



# NEWSLETTER - LATE SEASON 2009

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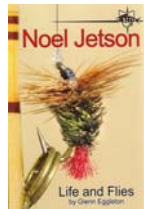
Welcome to issue two of the Compleat Flyfisher Newsletter. Prior to the devastating fires in the north east, popular streams like the Rubicon, Acheron and Steavenson were fishing extremely well for smallish to medium sized browns and rainbows. Unfortunately some of these waters have been affected. However we expect a full recovery in the not too distant future. The Tasmanian highlands has had arguably its best season in five years and there is still plenty of time to pack the bags and get over there. The Rainbows in the Great Lake are in very good condition and there will be some exciting fishing ahead. Since our last newsletter, we now have in stock the latest in flyfishing DVD's including 'Drift', 'Hustle and Fish', 'Raising the Ghost' and Christopher Basano's latest works 'Highland Gold Volume 2'. Look out for the review of 'Drift' in the next issue of Flylife or read about it and view the trailer at [www.compleatflyfisher.com.au](http://www.compleatflyfisher.com.au). Andrew has just returned from Lord Howe Island where he spent two weeks chasing Kingfish, Silver Trevally, Tuna, Wahoo and many other hard fighting species. Portland has been fishing exceptionally well with many Bluefin Tuna of over 100kg being caught. Chris, Andrew and Jessie tried, without success to tackle one on the fly rod. Nevertheless, it is certainly achievable and a world record is sure to be broken soon. From all the team at Compleat Flyfisher we hope you and your families have stayed safe during the fires, and we look forward seeing you in the store some time soon!



Chris, Jim, Andrew, Liam, Jesse and Ron



## BOOK AND DVD REVIEWS



### NOEL JETSON - LIFE AND FLIES BY GLENN EGGLETON

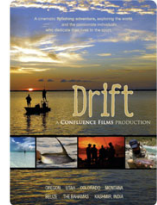
Noel Jetson is a legend of Australian flyfishing. He is officially the first to start operation as a fishing guide in Australia and thousands of his legendary flies were sold both here and throughout New Zealand. This book is a biography and includes detailed instructions on tying some of Noel's favourite patterns. A wonderful account of trout fishing in the early days along side other legends including David Scholes and Dick Wigram, this book will be a classic for years to come and a wonderful addition to your book collection. **S/C \$49.95 (166pg) & H/C Leather Bound Ltd. Ed. \$500**

### CHARLIE CRAVEN'S BASIC FLY TYING BY CHARLIE CRAVEN

Charlie Craven is arguably one of the world greatest ever fly tiers. After lots of pressure from family and friends, Charlie has published this book with all the tips and tricks you pick up from being a commercial fly tier for more than 30 years. This book includes in-depth discussions on different tools and techniques and detailed instructions on tying 17 of the world's most popular fly patterns. With over 1000 colour photos, this book is extremely easy to follow and is perfect for the beginner to intermediate fly tier. However, even the most experienced fly tiers amongst us will get something out of this fabulous book. **H/C \$99.95 (260pg)**



### DRIFT DVD BY CONFLUENCE FILMS



Shot in full High Definition, 'Drift' takes you on a cinematic adventure across the flats of Belize and the Bahamas, down the tail waters of the Green, Frying Pan and the Big Horn, Spey casting on the Deschutes, and exploring the exotic rivers of Kashmir, India. In the last few years there has been an explosion in flyfishing entertainment DVD's available. In the store we have seen at least most of them, and all the staff agree, this is the best yet! Perfect for those weekends where you can't get out on the water or to get you and your angling mates excited before a fishing trip. **\$34.95 (65min feature)**

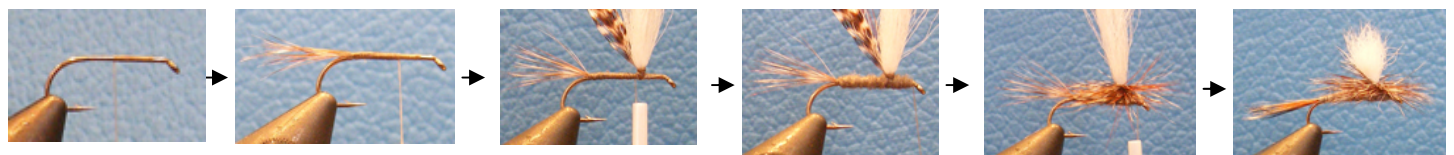
## FLY TYING - The Parachute Adams



The Parachute Adams has long been a favourite amongst Australian flyfishers. It is tied to represent a non descript mayfly in its Dun or Emerger stage. This pattern is quickly becoming the number one pattern for Australian dry fly fishing. Through the season we are now selling just as many Parachute Adams as we are Royal Wulffs! The great thing about the Parachute Adams or this style of fly, is that colours and sizes can be mixed and matched to represent just about any species of mayfly. Also, experiment with different coloured wing posts for added visibility in low light. Hot orange or black are favourites for this. Tie some up and give them a go.

### RECIPE

- Grey Dubbing
- 1x Grizzly Hackle
- 1x Brown Hackle
- Grey 6/0 tying thread
- Kamasan B170 or Mustad R50 size 20-10
- White poly yarn



#### STEP 1

Tie in thread and work back along hook shank.

#### STEP 2

Tie in a tail of both brown and grizzly hackle fibres.

#### STEP 3

Secure the poly yarn to the hook with two turns of thread, then bring up the two sides of yarn and take several wraps around both to form the post.

#### STEP 4

Secure the two hackle feathers to the post and dub a tapered body (starting at the tail) extending past the post.

#### STEP 5

Wrap both hackles at the same time, clockwise around the post. Tie off behind hook eye.

#### STEP 6

Clip off hackle feathers. Cut post to size. Whip finish, and go fishing!

**Beginners are welcome to a free in-store lesson on Friday evenings from 5.30pm.**

## WINTER FISHING

Winter fishing is just around the corner! For all you big fish specialists, winter is the time to catch yourself the fish of a lifetime. Rain, snow, icy cold temperatures and pitch black nights are what to expect. Lake Purrumbete is already fishing well, and Bullen Merri is sure to fire up soon. Other good spots for this winter include Lake Eildon and Eildon Pondage, Lake Eucumbene, Lake Jindabyne and Khancoban Reservoir. This time of year is not the time to be fishing light tippets with small flies, the fish will be thinking more about reproducing than feeding and so quite often you have to make them aggressive, therefore big ugly streamers are very productive and don't be afraid to try something with a hint of orange in it. Whilst I would concur that this type of fishing isn't as much fun as fishing with the dry fly to rising trout, it sure beats sitting around through the winter without putting a bend in the rod. And there is no greater feeling than having the fly line tighten up in your hand with a big angry trout on the other end. Give it a go!

Sometimes you have to put in long hours for success, and so it helps to be well equipped. Here are a few products that will help you make the most of your fishing this winter.

**PAT SWIFT TIES A RANGE OF STREAMER PATTERNS THAT ARE SURE TO CLAIM A LOT OF BIG FISH THIS WINTER. HERE IS A SAMPLE OF THE RANGE. ALL OF PAT'S FLIES ARE \$4.95ea**



## BLACK DIAMOND HEAD TORCHES



Some of the most productive winter fishing can be done at night. A decent head torch will keep you out on the water longer and catching more fish. Compleat Flyfisher now stock a range of Black Diamond head torches with super bright LED's. They are lightweight, extremely water resistant (Andrew's has gone through the washing machine) and have a very long battery life. The 'Spot' head torch shown here produces an amazing amount of light for a lamp that fits in your pocket. It has a one watt LED that throws a far reaching beam as well as three proximity LEDs for close-range light - perfect for tying on flies. Best of all, LEDs use very little energy and so you get up to 200hrs of usage out of three AAA size batteries. However, when night fishing it always pays to carry a spare set of batteries. It can be very hard finding your way back to the car without the aid of light! The Black Diamond 'Spot' head torches are **\$99.95** and come with one set of batteries.

## SIMMS GUIDE JACKET

This jacket is overkill for the fair weather fisherman, however, if you are an angler who doesn't stop fishing regardless of the weather, or you want to make the most of that trip of a lifetime, then this is the jacket for you. Anything short of lightning, this jacket will handle it. Built using 3 layer Gore-Tex for extreme wet weather and heavy duty YKK zips throughout, it will keep you comfortable in even the worst conditions. The Simms Guide jacket has so many pockets you can leave your vest at home. It includes two large front pockets that will fit a large C&F fly box comfortably, two zippered pockets, hand warmer pockets (very neat), and two built in retractors for hanging your tools. At the back of the jacket you will find a heavy duty D ring for hanging your net off and a massive pocket big enough to put your lunch and an extra fleece in. This is a serious wet weather jacket and is built for those of us that demand the best from our gear. Pick one up in time for this winter - you wont be disappointed. **\$849.95**



**ASK US FOR INFORMATION ON FISHING NEW ZEALAND DURING WINTER. WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND GEAR TO HELP MAKE YOUR TRIP A SUCCESS!**



## BIGHORN FLOAT TUBE

There is nothing more frustrating than having fish rising just beyond casting distance or knowing that your fly isn't quite reaching that weed bed. With the aid of a float tube you will cover water that your mates can't, catching you more fish. The Bighorn float tube by Trout Unlimited is made from highly abrasion resistant 420 denier nylon coated fabric which is both cold and heat resistant. The bighorn features easy front entry access and has a hydrodynamic hull shape for better tracking and steering. The Bighorn has heaps of pockets, a rod holder, stripping apron, fly patch and plenty of D rings for attaching accessories. If you love fishing stillwaters, then this is the float tube for you. **\$499.95** Other Trout Unlimited float tubes in stock from \$249.95

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