

New Gear

BUGGER BEAST FLY BOXES

There are anglers out there, like us, who like to throw meat (big flies). Big flies catch big fish, but the problem is "How do you store them?" The answer has just arrived on Australian shores. The Beast Series uses deep slotted foam that provides great hook gripping power to ensure your flies stay positioned firmly. If you are at the stage where you have accumulated and want to organise lots of big flies the Cliff's Bugger Beast range of fly boxes is the answer. The Bugger Beast is 13.5" x 9" x 3" and holds 100's of saltwater flies in one box. The Beast Jr. is 10" x 6.5" x 2.75".

For stockist enquiries call Mayfly Tackle Pty Ltd on (03) 9899 0034 or visit www.cliffoutdoors.com for the full range of products now available.



BIRD FUR

It looks like fur, but it's really a feather! Nine plus years in development, Whiting's Spey line offers the tyer an all-new economical way to use natural and long fibers to enhance large flies. Did you know the Spey rooster saddle is THE perfect synthetic craft fur replacement? Natural feathers and fur have long been preferred over synthetic substitutes for liveliness and natural movement. Now you can make your flies come alive with Whiting's Bird Fur. With long wispy fur-like feathers up to 6" long, Bird Fur is the natural way to enhance any fly that uses synthetics. Streamers, buggers, teasers, leeches and more will all come alive when tied with Bird Fur. Each Bird Fur patch is one-half of a full, large Spey Rooster saddle. and retails for an economical price. Bird Fur comes in a variety of vibrantly dyed and natural colors.

Bird Fur patches are available at Essential FlyFisher on (03) 6331 8944.

BOUZ DRAG CHECKER

Many anglers never really think about testing their drag settings. However, if you want to know exactly how much pressure you're putting on a fish for line class records, to protect fragile tippets or to simply land fish in the fastest possible time, then knowing your drag settings is important.

The idea of using scales for checking drags is nothing new but the Bouz Drag Checker makes the job easier and faster to do single handedly. Normally it takes two people to effectively check the drag on the reel; one person to hold and read the scales and another to hold the rod and reel.

With the drag checker, just run the line between the wheels on the tool. As the tension increases on the line, the wheels are forced apart and this pressure reads on the scales. This is quite easily achieved single handedly and you could even check the drag pressure while a fish is on the line. The Bouz Drag Checker has been around for a while now but, like many things Japanese, this is not a completely revolutionary idea, just smaller, more practical and much cooler than anything else previously available. Drag Checkers come in three sizes for light (0-3 kgs), medium (0-5 kgs) and heavy (0-15 kgs) drag settings.

They are available from Fish Head (07) 3206 7999 or email duncan@fishhead.com.au.



LOCATION X

No maps. No GPS coordinates. Just the finest tarpon fishing ever caught on film. We blindfold world class anglers. Fly them in. Drive them to the water. And share shocking footage of unwary tarpon swimming at the boat in clear water – daring us to cast a fly.

Howard Films' Chasing Silver is the essential first step to understanding the greatest fish on earth. Location X is the impossible conclusion.

Available online at www.flyangler.com.au.



SNOWBEE DEEP BLUE

The new Snowbee Deep Blue XS fly rod series offers serious performance for the saltwater fly fisher. The powerful carbon blanks have thicker wall sections for strength and durability when playing large, powerful fish in harsh conditions. The 10 and 12 weight rods have cork foregrips for additional leverage. Fitted with Channel Lock saltwater reel seats, these patented fittings are the best available and provide secure seating for any size reel.

Using the best quality silicon carbide stripper guides, hard chrome American Pattern snake guides and Hayfork tips, all

the guides are oversize and high lifted to avoid line 'slap' and to allow backing tangles to pass easily through the guides. Snowbee have introduced an original purchaser lifetime warranty on all their fly rods. If you break your rod, Snowbee will replace it for a small replacement fee, getting you back on the water as quickly and hassle free as possible.

Available in 9 foot 4 piece in weights 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. All rods come in a soft rod sock and a hard PVC rod tube. With a retail price from \$300 these new rods are excellent value with performance you will need to see to believe.

Available at leading fly fishing retailers countrywide.



HOLO FOAM

Tiewell's Holo Foam consists of 2 mm medium density foam combined with a metallised or pearlescent layer on one side and is available in 14 fish catching colours. Holo Foam can be used on the backs of beetles, Chernobyl Ants, hoppers and Gurglers, or for making Crease flies. The metallised layer conforms to any 3-D shape without creating bubbles or other distortions. Add a thin layer of clear head cement or epoxy over the metallised layer for extra durability.

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