

Tasmania Trip 2009 Pt.2

Jeff, Bryan, Russ, Steve, Wooly, Allan, Kay, Doug & Kath

Week 2—Sunday

We all had a sleep in due to the weeks hectic schedule then had a late start for Little Pine at around 10 am. Bryan caught a ½ lb brown on a BW emerger and Jeff a 2 ½ lb brown on a small orange beetle.

Russ, Chewie & Jimmy (mates of John Knowles) went out to Gunns & Little Lakes. Russ caught 10 browns to 2 lb on Chernobyl ants but Chewie caught over 60 to 2 lbs whilst Jimmy caught around 30 to the same size on Chernobyl ants. We nearly made them honorary members to bump up the club score!!

Monday

No fish for Wooly & Bryan although we tried hard.

Jeff fished Little Pine and caught 3 Browns 1.5lb – 2.5lb on a shaving Shaving brush.

Russ and Steve ventured to Little Lake and Russ caught 16 to 2.5lb, Steve caught 2 about 1-1.5lb.

Tuesday

No fish for Wooly & Bryan although we tried hard.

Jeff gain visited Little Pine landing a 3lb Brown on a Chernobyl Ant from Doug's boat

Steve fished Little Lake and caught 3 to 1.5lb

Wednesday

We all headed out to the western lakes and fished Double Lagoon where Jeff was the only one to be successful by catching three browns to 2 pounds on shaving brush patterns.

Russ journeyed to Launceston to meet a mate flying in from the mainland. They fished some rivers on the lowlands with both catching many fish. (Russ got abused from a landowner for telling the landowner how to look after his dog). Russ met up with Jimmy at the Swan Bay boat-ramp and caught a three pound brown.

That evening we fished Swan Bay and Doug caught a 3 ½ pounder on a large beetle pattern from his float tube. Kath also in a float tube missed one close to shore whilst the rest of us fishing from the bank did not see a fish.



Jeff with a fine two pound brown from double lagoon

Thursday

Steve and I headed back to Gunns & Little after hearing what a good time the others had. The conditions looked excellent when we got there and surveyed Gunns but saw no rises but before we could start off for Little Allan & Kay showed up. I had a great day – 7 lovely small brown trout to 1 ½ pounds and missed many more. Unfortunately the Chernobyl Ant did not work for me on this day and all my fish were caught on a chocolate brown BW emerger. Steve caught three browns to 1 ½ pound on an emerger pattern.

Bryan, Russ & Jimmy headed out at 0430 for the windlane feeders but with wind veering all over the place this action did not eventuate so they went polaroiding in Elizabeth Bay where Russ caught two browns around 2 ½ lb on a Chernobyl Ant (of course!! This is fast becoming our favourite fly on this trip). The boat was transferred to Penstock but even though a few fish were rising to mayflies none were landed.

Jeff had a rare off day and did not catch anything.

Friday

Russ, Jimmy & I set out at 0430 to try our luck at the windlane feeders in the Great Lake. The wind was veering from NorWest to westerley and quite rough but we found a very good windlane off the Beehives. As this was my first experience of this type of fishing it was quite exciting. It was fast and furious as we cruised down the windlane targeting specific fish. We caught 4 rainbows between 2 ½ and 2 ¾ lb all on Chernobyl ants but we missed many more and broke off two others. The fish were in very good condition and fought extremely hard. Unfortunately the wind veering around broke up our windlane so we pulled out and headed for Canal Bay & Elizabeth Bay for some boat polaroiding action but did not see a fish. We then tried shark fishing but the only thing we saw was a large platypus who mistook us for a new rock in his environment.

Clydie & Steve went back into Gunns & Little Lakes but the wind was not as kind as it had been on previous visits blowing strongly from the North. Bryan still caught three browns all



around 1 lb one on a red spinner, another on a highland dun emerger and the last on a Chernobyl ant. Steve caught a 1 ½ lb on a parachute dun and a 2 lb on a red spinner.

Allan & Kay also went back out to Gunns & Little where Allan caught a 1 lb brown in Little Lake on a beetle pattern.

Jeff went out to the Western Lakes and fished First Lagoon, Double Lagoon and finally Lake

Chipman for one brown of a 1 ½ lb on an orange beetle.

This being our final night we elected to have dinner at the Miena Hotel and invited all the other club members who were in Tasmania at the time. Peter & Kaye Priem, Ben & Bev Nieuwirth were also over and staying at Penstock. And although we new Chickie was over here we could not find in any of his usual haunts – maybe his exemplary navigation skills had him end up down near Bruny Island and not at Penstock.

Wooly