

CRESSY CANE

A CELEBRATION OF MAKING BAMBOO FLY RODS

5 – 7 October 2018

Program of Events



International Guest and keynote Presenter
Bob Clay
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Brumbys Creek Lodge
1696 Cressy Road, Cressy Tasmania

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Day One - Friday 5 October

9.30	Welcome and Introduction	David Hemmings
9.45	Morning Reading	David Anderson
10.00	Spey Rods Bob is renowned for making bamboo Spey rods to fish the demanding waters of British Columbia. He will share his knowledge and experience on the challenges and rewards of using bamboo for casting two handed rods.	Bob Clay
11.00	Morning Tea and discussion	
11.30	Discussion of Spey Rod Tapers Spey rods appear to transfer the energy of the cast with minimal effort from the caster. We will discuss this energy transfer and its consideration for Trout rod tapers.	Group
12.30	Casting with Cane – Bamboo Spey The Roll cast is the foundation cast for spey casting. Peter will discuss and demonstrate the elements of the cast with one and two handed rods.	Peter Hayes
1.30	Lunch and Casting	
2.00	Compare and Contrast -the Dickerson 7613 and the Paul Young Perfectionist. At the 2017 Cressy Cane a number of makers agreed to make one or two (or three !) of these rods but with one difference. Eg; scarf ferrule. 4 piece, oven tempered /flame tempered. Madake Bamboo. Composite ferrule. And so on. We will start this process with a blind casting session. Tasting notes can be made and then we return to the classroom for discussion. This is a unique opportunity to compare, contrast and cast these very popular rods and to evaluate any of the differences.	David Anderson Nick Taransky
3.00	“The Exercise” Here we continue with the makers of these rods telling the group about the version made and their thoughts on the resulting rod.	Nick Taransky
4.15	“The Exercise” cont.. We will plot and trace the rods on the wall and relate this to the tasting notes.	David Anderson
5.00	Gin and Tonic at the casting pool.	Group

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Day Two - Saturday 6 October

9.00	Morning Reading	David Anderson
9.15	British Columbia Steelhead Wild big Steelhead. Startling scenery. Big rivers. Bob will introduce us to his fishery. His life. His world.	Bob Clay
10.15	The 8'6" – 5 weights. This group of rods seemed to have slipped under the radar. Generally, 'parabolic' or "fully bending" in nature these rods "cast themselves". The Payne 204L Phillipson Pacemaker. Heddon Premier, Granger 8040. Jim has been experimenting with these rods which have an interesting developmental history.	Jim Morris
11.00	Morning Tea and discussion	
11.30	The 8'6' - 5 weights Casting session. Once you cast these rods –you will have to make one. A beautiful rod for fishing the larger rivers or lakes.	
12.30	Casting with Cane – Spey casts for Single and Double handed rods. The snake roll and Snap T are Change of Direction casts. Peter will teach the elements of these casts. Fun to learn and even more fun to use.	Peter Hayes
1.30	Lunch and Casting	
2.00	Bamboo Ferrules. Nick and John will lead a discussion on Bamboo ferrules. John has been experimenting with integrated ferrules and Nick with Sleeve style.	Nick Taransky John Herriot
3.00	Ferrule Talk. How many ways to join a rod together. Metal – Truncated. Super Swiss, Step Down. Bamboo. Spliced. Composite. One piece. I.e. no join.	Nick and John. Cont..
4.15	Wooden Planes – would they work? Ken and David have been using Australian made wooden planes for Bamboo Rod making with surprising results. (Demonstration included)	Ken Bradbrook. David Anderson
5.00	Whisky Tasting	To be Confirmed

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Day Three – Sunday 7 October

9.00	Morning Reading	David Anderson
9.15	Hollow Building Cane Rods. Bob has been an innovator of Hollow building. Influenced by EC Powell and involved with the development of the Morgan hand mill . Bob will share his extensive knowledge on building hollowed rods.	Bob Clay
10.00	Hollow Building. Workshop Here we will lay out some rod sections to discuss and demonstrate hollow building techniques.	Bob Clay and Group
11.00	Morning Tea and Discussion	
11.30	“Rods that Cast themselves” Peter will dissect and articulate why there are some rods that do seem to ‘cast themselves’ and why other rods need greater input from the caster.	Peter Hayes
12.30	Casting with Cane – Fishing Casts to catch more fish. Here is the Master to teach you how, when and why you need these casts.	Peter Hayes
1.15	Lunch and Discussion	
2.00	Group Discussion An open session to discuss any of the weekend activities.	Group
3.00	Local supplier of Timber Burl.	Not Confirmed
3.30	Discussion for future workshops and feedback Topics for consideration include a one off Autumn Cressy Cane to fish local rivers and Creeks.	David Hemmings,
4.30	Gin & Tonic at Haysies Creek	