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Matt Tripet hooks international fly-fishing instructor award

Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa's Activate manager and head fishing guide Matt Tripet has snagged the biggest catch of all – the prestigious International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor award.

With only around 1,000 Certified Casting Instructors in the world, the award is a significant achievement for the experienced fly fisherman and places Matt in the top 1% of fly casters in the world.

Matt has been sharing his extensive knowledge of the local waters, stream craft and insect knowledge at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa for nearly three years now and thrives on teaching all disciplines of trout fishing to beginners and experts.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of such an exclusive and highly regarded group of fly fishers and I look forward to sharing all I have learnt with Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa guests," Matt said.

Matt is now chasing a rigorous Masters certification, which is regarded as the highest honour for fly fishers.

"With less than a 20% pass rate and only 60 Masters Instructors in the world, I'm prepared for a lot of hard work but I have the dedication and will embrace the process," he said.

Matt is teaming up with fellow fly fishing legend Peter Morse to host two Fly Fishing Weekends at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa on 22-24 November, 2012 and 14-16 February, 2013.

Packages start from $444 per person with six people sharing a Three Bedroom Lake View Apartment and include two nights accommodation, a variety of fly fishing workshops and seminars from Matt and Peter throughout the weekend, a welcome drink on arrival, dinner on both nights, lunch on one day, hot buffet breakfast daily, a late check-out on Sunday and full use of resort facilities.

Located on the border of the scenically beautiful and abundant Kosciuszko National Park, Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa provides the perfect base to tackle the ultimate fishing experiences and offers a range of onsite leisure activities including a nine-hole golf course, tennis, archery, scenic walking trails, fitness centre, heated swimming pool, day spa and more.

To book or for more information, call 1800 020 524 or visit www.lakecrackenback.com.au.

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About Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa:

Don't expect a run of the mill resort experience when you stay at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa. The property features more than 100 rooms ranging from overwater lake view apartments to mountain-view chalets. Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa is located on the border of the Kosciuszko National Park and is just 15 minutes from the ski-fields of Thredbo or a 15 minute ski tube train ride away from Perisher Ski Resort. A free shuttle bus takes guests to the ski tube each day as the station adjoins the property. When you are not skiing or boarding, you can enjoy the extensive facilities at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa including an impressive day spa which draws on natural nurturing therapies of the Snowy Mountains, two restaurants and an array of free activities including golf, trampolines, canoeing, tennis, archery and 14 kms of mountain bike and walking trails. Before you leave Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa you should definitely try a Segway Eco Tour where you explore the local bush terrain on a no-emissions personal transporter and discover the winter beauty of the 150 acres of land around Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa on mountain bike. Another must-do activity (not in winter) is to go river sledding on the Thredbo River where you will see the beauty of the region from an incredible aspect: floating down the river on an inflatable sled and experience just a little bit of an adrenaline rush as you negotiate the rapids.