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& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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March 2014

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Diary Dates:

- 3rd Apr 2014 Committee Meeting
- 5th Apr Fly Casting
- 10th April Fly Tying
- 12th Apr Fly Casting
- 17th Apr Fly Tying
- 19th Apr Fly Casting
- 24th Apr General Meeting
- 26th Apr Fly Casting



4th Round of Club Championship

Tullaroop – Sat 26th/Sun 27th April
Tony Jacobs currently leads with a
brown trout of 1.768kgs.

John Crane Memorial Fly Tying **Competition**

Recipes for final flies on website and
attached

General Meeting 24th April

Jim Baumgartel is bringing a new range
of fly fishing rods and gear for you to try.
Starting at 6pm – Tea supplied



Fly Casting

Commences Sat 5th April
At Brennan Park Pool from 1.30 pm

Come and sharpen your casting skills
with Roger.



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

The President opened the meeting at 7:50pm.

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

Apologies: J. Willey and T Charles.

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

Moved: R. Booth 2nd: S. Charles **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: Nil treasure report presented.

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

General Business:

1. Damian keegan to contact Anthony from GCFFC on his return from NZ to organize another trip to GCFFC with proposed month being May
2. Further discussion was held after John Douglass attendance in the February General Meeting. Steve Charles to liaise re the information required for surveys in line with fisheries proposed web database.
3. Damian keegan stated that the BDFP information has been updated on FlyLife. He is currently searching other organizations on the web and informing them of the new web site and contact details. The old website is no longer being updated and there is a link redirecting people to the new site.
4. Approximately 12 members attended the Clean up day at Barkers Res. About 8 bags of rubbish was collected with the majority coming from the wall and out along the road. BBQ was enjoyed by all with a fish in the evening.
5. John Crane flies are up on the website and recipes to be placed in the next newsletter
6. Damian Keegan to contact Jim from FlyFinz to confirm attendance at the April General Meeting on 24th.
7. Roger Booth to conduct his fly fishing quiz at the March meeting.
8. 2 Fly comp at Ballarat at the end of the month. Those interested to contact Steve or Greg for further details and arrange accommodation

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:50PM.

Damian Keegan
Acting/Sec

President's report

On Sunday the 2nd of March we had 12 members from the club attend at Barkers Res. where we held our annual Clean Up Day. There were about 8 bags of rubbish collected from around the Res. and along the road. This was followed up with an enjoyable BBQ and further discussion on things that might be impacting on the fish at Barkers. The majority of members that attended then went for a fish. The odd fish was spotted but in all was a very quiet event.

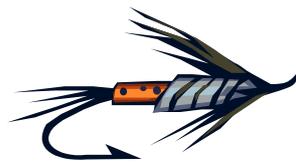
The final flies for the John Crane Memorial Fly Tying comp are now up on the web with the recipes. You should also find the recipes in this month's newsletter. Get tying as time will be quickly upon us and they will need to be submitted. If you are having difficulties with the tying or materials, get along to one of the tying nights on Thursdays where the materials will be available as well as the tuition to tying the flies correctly.

After having Jim from FlyFinz attend last year with an array of tying materials and accessories I'm pleased to say he is returning. Jim will be attending on Thursday the 24th of April at 6pm. He will bring his usual items and has informed me that he has even more stuff which he has only just got in. Further to this and the reasoning for the earlier start he is bringing along his fly rods to try out. Given the earlier time for the meeting we will be having either a pie night or BBQ, vote at the March meeting will decide which it will be.

I do apologise for a short report this month. Unfortunately due to work commitments this month I have not been able to get out or catch up with who is catching what and where. Let's hope for some better fishing in the next couple of months as we have some cooler days and hopefully a bit more water falling into our local reservoirs.

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

March 14

FISHING REPORT

Reports of trout being caught have been few and far between. I phoned Rob MacLaurin recently and he told me that a 15-year-old son of Chris Tacke has been having success at Barkers Creek Reservoir. His best fish so far is a 53cm brown but he has also caught a few small rainbow trout at Barkers Creek. Apparently the boy has just taken up fly fishing and is a very keen fisherman. With results like this it is little wonder that he is keen! A good friend of mine, John Goulden, once said that he thought the best way to fish Barkers Creek Reservoir, was to fish it often. Persistence might well be the key to catching trout at Barkers Creek Reservoir. Sooner or later you will find the best times to be on the water. With a bit of luck success will follow.

Rob and Chris have been fishing the Goulburn River. Most success has been in the evenings when there has been a good hatch of caddis. Both Rob and Chris have caught mainly rainbows to about 3 1/2 pounds. They also fished at Bullarto Reservoir and caught some small browns. Rob has heard of some large trout being seen at Tullaroop Reservoir and reminded me that the best time to fish Tullaroop is coming in the next few months. I must say that it was good to hear of some trout being caught.

Persistence might be the key to catching a trout in all our local reservoirs, with maybe an evening trip to the Goulburn. Rob's advice, that the best time to fish for trout in our local reservoirs is coming up soon. Especially, with the change in the weather, and some cooler weather forecast.

Joe Singe

Casting Encounters.

The series of specific casting clinics are underway.

These casts and techniques are designed to help you improve your chances at targeting trout.

They are all about giving you better opportunities to present your flies to fool those trout.

Outlined below is the date for the casts and techniques that will be covered.

The pool will be open from 1.30pm.

These sessions will commence at 2pm. on the nominated Saturdays.

Session 1. Sat. 5th. April.

Coming to Grips. Yours or mine?

Lifting line from the water. The Water Fall, the Snake Roll and the Aerial Roll. [Les Crimeen.]

Change of Direction Cast. A very quick, simple change.

Session 2. Sat. 19th April.

Casting in Windy Conditions.

Standard Roll Cast.

Session. 3. Sat 26th April.

Peter Hayes Roll Cast.

One of the great casts. If you only add one cast to your kit this is the one.

Quotes of the Month.

"I was born with nothing, and I still have half of it left."

John Gierach. "Still Life with Brook Trout."

There is a saying "That you can't buy happiness," but you can buy a heap of new Fly Fishing Gear, and that's kind of the same thing.

J. J. Johnson. "Quotes of Life."

Roger March. 2014.

RED & BLACK NIGHT FLY

HOOK: B8 BLACKMAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: BLACK POSSUM TAIL FIBRES
BUTT: RED DUBBING
BODY HACKLE: RED COCK HACKLE
HEAD HACKLE: BLACK COCK HACKLE

BAG FLY

HOOK: B10 BLACKMAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: BLACK SQUIRREL TAIL FIBRES
BODY: GOLD TINSEL
RIB: GOLD WIRE
WING: SISAL HEMP FIBRES
OVERWING: BLACK POSSUM TAIL FIBRES
THROAT HACKLE: RED COCK HACKLE FIBRES

RED GILL NYMPH

HOOK: B10 BLACKMAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: LIGHT GINGER COCK HACKLE FIBRES
ABDOMEN: GREEN DUBBING
RIB: DARK COPPER WIRE
WINGCASE: LIGHT GREY POLY + 3 STRANDS PEARL KRYSTAL FLASH
HEAD: BLACK THREAD
THORAX: YELLOW DUBBING
GILLS: RED EMBROIDERY THREAD