

Southern NSW Fly Fishing Championship Report and Results.

This was a terrific competition enhanced by the casting competition. The casting competition was a great idea and really helped set the very friendly atmosphere. Special thanks to Danny Spellic for running the casting competitions and to **DEREK McKENZIE OUTDOORS** for the donation of the **ELK HORN** 4 piece 10 foot 6 weight rod and the other prizes for the casting competition and the rod as the “Lucky Door” prize. The rod performed really well in both the accuracy and distance casting competition and drummed home that you don’t have to spend a fortune to have a really top class fly rod. Best caster for the day was Vern Barby closely followed by Danny Spellic. Everybody entered the casting competitions and the rod went to Jim Blyton on a random draw.

We also had a display board showing all the results and this was well received as competitors could see the results immediately after every session.

There were 24 entries but finally 22 faced the starter’s siren. Nearly 50 fish were landed but, if you could believe the stories another 60 were lost whilst being landed. Barbless hooks or

Thick fog covered Tangtangara for the first session which meant if you hadn’t been there before you might have some trouble finding your way. This finally cleared to a fine sunny day making conditions very difficult for hooking fish. The lake had risen slightly over green grass. Only 10 fish were landed with Vern Barby showing his talent and leading the way.



The afternoon session proved to be much better with many competitors landing two or more fish. Small flies appeared to be the best bet.



A slight ripple heralded our arrival at Eucumbene which picked up through the day. Nine fish in the first session meant that it could be a hard day. Rick Sunderland showed his skills and topped the tally with 3 fish. The afternoon proved really tough with only seven fish. One again consistency was to be the key.



Final Overall Results Individual

<i>First</i>	<i>Vern Barby</i>
<i>Second</i>	<i>Rick Sunderland</i>
<i>Third</i>	<i>Scott Tucker</i>

Teams

<i>First</i>	<i>Steve Chatterton, Rick Sunderland, Paul Miller, Geoff Naylor</i>
<i>Second</i>	<i>Scott Tucker, Vern Barby, Craig Coltman, Peter Dixon</i>
<i>Third</i>	<i>Chris Dawson, Phil Ravello, John Fisher, Craig Dawson</i>

National Qualifiers

Due to our Victorian visitors, Scott Tucker, Chris Dawson and Phil Ravello having already qualified at other competitions or having received automatic qualification because of their involvement at this years Worlds or Commonwealths then the following competitors from this competition have qualified go on to the Australian Championships at Falls Creek on the 30th November. 1st December 2007. Anyone who missed out can still qualify at other competitions

NSW Team Representatives.

S.Chatterton, Rick Sunderland, Paul Miller, John Fisher, Craig Dawson, Geoff Naylor, Tony Edwards and Danny Spellic.

I would like to thank everyone for a very friendly competition.

Be Observant
Make the First cast Count
Secretary Geoff