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& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**
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DIARY DATES:

- 7th Feb Committee Meeting
- 14th Feb Fly Tying
- 21st Feb Fly Tying
- 24th Feb Harcourt
- 28th Feb General Meeting
- 3rd March Clean up Day Harcourt

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**Sunday Feb 24th 2013
Club Day at Harcourt Reservoir
Meet at 3pm.**

BBQ Tea 5.30pm

A great chance for new members to gain a few pointers



John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

Recipes of the final flies for tying attached.

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**Goulburn Valley Fly Fishers Trip
Saturday 23rd March. Details in
February Newsletter**



**Clean Up Day Sunday
3rd March at Barkers Creek from
3.30pm BBQ tea Supplied then fish
the evening hatch**



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 10th January 2013
At Brennan Park Pool

Present: L. Crimeen, R. Garlick, A. Choat, J. Willey, A. Chisholm, T. Jacobs, R. Booth, Joe Singe and G. Helsten.

Apologies: G. Shelton, D. Keegan and P. Bowman.

Minutes from the previous meeting read and confirmed as a true record.

Moved by A. Choat seconded by G. Helsten. Carried.

Business Arising:

1. To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: R. Garlick presented a financial report on behalf of the Treasurer and moved that report as tabled be accepted. Seconded by Roger Booth. Carried.

Correspondence: Various club newsletters; bank statements; and advertising flyers.

General Business:

1. Goldfields Shield confirmed as being conducted at Lake Wendouree on the weekend of the 25th/26th May. Accommodation to be arranged.
2. The club will conduct a mentoring day at Barkers Creek Res (Harcourt) on Sunday the 27th January. Meet at 3pm with a bbq at about 6pm.
3. The Club has booked to visit the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre on Saturday the 23rd March. The cost is \$50, which includes a bbq, and members are to tie one fly to be used in a competition fishing on the Centre's stocked dam. Members wishing to stay over night are to inform the President so as to arrange accommodation.
4. Greg Helsten and Brent Heath attended a forum at Mt Baw Baw in November. The forum was to encourage fly fishers to the area. Greg stated that access to water was a problem.
5. Greg Helsten reported that he was approached as a VRFish member about stocking trout in Lake Eppalock. He stated that there are political issues and that they are confusing the matter.
6. Al Chisholm currently leads the Club Championship with a fish of 1.3kg.
7. Al Choat suggested that the club purchase a sports cam to record club activities. After some discussion it was decided that Al investigate the cost and report back to the committee.
8. Members are encourage to use the Club's library. There are heaps of various fly fishing related periodicals available.
9. Shirley Cox contacted the club to enquire about selling her late husband's (John) fly fishing gear. Jeff Willey and Tony Jacobs investigated and were overwhelmed by the volume of gear. John Cox used to tie flies for Turvilles and has an extensive collection of rods (47), numerous fly tying items and book collection. Three members to help catalogue the items.
10. There has been some confusion regarding the posting of hardcopy newsletters. Those wishing to receive the newsletter by snail mail (Austpost) are to contact Jeff Willey. It will be assumed that those members who do not contact Jeff want to receive their newsletter via the Club's internet website.
11. The Annual Christmas function was held at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Tuesday 20th November. Tony Jacobs thanked Jeff Willey and Al Chisholm for their help in organising the night.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

Jeff Willey
Secretary

President's Topics (1)

The 5th of December saw Alans' Choat and Chisholm, Brent Heath and yours truly heading over for the annual pilgrimage to Little Pine Lagoon in Tassie.

After a rough trip on the Boat on Wednesday, Thursday saw fish caught on wets mainly Green Machines with the water level very high. Friday was tough with Alan Chisholm, taking fish on his black wet with rubber legs the first of many to fall to this tie of Alans. I caught a nice fish at last light on a caddis which was my last cast.

On Saturday Al Choat and I were starting to get fish on green machines and scud when a bolt of lightning struck very close, and we headed for the shack after rods were wound in very quickly with tips in the water. Upon alighting Choatie said he would take the rods and after venturing through the tussocks another loud clap of thunder saw Choatie hit the deck.

Sunday was a good day with many fish caught, Choatie on green machine with a trailing scud, Brent on GM (GREEN MACHINE) and green and black montana, Al Chis. on his black thing and myself on a gold bead head shrek & GM. A few flies were lost on solid fish with those caught up to 2.2 lb with fish having stick caddis, scud and snails in them. Fish were caught on the same wets over the next few days with Brent using a white rabbit fur fly late to good effect and Chis. on a robin, with most fish taken between 7-9 pm. in the boats. Brent and Choatie ventured to Penstock with Choatie snaring a brown of 2 lb on a GM.

One evening Brent & AL Chis. had a good session late on Little Pine with a 2.4 lb fish taking Alans black thing 2 feet above the water after following him in resulting in the fish hooking himself in both top and bottom lips keeping his mouth closed. Where's Stormy cam when you need it? Brent catching largest fish 2.44lb on GM. Choatie had the opportunity to take one of a few fish taken on dries but due to poor angling was watching Brent playing a fish that took a woolly bugger on the other boat when the fish took his dun. However this did not stop him from blaming the other boat for the missed opportunity. Al Chis fished from the western bank getting takes on chas. dun and bobs bits whilst Brent and I took fish on Les Crimeen tied GM's.

All up approx 90 fish were caught over the 10 fishing days, one only at Penstock the weather being bright days mainly, the odd rainy days that helped douse the fires over at Arthurs Lake area, nearly all fish caught late in the day from the boats, all full of stick caddis and scud and snail with only a couple of duns popping now and then with hardly any fish taking on the surface except for a few fish up on caddis one evening.

Some fish were taken for the table with my view that the fish from the Pine are the best tasting browns about.

Another great trip, with good company but the fishing pretty tough and not like the fishing from previous years.

See you on the water
JACO

President's Topics (2)

After Christmas and off to Tassie again with brother Adrian, President of Warrnambool Club, fellow member Peter Hussey and also Glen Payne this time flying to Launceston hiring a vehicle and heading to our digs at Miena.

Friday, with the wind working overtime, saw us go to Bronte past the shacks out of the wind somewhat. Adrian managed a few small fish on wets with the odd fish moving in close. The next day back to Bronte to fish a bay with the water up, and fish Nymphing, we managed browns to 37cm on wets and green nymphs.

Sunday we decided to head up to western lakes to Botsford where Glen managed a 40cm brown on a Great lake beetle (GLB). Wading the lake plenty of fish were seen but not feeding on flies.

Next day back to Western Lakes fishing Howes Bay Lagoon in the morning saw Adrian land a 44cm brown on a GLB. I had a nice fish slash at a small green shrek and then got busted off on same fly amongst the rocks. In the afternoon we fished Ada Lagoon with good polaroiding to be had Peter took a 46cm & 37c brown on GLB whilst the rest of us had bust offs and refusals on various dries.

Tuesday we fished Little Pine with Peter & Ade catching fish in the river on GLB and possum Emergers. I blanked after not seeing a fish but spotting plenty of duns on the water being taken by swallows and seagulls but no fish. Glen, resting at the shack after wrenching his knee the previous day.

Wednesday off to Arthurs fishing Cowpaddock Bay without success but duns hatching but only the odd fish taking them, We then moved to Powerline Bay with Pete catching a 44cm, Ade a 36cm and I landed a 37 & 33cm in the pock holes among the weed beds on possum Emergers, with fish leaping to damsels when the wind abated.

Thursday, off up to Western Lakes. Fishing Kays, the wind blowing its head off, the lake level down, and 10 flyfishers wading all over. PM saw us head back to Ada Lagoon with Ade a 44cm on a para dun and I was busted off on a cdc dun after polaroiding fish in windy conditions.

We ventured back to Ada Lagoon on Friday with fish to 40cm caught on GLB and para dun, bust offs and heaps of refusals on various flies. We lost a few fishing sessions due to flat tyres but managed some nice fish between 44cm -51cm on GLB, brown duns, beetle patterns & parachute hackle dries at Botsford when the wind finally settled down somewhat after blowing day and night for days on end. Also fish to 50cm were taken after walking into Flora & O'Dells on parachute hackle brown duns. We caught about 30 odd fish among 4 of us over about 10 days fishing with good polaroiding had, with plenty of refusals however the fishing was marred by flat tyres and very windy days.

The fishing was down on previous trips due to fishing pressure I believe and also the hot and windy days affecting the lakes also. We were fortunate not to be where the fires were but smoke was everywhere to be seen and many people lost homes in the hot windy conditions.

However we enjoyed the trip with Ade and Peter's great cooking and sandwiches washed down with plenty of wine and beer.

On a brighter note keep diaries free with upcoming events such as mentoring day at Barkers Creek Reservoir in JAN & FEB, GOULBURN VALLEY THORNTON trip in March, GOLDFIELDS TRIP at BALLARAT in May to name a few.

See you on the water

Jaco Jan.2013

Fly Fishing Report

The hot weather of the past month has certainly slowed any fly-fishing activity. Fishers who headed for Northeast streams found most were running low and warm.

Nariel creek at Corryong is usually a good destination in summer, but even this stream was considered too warm for fly-fishing. Col Holland camped at Three Mile Dam and was very pleased when he found trout actively feeding on a hatch of mudeyes in the evening. Col soon had a "Cruddler" fly on and had a good time catching rainbow trout to about 1.25kg.

The only local report I have heard is from Bob Evans who landed a brown trout of about 750 grams, at Barkers Creek reservoir. Bob informs me that the water in Barkers Creek reservoir is getting warmer and that most insect hatches have slowed down as has any surface feeding activity. There is a large population of carp in the shallows at Barkers Creek. Carp also appear to "rise" and it is easy to confuse a carp with a rising trout. If you are not sure if it is a trout or carp rising you can of course still cast to the rise. If a carp takes your fly, then you could be in for an exciting time. Large Carp are very strong fighters. One way to sort out the carp from the trout is to use a dry fly. As far as I know, carp do not take dry flies. Dry flies are not as attractive to redfin perch either. If you want to catch a carp on a fly, I suggest a small nymph or beetle pattern.

The good news is that Autumn is not far way. Hopefully the weather will cool down and the trout stocked in local reservoirs last November will start to show. There is often a hatch of flying ants at Barkers Creek in late summer /autumn. If you can be on the water when the flying ants are about you can expect to see plenty of rising trout. Autumn is also the time to expect to see beetles on the water.

Joe Singe

JOHN CRANE MEMORIAL FLY TYING CHAMPIONSHIP

NEON DAMSEL

HOOK: 14
BEADHEAD: GOLD METAL
THREAD: OLIVE
TAIL; OLIVE MARABOU + PEARL KRYSTAL FLASH
BODY: BLUE HOLOGRAPHIC TINSEL
RIB: MONO NYLON THREAD
HACKLE: SOFT OLIVE COCK HACKLE

PINK ROBIN (VARIANT)

HOOK: B 10 (BLACK MAGIC)
THREAD: BLACK
BODY: PINK EMBROIDERY THREAD (DMC) 2 STRANDS ONLY
THORAX: PEACOCK HERL
WING: BLACK RABBIT ZONKER STRIP
THORAX RIB: COPPER WIRE
HEAD: BLACK THREAD

POLISH WOVEN NYMPH

HOOK: 10 CURVED CADDIS
BEAD HEAD: GOLD METAL
UNDERBODY: LEAD WIRE
THREAD: BROWN
BODY: BROWN & ORANGE EMBROIDERY THREAD
HEAD: BLENDED BROWN RABBIT & ORANGE DUBBING

OLIVE SCUD

HOOK: 12 CURVED CADDIS
THREAD: OLIVE
TAIL: OLIVE PARTRIDGE FIBRES
OVERBODY: CLEAR ELASTIC STRIP / COLOUR WITH OLIVE MARKER
UNDERBODY / LEGS: OLIVE DUBBING
OVER RIB: MONO NYLON
HEAD: OLIVE THREAD

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