

FISHING RESUME JANUARY 2008

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INTRODUCTION

I started fishing in the early eighties chasing everything with fins fresh and saltwater. By the late eighties I joined the local club in Maryborough and got very keen on Trout fishing, learning a lot from the older members of the club. Mainly lure fishing and bait fishing but this was the start of my passion for chasing trout on fly. Around this time I was a delegate from the Maryborough club to the Ballarat and district anglers Association where I met quite a few of the Ballarat fly fishers members, and in due course was nominated as a member of the club in 1990. From there my fly fishing took off.

EXPERIENCE

- Fishing my local waters Cairn Curran, Tullaroop.
- Tullaroop especially chasing wild Brown Trout taking Chironomid and smelt.
- Fishing Lake Eucumbene 2 to 3 times every year for mud-eye, beetle grasshoppers, chironomid feeders as well as polaroiding.
- Lake Wendouree mayfly hatches.
- Fishing other Victorian waters as Fyans, Purumbete, Bullen Merri, Wartook, Toolondo, Rocklands, Greenhill, Newlyn, Andersons, and many others.
- Fishing rivers throughout Victoria Tullaroop Creek, Nariel, Kiewa, Mitta Mitta, Loddon, Murray, Hopkins, Merri Rivers as well as others including Swampy Plains, Murrumbidgee, Eucumbene, Derwent, Tyena Rivers.

- Tasmania fishing at least twice a year in the central highlands.
- Fly fishing for Bream and Estuary Perch in the Hopkins and Nelson Rivers.
- Fly fishing in the Gulf near Weipa and also Aurukun catching numerous species on fly.
- Fly fishing trips to New Zealand in 1994 ,95 ,97,99 fishing lakes and rivers in the North Island.

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mayborough club secretary and treasurer and Ballarat anglers association delegate for a number of years.
- Active member of the Ballarat fly fishers club competing in many inter club competitions including, Wartook (where I have been both a winner and runner up), Wastell, Wickhams, Goldfields (Runner up), B.D.A.A., Ashes and Red Tag.
- I have controlled in one Victorian championship at Millbrook Lakes, and also controlled the Commonwealth Championships held in Ballarat.
- I Compete in numerous casting events for Ballarat in the Bruhn shield and I also won the D grade Aust casting Championships in 2001.

FLY FISH AUSTRALIA INC

My activities within Fly Fish Australia have included:

- Secretary of Fly Fish Victoria 2007/08.
- Scoring of Victorian fly fishing Championships for 2007/08.
- One of the main organizers for the 2007 Australian Fly Fishing Championships at Falls Creek.
- Temporary Fly Fish Australia board member 2007.

My competition Fly Fishing highlights include:

- Fished first Victorian championship in 1996 at Falls creek and came 28th, have only missed one FFA Victorian championship since.
- Have fished in Australian championships in Khancoban Mt Beauty and Tasmania South Australia and Falls Creek.
- In 1999 came 16th in Vics at Khancoban and then went on to Nationals in Tasmania in January in 2000 and came 15th and got selected for the 2000 OCEANIA TEAM to be fished in New Zealand based at Turangi.
- My team consisting of J Davis , J Stagg, J riley, S Rees and myself won the team GOLD. I finished 11th overall great comp learnt a lot..
- In the Victorian Championships my Ballarat team has numerous Gold and silver medals over the years in the Teams event.
- The Victorian chapter of fly fish Aust. Had the Camperdown Challenge Where I come third individual and myself and V Barby won the teams.
- Finished 25th in the 2006 Australian Championships in Spalding S.A.
- In the 2007 Nationals at Falls Creek finished 15th.

I am also a keen and proficient fly tier and tie all my own flies.

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