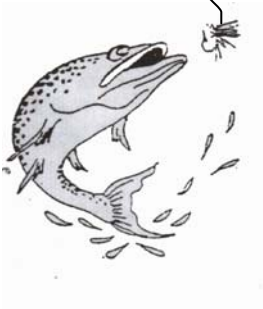


# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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## DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend the next meeting of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc. This will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room. The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM.

**The December Meeting will be a social evening and not a regular meeting**, therefore, no minutes will accompany this notice.

Could the members attending bring some nibbles or a plate of something for supper, come along and get together for the final meeting of 2005. Catch up with other members, have a cool drink and a chat, we hope to see you there.

### Glenmaggie Wines:

Tony Dawkins will be bringing a variety of wine to the December meeting for tasting. If you would like to buy any of these, Tony will be able to provide them at a reduced price for club member. He is asking \$15 each, his Normal price is \$25 each

### Show Us You're Fly:

Yes!! We will still have "Show us you're fly" and for this month it is a Bredbo (Original tie, Fur & Feather page 17)



Hook: Standard wet #12  
Body: Yellow floss silk, ribbed with fine gold wire  
Wing: Hen pheasant wing feather  
Legs: 3-4 golden pheasant tippets, tied in at the head along each side of the body  
Hackle: Brown partridge tied beard style  
After tying body, first tie in legs, then hackle, then wing. Form small, neat head

For the November meeting Ian Brideson won first prize with his tie of a Backswimmer, for his effort he picked up a \$10.00 Voucher which was kindly donated by Sale Angler. Runner up was Rick Sunderland.



# Barramundi Fishing in Arnhemland

By Dean Cousin

Anyone who knows me well will tell you that I always find some bullshit excuse not to go fishing. I either can't afford it, I'm busy that day or I have an obligation that I just can't get out of.

My mate in Darwin must know me better than most.....he left me cornered like a rat.

I received a phone call from him one Sunday night to tell me he had bought me a plane ticket to Darwin, leaving Thursday, and returning Saturday. "Great...err...why?" I asked. He told me that he had organised a fishing trip for a few business people, and one had pulled out, and I was the replacement. He reminded me that we had agreed to go fishing together while in a drunken stupor in Hawaii earlier in the year.

My Bullshit Excuse Hat found its way onto my head. "I can't afford it!" He told me that it's all paid for (all up around \$2,000 I found out later). My wife Wendy also pointed out that I had no prior commitments and should go. "Bring your fly rod." was his answer.

I was met at Darwin airport by 4 guys in a Land Cruiser laden with all gear and most importantly \$700 worth of alcoholic beverages. We set off (crown lager in hand) through Kakadu, towards our destination – Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris (Mt Borradaile) at speeds not exceeding 160km/h. Five hours (and quite a few cans later) we arrived in time for a 3-course, 5-star feast washed down with beer and Penfold's Bin 389 (only six bottles – we were pacing ourselves). Our accommodation was in small 2-man tents made from shade-cloth (see picture).



Up at 6am for breakfast and to get our tackle ready. The Darwinians had brought fishing rods and lures for all of us to use. Our guide took us by troop carrier to one of the close by billabongs of which there are two. "What are they called?" asked a guy from Sydney. "We keep things simple in NT." answered the guide, "The billabong on the left is called (in the local dialect) The Left-Hand Billabong. The one we are going to is the Right-Hand Billabong. Be sure of correct pronunciation!"



We climbed into 2 punts and spent the next several hours trolling lures up and down the billabong. We probably landed about 20-30 fish during this session. We shuffled the seating arrangements and I ended up in a punt with my mate. "Now we'll try your fly rod" he said. For the 1<sup>st</sup> hour I flogged the water to a gentle foam. I saw numerous fish following the fly in, but none were excited enough to strike it.



We moved on to a different area, and I changed tactics slightly. I had been led to believe that my retrieve should be hard 30cm pull, then wait 4 seconds. This hadn't worked well. I changed to a fast pull, reach, pull, reach, and within 10 minutes I had made contact with a big barra. I played her for about 15 minutes until final landing. The fish measured 80cms. We spent the next 15 minutes trying to revive her by towing behind the boat, but to no avail. She ended up on the menu for lunch.



We fished the rest of the day in much the same way, returning to camp to a meal that was 3 courses barra, followed by sticky date pudding, and (it goes without saying) a fair quota of assorted alcoholic beverages as well. Bed at 2am, up at 6am, fish til 11am, then back to camp to pack for our trip home.

For those who haven't been fishing in the tropics, (and I was one of you) I can thoroughly recommend it. These fish are, on average, bigger than trout and pound for pound, they fight just as well when hooked. I would probably suggest taking more than 1 fly pattern, but I was pressed for time.

If anyone else is planning a trip up north, please.....take me.....

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## Notice to Members:

We received a letter from the Sale Community Sports Club, which our club needs to address.

The issue of patrons signing into Licensed Premises has been a topic of discussion in Sale of recent times and it has finally been resolved at a recent meeting, held by Liquor Licensing Victoria, the Sale Police and numerous clubs from around the district. The ruling is that of a person lives within 10klm's of a venue and wishes to consume alcohol, they must be either a Full Member, Gaming Member or an Honorary Member of that club, or, if they live outside that radius, they need to sign in at the front desk. Full members can sign in guests, but under Club Rules, there is a limit to the number of people and the times that this can happen.

The Sale Community Sports Club has provided us with 4 options for us to decide on; during the meeting it was evident that Option 2 would be the best option for our members.

### Option 2

Fly Fishing Club Members can become FREE gaming Members of the "Sporties" every 12 months

Some member will have to become full financial members of the "Sporties" for the purpose of signing in quest speakers and visitors etc.

We will be discussing this further at our January Meeting for those who were not available to attend our November meeting.

I have attached a copy of the Sale Community Sports Club Membership Form for you to fill in and return to the President or Secretary at the next meeting, or you could drop it into the Sporties yourself.

There is another issue we have been informed of, that is that the meeting room is not available to us for some of our meeting nights. This means that we have to either find an alternative venue on the night that our meeting clashes, or we need to have our meetings on another night of the week. We will need to do something about this soon as the meeting room will not be available for our first 3 meetings of 2006. All up there are five of our meetings night for 2006 that we will not have the use of the meeting room on our normal meeting nights.



Wouldn't you rather be with friends?

*"Why not become a member of 'The Sporties' and receive these and many more benefits."*



# Sale Community Sports Club Inc.

## Pay Only..

Membership cost – couple \$40.00  
 – single \$20.00

## and Receive..

- ▶ Members Drink Card valued at \$15.00
- ▶ Members Bistro Card valued at \$60.00
- ▶ Birthday Voucher
- ▶ 12 months of discounted drink prices
- ▶ Members Happy Hours

## Member Raffles..

- ▶ Monday Nights - 6:30pm
- ▶ Thursday Nights - 7:00pm CASH JACKPOT
- ▶ Friday Nights - 7:00pm VB Draw

*Also on each Thursday night (6:30pm) & Friday night (7:30pm) Our Social Committee Raffles are full of great Prizes. All losing tickets are then eligible to go in the barrel for the 1st Friday of the month major Draw with 3 fantastic Prizes.*

### Sale Community Sports Club Membership Form 2005/2006

Please Tick Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss

Surname	First Name	Date of Birth
Address		State
		Post code
Phone Number	Mobile	E-mail

PLEASE TICK: Nominated by..... Second By.....

- \$40.00 per Couple (Full Membership) Date Paid ...../...../.....  
 \$20.00 Single (Full Membership) Received by .....

\*FREE Gaming Member \*No discounts apply Member No .....

I have read & understood the terms and conditions of the Sale Community Sports Club Membership and agree to be bound by them. Please tick this box if you do not want to receive additional information from Tattersall's