brett and Cherie for travelling up to participate on our fly tying day and to demonstrate tying several flies, also bringing

along some materials to purchase. Thanks to the members that turned up for the day and thanks to Patrick for helping out on the BBQ too. Everyone was still buzzing about the day even right up to the point of getting in their cars to leave.

A couple of other flies Brett tied on the day.





Xmas in July Darren Foster

Thanks to all that turned up last night for the club's annual Christmas in July and Awards Night. The company and comradery was great. A special thanks to Cherie for all the hard work that goes into organising another successful event such as last night, for setting up the tables and organising all the prizes for the night. Also thanks to Ray and Fiona for coming in early to help set up the tables, especially Fiona for making the Christmas Snow that was on each table. Thankyou Lawrence (who couldn't make it last night due to work constraints) for preparing the slide show to play on the night. I would also like to thank Tony for being a wonderful MC for the night and thanks to members Peter, Jeff and Rod D. for handing out the awards. And to Tallis for being such a top Santa, thankyou.

Congratulations to the following members that were nominated by their peers for the respective club perpetual awards:



Clubman of the Year – Rod Dillon, for re-kindling the club's love of fly tying by running and organising the Club Fly Swap which is in the third year now.



Rookie of the Year – Fiona Meredith, for consistently improving on her abilities in catching Bass at St Clair.



Memorable Moments – Rod Fox, Tripmaster for the Lake Lyell club outing which saw the club's gazebos destroyed by strong winds.

And finally, a new award: Most Improved Fly Tyer – Alex Hartsuyker, for showing consistent improvement in tying flies during the club fly swaps.

Although we may not have all walked away with an award last night, I feel we are all winners for being a part of such a fantastic, caring and sharing club. Where everyone is willing to help out no matter how small or

trivial or large and complex the matter at hand may be.

And what a bonus today with Ray and Fiona landing their first Oz Salmon at Swansea and what a better way to do it than on surf candies tied on the fly tying day a few weeks earlier. Brett, your teaching skills are second to none, thanks mate.



Swansea daytrip 15 July
Ray & Fiona Meridith



After an enjoyable get together at the Xmas in July festivities the “Rookie of the Year” and I met up with ace fish finder, Kevin, and set out from Swansea boat ramp in search of the elusive Aussie Salmon, Arripis Trutta.

At around 8am we were on the water and looking towards the heads we could see quite a few boats, among them our fearless el Presidente, in a little blue plastic bathtub. Such guts.

We searched around Salts Bay with Kevin’s hawk eye scanning for activity. Nothing yet. Oh, we did have a turtle swim beside us.

We moved back toward the bridge and began to see some fish. Everyone else must have seen the same fish because 30 odd boats begun to converge around a patch of the channel. A couple of fish we’re on but in other boats. Patience.

Things went quiet and the other boats began to move away.



As soon as they left, whammy I was on! Then whammy again Kevin was on. Slight panic for me with my first fly caught salmon. I got a severe rap on the knuckles. Kevin said to Fiona, “bring it in”, and she said, “no, its your fish” slight pause “OK”. So RoTY (code for Rookie of The Year) played her first one as well, but not the last.



We caught a dozen between us. Many thanks to Kevin for taking us out, it was so appreciated. A special thanks to Trip leader Jeff/Peter for turning on a special event even in their absence.

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Another Swansea channel Salmon



Anything Brett can do, Cherie can do just as well!

Swansea Salmon Classic – It's shaping to be a great weekend, we have 29 attending and it is not too late to come along if you wish, just call Cherie Blackburn on 0410 555 019.



**Christmas Island
Trigger Fish
compliments of Glen**

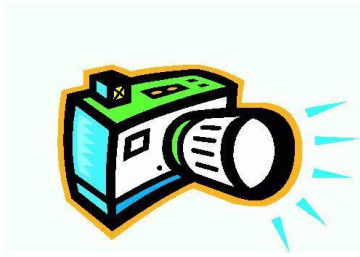


**Brad's contribution
from redneck
country FNQ**

Fishy Pics



*Fiona and Ray doing battle with a
couple of stud salmon - good
practice for the Salmon Classic*



Scape Pics



*Frosty -6° C on
Thompson's Creek Dam*

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