

NORTHERN TASMANIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION.

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NORTHERN TASMANIAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION.

THE HISTORY OF THE LONGFORD BRANCH.

COMMENCING IN THE YEAR 1895.

The actual date of the formation of the Longford Fishing Club is not known, but it is surmised that about 1895 would be a fairly accurate date.

The first Committee was Dr.H.G.Haines, A Archer, J.Beveridge, H.P.Dove and E. Granberg.

In the year 1897 the Northern Tasmanian Anglers Association was formed with Longford, Deloraine and Launceston as foundation Members.

Launceston became the Central Committee with Mr. R.F.Irvine (Chairman) A.Weedon, P.C.Smith.J.Joyce W.H.Valentine, F.E.Ritchie, R.Slater and W.Notma. District Committees.

Longford Dr.H.G.Haines (Chairman) A.Archer,J,Bever- age H.P.Dove and E.Granberg. Deloraine.

C.I.L.Smith (Chairman),R.G.Horne, R.W.McGowan, A.Scott and C.Henry.

Meetings were held in Longford and Deloraine Distr- icts and a local committee was formed to confer with the Launceston, or Central Committee on matters of interest.

The Association. The first President was the Hon.

G.T.Collins and Secretary was Mr.Chas.H.Harrison.

A very large list of Vice Presidents as follows;

- E.Braddon, T.Reibey, Hon.J.Gibson Hon. H.I.Rooke
- C.Legge, H.Weedon, Dr.F.Cole,C.J.I.Smith,Herbert
- Gatenby,A.HOGG, E.N.Cameron, Dr. H.G.Haines,J.H.
- Stewart, Capt.C.Cameron, J.Ralston, Charles Youl,
- J.B.Gibson,W.Gibson,H.R.Durmaresq, R.G.Horne,

W.C.Grubb, R.Headlam, S.Nichols,T.C.Archer, W.H.D. Archer,N.Cameron, Dr. H.C.Hallows, J.C.Von Steiglitz J.W.Norton-Smith, R.G.Talbot, J.C.Cathcart. Hon.Treasurer; J.H.Savigny.

This Association is the oldest Angling association i Australia founded in the year 1897,

After many efforts to bring trout ova to Australia a vessel sailed from England on January 21st. 1894 and arrived in Melbourne on April 15th.1894. When the ice box was opened,three quarters of the ice was intact and a large percentage of the ova was in splende condition. The ova was taken as fast as possible to the Derwent river prepared ponds at Plenty.

On May 4th.the first trout emerged from the eggs and on the following day the first salmon which had ever swam in the Southern Hemisphere hatched.

By May 25th. it was reported that 200 healthy trout and several thousand salmon were thriving on a rati of boiled liver.

From this humble start fish from Plenty were intro- duced into Lakes and Rivers all over Tasmania and the Mainland, and their prodgeny today are providin Anglers with the sport they enjoy so much.

The first Annual report was editored in the year ending 30th.June 1898 - 1899.

The Fisheries Act of 1889 dealing with the fisherie of Tasmania provided for the appointment by the Governor in council of a body not exceeding 25 persc to be called the Commissioners of fisheries for the

management and protection of the entire fisheries of Tasmania with power to make regulations.

English Perch placed in the Elizabeth River near Campbell Town are spreading and since the big flood in 1893 have made their appearance at Longford.

The second report 1899 - 90. Meetings held at Longford and Deloraine with local committees re-elected to confer with the Central Committee on matters effecting their districts. Representatives from other districts were appointed; Ulverstone, Dr. H. C. Hallows, Latrobe, Mr. S. Ready, Campbell Town C. F. Pitt.

The stocking program continued and the Association and Tourist Association built a tourist hut at Chudleigh Lakes at a cost of 64 pounds six shillings and four pence. Caretaker, Parsons, reported that including residents of surrounding districts 150 persons visited the hut during the past season. Also that trout are increasing rapidly in the lakes.

At this time Association President Mr. R. F. Irving proposed that the name of the Association be altered from 'Anglers' to 'Fisheries' Association. Mr. Slater seconded the proposal and the Motion was Carried.

Mr. Irving said that Fisheries Association would have a better status and the alteration in the Title would have more weight when corresponding with England and America. Mr. Irving pronounced the name as the Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association.

A steady increase in fly fishing.

Longford District reported good fishing for trout, Perch and Blackfish.

Longford Branch. 1904 - 5. Longford Branch Committee, Dr. H. G. Haines (Pres). Messers A. Archer, E. E. Newton (Acting Hon Secretary). Other Branches joining the Association; Deloraine, Midlands, Nersey, Forth, Leven, Wellington, Waratah; District representatives

Westbury, Mr. E. O. Button; Fingal Mr. H. Lyne. In the

Autumn some 2,000 yearlings were liberated from the Waverley Ponds. A quantity of eggs from Rainbow trout were kept for breeding and also this year Lock Levens and Fontinales have been retained.

Longford Branch 1905 - 6.
Committee; Dr. H. G. Haines (Pres). C. A. Blakeley (Hon-Secretary). Messers A. F. Lovett, F. B. Stevens. New Branches. (Cressy 1906) Burnie, Scotsdale. Salmon Experiment, Pacific Salmon and both Sookeye and Quinet, no everdence.

Continued pollution of the South Esk by mining operation in the Avoca district, effecting the quality of fish. The Government has been addressed on the matter and further action is pending.

Good fishing reported from Members of the Longford Branch. Members now numbering 15; Dr. H. G. Haines Messers, C. A. Blakeley, A. Brown, R. A. Craw, C. Grey, A. H. Harrington, R. Heyward, J. G. Hudson, G. B. Knight, A. F. Lovett, J. Paynton, J. O. Russell, E. Schackcloth, F. B. Stevens, A. Whitfield.

Longford Branch 1906 - 7.
Committee; Dr. H. G. Haines (Pres). C. A. Blakeley Hon. Secretary; Alex Archer, R. A. Craw.

Continued stocking rivers with Trout.
This year the Association honoured Mr. R. F. Irving with life Membership.

1907 - 8

The Association and the Government erected new accommodation houses, one at Interlaken and one at Great Lake on the west bank of the Shannon river

for the use of Visitors.

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Polution of the South Esk is reduced owing to down turn in the tin mining. Stocking of lakes and rivers continues. The Snowy Creek running into Lake Leake is the only Northern Stream to have Fontinalis (American Brook Trout).

Longford report a decline in Members owing to reduced mining and lay off of imployees. Members; Dr.H.G. Haines and Alex Archer.

1909.- 10. Longford Branch in recess.

In 1870 Mr.Wilson of Steppes superentendent of Police took 120 brown fry assisted by a constable, in billy cans with out loss to the Great Lake and liberated them in Becketts Bay. This was the only stocking until 1910 and produced well over the 40 years including fish weighing 25½ lbs. and over 30 lbs.

New Branches, Sheffield, Table Cape, and Stanley.

In Great Lake 1910. 5,000 Rainbow and 540 Lock Leven were liberated during April, May.

1911 - 12. Yearling Sebago Salmon released in Great Lake and upper Arthurs Lake in July.

1912 - 13. Stocking of Lakes and Streams from Waverley and Plenty.

Longford no report but 29 Anglers took out licences.

1913 - 14. new branches. Penguin and Yolla.

The Association report was compiled in conjunction with the Northern Tourist Association.

Longford. 30 anglers took out licences.

This year the Government connected the road from

Deloraine via Golden Valley to the North of Great Lake opening up Great Lake and the Plateau.

The Rainbow and Sebago salmon doing well and providing good sport. Stocking of lakes and rivers continues particularly Lake Leake, now considered the finest Rainbow water in Australia.

War on Comarants continues.

1914 -15. Longford licences 26 men, 2 boys and 1 Lady. Still no report.

1915 - 16 Longford licenced Anglers, 29.

Regulation ; to fish for Salmon and Trout with one rod and line only, issued in Northern Tasmania for season 1914 - 15. More Sebago salmon eggs recieved from Main U,S,A, on 16th. March 1916 arrived in good order and were shipped from Vancouver to Launceston making 37 days in transit. The eggs were kept in cool storage at 36° Far. and on the 8th. April removed to Waverley and placed in hatchery. All eggs hatched by the end of the month.

Later observation found the fry depressed and in poor condition, owing to a rough journey.

1916 - 17. A quote from the Hon.G.T.Collins President of the Association. 'The fisheries are the property of the people and it is for us all to foster and protect them.'

Longford licenced Anglers; 24 men 2 boys and 1 Lady

857 issued licences in the Northern Devission, a decrease owing to the absence of those on military duty.

1917 - 18. Longford licenced Anglers; 17 men and 1 boy.

Great Lake continued to to fish well, best catch a Brown 16 lbs. and a rainbow 11½ lbs. The Lake was raised 8 foot for H.F.C. purposes. The Hatchery was again worked last spring and rainbow eggs laid down resulting in 130,000 fry being turned into the lake. Poaching very prevalent.

Deloraine Branch very strong with a membership of 138.

1919 - 20. Association annual meeting; Mr. R.F.

Irving retired after 21 years as President. New President Mr. G.D. Gleadow.

River fishing opening day 1st. September.

Pacific salmon and Quinnet were introduced.

Longford 24 Licenced Anglers 1 boy. Catches of trout of good size.

1920 - 21. The Association now has 15 Branches.

Longford. 25 licenced Anglers and 5 boys.

1921 - 22. 23 Licenced Anglers and 3 boys.

1922 - 23. 18 " " 2 ♀

1923 - 24. An association hatchery was built at

Moina at a cost of 94 pounds, convenient to the In-
is river and other waters. The Association Secretary
Mr. C.H. Harrison retired after 25 years in the office
He served in an honorary capacity. Major A.N. Woods
was elected Hon. Secretary.

1925 - 26. Quinnet salmon were successful and more
ova from New Zealand arrived in good condition.

Poaching continued to be troublesome and a recom-
mendation to the Commissioners to appoint a Bailiff
in accordance with their powers under the Fisheries

act.

Longford. Licences 12 Anglers and 1 boy.

1926 - 27. In July 1926 the Branch was reformed
with 70 Members. Mr. A. Archer was elected President
and Mr. C.A. Blakely Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. C. Wallis
Hon. Secretary. Committee; G. Hames, D.A. Davis, J. Kerr
F. Barnes, W.J. Ayres. The Branch included Perth and
Cressy. 20,000 fry from Plenty arrived at Western
Junction in excellent condition and were liberated
in carefully selected waters. Rivers fished very
well with some catches up to 4 lbs.

1927 - 28 Longford Branch now had 91 Members and in
a strong position. Pollution from the Mathina mines
very bad ruining 70 miles of South Esk fishing water
Longford Branch Members. T.C. Archer, A. Archer W.J.
Ayers H.A. Ayers C.W. Ayers S.G. Ayers T. Barnes A. Bean
C.A. Blakely, C. Brown, A. Brown, W. Bowles C. Bowles
G. Bellinger, W. Buttery W.E. Brumby, G. Carins, A.R. Cool
E.K. Cook, H. Coward, D. Campbell, W.A. Campbell, A.D. Camp-
bell J.D. Drane, K.M. Douglas, D.R. Davis, A.J. Davis,
G.S. Drew, P. Fry, G. Gray R. Geiger, P.G. Gray, R.A. Grego:
DR. H.G. Haines, Major G. Haines, DR. A.T. Hoskins,
H. Hawley, P.A. Harrison, A. Hill, G.W. Hudson, A. Holgat
W.E. Jack, G.E. James, D.A. King, J. Kerr, A.H. Kearney, A.
Hemphill, S. Lundark, T.S. Lee, C.R. Mackinnon, Rev. K.R.
McKenzie, F.E. Newton, E.O.'Brien, J. Paterson, E. Preddy
T. Ritchie, J.H. Robinson, W. Rootes, C.E. Smith, E. Stebbi
gs. E. Schackcloth, J. Schackcloth, A.G. Stokes, C.R.
Stewart, R. Saltmarsh G.S. Swan, I.A. Taylor C. Watts,
A. Walker, S.R. Webb, S. Williams C. Wallis.

Perth. G. Brown, i. Burk, G. L. Bird, J. Cawthen, C. G. Lloyd, A. Smith, Major G. Youl.

1928 - 29. President; A. Archer H. Treasurer C. A. Blakely, C. Wallis H. Secretary. 86 Members, and Branch going well. Pollution of the South Esk causing great concern practically no fish in the river. 40,000 fry from the Waverley Hatchies were distributed in suitable places under flood conditions. Two eels were caught near Longford 1 weighed 4 lb. with a length of 7 foot and 19½ ins in girth, and 1 weighing 23½ lbs was 5 foot long with a girth of 12 ins.

80,000 trout fry from Waverley in excellent condition were liberated from Mt. Ireh to Clarandon and Macquarie river from Longford to bridge at Pisa.

1929 - 30. Membership satisfactory at 86. Floods made conditions difficult for fishing. Cucumber mullet quite numerous below the Mill dam and at Rhodes in fastshallow water.

1930 - 31. President Mr. G. Carins H. Secretary Mr. C. Wallis H. Treasurer C. A. Blakely. Membership 116.

82,000 fry from Waverley in very good condition were liberated. Floods again made difficult release but selected areas stocked; up to the end of November fishing poor owing to floods and discouragement of water. After this period good well conditioned catches were recorded.

1931 - 32. Association President Hon. Tasman Shields M. L. C.

Longford. President Mr. G. Carins. H. Secretary Mr. C. Wallis Members 107. Stocking of rivers continued with 120,000

liberated from Brambletye to the Ecclesiastical college and Spencers.

1932 - 33. President Mr. G. Carins. H. Secretary C. Wallis, H. Auditor, Mr. T. Bruce. Members total 122. 40,000 brown trout fry liberated and 20 cans of rainbow fry received by Longford Branch. Excellent fishing early in the season with fish in magnificent condition and colour markings being in distinct contrast, to those usually taken in this locality. Weight in lbs; 1, 1½, 5, 6, and 6¼. Branch concerned over grub fishing at night in Great Lake.

1933 - 34. Mr. G. Carins President, C. Wallis H. Secretary H. Treasurer P. L. Andrews, H. Auditor T. Bruce. Membership 88. Competition for largest fish taken and not for greatest number. Also prize for greatest number of comarant heads.

Stocking, 40,000 brown trout; 20,000 for South Esk 20,000 for Macquarie river and 40,000 rainbow fry the best so far received; 20,000 for Macquarie, 10,000 South Esk, 10,000 Brumbys Creek. Good catches during season in spite of a prevalence of strong southerly winds. Heaviest fish 7½ lbs taken by Mr. R. Powell.

1934 - 35. President. Mr. G. Carins, C. Wallis H. Secretary P. L. Andrews H. Treasurer, T. Bruce H. Auditor. Membership 76. Stocking of brown and rainbow trout fry continued. A season of a long spell of dry weather and strong southerly winds adversely affected day time sport. Anglers fishing at dusk and at night were rewarded.

1935 - 36 G. Carins President, C. Wallis H. Secretary

P.L.Andrews H.Treasurer, T.Bruce H.Auditor.
Membership 71.

The Branch expressed sadness at the great loss of the Hon.Secretary Mr.Chas.Wallis and acknowledged his great service to the Branch over his years in office. Distribution of fry in selected areas of r rivers continued. The season was difficult early in the season but by March good catches weighed in for competition ,up to 4 lbs. Cormarants were very plentiful and payments in cartridges were given for large numbers of heads.

1935 - 36. The Association President ; Mr.E.R.Hudson Secretary,Treasurer Mr.T.B.A.Monds.

Longford President, G.Carins, H.Secretary Mr.J.Wallis P.L.Andrews H.Treasurer,T.Bruce H.Auditor. Membership 74. Brown trout fry was distributed.

Branch held a very successful competition with weights up to 5 lbs and over. Number of Cormarant heads 78. South Esk river heavily poluted, causing concern.

1936-37. Association President. T.W.H.Clark, H.Sec. T.B.A.Monds ;

Longford. President, Mr.G.Carins, H.Sec. J.Wallis, H.Treasurer, P.L.Andrews, T.Bruce H.Auditor.

Members 58. Longford recieved 140,000 Brown fry for distribution. Angling in the vicinity of Longford was disappointing. Lake fishing very popular with local Anglers with good catches. Catches up to 5 lbs. Cormarant heads 95, birds still being a neusance.

1937.38. Association President; C.O.Holmes. H.Sec. R.H.Wigram.

Longford. President; Mr. G.Carins, H.Sec. C.Wallis, H.Treasurer P.L.Andrews, H.Auditor T.Bruce.

Members.66. Branch recieved 84,000 Brown trout fry. River fishing near Longford disappointing owing to mining silt effecting trout food.

The possibility of raising fry to yearlings was discussed and Mr. C.R.Mckinnon permitted a pond to be dug on his property for this purpose. The pond has been excavated and will come into use next year.

1938-39. Longford President Mr.G.Carins, H.Secretary Mr.D.Keating, H.Treas. Mr.P.L.Andrews, H.Auditor, Mr.T.Bruce. Members 58. River stocking continued.

1939 - 40. Association President C.O.Homes, H.Sec. Mr.S.V.Tilley.

Longford. President, Mr.G.Carins, H.Sec. D.Keating, H.Treas, P.L.Andrews, H'Auditor T.Bruce. Membership. 56. 110,000 fry and 6,000 yearlings from Plenty arrived in excellent condition and were released in appropriate waters.

Fishing improved this season with a better preparation of large fish.

1940 - 41. President. G.Carins, D.J.Keating H.Sec. Membership 42. Membership decline during past year no doubt due to the world situation.

Native Herring in shoals in the North Esk between the factory and St.Leonards. This observation is hoping that they are making a come back.

1941 - 42. President, G.Carins, H.Secretary D.J.Keating. Membership. 44. No report.

1942 - 43. President. G.Carins, H.Sec. D.J.Keating. Membership 43. No report.

1943 - 44. President. G.Carins. H.Sec. D.J.Keating. Membership. 43 no report.

1944 - 45. Association President. C.O.Homes, H.Sec. T.H.Gill.

Longford. President G.Carins. H.Sec. D.J.Keating. Membership 51. 70,000 fry were recieved for distribution. The Government acquired approximately 13 acres on the North Esk river at Cora Linn. This will provide a hatchery and rearing ponds for about one million fingerlings or yearlings. Construction expected to begin this year. Appreciation of anglers due to Minister for Inland Fisheries Mr. J.McDonald M.L.C The three Associations met to discuss the building of a small accomadation house and conveniencies at Shannon for the Shannon Rise.

The Longford Branch expressed great regret at the death of Mr.P.L.Andrews who had done a great deal for the Branch and he will be sadly missed. Mr.Andrews served as F.Treasurer for 13 years. Also at this time the death occurred of one of our oldest Members Mr. J. A.Jones.

Again the death of Mr.C.H.Harrison who in 1895 helped to convey the first brown trout fry by horseback to Pine Lake. He will be sadly missed.

1945 - 46. President. G.Carins, H.Sec. D.J.Keating. Membership, 57.

Competition. One prize in the aggregate six heaviest trout in the season, Rex Powell 16 lb.10 oz W.J.Ayers 5 lb. 13 oz.

Association. A Memorial tablet to Mr.C.H.Harrison was placed at the Rainbow Challet, north end of Gt. Lake on 20th. April. It was well attended.

1946 - 47. President, G.Carins, H.Sec. D.J.Keating. The Cora Linn Hatchery to be opened in October. Members, 56 the same as last year.

1947 - 48. President, G.Carins, H.Sec. D.J.Keating. Owing to the Cressy Branch reforming, Longford Members decreased. Cormarants still plentiful around the district, believed to be due to the game santuary which controls 4 miles of the South Esk river at Longford. Fishing in local waters has improved a good deal for last season. Some excellent catches from Brumbys Creek and Macquarie river. South Esk was poor and badly in need of attention by the Fisheries Commission.

1948 - 49 Association. President, W.K.Koss, Secretary, D.J.Gilmour.

Longford. President, G.Carins, H.Sec.D.J.Keating. Membership 105. The increased Membership most gratifying. This year not so many cormarants. Fishing very good but stocking of fry would be beneficial. Parts of South Esk, Brumbys Creek and Macquarie waters hold a fair head of fish.

Monthly prize in competition continued and there was quite a number of visitors.

1949 - 50. President, G.Carins, H.Secretary, M.A.

James. Quote. 'With the passing of years many games lose their fascination, but the thrill of fishing will last as long as you are able to stand by the river, and cast your line across it's rippling streams and shady pools' by John Steele Allan.

'Fishing is the only sport that makes men equal, for when fishing all men are at their best and natural selves'. Doc Trout.

1950 - 51. President G. Carins, H. Sec, D. J. Keating. Membership 82. No restocking over the past three years

has resulted in poor fishing. No really good fish taken out of our streams during the season.

Association President J. T. Sculthorpe Secretary D. J. Gilmour. Association held their first Annual dinner.

Longford. Fingling stock. 1,125 for Brumbys Creek and 1,5000 for the South Esk river.

1951 - 52. Association President. J. T. Sculthorpe. Secretary M. R. Beecroft.

This year a Ladies Committee was formed and was very successful providing refreshments and catered for Competitors and spectators at Association events.

Longford. President, Mr. E. J. Howard, H. Secretary, A. E. Blake. Membership increased with younger Anglers showing interest. Membership 150. Local waters have not upheld their good name owing to lack of restocking.

Thanks and a tribute to Me. G. Carins who retired from the Presidency after serving 18 years and building the Branch up with enthusiasm.

1952 - 53. Association President, C. O. Holmes, Secretary

Mr. C. Peck. The President invited all Members and their wives to supper after the A. G. M. A charge of 5 shillings per head was made, for coffee, tea, sandwiches, and savouries;

Longford. President E. J. Howard, H. Secretary A. Blake. An increase in Membership to 171 very pleasing.

Rivers fished well this season the best catches being 5 lbs 10 oz, and 4 lb. Mrs. I. B. Heymour grassed one at 3 lb. 10 oz.

1953 - 54. President, E. J. Howard, H. Secretary E. A. Blake. Membership 92. Competitions resulted in 132 fish being entered. Over 30 shooters took part in a Cormarant shoot along the river up to Cressy House.

The President looks forward to our Annual Dinner and thanks all donors and Members for their continued support. Lower South Esk fished fairly well with the best recorded at 4 lbs.

1954 - 55 Association President, J. T. Sculthorpe, Secretary, D. J. Gilmour. (First 6 months, C. Peck, second 6 months D. J. Gilmour.)

Longford President, Ron Brown, H. Secretary A. E. Blake. Members not satisfied with the size of fish. Rivers definitely need stocking.

1955 - 56. Association President, J. T. Sculthorpe, Secretary H. J. Kitto.

Longford. President, Ron Brown, H. Secretary, A. E. Blake. Branch inactive and Committee not functioning as in previous years. The new year will bring changes. Restocking necessary.

1956 - 57. President M. Christenson, H. Secretary, Ron

Brown. No report.

The Tasmanian Council of Anglers Association on the 15th. October 1949 called three delegates from the N.T.F.A., S.T.L.A. and N.W.F.A. President W.Senior H.Secretary C.F.Gibbin.

1957 - 58. Longford. President M.Christensen, H.Sec Ron.Brown. Membership 68. The Committee were pleased with this result and felt that the growth of the Branch is assured. All Members are active fishermen and women, fishing local streams and occasionally the Lakes. Fishing at Longford not so good and generally fish were in much lighter condition. Good entries in the competitions.

Tasmanian Council of Anglers functioning well.

1958 - 59. Association President J.T.Sculthorpe. Secretary, R.D.Weston. 12 Branches.

Longford. President, M.Christensen, H.Secretary, R.M.Blackwell. An increase in Membership. Fishing moderate to good and in good condition. Many Members Lake fishermen and Lake Leake very popular. However, Mr.J.Partridge landed an eight lb. fish at Oatlands. 1959 - 60. Association President, J.T.Sculthorpe, Secretary D.J.Gilmour.

Longford. President, M.Christensen, H.Secretary R.M.Blackwell. Fishing not so good and South Esk poor probably owing to low water level; the lowest it has been for many years. A decrease in Membership largely due to poor fishing.

It is with deep regret we observe the passing away

of Mr.Norman Taylor who was Patron of the Branch and an active Member. Greatly missed.

1960 - 61. Association President, the late J.T.Sculthorpe, replaced with Mr.K.G.Powell. Secretary D.J.Gilmour.

Longford. The report and Office Bearers, failed to be in in time for the Annual report.

1961 - 62. Association President, K.G.Powell, Sec. D.J.Gilmour. Longford Delegate C.Allan.

Longford President C.Allan H.Secretary, W.T.Bennett. H.Treas. L.Richardson. Membership 80. Fishing not very good except for the upper reaches of the Lake River. A very successful field day was held for the Junior section during the season.

1962 - 63. Longford President C.Allan, H.Secretary W.T.Bennett, H.Treas. L.Richardson. Report not in time for the Annual report.

1963 - 64. Association President, K.G.Powell, Sec. D.J.Gilmour. Longford Delegates. C.Allan, E.Linton. A centenary dinner was held for the introduction of Brown Trout in Tasmania; 1864 - 1964.

Longford. President. C.Allan, Secretary, Mrs.B.Lyon. Membership 146 and of this total 37 Juniors. A social Committee was formed to take care of entertainment is proving a success. Annual Dinner 11th July and a nights film entertainment for Juniors 6th, June 1964 - 65. Association President, H.R.Diprose, Sec.

D.J.Gilmour.
Longford. President C.Allan. H.Sec. Mrs B.Lyon.

Excellent fishing in the Lakes, but river fishing disappointing. Social Committee led by Mrs. J. Swinton, Congratulations Bishoosbourne Sub Branch in winning the inaugural Patrons' trophy.

A juvenile evening was held on the 5th. June and the Annual dinner was held on the 11th. July.

1965 - 66. Association, President, H.K. Diprose for first six months, B.E. Brooks for second six months. Longford Delegates, C.Allan and I.Chugg.

Longford. President, C.Allan, H. Secretary, Mrs. B. Boyd. A quiet year with very little social activity. Fishing rather poor in local streams. Bishoosbourne Sub Branch for two years have now gained Branch status, Congratulations.

1966 - 67. Association, President, B.E. Brooks, Sec. D.J. Gilmour. Delegates C.Allan I.Chugg.

Longford. President, C.Allan, H. Secretary Mrs. B. Boyd. Fishing again poor in local streams, interest in competition sadly lacking among adult Members but very keen among the Juniors. Some nice fish taken from Brumbys Creek in good condition. Membership remains stable but attendance at meetings disappointing. Two fund raising events during the year. A dance at Bishoosbourne in conjunction with the Bishoosbourne Branch and a street stall at Longford. Both financially successful.

1967 - 68. Association President, B.E. Brooks Sec. D.J. Gilmour. Two inter Association meetings held during the year. Longford delegates C.Allan I.Chugg.

President, C.Allan, H. Secretary Mrs. B. Boyd. A quiet year; some Members having reasonable success in the early part of the season, whilst others had the worst season on record. Lake fishing average. Junior Memberships has increased slightly and keen competition has ensued.

1968 - 69. Association President, B.E. Brooks, Sec. D.J. Gilmour.

Longford. President K. Silver. H. Sec. Treas. Mrs. B. Boyd Fishing in local streams was good in early part of season, trout were generally small but in good condition. Some good trout taken in the Macquarie River near Woolmers Bridge. Brumbys creek and Lakes fished well.

1969 - 70. Association President, S.M. Scott, Sec. D.J. Gilmour, No Branch report.

1970 - 71. Association President, S.M. Scott, Sec. A Longford. President, M. Pickett, Sec. R. Dykstra, Treas. Mrs. M. Chugg. Delegates M. Pickett and F. Fontyn. This season 50 adult fish were released in Millars Pond. R. Dykstre received the trophy for selling the most Membership cards. No. report.

1971 - 72. Association, President, A.G. Cowley, Sec. D.J. Gilmour. Longford Delegates, M. Pickett, F. Fontyn President, Longford. M. Pickett, Sec. Treas. Mrs. M. Chugg. Vice Presidents, I. Chugg and Mrs. Fontyn.

Due to sickness the Branch was unable to hold the normal large competitions meeting this year. Annual dinner very well attended. Willarre Pond great.

appreciated by the Junior Anglers. Again 50 adult trout were released in Millars Pond.

1972 - 73. President D.J.Gilmour, Sec. G.H.Chappell. Association report filled with D.J.Gilmour's book Tasmanian Trout.

The Freshwater Anglers Council Tasmania came into existence this year, Delegates from the three Associations met three times a year.

Longford 1973 - 74. President, A.C.Ibbott, Sec. B. Mitchell, Treasurer, Mrs.C.Ibbott. No report.

1974 - 75. Association, President D.J.Gilmour Sec. G.H.Chappell. Longford Delegates, K.G.Preece & F.Fontyn Junior.

Longford President, A.Ibbott, H.Sec.Treas. Mrs.C.Ibbott. The Longford Branch has been literally reorganised and it is wonderful to have the family pair Mr.&Mrs Ibbott taking things in hand to bring this, one of the oldest Branches of the Association, back to it's rightful active place in the Association.

Several outings were undertaken during the year at Jessifield, Millars Pond (Juniors), Arthurs Lake with Cressy Branch, and bottom wier. A rafle to build up funds was run and Mr.B.Brooks lent his Bridport cottage for November as prize, for the long week end.

A Junior tea was held in June and two film evenings were held.

1975 - 76. Association President R.M.Stephenson,

Secretary G.H.Chappell. An Anti litter competition for Juniors was organised by Mrs.A.Ibbott, Mr.Ritchie, and Mrs Ferria. The entries were displayed at the Northern

Reginal Library, in May. Longford Delegates, F.Fontyn Junior and C.Fontyn.

Longford. President, A.Ibbott, H.Sec.Treas. Mrs.A.Ibbott The Branch had a very successful year with meetings well attended, and likewise outings. Financially the Branch was able to invest \$200 so that interest would provide the trophies for the Shackcloth and Vern Archer Memorial trophies. A Junior Bimonthly competition was started this year, for trout and other freshwater course fish. A Junior tea was held in May.

1976 - 77. Association President R.M.Stephenson, Sec. G.H.Chappell. Longford Delegates F.Fontyn Snr. & C. Fontyn.

Longford. President A.Ibbott, H.Sec.Treas.Mrs.A.Ibbott. The N.F.F.A. Allan Cowley Trophy was won by Mrs.A.Ibbott Branch Membership 51 Senior and 62 Junior owing to a Junior pond at Perth being stocked, and Branch taking over the Cambock pond at Evandale. The Bimonthly competition for Juniors was continued with success.

Outings at E.Spencers and P.Baileys. A successful Annual dinner was held in June at the Queens Arms Hotel Junior tea not well supported. There were four film evenings held. Lake Pedder now fishing well with fish weighing 20lb. to 25 lbs. A.Ibbott landed a 12 lb fish.

1977 - 78. Association President N.Jetson, Secretary G.H.Chappell. Longford Delegates F,Fontyn jnr. & C. Fontyn. Branches got together to put on an exhibition of all aspects of fishing at the Northern Reginal Library. This was a success.

Longford. President C.Allan H.Sec.Treas Mrs. A.Ibbott

Millars pond was restocked with 30 adult fish and provided Juniors with some good outings. Membership maintained a satisfactory level and good attendance at meetings and outings. The Annual dinner and trophy night at the Queens arms was a family dinner and was enjoyed by all. The Branch hosted the N.T.F.A. outing held at P. Baileys property with good weather and support from other Branches.

From now on all Branch reports may be found in the Association annual reports which hold a fund of information for those interested. The reports from 1978 onwards will be stored in the R.S.L. cupboard below the display case. Anyone wishing to borrow the books may do so by signing a book and returning in a month's time or before, to the Secretary.

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