



# NEWSLETTER

September 2005

***Hi, Gang!***

At our September meeting we welcomed visitor, **Willen Van Heerden**. Willen had the good sense to join our club immediately. Welcome aboard, Willen!

His details are as follows:

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We held our **Annual Fly Tying Competition**, which was won yet again by **Denis Shaw**. Congratulations again Denis. Our competition next year will be judged by Denis, partly because he ties such great flies, and partly to give someone else a chance to win.

**Evan Evans** has developed a web site for us. Check it out at: [www.seqflyfishers.asn.au](http://www.seqflyfishers.asn.au)  
Let's all keep Evan supplied with pictures and news to keep it going. Great work, Evan!

Our main business for the September meeting was to assign crews to the various tasks at our upcoming Convention. Thanks to all those who volunteered. If you are attending the Convention and did not volunteer, don't worry, you can rest assured that we will find something for you to do to assist!!

<b>Kitchen Team Leaders:</b>	Brian Kirkley, Don Nash
<b>Assistants:</b>	Duncan O'Connell, Vince Margossian, Brett Martin, Mark Miller
<b>Bar Team Leaders:</b>	Glenn Court, Mario Demaio
<b>Assistants:</b>	Bev Chiffens, Rick Slennett, Thomas Seebach
<b>Grunt Team Leaders:</b>	Damien Crawley, Denis Shaw
<b>Assistants</b>	Thomas Seebach, Mike Leonard, Mike Halls, Mario Demaio, Gary Sheppard
<b>Check in Team:</b>	Glenn Court, Mark Hosking, Bev Chiffens
<b>Technical Team:</b>	Gary Sheppard, Mark Hosking, Mike Leonard

## Convention Raffle

We will be holding a raffle at our convention. We have had a couple of great donations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize      **Gavin Platz** has donated a four hour evening estuary fishing charter.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize      **Uncle Billy's Retreat** has donated a three night stay for one person during our May trip there.

We very much appreciate these donations, our thanks to Gavin Platz (Tie'N'Fly) & Bill & Sue Atkin (Uncle Billy's). Third prize will be a fly line (of choice) worth about \$100.

## Mega Raffle

With the business side of the meeting concluded we charged our glasses and proceeded with our raffle. The first prize, a Penn #12 fly rod went to **Brian Perris**. **Denis Shaw** won the second prize, a fly line. The winners of flies tied by members were: **Brett Martin, Mark Miller, Kim Chadburn, and Mario Demaio**.

## Next Fishing Trip

Our October outing has been changed to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will fish Brunswick Heads for Flathead. Early start and launch from Brunswick Heads boat ramp. For any questions contact the trip co-ordinator, Mark Miller.

## Fishing News

We have heard from our long lost **Dale "Tuna Boy" Tan**. As most of you know he has been living on Thursday Island for some time now. We may have to change his nickname now.

## Catching Cape York Permit – by Dale Tan

As you guys know I have been working, living and fishing in Thursday Island for two years now and I finally cracked the "Oyster-cracker" code. I have ventured to the western side of the Cape many times to seek my dream, armed only with my trusty Redington 10 weight, bonefish taper clear intermediate line and a variety of "Merkins". Only last week I finally got my first one after hundreds of hours of time spent straining my eyes exploring the vast sand flats of the coast to spot these ghosts of the flats.

Anyway the following will describe how, where and when I hooked and landed this fish.

During the months of August, September and October schools of Permit would congregate along the river mouths of Western Cape York. Usually six to twelve fish would form a nose to tail circle-what we call "daisy chaining". It is a spectacular sight watching this mating ritual. Sometimes these Permit would go about doing their nature thing to the point of completely ignoring a boat nearby. Casting a crab pattern fly ie. Merkins just off the side of the daisy chain might entice a fish to break the chain and go for the crab.

I spotted a daisy chain of about ten fish at a spit outside Doughboy River. I felt my heart in my mouth when I saw this school. With hands trembling, I stripped line into a bin and quickly made a cast. The wait for a fish to come out of the chain and pick up the fly was agonising. Then one fish veered off to the side went nose down and picked up the crab fly that has been sitting on the bottom for what seems to be forever.

The take was very subtle, just a slow tightening of the fly line unlike the line burning strike of a tuna. The initial run of Permit is comparable to the speed of a Longtail Tuna, all the way into the backing. Once I got the fish closer to the boat a burst of second wind exposed the backing again. This cycle was repeated a few times. Fifteen minutes later the fish finally slowed and was just

slugging it round and round the boat. A quick shot with the net by my mate Alf got my very first Permit- my dream fish. A lifelong dream achieved.

Regards

Dale Tan



**A note of caution**

Mike Halls suffered a compound fracture of his foot when the jockey wheel of his trailer failed. While he was recovering, he developed a staph infection and went back to hospital. He is now back home and should recover by the time of our Convention. We all wish him well. John Foy crushed his hand when his boat got away from him on launching. This injury got infected also laying him up for a while. Boats and trailers are heavy and can do some damage. Remember, it isn't just the ocean that can get you.

**Quote of the month: Sex is like air. It only becomes really important when you aren't getting any.**

**Anon**

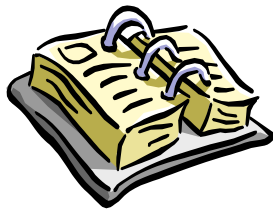
***Tight Lines and bent rods!***

***Your Scribe***

**Coming Events**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When - Tuesday October 18**  
**Where - Mermaid Beach Bowls Club**  
**Markeri Street**  
**Mermaid Beach**  
**Time - 7.30 p.m.**



**NEXT FISHING TRIP:**

**When - Sunday October 16**  
**Where - Brunswick Heads**  
**Target - Flathead**  
**BBQ - About 11.00 am**  
**Trip Co-ordinator - Mark Miller**

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