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& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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Diary Dates:

- 2nd Mar Clean-up Day
- 6th Mar 2014 Committee Meeting
- 13th Mar Fly Tying
- 20th Mar Fly Tying
- 27th Mar General Meeting
- 29th/30th Mar Lake Wendouree
Two fly comp. (see flyer attach.)



3rd Round of Club Championship

Tullaroop – Sat 15th Sun 16th March
Tony Jacobs currently leads with a brown
trout of 1.768kgs.

B&DFF Club Clothing

Green & Gold Polo Shirt	\$26.00
½ Zip Polar Fleece	\$35.00
Full Zip Polar Fleece	\$33.00
Full Hoodie	\$42.00
Caps	\$15.00
To add name	\$ 3.00

If you require any of the above items
contact Jeff Willey ASAP



Clean Up Day

Sunday 2nd March at Barkers Creek
3.30PM
BBQ Tea Supplied then fish the
evening hatch.



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 6th
February 2014
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The Vice President opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Present: A. Jacobs, L. Crimeen, A. Chisholm. R. Garlick, A. Choat, S. Charles, G. Hellsten, T. Charles, J. Singe and R. Booth

Apologies: D. Keegan and J. Willey.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

Moved: L. Crimeen 2nd: T.

Charles **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Tom Charles, presented his report to the committee. It was moved by A. Choat and seconded by R. Booth that the report as tabled be accepted. **Carried.**

Correspondence: As the Secretary was absent no correspondence was tabled.

General Business:

1. After some discussion it was decided to hold the annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday the 13th November.
2. Steve Charles to follow up on a wading dvd and Damian Keegan to ring Anthony at the GVFFC.
3. Jeff Willey to follow up with information on purchasing an EPERB.
4. There was much discussion re: Barkers Creek Reservoir fishing. The reports from members indicate that insect life seems to be low compared to other years and consequently catches have also been low. Fish that have been caught are small and in poor condition. Carp numbers are up with large size ones caught/sighted. Members need to submit reports to Greg Hellsten to collate and forward to relevant authorities. John Douglass to be invited to address a meeting at the Club.
5. A stocktake of the library is partially completed. Al Choat to complete.
6. Due to ongoing issues with Barkers Creek Res., Bob Garlic suggested that the last two weekends of the Club Championship be conducted at Tullaroo Res (15/26 March & 26/27 April). This was agreed to by all those present.
7. Damian Keegan to update Club info on Fly Life Forum.
8. Tom Charles reported that an updated Club Members List and relevant info is progressing.
9. Tom Charles also suggested that fly tying nights should be more structured so that new members can receive better tuition. Patterns and materials need to be better explained and the expectations of those new members need to be identified. All committee members agreed to this proposal.
10. Les Crimeen reported that Clean Up Australia Day will be conducted again on Sunday the 2nd March at Barkers Creek Res. Members to meet at the carpark near the toilet block at 4:00pm. Jeff Willey has received the

CUAD package. This will be followed by a bbq and a chance to fish the evening rise (?).

11. Al Chisholm reported that anglers have been using kayaks again on Barkers Creek Res.
12. Tony Jacobs is to investigate applying for a grant to have a walkway over the new spillway at Barkers Creek Res.
13. Al Choat suggested purchasing some books for our raffles. At this stage no action to be taken.
14. Bob Garlick raised the issue of the John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition flies being photographed for the newsletter and web site. Al Chisholm to complete.
15. Joe Singe suggested that the Club forward patches and badges to the Fly Fishing Museum At Evansdale. Jeff Willey to follow up.

There being no further business the Vice President closed the meeting at 8:47PM.

Tony Jacobs
Acting/Sec

President's report

Well another month of hot weather has seen few fishing reports about. I did however get to recently venture over to Eildon for a couple of days to wet the line. The fishing was quite difficult. The Goulbourn river has been running quite high all season thus far due to the high demand of water downstream for irrigation due to our hot weather. This has probably put a bit more pressure on the surrounding streams such as the Rubicon River. The good news however is that reports are slowly filtering in on some good hopper sessions becoming more common as the north east streams start their slow recovery from heat, low water levels and cormorants. Things should pick up in the Goulbourn over the coming months with the irrigation season set for closing on the 15th May.

The Eildon pondage for the couple of days I was there saw more movement in the water levels than a tin of worms. It was rising and falling a matter of meters over several hours. The lake itself from the locals has been fishing okay depending on who you talk to but what was good to see and hear about where Murray Cod being caught regularly close to the bank in the deep drop offs that Eildon has plenty of. I however was only able to manage a few reddie. I must develop that fly that resembles a cube of cheese, but then could I call it a fly? I think not.

You would have noticed a few things coming up on the calendar. On Sunday the 2nd of March at Barkes Res. we are holding our annual clean-up day at 3.30 pm. This is a good day as the more hands we get the sooner we can clean up and enjoy a BBQ tea and fish then evening. It's a good day for any new members to get along and fish alongside and get some good tips from our more knowledgeable members around the club. Also the 15th and 16th March will be the next round for the club championships. This round will be held at Tullaroop Res.

Don't forget the John Crane Fly tying Comp with the remaining flies to be released in this newsletter.

Reminder for the new website, www.bdffc.weebly.com

The old site is no longer been updated and will be removed in due course so make sure you update your links/favourites to the above link.



Damian

February 14

Joe's Report

This summer has been a tough time for those who enjoy fly-fishing for trout. Extreme heat is not conducive to chasing trout with flies. Most fly fishers have left their rods packed away. It is no surprise that those keen fishers who have ventured out have not had much luck. Trout, enjoy cooler weather and climates. When Bob Garlick phoned for a fishing report for this newsletter. I told him that it was not very likely that anyone had been out fishing. Bob said not to worry but to delve into my "collection" of bits and pieces and use them. As a result, I found the following: I think it might have come from Ballarat Fly Fishers, but I am not sure. Some might recognise this song.

The words are from a song by a band called "Steeleye Span" I don't know much about this band. I think they might have been from the 1970s. (*I am probably too young!!!!*)

Who Told The Doctor?

Oh, who told the Butcher
All about the Grey Goose?
Oh, it could have been the Poacher
Nobody Knows

Or it could have been the Royal
Coachman
Or Connemara Black
Just listen well to what the ladies say
And bring old Brownie back

And who told the Butcher
About the Lady Of The Lake?
It could have been the Queen Of The
Water
Nobody knows

Or it could have been old Soldier Palmer
Or Teal and Black
Just listen well to what the ladies say
And bring old brownie back

Oh and who told the Butcher
All about the Grenadier
It could have been the Teal and Green
Nobody Knows
Or it could have been old Wickhams
Fancy or Humpy Black
But listen well to what the ladies say
And bring old Brownie back

Come on, tie the damsels two to the
droppers
And tie old Kate McClaren to the point
There's none so wise to the rise of the
river
The Butchers out there tonight

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***Please let me know if you recognise
this so***

