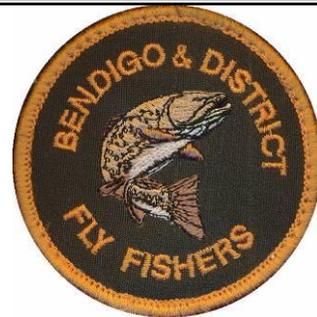


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## DIARY DATES:

- 1<sup>st</sup> June Fly Casting
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Committee Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Season Closed
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Fly Tying
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting
- 20<sup>th</sup> June Fly Tying
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Fly Casting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June Trip – Newlyn
- 27<sup>th</sup> June General/AGM
- 29<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting



### Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo and District Flyfishers Inc. is to be held at the clubrooms (Brennan Park) Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm.

\*Nomination forms for all positions are included with the Newsletter.



### June Outing

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – our June outing is to Newlyn Reservoir just the other side of Daylesford. BBQ lunch supplied by the club – Numbers to Tony for catering purposes ASAP

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### 2013 Annual Dinner

Kangaroo Flat Sports Club  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Numbers to Jeff Willey

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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Present:** R. Garlick, J. Willey, T. Jacobs, D. Keegan, L. Crimeen, R. Booth, G. Hellsten, A. Choat, A. Chisholm, and G. Shelton.

**Apologies:** P. Bowman and J. Singe.

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

**Moved:** R. Garlick 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Chisholm **Carried**

**Business Arising:** To be dealt with in general business.

**Treasurer's Report:** As the Treasurer was absent due to work commitments, no report was tabled.

**Correspondence:**

1. Various FF Club newsletters;
2. Bank Statement; and
3. Various flyers from fishing related companies.

**General Business:**

1. Jeff Willey has booked two cabins for the Goldfields Shield to be conducted on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May. The cabins are booked for the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Travel over on the Friday morning.
2. Al Chisholm stated that he is still waiting for a reply from Goulbrn/Murray Water re: locked gates on the western side of Cairn Curran Res.
3. Roger Booth reported that seven new members are attending the casting tuition on Saturday afternoons.
4. Greg Hellsten reported that the annual meeting of the Midlands Angling Association was held and the status quo remains for executive and committee positions. He also reported that the Heathcote Angling Club purchased 13,330 golden perch fingerlings to be released into Lake Eppalock.
5. Damian Keegan reported that he is a bit behind with updating the club web info but will rectify this in the next week.
6. Flies for the John Crane Memorial Fly Tying competition need to be handed in at the May general meeting.
7. Tony Jacobs reported that his brother, Adrian, and mates have fished Tolondo Res with great success.
8. An Anglers Forum night will be conducted at the Kangaroo Flat Rotary Park rooms starting time is 7:00pm.
9. The club will hold a trip to Newlyn Res on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. A bbq will be supplied.
10. Jeff Willey to contact Greg Brodie re: a survey of fish in Harcourt Res.
11. Do you have aspirations to be the President or Treasurer of our Club or a committee member. Nominations are called for as the AGM will be held on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

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

Jeff Willey  
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## President's Topics

The Goldfields Shield was held at Ballarat at Lake Wendouree on weekend 25/26 May. Our Club was ably represented by Tom Charles, Jim "mudeye" Merritt, Damian Keegan, Brent Heath, Greg Hellsten, Jeff Willey, Alan Chisholm and myself.

We all arrived at Ballarat at various times on Friday staying in cabins at Windmill Big 4 Caravan Park. After booking in we ventured to the Lake to find the boat ramp blocked off due to weed cutting, however we observed where the Cutter was operating put it in the memory bank and headed over to the Boat Ramp at Durham point on the other side from the Ballarat Clubrooms.

Special thanks to Alan Chisholm for making 2 boats available for our crew for the Shield. We tried various spots garnered from the 2 fly event attended by some of our lads at Wendouree previously, where the weed cutter ventured and other areas that looked fishy to get a feel for the lake before the Competition on Saturday from 10 am to noon on Sunday.

I must congratulate our crew on their efforts to win back the Shield they fished tirelessly on both days snagging quite a few fish over the kilo mark on various wets casting to smelting fish however we fell short of the 1.9 kg winning fish from Ballarat. All of the fish weighed in were Browns but no rainbows were netted.

The Ballarat Club were magnificent with their hospitality in their fantastic Clubrooms with President Chris Doody and his fellow gentlemen members looking after us. What a great facility on a wonderful lake right in the City with rowers using the lake, runners, walkers and people including us flyfishers all enjoying ourselves. The Lake is in great order with plenty of water well stocked with fish, loads of weed beds and Chris said the members were hopeful of good hatches of dunnies to come. A great weekend with great company and hospitality from Ballarat. Amazingly the Lake has returned to great order after being bone dry in 2007.

Locally fishing reports have seen Toolondo producing nice trout as reported by brother Adrian from Warrnambool Club also Tullaroop is firing up with Damian Keegan, Steve Charles and myself fishing deep with wets recently with brown and rainbows netted. Damian having bragging rites with a 4LB Rainbow.

Barkers Creek is slowly seeing trout starting to move late however the fishing is still tough.

Positions will be up for nominations for Office Bearers for the Club, put yourself forward to have a say in the direction of the club, and get involved in club decisions. Plenty of back up and assistance is there for those willing to put themselves forward for the Executive.

See you on the water. Jaco May 2013.

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## Coming Monthly Sunday Outings

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Newlyn Reservoir

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** - Hepburn Lagoon

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** - Cairn Curran

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tullaroop

Please place these dates in your diaries.



## Fishing Report

Recently I came across the description of an access to a river as being on the “True left bank”. This started me, (not for the first time), to ponder which bank of a river is the **true left** or **true right** bank.

Whilst thinking about these terms I thought of another that is often described by fishers. “**The lee shore** “of a lake.

As I expected, a visit to google & Wikipedia provided the answers:

*,” the terms 'true **left**' and 'true **right**' are used to refer to riverbanks:*

*The 'true **left**' bank is the left bank when facing downstream.*

*'The true **right**' bank is the right bank when facing downstream”.*

*The terms **lee shore** and **windward** or **ward shore** are **nautical** terms used to describe a stretch of **shoreline**. A lee shore is one that is to the lee side of a vessel - meaning the wind is blowing towards it”.*

So there you have the answers. I must admit that I have always thought of the “Lee Shore” as the shore the wind is coming from. But I must admit. A very experienced fisher has corrected me before. Pointing out to me, that the Lee shore is the shore the wind is blowing onto. For the reasons given above.

The news of large trout being caught at Tullaroop Reservoir recently is certainly encouraging for local fly fishers.

I am still searching for old FlyLife magazines. Particularly issues number 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 21. I am willing to pay for them. My mobile number is 0418323220 or you can email to <a href="mailto:jsinge@bigpond.com">jsinge@bigpond.com</a>
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Joe Singe
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## **2013 Goldfields Shield Report**

Another Goldfields Shield has been run and won. Unfortunately for us it was Anthony McCartney from Ballarat who weighed in the heaviest fish at 1.91kg. Tony Jacobs finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a nice brown of 1.7kg . Second place went to a Ballarat member, whose name escapes me, at 1.716kg. The fish that Tony caught gives him the bragging rights as being the heaviest fish caught in our Club Championship. This is a far cry from the 240gm fish caught some years ago which won Tony the Club Championship.

Brent Heath caught a brown of 1.594kg and Jeff Willey a couple of browns weighing 1.509kg and 1.15kg. Greg Hellsten got amongst the fish with a couple of browns over the kilo mark as well.

Damian Keegan had a good day on Saturday catching seven, Alan Chisholm and Jim Merritt also caught fish.

It was typical Ballarat weather with a mild to strong breeze and cloud cover for the majority of the time. The only exception was that it did not rain. The Ballarat Club has done a fantastic job in lobbying for more fish to be released in Lake Wendouree resulting in a lot of yearling stockies being caught.

There was a good head of fish seen smelting with a lot of follows and grabs, which is typical of smelt fishing. All fish were in excellent condition and all anglers had opportunities to cast at smelting fish.

The Ballarat members provided great hospitality and it is my opinion that with their facility and strong membership participation they are the best Fly Fishing Club in Victoria and one of the best in Australia.

A word of warning to our members, don't ever go bush walking with Jim Merritt, as he can't find his way around a caravan park without getting lost three times!

Jeff Willey

# Casting Encounters.

*The series of specific casting clinics are well 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.*

*It is not tournament casting.*

*Outlined below are the dates 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 at the pool.*

*Session 5. Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> June. My Swish and Flick casts. Casts for confined spaces.*

*Steeple Cast. A rarely used cast, but it can be useful.*

*Mending Line. On the water and in the air, if you stream fish you will need this technique.*

*Session 6. Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> June. The Single Haul and Double Haul, these casts are essential techniques for you to cast into wind, cast with power, speed, accuracy and give you greater control of all your casts.*

*These clinics may be run again throughout the casting season, if there is a demand.*

*Roger April 2013.*

## Quotes of the Month.

*“On the process of observation, if you can’t see the forest for trees, then look at the trees. When you have looked at enough trees, you’ve seen the forest.”*

*“Fly fishing they say reveals character, and the bigger the fish caught the bigger the revelation.”*

*John Gierach. “Still Life with Brook Trout.”*

*Roger May 2013.*

**Tullaroop Outing Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013**



**Tony with 2.5 lb Rainbow trout**



**Tony with Brown Trout**



**Damian with 4 lb Rainbow Trout**

## *Casting Encounters.*

*Just recently I invited my long-time friend Rob Roles to demonstrate his **Flick** [Bow and Arrow] cast and **Dapping techniques** to club members at the pool. The day was very cold but Rob warmed us up with his enthusiasm and passion in displaying his techniques for undoing Trout in very bushy tight places. Rob make a point that many fly fishers buy pass good opportunities to tackle trout buy ignoring what looks to be difficult scrubby areas and especially summer Willow tree banks along the streams. What does Rob look for- Clear water, little or no flow back waters and side eddies, quiet edges **with depth**, a canopy of trees and especially Willows with falling grubs, shade or dappled light, back ground vegetation to disguise your presence and above all **patience, good polaroids** and the right **techniques** to fool the trout. What does Rob fish in these situations, A Philbrick nymph, small Pheasant Tail, A Rick Keam's Autumn Hopper and of course my Willow grub pattern. All these flies are used as the occasion demands. Rob especially loves to fish the Hopper and Willow grub seasons on the streams around Corryong. If you are into stream trouting and you missed the opportunity to be with Rob then you really missed a master of these techniques.*

*Roger May 2013.*



*A good Willow Grub feeder from the sticks.*

## *Casting Encounters.*



*Some club members at Rob Roles' clinic.*



*Rob describing his techniques.* Roger May 2013.

