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# Mates's legacy lives on in event

FLY fishers are counting down the days to one of the sports most awaited events – The Matt Quinn Memorial Fly Tournament.

Steeped in tradition, this is the fifth time the February event has been held.

But the competition has a history that goes back much further.

It began almost twenty years ago, when a few mates caught up for beers and fun.

Back then it was not a tournament just a place to wet a line and welcome the start of the fly fishing season.

The group consisted of some long-time friends and also mates who shared a passion.

In 2006, tragedy struck the



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group when one of their own 'Quinney' was killed in a car accident.

The news saddened many of the tight-knit fishers, in particular his best mate Gary Sturdy.

"I blamed myself for a long time and I will carry that with me for the rest of my life," Gary said.

"I had been fishing with Quinney the day of the accident and was the last one to see him."

At his funeral the group of fishing buddies carried the coffin, and at the wake that fol-

lowed made a pact – they would keep their friend's memory alive.

The following year the first Matt Quinn Memorial Fly Tournament was held with much success.

Now six years on, the tournament continues to grow and is one of the premier saltwater fly fishing tournaments worldwide.

Gary said this year's edition promised to be one of the best ever and welcomed entrants to join.

All money raised by the February 3 to 5 competition goes towards charity. This year's being the Road Trauma Support Group.

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