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Welcome.

► **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 2nd April, 2024.

7:30pm

Collegians, North Wollongong.

Guest Speaker: Joe Manzano

Fly Tying Demonstration

PLEASE NOTE:

Joe will have a selection of flies available for sale on the night. If you're interested in purchasing any flies, please ensure that you bring **CASH** for the purchase.



► **Casting Practice:**

Sunday 7th April, 2024.

10:00am

Towradgi Reserve, Towradgi



Where have all the climate deniers gone or How to save your river?

Once upon a time, back in the day, just about all online mentions of global warming provoked CAPS LOCK outrage:

“HUMAN-CAUSED GLOBAL WARMING IS THE BIGGEST HOAX EVER FORCED ON OUR PEOPLE. IT HAS NEVER BEEN ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT CONTROL. GLOBAL WARMING IS THE LIBERAL’S ULTIMATE VEHICLE FOR CONTROLLING EVERYTHING EVERYONE DOES.”

My response to this sort of behaviour has been to hunker down. I don’t want to be heckled — who does? So I’ve been watching from a safe distance ... and I think I’ve spotted a change in key-banger behaviour. Maybe you’ve noticed it too?

I wonder if they’re going a bit droopy — like that toy rabbit on TV with the wrong brand of battery? I’m talking *sotto voce* for now because I don’t want to wake them, but do you think they’re getting — old?

Musk has turned their Twitter volume up to 12, which hides some of the decrepitude, but it’s increasingly clear that a generation is thinning out. Back in their pomp they stood proud among friends, bonding over beers and howling at bogeymen. It was fun, the company was good and they felt like an unstoppable force. The world was theirs for the taking. Heck, they could even get laid. Those were days!

Then, over time, the group frayed and faded. Familiar faces moved away, some died and a lucky few retired to sunbeds by the sea. Now, depressingly, the headlong rush of young love is a dim memory, and wearily beating a caps lock key won’t bring it back. Age has got their number.

So, while I think we should feel some sympathy towards our denialists (we all get old), we should not be surprised by their plight. They are the original stay-at-home globalists, persecuted by malign world forces. This miserable *everybody-hates-me-nobody-loves-me* mindset also happens to be the signature trait of almost all conspiracy theories, so people who buy into one are predisposed to have a bucketful. If you know for a fact that George Soros and his glove puppet Greta can fake all the climate data everywhere, you also know that wherever you stash your cash The Global Elite will sniff it out (it happens all the time!).

It’s carnage out there in conspiracy land. Innocent bystanders are killed by 5G death rays, chemtrails, and fluoridated water, or abducted and raped by both real and false-flag aliens, some of which are Lizards. The last generation of conspiracists had scary Reds under their beds and would be horrified to learn that today’s have Reds in their heads. Stalin was satan, Putin is a buddy, Kennedys won’t die and some Americans want a breakaway Red State Caliphate. I hope you’re keeping up.

Then there’s *The Fear*:

“GLOBAL WARMING/CLIMATE CHANGE, CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT. IT’S YET ANOTHER WAY FOR THEM TO FEAR-MONGER AND REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH.”

In contrast, statistics and fact-checking are inherently dull — but they can make a succinct point. Globally, most people believe that climate change is both a crisis and an emergency, echoing the language used by climate change campaigners. In the US, about 80% say climate change is happening, outnumbering those who think it isn’t by a ratio of more than six to one. In the UK, 90% think it’s real. And another fact: 99-100% of climate scientists say it’s real and deadly serious. That’s a slam dunk (for people who do facts — but not so good with voodoo).

Other forces also conspire to undermine our deniers, not least their own eyes. There are only so many decades you can fish the same river and not notice something’s wrong. And is there anyone for whom

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freak weather isn't the new normal? So, according to the liberal wokesters at Forbes, hardcore denialist numbers have fallen to just 6% of Americans which is still well above the global average of 4%. All of them hammering away at Twitter. Thank you, Elon.

This data is, of course, all red-mist-inducing heresy for our remaining jihadi denialists, for whom an attack of heresy-rage is about as exciting as life gets.

“THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SAYS THAT ‘GLOBAL WARMING’ IS A ‘NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT’. WHAT A JOKE. ANY EXCUSE TO STRIP CITIZENS OF RIGHTS.”

It's a level of victimhood that's a hard sell among younger generations. More youthful movements offer rewards like happiness, cupcake recipes, glowing good health, a ripped body or, in Gwyneth Paltrow's case, fragrant orgasms. Tik-Tok thrills meet educated opinions. In contrast, conspiracy theories are gloom, doom and misery. Incels excepted, who'd double-click on that?

Back in my world, climate science is fact-based, measurable, progressive and has an off-ramp. We can slow down and change course. And for the hard-core miserabilists, all is not lost. You can also get utterly despondent about the science of global warming. The so-called *climate-doomers* probably outnumber the deniers by a lot, and I suspect their roll-over and die mentality is as damaging to planetary well-being as the cranky deniers. Maybe there's some misery-laden itch deep in the human psyche that we're desperate to scratch?

Nevertheless, I'm going to puncture the glum-fest because we can do something about climate change. There is salvation in the denialist's climate heresy.

Here's how: There's no shortage of great organisations committed to mitigating the impacts of climate change. Some of these actions need the power and deep pockets of government, while others are small and local. That means there's a level of contribution to suit us all. We can volunteer and/or donate, big or small and as best we can. For example, I support organisations that work on conservation and legal protection for rivers and their catchments. And because most of us think this is now urgent, most of us can surely do something, no matter how small, because every little bit counts.

So, please, let's all get involved. And let's do it for our future generations because they're going to have to live here. Maybe Gramps and Grandma will donate if it's for their favourite river and their own family? Would it really be so terrible if they funded some research into migratory fish or warming redds?

And last, please say hi to Gen Z and the Millennials. It's their planet now.

“OUR GLOBAL POPULATION IS GROWING FAST. BUT WE CAN ALL FIT IN ABOUT A FIVE OR SO MILE CUBIC BOX. WE ARE NOT SWARMING THE PLANET.”

Courtesy of: Hatch Magazine .

All quotes were pulled from fishing forums, social media, or other public forums.

Richard Wilson writes [FishRise](#), a monthly newsletter taking a wry look at what passes for wisdom on the riverbank.

Fishing Reports.

Robin Bannell - Fished New Zealand with Catherine Weidle over two weeks in February in the Tongariro area, but only found small fish. A rod tip that “disappeared” while casting interrupted proceedings until another rod was purchased, but catches were sparse and the fish small.

Chris Harding - among a group of club members that found conditions tough this February in



Southland. Although Chris took a 4lb fish on the first day on the Mataura and another nice fish on the Waikaia, fish were generally hard to come by. Fishing was reasonable on the Teviot where wife Teresa also caught a fish.

Barry Gentle & Kim Prehn - reported similar conditions to Chris and despite there being some rising fish, they were difficult to entice to a fly; many fish were also “doggo” on the bottom and didn’t respond to good fly placements. Kim reported that the usual willow grub hatch was spasmodic and due to the unseasonably cold and wet Summer, the willow grubs were not hatching in numbers and the fish appeared not to be locked onto the food source. Kim reported that the Waikaia fished best over the ten days with Stu Tripney’s “Deed Flee” being the best producing fly.

Ken Gordon - Fished Caves Creek one week when there were plenty of fish and very few on a subsequent trip. He also fished the Snowy above Guthega, but again, very few fish were seen although a highlight was that he sighted, cast and caught two 37cm Browns. Kenneth also reported that due to the leaching of Calcium from the excavation tailings from the Snowy 2.0 work, the Murrumbidgee above Tantangra Dam had turned green. Kenneth also fished the Murrumbidgee on private property but things were extremely quiet.

Dave Cannon - Drifted the Tumut with “Haul Fly Fishing” with a fish coming to hand straight away and 20 fish hooked over the day, with a 31/2 lb fish being the biggest. Dave then fished the Goobragandra



and despite it looking good, a thunder storm and downpour quickly turned it brown. Dave moved on to the Yarrangobilly where he caught a few small fish up to 32cms on small (#14) hoppers. From there on it was all doom and gloom. Moving on to the Eucumbene at Kiandra, he saw one rise, had one take

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before the fishing went very quiet. Then to the Eucumbene at Denison and Sawyers Hut where Dave reported the water to be low and warm with no fish and further to the Murrumbidgee at Yaouk where nothing was seen. Dave finished up on the Moonbah with a few small Browns and Rainbows.



Neil Nelson - Fished Southland in February and confirmed the reports of others in the group and by other anglers in the area. Week one with son Joel, Neil fished a number of rivers and found conditions and fishing tough, although several fish to 3 1/2 and 4lb being a highlight with Joel's 5 1/2lb Brown being the best of the week. With Joel returning home for family duties, Michael Parkinson filled in the gap and he found his first Southland fish, a nice 2 1/2lb Brown, in Hamilton Burn and a few days later, a few in the Teviot. Fishing the Eglington, Neil had a 3 1/2lb Rainbow do a classic rise up through the water column and take a cicada off the surface, the one and only of the trip. Weather conditions varied over the two weeks, with heavy frosts (this being in February) necessitating ice being scraped off the windscreen and the fire being on in the pub for three consecutive days, to rain which blew out several local rivers for a few days and then fine weather.



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Nigel Pennington and Matt Campbell decided on a quick late summer trip. We fished the lake for



small to average rainbows, dusk one night, and then not a dawn, next night, not at night, but then at dawn... Go figure! We fished Eucumbene river from the flying fox up on a warm day, but the water was cool, and there was plenty of flow, but it was very slow just two or three fish. So we changed plans and ducked down to Tumut Township and camped at the caravan park. We saw plenty of good fish along the edges, Nigel caught one through a gap in the



trees (I think that's called plonking). The fish were certainly spooky, which may be a consequence of 2 or 3 drift boats going past every day. I'm off on another 'lap' now, see you in 3 months (or whenever I decide to come back...)

David Treinis successfully fished of the rocks below Sea Cliff Bridge, thanks to Ray Ellis, I'd been recommended to this area so long as it was low tide, early morning, and reasonable seas. Just a couple days before I left to go overseas, the timing for all was just right, so I headed out at 0500.



I fished it for two solid hours and all I succeeded in doing was casting practice--nothing. Finally, I saw a bust-up of salmon that came close enough to the rocks, just as I was about to throw in the towel for the morning's attempt. I hooked six, landed two...and the "landed" part was iffy, trying to time netting vs swells from my perch as close to the water as I deemed safe.

Then I hooked into something more significant--a kingie, I imagine, as I'd seen them flashing about during the bust up--that took me *well* into my backing. Sadly, the 10 year old nail knot failed and whatever it was took my whole fly line! I suspect that junction had been weakened on the previous few hookups, as they too ran into my backing.

Good fun... now hoping for a kingfish, or maybe a bonito or

mahi-mahi off that spot. Thanks, Ray!



Mark West—Blue Mountains



Peter Fragiacomio - Shoalhaven Heads



Mike Parkinson - Blue Mountains

What is Dapping? A Rocket Water Technique.

While teaching myself to fly fish, I found myself using methods that were far from what I saw other people on the river doing. I didn't care much about how I looked fishing, though; I was just trying to catch fish.

But, when I began to discuss what I was doing with other fly fishermen, I found that not only had I not invented these tactics myself, but that some of them had been used for as long as fly fishing has existed. One of those methods is known as **Dapping**.



What is Dapping in Fly Fishing?

Dapping is a fly fishing technique that allows only the fly to touch the water- no leader, no tippet, no fly line, just the fly. It uses a small amount of line, and there is no casting.

FLY FISHING DAPPING EXPLAINED

Dapping is considered to be one of the oldest forms of fly fishing. The Compleat Angler, written in 1653, describes the technique, saying "Let no part of your line touch the water, but your fly only." Izaak Walton's been dead for a few hundred years, so you know dapping has been around for a long time.

But why, in the modern age of advanced fly fishing technology and techniques do fishermen revert back to such a primitive method? Because it works.

Guide Pro Tip: Stealth Approach: When dapping for trout, it's crucial to approach the fish carefully, often on hands and knees or in a crouched position, to avoid spooking them. Then, with 4-10 feet of

REALISTIC PRESENTATIONS WHILE FLY FISHING

Dapping is an effective method for catching trout in certain situations because it presents your fly more



realistically than a traditional cast-and-drift tactic could. If you spend some time observing trout feeding on living insects off the surface (which I highly recommend you do if you're trying to understand these fish), you will notice that they aren't always just eating the flies that are sitting dead still on the water.

A nice brook trout caught with a 4 weight fly rod.

Often times, the trout are keying in on the flies that are falling on the surface of the water, jumping off, landing again. They're attacking the active flies, the flies that are clearly real meals.

Dapping flies imitates these insects. The fly is not dead drifting, but being bounced around the surface of the water, giving it the appearance of life, and enticing the trout to feed.

Trophy Hunting

Dapping is also a more targeted approach to fly fishing, which comes with a distinct advantage that some anglers prioritize. Because you're using such a short amount of line, you control exactly what fish is below your fly. There are few, if any, by catches while dapping.

One legend in the dapping world (bet you didn't know that existed) is a man by the name of Donald Miller, but the brown trout know him as Dapping Don. Don is the author of "Dapping. A Fly Fishing

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Technique: My Secret Method of Catching Large Dominant Trout.” In this book, he describes how the only fishing method he uses anymore is dapping, and he only uses it to target large, dominant, educated brown trout.



His explanation is simple: the biggest brown trout in the rivers have been there the longest time. They've seen all of our flies, heard what fishermen sound like, and have likely been caught several times. Through all of this, they've learned and become much harder to catch. Dapping is a targeted and stealthy approach that entices these smart fish to make a mistake.

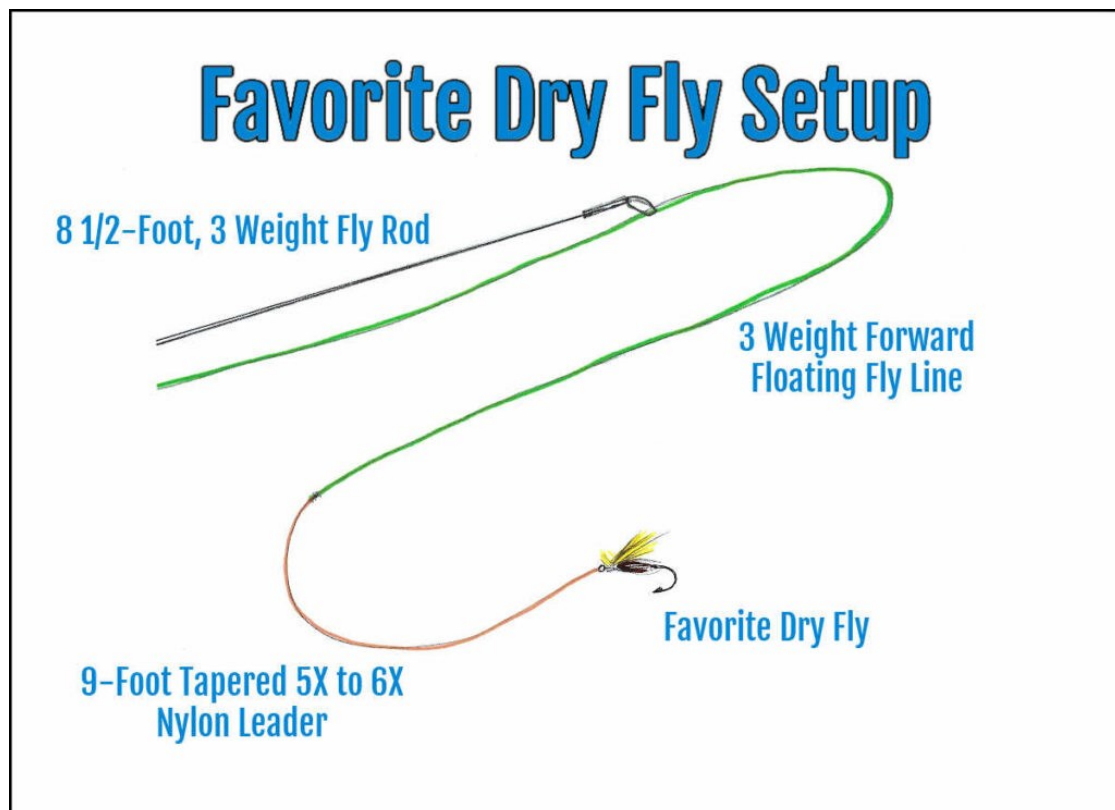
To dapp for these trophy fish, Don relies on spot-and-stalk tactics, camouflaged clothing, a complex system of eye-wear, and a 13-20 (20!!) foot rod.

We all love chasing brown trout on a fly. For those anglers that don't usually get to fish for them that often,... **USING DAPPING FOR POCKET WATER FLY FISHING.**

But the most common motivation for dapping, in the United States, is that it can be used in situations where other methods are impossible- waters that are covered in thick cover, making back casts impossible, or that are surrounded by boulders, disallowing your drifts. In these situations, you either dapp or you walk past the fishing hole.

HOW TO DAP IN FLY FISHING

So now that you know what dapping is and why it is done, how do you do it? It is incredibly simple. Approach your fishing spot stealthily. Dapping requires you to be a rod length away from the fish, a fact that if realized by said fish, will send it into complete and utter panic. It is best to stay low to the ground to minimize your silhouette and to avoid splashing through the water. Stay out of the water completely, if you can.



What is Dapping? A Pocket Water Technique.

Once near the fishing spot, make sure your fly line is reeled in completely. You only want a small section of your leader and tippet to be out of your rod. In most situations, 4 or 5 feet of line will do. Then, slowly extend your rod so that your fly is dangling over the spot that is holding fish. Try to keep an eye on the fish and see if they react to the fly coming in. Next, lower the fly so that it is barely making contact with the surface of the water. If the wind is slightly blowing, it will dance the fly around; if not, add subtle action to the fly by slightly wiggling the rod. If you're fishing true pocket water, continue to dangle the fly until you get a bite, or have scared the fish off. But if you can manage a small drift, follow the flow of the water with your rod tip while dapping the fly across the surface of the water. If you get a bite and miss, simply continue the drift and try again.

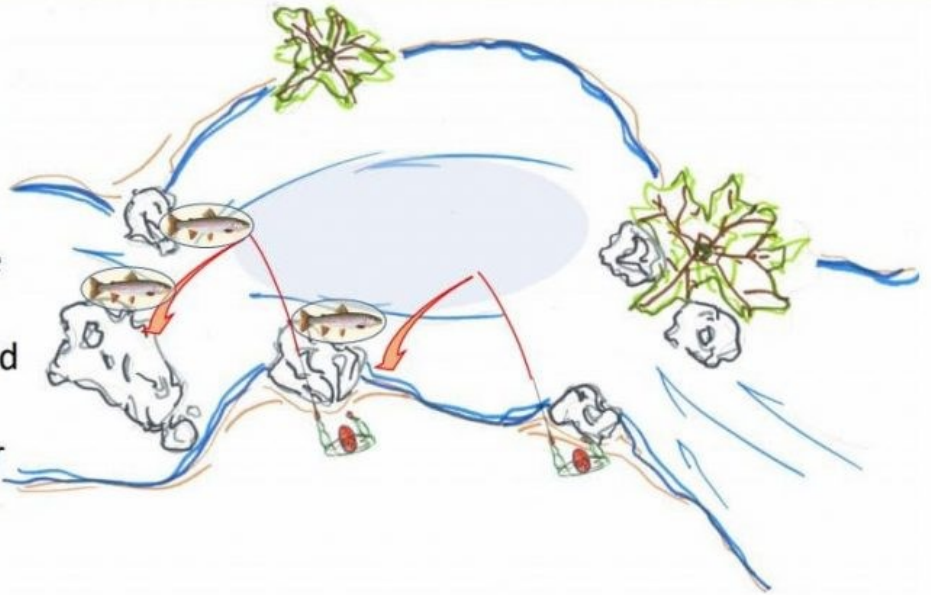
Guide Pro Tip: Position and Line Management: In pocket water, where space is often limited, watch your position to avoid unnecessary back casts. Keep a short line, as pocket water moves quickly around the pocket itself. Using bushy dry flies and streamlined nymphs can be effective in these conditions.

WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO DAPP A FLY?

The easiest places to effectively dapp a fly is in small pocket water where there are over hanging branches or bushes, and fish that don't get too much fishing pressure. The shrubbery will somewhat mask the appearance of your fly rod as it looms over the water. And fish that don't get much pressure will be less fly shy.

Pocket Water

Pocket water is an intimate form of fly fishing. Essentially the "pocket" is a micro-environment in the stream. Depending on the pocket size it will often have a single dominate fish. Don't spend too much time in a pocket. If the fish don't take your offering after a couple casts, consider moving.



Guide Secret – It's super easy to scare trout. The trout have grown to be frightened by EVERYTHING. Stay Quiet, Low and Slow

But, the legendary Dapping Don advocates dapping in almost any situation, provided you can get close enough without scaring the fish.

HOW TO SET THE HOOK WHILE DAPPING

Setting the hook while dapping is similar to setting the hook while fishing with dry flies in the conventional manner; in this case, it is just exaggerated.

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Setting the Hook

While dry fly fishing, it is imperative that you don't set the hook the moment the fish swirls on your fly. If you do so, you'll rip the fly out of the fish's mouth before he closes it. Instead, you must pause for a moment to allow the fish to take the fly and close its mouth, then you briskly raise your rod to set the hook. When dapping a fly you simply wait a moment longer before setting the hook.

Dapping does provide an advantage in hook setting, though, as since you maintain a tight, short amount of line, the hook sets can be extremely quick and effective (as long as the timing is right). As with all things, it just takes practice to learn your lesson (and missing hundreds of fish).

WHAT ARE THE BEST FLIES FOR DAPPING?



Dapping can be done with any dry fly, or even an un-weighted wet fly. Just pay attention to what is buzzing around the water and match the hatch.

One thing to consider, though, is using flies that maximize buoyancy. Focus on foam flies and parachutes, and be sure to use proper amounts of floatant.

WHAT ARE THE BEST FLY RODS FOR DAPPING?

The fly rod you're using now can probably be used for dapping, though it may not be the most effective tool.



In small, pocket water, short length 1-3 weight rods will be the easiest. Because you'll be navigating in and around trees and bushes, the length will save you from frustrating tangles and potential rod breaks. And since the fish in this water aren't big, you'll have plenty of rod for the short fights.

But, in bigger, more open water, you can get more aggressive. As mentioned earlier, Dapping Don uses the longest rods that he can manage. These are custom made pieces that allow him to be as far away as possible while still being able to dapp.

Courtesy: David Humphries, Guide Recommended.

March Casting Results.

Casting results for March were as follows:

<i>Accuracy:</i> 1st	Peter Henderson	36pts
2nd	Barry Gentle	24pts
3rd	Neil Nelson	21pts

<i>Distance:</i> 1st	Peter Henderson	27.5m
	Barry Gentle	27.5m
2nd	Chris Harding	25m
3rd	Neil Nelson	24.5m

There were 11 attendees on the day, with 7 participating in the competition.

Merchandise.



IFFC Shirts - vented back, gusseted pockets, long sleeves, UV protection

- IFFC badge decals
- IFFC hat pins
- IFFC embroidered Patches
- IFFC Hoodies (in season only)

Support your club. Buy some merchandise...wear a shirt, put a sticker on your boat or on your car or esky. Buy an Illawarra Fly Fishers embroidered patch and sew it on your vest!"

Know Your Fish.

Freshwater Catfish

Scientific Name.

Tandanus Tandanus

Characteristics

Colour ranges from grey to brown dorsally or laterally, usually mottled with dark brown to black blotchings with a whitish underbelly. Larger fish have less mottlings and can be more green in colour fading to white below. It builds a nest in areas of still water to breed, and its reproduction is not temperature reliant. Catfish feed on zooplankton, small fish, shrimps and insects. Catfish are relatively inactive and do not migrate for spawning, unlike other inland species such as trout, golden perch or Murray cod.



Size

Can grow up to 900 mm and 7 kg, however fish over 2 kg are exceptional.

Distribution

Freshwater Catfish (also known as Eel-Tailed Catfish) were formerly very abundant across most of the Murray-Darling Basin in inland NSW. Prior to the 1980s, they provided recreational fishing opportunities and they are still considered one of the premier table fish by many country people. However, catfish numbers declined substantially following the invasion of carp during the 1970s and 80s. In addition to carp, thermal pollution and season flow reversal also have major impacts in affected reaches. Catfish have virtually disappeared from the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Lachlan catchments. Catfish are still relatively common in parts of the Macquarie, Namoi, Gwydir and Border River catchments and coastal catchments North of Newcastle.

Freshwater Catfish in the Murray-Darling Basin [are listed as an endangered population in NSW](#).

Confusing species

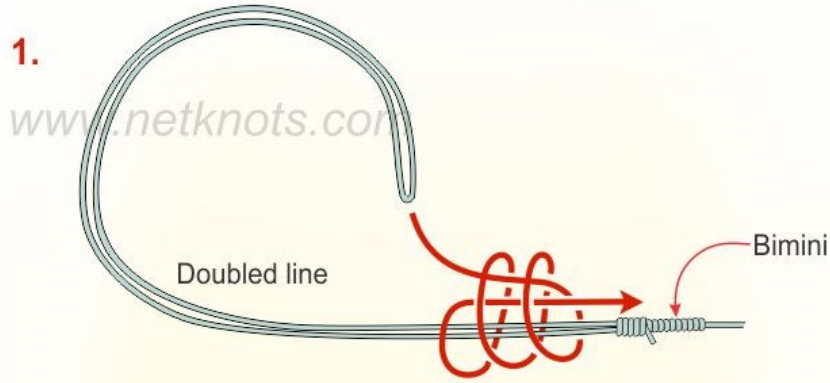
Recent electrophoretic studies of proteins of some more northerly populations indicate that catfish inhabiting coastal rivers from the Manning to the Belliger Rivers may be of different species and those from the Nymboida River (Clarence River system) northwards to at least the Tweed River subspecies, different from the widespread inland form.

Fish Register. 10th March, 2024.

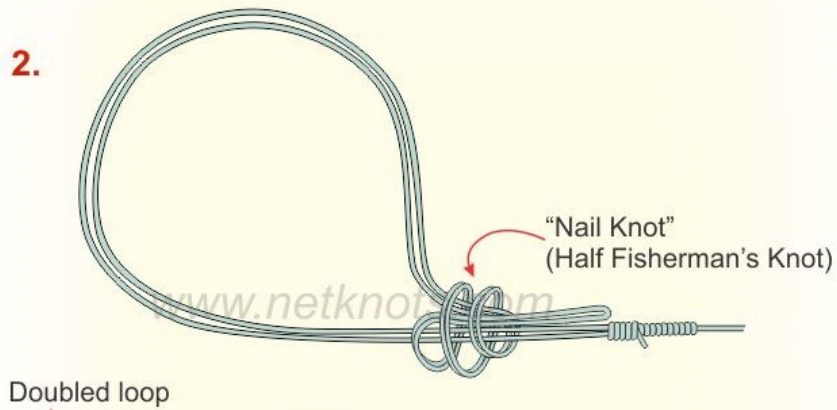
Species	Fly Fisher	Length (cm) Weight (kgs)	Fly / Hook Size	Tippet (lbs)	Location.
<i>Australian Bass</i>	Ray Ellis	44cm	Baitfish Pattern	20	Glenbawn Dam
<i>Atlantic Salmon</i>					
<i>Bream</i>	Michael Parkinson	32	#8 Sand Flea	6	Dalmeny
<i>Brook Trout</i>	Jon Brooks	31	#10 Olive Wooly Bugger	4.8	Three Mile Dam
<i>Brown Trout</i>	Nigel Pennington	50	Mudeye	8	Braemer Bay
<i>Carp</i>	Ray Ellis	78cm	Brown Nymph	14	Split Rock Dam
<i>Herring (Freshwater)</i>	Ray Ellis	25.5	Brown Nymph	14	Yalwal Creek
<i>Flathead</i>	Barry Gentle	46	Raw Prawn	10	Minnamurra River
<i>Luderick</i>	Alan Griffiths	46	#16 Stretch Cord Shrimp	8	Ballina
<i>Snapper / Squire</i>	Michael Parkinson	25	Chartruse Clouser	6	Dalmeny
<i>Murray Cod</i>					
<i>Rainbow Trout</i>	Gary Batey	51	Orange Bead Head Nymph	6	Rushy's Bay
<i>Whiting</i>	Barry Gentle	34	SK Skipping Prawn	6	Forster
<i>Tailor</i>					
<i>Trevally</i>					
<i>Yellowbelly</i>					

100% ARBOR KNOT

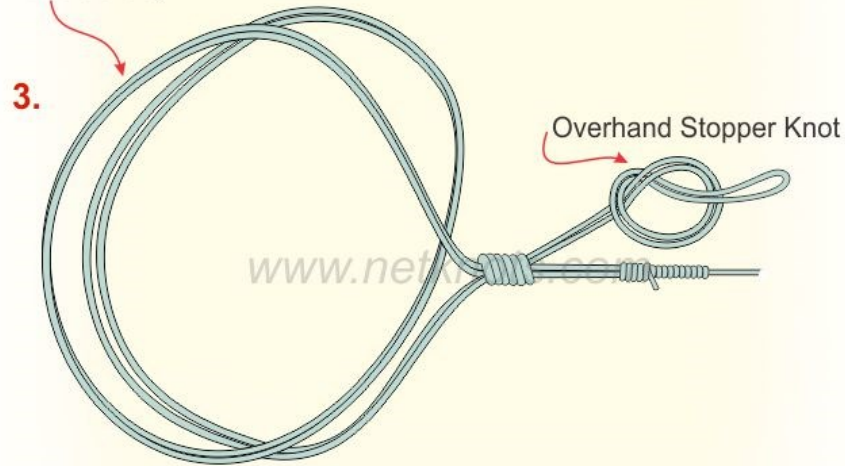
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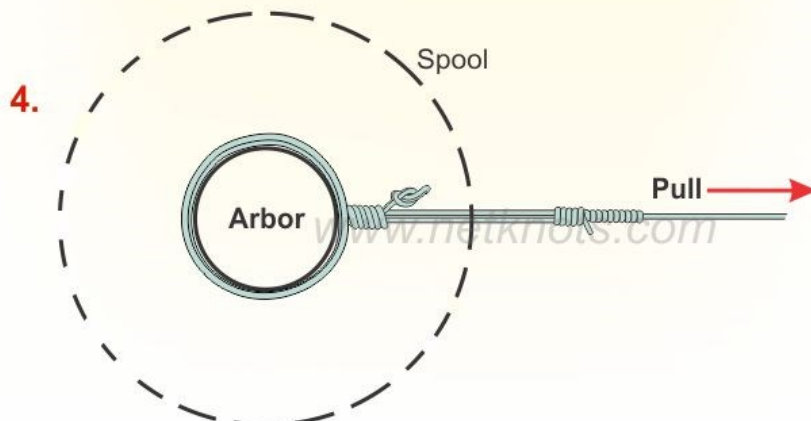
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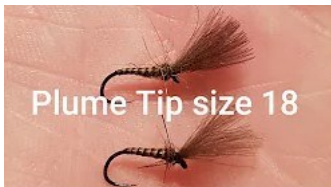






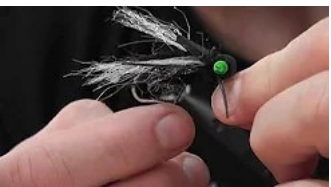

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Fly Tying Competition - 2023 / 24

	February	March	April
			
	Fly: Dobson Fly Channel: Hooked on Flies Australia	Fly: Rubicon Bomber Channel: Troutlore	Fly: Plume Tip Channel: Tom Jarman Fishing
May	June	July	August
			
Fly: Simple Game Changer Channel: Erich Gross	Fly: Carp it Beetle Channel: Martyn White Flicking Feathers	Fly: Balloon Caddis Channel: Tom Jarman Fishing	Fly: Frumpy Frog Channel: Ole Florida Fly Shop
September	October	November	December
			
Fly: Micro Jig Woolly Buggie Channel: Tuckaseegee Fly Shop	Fly: Charlie Boy Hopper Channel: In the Riffle	Fly: The Fully Cicada Channel: Hooked on Flies Australia	Fly: Sand Eel - Chartreuse Channel: Postfly

April 2024 Competition Fly.



Fly: Plume Tip
Channel: Tom Jarman Fishing



Instagram

2024 Events Calendar.

Month	Date	Activity	Location	Time	Contact	Number
February	5th	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	6th	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	11th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
March	4th	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	5th	Club Meeting.	Collegians	7:30pm		
	10th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
April	1st	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	2nd	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	7th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
May	6th	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	7th	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	12th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
June	3rd	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	4th	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	16th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
July	1st	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	2nd	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:00pm		
	7th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
August	5th	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	6th	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	11th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
September	2nd	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	3rd	Annual General Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	8th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
October	30 Sept	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	1st	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	13th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
November	4th	Management Meeting - All Welcome	Zoom	7:30pm	Neil	0418 258 146
	5th	Club Meeting	Collegians	7:30pm		
	10th	Casting Clinic	Towradgi Park	10:00am	Peter	0418 956 606
December	2nd TBA	Management Meeting - All Welcome Christmas Function	Zoom TBA	7:30pm 12:00pm	Neil	0418 258 146

Committee Members 2023 / 24



President: Neil Nelson.



Vice President: Chris Harding.



Secretary: Michael Parkinson.



Treasurer: Barry Gentle.



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Facebook: Liam Harding



Raffles: Malcolm Lowe.



Librarian: Kenneth Gordon

Library.

Our Librarian, Gary Batey, wishes to remind members to return of any outstanding borrowed library items.



The Club maintains a library of books and DVD's, as well as over a hundred magazines including "Fly Life" and a number of English and American trout fishing magazines.

To borrow books etc., see the Club Librarian (Gary Batey) and fill out the appropriate sheet... it's as easy as that. Please endeavour to return your borrowings at the next club meeting.

Our Sponsors.

The Illawarra Fly Fishers' Club is supported by a number of sponsors. Please remember them when buying new gear and support them as they support our club.

- Collegians Rugby League Football Club provides us with the use of the auditorium for our meetings at no cost and a substantial number of gift vouchers that we use in our raffles, so please consider becoming a member of the Club. You also receive discounts on food and drinks with Collegians membership.
- Complete Angler Sydney kindly donates a \$ 50.00 voucher for our monthly club raffle and members receive 10% discount on all purchases.
- BWC Flies



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Application for New Membership / Renewal.



Cost:

Membership fees for the club year (August 1 to July 31 The following year) fall due at the AGM on the first Tuesday in August and are as follows:

- ◆ For Commonwealth pension card holders, holders of Commonwealth disability card, full time students, students under 16 years of age, or non-residents (those members residing a distance greater than 50kms from Wollongong) - \$10.00 per person per year. Under the provisions of the Club's Constitution, a self funded retiree or superannuant is not a pensioner.
- ◆ For all others (including self funded retirees) - \$25.00 per person per year.
- ◆ Where a new member joins on or after the first Tuesday in April, half membership fees apply, i.e.e \$5.00 for a pensioner and \$12.50 for all other members (including self funded retirees).
- ◆ An establishment (joining) fee, in addition to the annual fee, applies to all new members—\$2.00.

How:

To apply for membership, fill out the application below and either:

- ◆ Present it, together with your payment, to the Treasurer at the club meeting, or
- ◆ Email a completed form to: treasurer@illawarraflyfishers.com.au and pay via a funds transfer to

CUA BSB: 814282 Account No: 42098170 Account Name: Illawarra Flyfishers Club Inc

Please ensure your name is entered in the "payment reference" field.

Name:

Please Tick:

New Member

Address:

Renewal

State:

Post Code:

Phone:

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Email:

Please Note: All members personal details are treated in a strictly confidential manner and are not provided to other persons /groups without the express permission of members.

The Final Word.

