

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

Ross Salvato Interclub Meet 2009 report

This years NSW CFA Interclub Meet was again a success with forty keen anglers attending to cast, tie flies, fish and socialize in idyllic autumn weather at Wallerawang, and the sum of \$3,138.82 was raised for the NSW CFA, an increase on last years Meet which is gratifying especially when we were slightly down on numbers.

Rob and Linda Cluff and their team continued with the usual high standard of hospitality that we have come to expect for this weekend and their continued effort in improving the comfort of the users of complex is obvious and is always appreciated by us.

There was a satisfactory interest shown by the local residents in response to exposure about the Meet in the Lithgow Mercury and it is gratifying to see that they are interested in the event.

Lakeside was again the most successful club taking out the 'Ross Salvato World of Tackle' trophy for the fourth year in succession. The trophy is assessed over the three categories, casting, fly tying and fishing.

Lakeside member Tony Tribisonna' won the 'Otto's Fishy Business' trophy for the largest fish caught and released with a 530mm rainbow. Forty rainbow and eight brown trout were caught & released on Saturday by twenty anglers.

Tony Tribisonna' blitzed the field in the Dry Fly Accuracy casting event scoring nearly twice as many points as the nearest competitor.

Ross Salvato, also a Lakeside member was the winner of the Distance Accuracy casting.

In the handicap section Chris Harding from Illawarra fly Fishers' Club won both the distance and the accuracy in the No1 handicap category while Peter Torok from Lakeside Fly Fishers' won the No2 handicap in the distance and David Anderson and Bill Morrison, both from Lakeside, tied in the accuracy No2 handicap.

In the Fly Tying categories Peter Hansen, Illawarra Fly Fishers (IFF) won the open; Barry Gentle IFF won the advanced; Chris Harding IFF the beginners and Peter Hansen also won the novelty category. These Illawarra anglers are good at tying flies as they won all of the categories.



Peter Hansen & David Wilson have an interested audience for fly tying

NSW Rod Fishers' Society member Gerhard Benz won the best angler with fish photo which proves that he not only knows how to catch them but photograph them also.

Mine and NSW CFA's thanks to the generosity of the donors: Ross Salvato's 'World of Tackle', Les Hawkins (publisher), David and Celia Thomson (Bass Lodge), John and Sue Singleton (Bermagui Motor Inn), Derek McKenzie Outdoors (Steve Hoagland), John Coles Fly Fishing, Dan Engel, Rolf Quaas, Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre, Tiewell (Allan Barber), Fly Life (Rob and Libby Sloane), E. J. Todd, Mayfly Tackle, Umbers Trading, J. M. Gillies, R.M. Agencies and AFN. Some items were donated anonymously and several people made cash donation

I had many willing and capable helpers over the weekend and my sincere thanks to Rodney Tonkin, Ken Purcell, John Flakelar, David Wilson, Peter Hansen, David Screen, Don Salter, Radge Diakiw and Roy Browne; there were others that helped them and I'm also grateful for their support.

But the success of the weekend can be attributed to the people that turn up, some haven't missed a Meet, the support that you people give is greatly appreciated and makes the effort worthwhile, thank you all.

John Humphries. Meet coordinator.