



## 2022 August Newsletter

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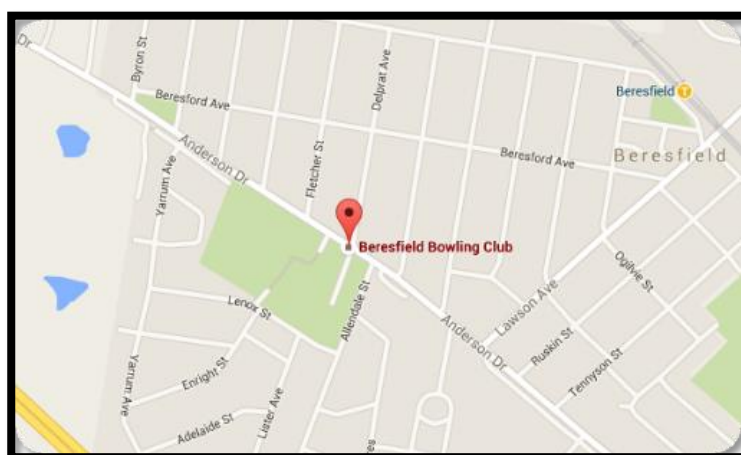
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Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at:-

Beresfield Bowling Club  
Anderson Drive  
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At 7.00 pm



## *President's Report*



What's that? A special bonus issue of the HVFFC newsletter!

That's right, in anticipation of the Swansea Salmon Classic coming up this month, our Acting Editor (it's a good act) has put together a cracking read to get you all excited for the upcoming weekend of fun, frivolity, and hard fighting fish. This year we've been blessed with good numbers of fish moving into the channel, even if they're not always willing to play ball. The water is still a bit coloured from recent floods, so the schools are harder to spot without electronics, but fishing deep and looking for birds still puts you in with a solid chance, even fishing blind.

As well as the fishing, we also have a club dinner on the Saturday night, the inaugural HVFFC "Iron Fly" competition, and the club raffle (details in this newsletter). This year there is an additional raffle, a brand new 8wt TFO outfit, decked out and ready to fish. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20, and can be pre-purchased or bought on the night. If pre-purchasing, simply transfer the money to the club account (details on the membership renewal form) and use your name and "Raf" in the reference. This generous prize was donated by Brett and Cherie from BWC flies completely off their own bat. These guys are terrific supporters of the club, and certainly know their way around fly fishing in our area, so visit them either online at <https://bwcflies.com.au/>, or at their shop in Tuggerah, and support a business that supports us.

A reminder that membership renewals are due in September. I'll be doing a curation of the club mailing list at some point in the next six months, so to ensure you remain subscribed for club communication (including this fine publication) make sure you renew. Your membership also entitles you to a 10% discount at BWC (I told you they're great supporters), and if you're anything like me, you'll make back the cost of membership within a few months. Details for bank transfer are included on the renewal form, but if you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

It's not all about salmon, there are also luderick biting if you can find some clean enough water, and St Clair seems to be recovering from the fish-kill we witnessed a couple of months ago. I remember doing reasonably well on flatties in the lower harbour this time last year, and once the water clears I'll be looking to see if there's a pattern there to nut out. If the salmon are scarce during the classic, or if your arms are getting tired, there are also plenty of other species around the lake to add some variety.

Hope to see you at the classic,

Messy desks make tidy flies,  
Matt.

## *Acting Editor's Notes*



With this year's premier salt water outing coming up on August 20 and 21, I have decided to put the newsletter out early to keep the expectation up for the event. As you will see, trip reports, Facebook chatter and even recipes are about this terrific sporting fish. Most of our club members have caught salmon as their first salt water species catch.

I was lucky enough to listen to Cherie Forbes from BWC flies being interviewed by Scott Levi on ABC radio, on the program, "The Big Fish". This was a fantastic interview, giving an in depth description of "Luderick off the beach on fly". I recommend all to listen to Cherie and find out how they do it. The interview can be downloaded on a podcast or catch up on Facebook. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize of TFO Mangrove Coast 8wt rod, TFO NXTIII fly reel donated by BWC flies, is being drawn at the classic would be an ideal outfit for this style of fishing (or salmon, or bass). As a consolation prize, Matt has donated a series of his goto flies and how to fish them. There will also be many more prizes to be drawn on the night, so get your tickets.

### **What's in this month's issue?**

Graeme Kempton has submitted an interesting article on fishing North of Weipa. This really wets one's appetite for fishing Cape York, and highlights the diversity of species that can be chased up there. I'm happy to take Graeme's articles any time he wants to share his adventures with our members. I fished the Mapoon area 41 years ago, and still have scars of an axe embedded in my foot, and the not so exciting flying doctor trip back to Cairns for microsurgery.

Salmon in Salts, an article about a recent trip, a pre-fish for the Salmon Classic later this month. Features Dave Moppett, out Coffs member who loves fishing in the hunter area.

Kahawai (salmon) recipes to get those digestive juices running. Two of us have put our reputations on the line with some good old recipes that do justice to the eating qualities of the fish. My next door neighbour can't get enough to eat as sashimi, but those raw, liver red pieces do nothing for me, fish cakes any day!

**What's happening on Facebook** – an excerpt of postings by our members and too important not to capture in writing.

**Next outing:- August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** Salmon Classic on at Swansea. All details are included in this newsletter, trip master Patrick Neylon. Don't leave it to the last minute, register NOW!

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** Tuggerah. Fly tying with Brett and Cherie, followed by a session on Luderick off the beach.

## *Club Calendar 2022*

Month	Date	Venue/Event	Trip Master	Contact Number
January				
February	2	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
February	18-20	Clarence Town		
March	2	Moona Brook	Matt	0428193984
March				
April	6	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
April	8-10	Laurieton	Ben	0417291593
April				
May	4	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
May	15-16	Lake Wallace	Red	0407195508
May				
June	4	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
June	17,18,19	St Clair	Peter	0428685101
June				
July	6	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
July	16,17	St Clair Awards BBQ Lunch	Red & Narelle	0407195508
July				
August	3	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
August	19,20,21	Swansea	Pat Neylon	0438575060
August				
September	7	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
September	18	Tuggerah BWC shop	Pat Neylon	0438575060
September				
October	5	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo AGM		
October	14,15,16	Windamere	Mik	
October	29,30	Peter Morse casting skills	Ben	
November	2	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		
November	20-21	Williams River - Seaham	Tangus	0401960973
December	7	Club Meeting Bero Bowlo		

## *Weipa 2022*

*Graeme Kempton*

After a two year delay due to Covid, the trip to Weipa finally came around. My brother Tim, fellow flyrodder Dave, both members of the Brisbane based Mallard and Claret club, and myself set off on a 6 day adventure with Fish's Fly and Sportsfishing charter. Flying from Newcastle to Brisbane, Cairns and then onto Weipa where we stayed overnight. Day 2 we drove 1 ½ hours to Mapoon and then by boat for a further 1 ½ hrs North to Macdonald River where we were to camp for the next 4 days. Upon arriving at Macdonald River we were greeted with huge bait balls being smashed by even larger schools of Mac Tuna. We immediately started throwing white on white clousers (the go to flies) into the schools as they approached our boats. Instant hook ups followed by huge runs which peeled of a couple of hundred metres of backing. We had some success, along with gear failure and the ever present sharks after an easy feed. If this was the first day fishing it had the makings of a fantastic couple of days.

Fish's Fly and Sportsfishing charter, is now owned and operated by Mark Bargaquast (Bargy) along with his son Jacko and guide Drew. They provided all the camp gear, meals and boats.



We camped on the beach, about 30 m from the water at the mouth of the MacDonald. Bargy reckoned it was safe as the crocs only came up 20 m (very reassuring). Sure enough by the 4th day a small 3m croc turned up just below camp. Investigating all the activity.

The next 3 days involved chasing tuna out wide and pushing further north to fish the flats and estuary of the Doughboy River and Cotterell Creek systems. There was plenty of fish caught including Queenfish, Golden Trevally, Giant Herring, Dart, Tarpon, Barra and of course Mac and longtail tuna. Tim also caught a Skipjack tuna which hadn't been seen in these waters before.







Unfortunately due to the cloudy and windy conditions fishing for Permit, the go to fish, was almost impossible. Some schools were spotted but couldn't be tempted to take the flexi crab flies.

On the last day we headed south, back to Mapoon, fishing the Jackson and Skardon river systems. I was with Bargy who was able to put me on the spot as a large school of Permit approached. I was able to get a fly in front of them which split the school however on the second cast and a couple of small retrieves I had my first Permit on the line. After a couple of long, powerful runs I had the fly line back on the reel and all was set to land it. I'm not sure what happened but the fish spat the fly and won the battle however I'll be back next year for round two.

What a great adventure.

Graeme



## *Salmon in Salts*

Jeff Yates



The word has been around for the last fortnight that the salmon have turned up in Swansea Channel. Members have been posting on Facebook, and it's been all about the salmon drought breaking. Multiple catches, straightened hooks, seals and of course the armada of boats that respond to the proliferation of fish. See above Dave Moppett and his mate Dave, from Coffs Harbour waving their wands, Dave M from the heights of his casting platform and Dave Junior playing one from the bow.

With houses at Swansea Heads as a backdrop, the normally tranquil Salts bay was a buzz of boats. The fish first showed up on daybreak at the heads, where we intercepted the school after a call from the Daves'. After several double hook-ups, the fish travelled into Salts and spread across the entirety of the bay. Most boats were happy to fish in their area without unduly encroaching into our space. Looking at the map below, you can see the size of the spread out school, several hectares at least. Nearly every boat was showing a bent rod.



Now what do you do in the middle of a hot bite when the arms ache, hunter instincts satisfied, and the caffeine withdrawals start to bite, why, just pack up and head for the coffee shop under the bridge.





While quietly sipping on a creamy latte and chewing on a toasted Turkish at the Tides cafe, we were entertained by boats going under the draw bridge and banking traffic well back along the roads. When the second bridge was built several years ago, there was a call to put a high rise bridge in to allow boat traffic under without impeding vehicular traffic. I suppose the core promise was a new bridge, not a better bridge or more suitable bridge, but that's politics!

Caffeine now circulating in the veins, stimulating the primeval instinct again, it was time to push the Topender back into the current and resume our search for salmon once more. Meanwhile Brad arrived from Wangi, and escorted us back towards Salts. Nearing the small breakwall we encountered fish, and as far as you could see, a salmon would show itself with its acrobatic jump. For the next couple of hours we picked up fish, however, not with the intensity of the early run.

The two Daves were heading back to the ramp, for their 4 hour haul to Coffs. They had a terrific couple of days and caught plenty of fish including a lovely bream on a Surf candy, off the groin in Salts. Now Dave is using a 8wt fibreglass rod with a 6wt line which he swings with a great deal of finesse, and can't wait to join us for this month's Salmon Classic.



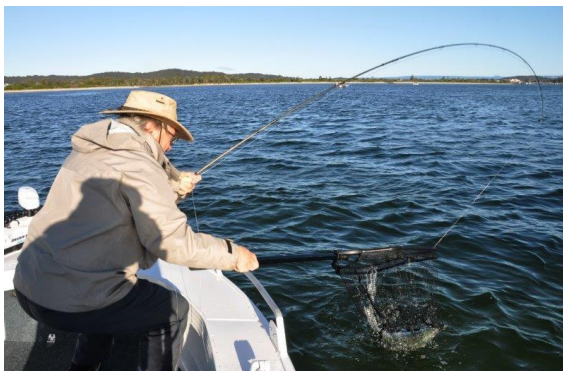


When the fish are on the club members are out in numbers. We caught up with Tom and Chris at the ramp as we were launching, and didn't see much of them after that. Though from a distance, their boat seems to have bent rods every time we looked!



A salmon disgorged its last meal at the side of the boat, and judging by the size of the morsels, it was feeding on larger anchovies, and maybe that's why our 75mm Surf candies were so effective.

A few pics of the action to follow and hope to see everyone at the Classic to sample the fantastic fishing in Salts and beyond. Patrick Neylon is trip master and is awaiting your attendance!



## 2022 Swansea Salmon Classic

Sat 20<sup>st</sup> and Sun 21<sup>nd</sup> August

This year's 2022 Swansea Salmon Classic will be held in similar fashion of years past. Please read through the details below as some are new. It will begin Saturday and go through to Sunday. People will have to organise their own accommodation and lunches. We will not be doing sandwiches like years past as we are catering a feast for Saturday night. There are some fantastic places to grab takeaway breaky and lunch in Swansea, as well as great coffee. Or, pack some easy sandwich making supplies in the esky and do it on the water like I will be doing. We will supply some coffee, tea and milk in the kitchenette. And some bottles of water and cans of soft drink on ice if you want to stop in through the day.

There are plenty of reports of salmon in the channel, so there is no doubt there will be fish around. If you are a HVFFC club member and want to join in all the festivities – this will cost you \$Zero Dollars. Otherwise, it's a small \$20.00 fee for the weekend. This includes the non-alcoholic liquid refreshments through the day AND includes a lovely Dinner on Saturday night.



### Fishing

That's what we're here for. The salmon usually work between Swansea bridge and Green or Moon Island (depending on your map), at various times of the tide. Bring a boat or a buddy with a boat and abide by all normal water navigation rules. If you have a spare seat, you will make somebody's day. Put it out there on email. Protocol dictates that you must not drive through the middle of a salmon school. Have respect for your fellow fishermen and don't spook the fish. One other thing, I encourage all to share information on flies and give a few excess ones away, tackle and locations as

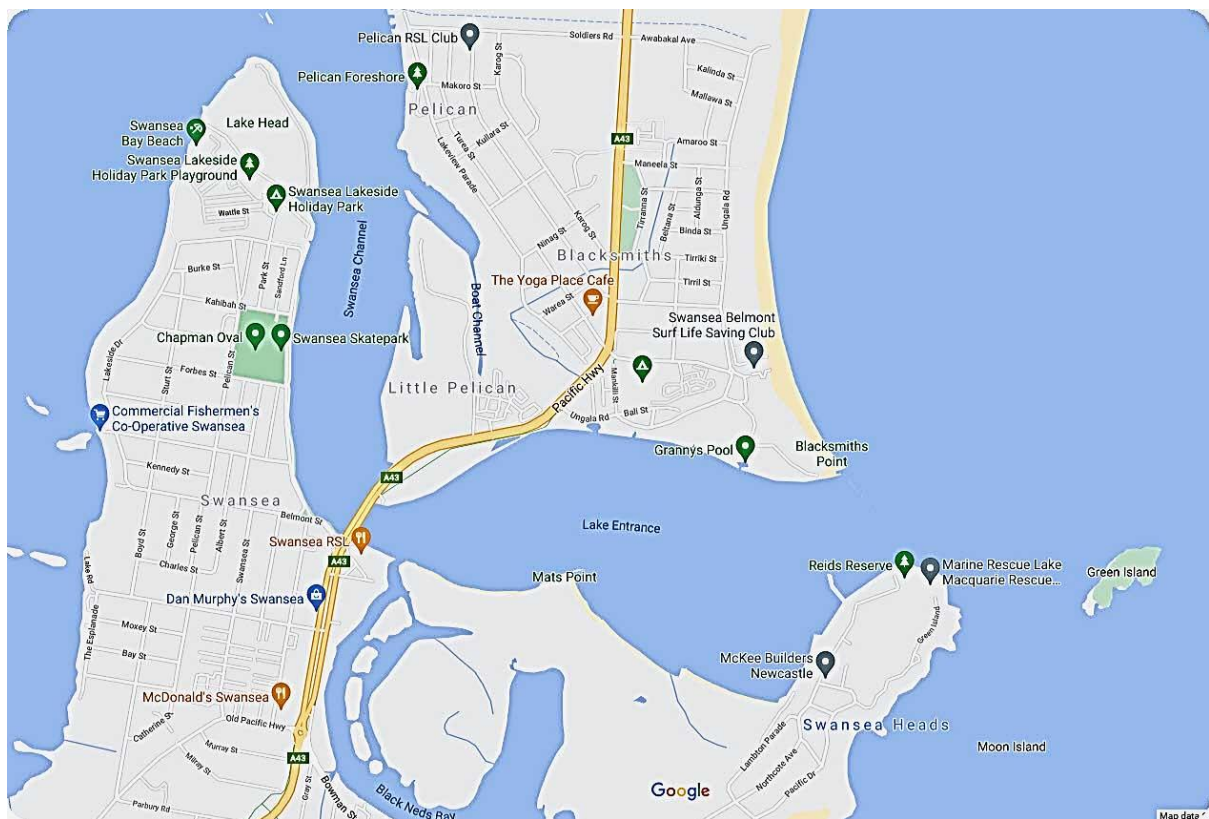


we all like to catch fish. This is particularly for the benefit of those members who have not fished here before. There is no competition, this is a chance to share knowledge and strengthen our fantastic community of fisherman.

The 2 main boat launching ramps are at Blacksmiths, over the road from the Holiday Park, and at Swansea, outside the Lakeside Park. Both are easily accessible. Be aware of what you and your boat can do, especially if you decide to cross the bar.

**Gear** :- 8 or 9 wt rod with intermediate line and 15- 20lb tippet, just in case a few big green backs come in. Many flies work, and the fish will be feeding on small anchovies, white bait and our flies hopefully. Bring a range of Surf Candies to 75mm, smaller polar fibre flies or miniature Candies. Small Poppers can be exciting too if they are really fired up.

There are a lot of other species in the area – blackfish, bream, whiting, flatties, snapper and kings. Don't feel obliged to target salmon all day! The salmon are the main draw card though, as they make exceptional sports fishing on light tackle. But the lake and inshore reefs hold lots of other opportunities too.



## Accommodation

I have spoken to both caravan parks and they have plenty of accommodation both camping and cabins at the moment, **but you will need to book soon**. Let them know that you are with the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club and they will try and group you together in the park.

You take care of your own booking, whether camp or cabin. Cost for Swansea Lakeside HP - Powered sights \$44.00 - \$52.00 , Unpowered \$40.00. Cabins - 2 bedroom \$215 night, 3 bedroom \$355.00 Deluxe Villas \$205.00 , Budget cabins (no ensuite) \$145.00 night. Blacksmiths Beachside offer great accommodation options if the SLHP is exhausted. Book early – you can always cancel.

Swansea Lakeside Holiday Park- SLHP	Blacksmiths Beachside Holiday Park - BBHP
1 Dobinson Drive	30 Gommeria St
Swansea	Blacksmiths
0249712869	0249712858

## **Saturday night**

### **Dinner - 6:00pm. Swansea Lake Holiday Park Function Room.**

If you have the energy and the spirit for a great social evening - Dinner and some games at the Swansea Lake Holiday Park Facilities Hall will be hosted by the HVFFC. A few members and I will cater likely a buffet style BBQ with salad and sides with vegetarian options. If you are not a member of the club, please still come for a small fee of \$20.00 as mentioned in the intro above. As this helps pay for the Hall rental, slow cooked BBQ and of course the excellent grub.

### **Games (after dinner).**

**RAFFLE** – First prize is a TFO Mangrove Coast 8wt rod and TFO NXTIII fly reel, fully kitted out with line and backing, generously donated by BWC flies. Runner-up prizes will be fly fishing related items of value up to \$20.00(ish), donated by members on the day. This could be a handful of flies, a spool of tippet, a bunch of tapered leaders, some fly tying material etc. Feel free to bring something along to donate (the more participants the better the prize pool), and remember all funds go into the club. Keep it fly fishing related –no Booze please. First prize will be drawn last, with all other winners being able to pick from the table of prizes.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and are available on the night or can be pre-purchased through bank transfer. If paying via bank transfer use your surname, first initial, and Raf as the reference - e.g. Smith J Raf.

**IRON FLY** – Enter the Fly tying arena where you will be given a small amount of materials to develop a single fly in a set time. These materials are donated by attendees. So please -have a look in the bottom of your box and bring any materials you no longer use and are happy to donate. These will be divvied up among contestants.

Rules -will be explained more on the night.

We are aiming to have 6+ IRON FLY Champions in the ring at once. The 3 highest scoring contestants will be placed into a high stakes final. Most votes will decide the People's CHAMPION.

Challengers - What you will need – Bring your vise and tools, scissors, a hook.

Similar to the Iron Chef – a secret ingredient/material will be given to all, that must be incorporated into the fly. Tyers are judged on their technical skill, creativity and ability to integrate the materials into a functional fly for fishing.

### **7 Important questions I need to know:-**

Who is coming?

What club are you with?

Who will need to pay the \$20.00?

What days are you attending?

Where are you staying?

Are you joining for Saturday Dinner?

Do you want to donate a prize to the raffle?

Do you want to compete in the IRON FLY?



My contact details are

Email:- [p.neylon@hotmail.com](mailto:p.neylon@hotmail.com) for details of your stay

or

Mobile:- 0438575060 in emergencies

Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie (02 4972 7400) VHF Channel #16 or #

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## *Salmon fish cakes with Thai sauce*

Jeff Yates

Have you ever tried to eat Australian salmon?

Despite the bad publicity, they are fine if they are culled and stored immediately on capture, then prepared and cooked correctly.

So how do we do it?

Upon capture immediately bleed and store on ice. Fillet and skin the fish, and remove and discard the red flesh from the fillets. Make fish cakes and Thai sauce, which combines well with the cakes.



### ***Fish cake recipe***

Fish fillets minus the red meat  
Potatoes  
Onions  
Eggs  
Flour  
Pepper and Salt

### ***Method:- Fish cakes***

Steam fillets in a wok until cooked. Add to large mixing bowl. Boil potatoes, equal quantity as fish, mash and add to bowl. Dice finely one onion and add. Season with pepper and salt or a couple of chicken cubes. Add 2 eggs for every kilo of mix and 2 desert spoons of flour to get correct consistency of mix. Roll out egg sized shapes and roll in panko crumbs, flatten and fry to a golden brown.

### ***Method:- Dipping sauce***

Combine fresh lime juice with fish sauce. Balance the acid and salt until it meets with your approval. Add chillies to taste and a bunch of fresh coriander.

Now this simple recipe is scrumptious, and you might well keep a couple of salmon for the table next time out!

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## *Kahawai Cookup*

Matt Jordan

Eating the fish we catch is a contentious issue for some fly anglers. However, environmentally speaking, there's not much meat that's more sustainable than fish that you target and catch yourself. This is particularly the case when the fish has healthy stocks, isn't under much commercial pressure, and can be caught close to home. Sound like anyone we know?

Although Australian Salmon (or Kahawai) are unlikely to ever be a premiere table fish, if treated and cooked appropriately, I think they taste ok, and don't deserve the bad wrap they have. Although I should disclaim that I will eat almost anything, my partner (who is very fussy when it comes to meat and seafood) will also eat these recipes without complaint.

I'm no chef, and claim no expertise in the field, but if you've been thinking of giving Aussie Salmon a go, these recipes might give some inspiration.

### **Prep:**

This is the most important part. Irrespective of the recipe you use, if you don't prep the fish well, the best you can hope for is masking its flavour.

1. Brainspike the fish and bleed it immediately by cutting the gill latch – I normally put them in a keeper-net overboard to bleed them out – about 5 min.
2. Put the fish into a saltwater ice slurry – I put a few 2l ice bricks in an esky with some seawater and get it cold before starting to fish.  
Optional: If you're not going to fillet the fish for a few hours (e.g. once you get home) gut and gill them once chilled, and put back in the chilled seawater.
3. Fillet and skin. Be sure to remove all the dark flesh (the dog loves it). You should end up with a couple of firm, cream/off-white fillets. DON'T let freshwater touch the flesh at any point – this is good practice for any fish.
4. Optional: Put in the fridge for a day or two to firm up.

### **"Recipe" 1: Sashimi**

I tried this out of curiosity last time I caught one. It was better than I expected, but I wouldn't rave. My daughter demolished hers.

1. Once flesh is firm, slice into bite-sized chunks with a sharp knife.
2. Eat with soy sauce and wasabi.

### **Recipe 2: Fish tacos**

I live for tacos. This probably isn't particularly authentic, but I like it. The fish ends up tasting almost like fried chicken.

### **Ingredients:**

Australian salmon – filleted, skinned etc.  
Plain flour  
Egg wash (egg white and milk, whisked)  
Crushed corn chips  
Canola oil  
Red cabbage  
Lime juice  
Avocado  
Underripe mango or grilled pineapple  
Cilantro leaves  
Soft tortillas  
Pickled jalapeños or hot sauce (optional)

**Method:**

1. Cut the fish into strips about 1" x 3" - think chicken tenders
2. Dust in flour, dunk in egg wash, and roll in crushed corn chips
3. Fry in hot oil until almost cooked through, place on paper towel to drain (the fish will finish cooking out of the pan, it gets dry if you overdo it)
4. Thinly slice cabbage and mix with lime juice and cilantro leaves. Slice avo (or make guacamole if you prefer), and grill/fry pineapple if using.
5. Toast tortillas in a dry pan or direct on a gas grill.
6. Put toppings on tortillas. Enjoy with beverage of choice.



**Recipe 3: Fish yellow curry**

This is more a base than a specific recipe. Sub in/out whatever veg you like. Add chilli for heat, more garlic, lemongrass etc, whatever you like.

**Ingredients:**

Australian Salmon – filleted, skinned, etc.  
Yellow curry paste (I like Ayam brand)  
Peanut or canola oil  
Small red onion – roughly chopped

Carrot - sliced  
1 teaspoon finely sliced kafir lime leaves (optional)  
Bunch of cilantro – stems chopped, leaves reserved for garnish  
~150ml fish or chicken stock  
2 tbs fish sauce  
Vermicelli noodles – prepared according to packet  
Greens (bok choy, kale etc) – coarsely chopped. Leaves and stems separated  
Broccoli, broccolini or zucchini – sliced or cut into florets  
250ml tin of coconut milk (I like Ayam brand)  
Tinned pineapple or lychees (optional)  
Fresh chilli (optional)

**Method:**

1. Cut salmon into chunks. Put in a bowl and coat with ~2 tbs of curry paste. Marinate for a few hours if you like.
2. Heat a few tbs of oil in a wok or deep saucepan on medium/high heat. When hot, add marinated salmon and cook on all sides until just browned (a couple of minutes). Remove from pan and put aside. Depending on how non-stick your pan is, you might have to wipe it out.
3. Add another few tbs of oil if required and heat. Add onion and carrot and fry until starting to soften. Add cilantro stems and kafir leaves and cook for a further minute or so. Add pineapple/lychee if using.
4. Add one or 2 tbs of curry paste (to taste) and stir. Add broccoli/zucchini/broccolini and stems from greens. Cook, stirring, for a couple of minutes.
5. Add leaves from greens and the stock. Stir and bring up to a simmer.
6. Add coconut milk and reduce heat to low. Add fish sauce. Stir.
7. Return salmon to the pan, allowing it to poach in the curry mix until cooked through. Try to avoid stirring too much so the fish doesn't break up. Keep heat low or the coconut milk may split.
8. Serve with vermicelli. Garnish with chilli and cilantro leaves if desired.





## *What's happening on Facebook*

**Kev & Janice** - A few pictures from today. There were plenty of salmon there today although we had trouble early hooking up, no problemo for Edward though catching one after the other. 😊 It wasn't until later that we started to catch a few. Ended up with about 10. Saw Edward, Les and Friend.



**Eddie** - Ventured out on Swansea Channel today, caught my first Sambo on fly, used a glass minnow tied on a 1/0 hook, out of 11 hook ups landed 6, they were pretty willing. Had a break for a while, those salmon are hard work. 😊 Had a bit of a fish in the shallows for a flathead and scored one around 40cm on the 6 weight. Spotted Kev, Les, Dave from Coffs and crew in the thick of the action, most enjoyable day

Just another Glass Minnow this time in Synthetic instead of Bucktail on a 1/0 hook my go to Salmon fly not that I've tried anything else 😊

Tied some more Ruff and Reddie flies this arvo, my version of the Glass Minnow, on a #1 or #2 hook, the Salmon seemed to like them yesterday



**Ben** - If you've got a long back ground fishing conventional gear your most likely to have a few old favourite lures, so there's your motivation right there for some colour schemes for flies. I've had this tie in my mind for quite some time. The brush was made at my request as a custom brush.



5 inch are a nice size to cast. I used 10mm, 15mm and 20mm shanks, schlappen for tail, large Tungsten scud/body for keel weight, 8mm 3d eyes, 3/0 Ahrex 270 hook, 210 thread,

240 volt brush from [Beastbrushes.com](http://Beastbrushes.com) Raidzap thin and thick flex resin to seal the deal.

If the thought of spending a couple of hours on one fly doesn't appeal to you, the Gamechangers from BWC are so cheap I don't know how they make them and sell for that price. If I was to sell this fly I would want a \$100 for it and still be reluctant to hand it over.



Tied this one up to fish deep around the Salmon schools or inside the lake on some bait deep. Hopefully the Salmon will turn their nose up at it and I can get it in front of what might lurk below.

4/0, large dumbbell, lead wraps

**Russell** - My first attempt at a game changer. Not overly happy. So improvements will be on the way.



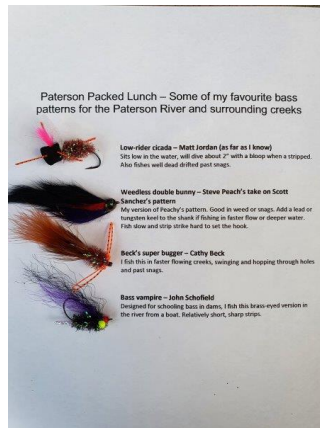
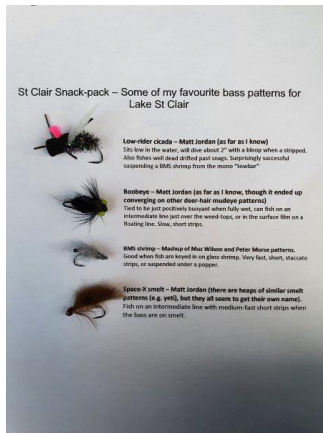


**Brett and Cherie** - The Beaches have been good to us for the majority of the season. Yesterday, we investigated 4 locations through the Coast with fish on all of them. Conditions didn't allow for premier presentations so the journey South continued until better shots could be achieved. There's a lot going on such a situation with cross currents, sand, foam, cloud, wind, swell, tides which make it all both different and challenging. Check that shore dump in with Cherie and you'll see what I mean. Timing and gear control allowed for a few presentations before it became too much and a new spot was required.



**Mick Zoricic** - Plenty of luds around today out of the wind





**Matt Jordan** - A couple of raffle prizes for the salmon classic. Everyone has their favourite bass flies, and these are flies that have been good to me in different circumstances. I also tried to provide a little info on provenance and how I fish them.

### ***Russell Humble*** - Bruce's first Bass



**Patrick Neylon** - Brett and Cherie have selected September Sunday the 18th sept for our outing/tying day at BWC flies due to good rising afternoon tides. I'm happy to be trip master but if anyone else wants to put their hands up please be my guest as I'm currently the Swansea classic master in august. But no worries, still happy to help arrange it. If people want to turn it into a camping outing too etc feel free- area will be Tuggerah.

Plan will loosely look like this  
0900 - meet at [BWC flies](#) shop in Tuggerah. Interested Tyers - bring a vice.  
BWC will make a list of what items you need. If you don't have them - you can grab them at the shop. Same goes for tackle.  
BWC will go through their hunting approach for beach luderick.  
Afternoon will be at a fishing spot of their choosing.  
on fly.







### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022 - 2023**

Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club Incorporated (the "Association")  
(Incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*)

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of .....  
[insert address]  
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[insert email]  
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[insert contact number]

☐ Full member      ☐ Junior member      ☐ Family membership\*\*      (✓ applicable)  
(\$40 pro rata)                      (\$20 pro rata)                      (\$50 pro rata)

I hereby apply to renew my membership of the Association until 30th Sept 2023  
By renewing my membership, I agree to comply with and be bound by the constitution  
of the Association for the time being in force.

.....  
Signature of applicant

Date: .....

\*\* Members renewing a Family Membership must complete the information on page 2  
below.

#### **LODGEMENT AND PAYMENT**

Once completed, please sign, scan and email back to [c3091769@uon.edu.au](mailto:c3091769@uon.edu.au) and  
[headstarting@bigpond.com](mailto:headstarting@bigpond.com)

Membership fees can be paid by cheque or via bank transfer.

If paying by bank transfer, please use your name as a reference for payment so your  
payment can be easily identified.

Bank transfer should be paid to the following account:

**Name: Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club**

**BSB: 637 000**

**Account No: 780 089 059**

Please make cheques payable to **Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club**

## **Application for Family Membership**

To be eligible for Family Membership, and have the Association's insurance cover extend to include all applicable family members, the following conditions will apply:

- Family Membership is available for a member and their immediate family members only (i.e. wife/husband/ partner and children under 18 years of age at the start of the new membership term) and does not include Grandparents or member's siblings or other relations, etc.
- Member's children 18 years or older will be required to join as a full member
- Each family membership is only entitled to 1 vote at club meetings.
- the requested information in the following table must be supplied in respect of all people proposed to be covered by a Family Membership:

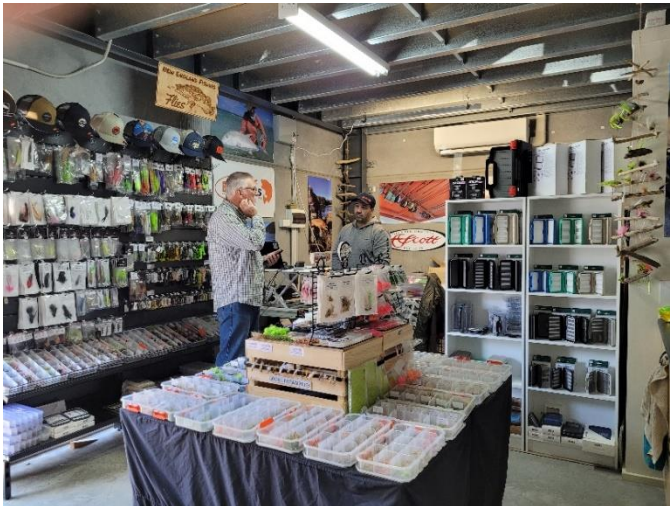
<b>Full name</b>	<b>Date of birth</b>	<b>Relationship to member</b>

## *What makes a good shop?*

### **Ever considered that?**

What's the difference between a good and a bad shop?

Let's start with range; Aldi sells about 1600 product lines, Woolworths 20000. Have you ever shopped at Aldi before heading up to Woolies to get the last few things? Have you even seen every product line that Woolies sells? I think not. In fly fishing, every fisher is an individual, and it takes a special shop to cater to every one of them, but in Cherie and Brett's BWCflies in Tuggerah, this has been achieved, and in spades. The walls drip with so much colour that an LSD addict would be impressed. The floor is laden with apparel, and waders, and boots, and rods, and reels, and flyboxes...and don't get me started on the flies! In fact they carry more than 3500 individual product lines.



New South Wales were left with a back corner in regular fishing shops, selling a limited range of items of indeterminate origin. Brett and Cherie are our saviours. Serious fly fishers with excellent knowledge and a shop just for us.

So before you buy from Ebay, or some foreign internet site, go visit them at 5 Joule Place Tuggerah and have a coffee, or make your own coffee and visit them at [bwcflies.com.au](http://bwcflies.com.au). You won't be disappointed.

The other trait of a good shop is relationship. The customer is not always right, but they should always feel welcome. A warm greeting and a good cup of coffee turns a quick visit into a great experience. Both Cherie and Brett are generous with their experience, and I left knowing I had everything I needed to achieve my goal, and the knowledge that they would help me if I got stuck.

Once John Marshall's Sydney Fly Outfitters closed down, fly fishers in



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