

Stephen Varga

Fishing Resume.

Angling experience.

1. First fish. 3 Carp at Shepparton December 1967 on bread.
2. Purchased first fly rod in Jan 1970.
3. Joined Sunshine fly casting club in 1975.
4. International experience includes ,Fly fished in Canada in 1984, Fished Malta 1984, and Fly fished in Austria in 1984. I have fished New Zealand on many occasions. See list below.
6. I am very active with Sunshine fly casting club from 1996 onwards. 5 years newsletter editor. Have been teaching fly tying for last 3 years with club. That is my contribution back to the sport. Have built and managed club web page. This includes many tying patterns that are available on line. Google Sunshine Fly-Casting Club.
7. Have organised 2 stands at the Victorian Fly Fishing show for New Zealand guide Pat O'Keefe And also stands for the Sunshine Fly casting club.
8. Have organised 4 stands and tying demonstrations for the 4 x 4 and fishing show in Melbourne. Sunshine Fly-Casting Club demonstrated tying techniques and promoted Victorian fishing clubs.
9. I have been very active with fishing promotion with MacKillop College, Werribee. Have taken several groups of students on canoe trips and fishing.
10. I have dual citizenship. Both Australia and also have Maltese citizenship.

Fishing competitions.

- 2000 Fished first State Victorian Eildon competition in 1999. Blanked all 4 sessions.
2001. Fished Wendouree State Championships for Victoria in 2000 and qualified for Nationals at Khancoban.
2002. Competed in South Australian championships and qualified for Nationals in 2001. Fished Nationals in Tasmania in 2001. Caught three fish at Penstock in one session.
2003. Fished 2 of the three rounds in for qualification in South Australia. Did not place but qualified for Nationals at Mount Beauty. Blanked all 4 sessions at Nationals. Only one undersized fish caught.
2004. Fished South Australian championships and did not place. Only fished 2 of the three rounds. Did not place but scored enough to qualify for Nationals at Buckenderra.. Caught fish in 2 sessions. Did not get a touch in other two.
2005. Fished South Australian Championships 2005. Did not place but qualified for Nationals. Fished Nationals in Tasmania and finished below 20th. Caught fish in 2 sessions. Did not get a touch in the other 2.
2006. 2006 would be an unfortunate year as Nationals would coincide with my sons graduation at the Defence Force in Canberra. Fished South Australian Championships and would not have

qualified for the Nationals in 2006 At Spalding, South Australia. Did not compete in any Victorian competitions as they were on unfortunate weekends...Mothers day, etc.

2007. Best result to date. Fished state championships in Adelaide in 2007 and finished third. Qualified for Nationals.
Fished Victorian Championships, only one round in 2007 and finished second.
Fished Nationals in 2007 at Falls Creek and placed 19th. Best National result. Dropped fish in 2 blanked sessions. Pity about that. Did very well in other 2 sessions.
2008. Competed in World fly fishing Championships in New Zealand, representing Malta. Caught fish in all 5 sessions and did not come last!!!

New Zealand Fly-Fishing experience.

December 1979 to January 1980. 2 weeks fly fishing of Rotorua and Lake Taupo.

December 1981 to January 1982. 3 weeks of fly fishing North and South island.

December 1995 to January 1996. 3 weeks Fly fishing of north and South island.

March 2001. Two weeks of fly fishing Rotorua and Turangi districts.

October 2003. One weeks fly fishing with guide, Pat O'Keefe.

March 2005. One weeks guiding with Pat O'Keefe at Blarney lodge, Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

October 2006. One weeks fly fishing with Pat O'Keefe at Blarney Lodge.

October 2007. 10 days guiding 4 members of the Sunshine fly fishing club at Rotorua, North Island of New Zealand.

March 2008. Competed in World Fly fishing championships in Rotorua, New Zealand.

Commitment.

Personally, I am focussed on great preparation for New Zealand. I have entered a training regime with a personal trainer. I have also committed practice time with one of my colleagues to spend 2 weekends a month, fly fishing. We both intend to visit New Zealand in October 2008 to do some practice fishing before the competition. We also have a local guide to offer us assistance with the competition. Financially, I will be able to afford to pay my own way over and my employer has guaranteed time release to participate in these competitions.