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## **Diary Dates:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Committee Meeting
  - 7<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting
  - 12<sup>th</sup> June Fly Tying
  - 14<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting
  - 19<sup>th</sup> June Fly Tying
  - 21<sup>st</sup> June Fly Casting
  - 26<sup>th</sup> June AGM
  - 28<sup>th</sup> June Fly Casting
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### Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Inc. is to be held at the clubrooms – Brennan Park Pool – on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 PM.

Nomination forms for all positions are included with this newsletter.

### Annual Dinner

Our 2014 annual dinner will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Sportsclub on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm for 7pm start

Numbers to Jeff Willey ASAP



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

**Apologies:** R. Garlick. A. Choat

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and there was an amendment – the issue of annual subscription was discussed. The minutes were then confirmed a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** S. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Hellsten **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 T. Charles and seconded by R. Booth that the report as tabled be accepted. **Carried.**

**Correspondence:**

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Bank statement; and
3. Various business junk mail.

**General Business:**

1. The issue of annual subscription fees was discussed and the committee recommends that annual fees rise by \$5.00 due to the cost of running functions, purchasing items for library and insurance. Members are to vote on this at AGM.
2. Jim Baumgartel's visit was a success. Damian Keegan liaised with Jim on an annual visit suggesting March.
3. We are going to have a come and try day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Joe Singe will include in his monthly fishing report. - Jeff Willey to contact KLFM radio.
4. Roger Booth is to contact David Dodds regarding a visit to the club.
5. Alan Chisholm and Greg Hellsten attended Midland Association Meeting – issue being raised regarding access to a public road that has been closed.
6. May General Meeting Jeff Willey is to show youtube fly fishing downloads.
7. Greg Hellsten reported that the Daylesford Angling Club is folding.
8. Les Crimeen reported that Coliban Water will draw down Barkers Creek Reservoir for maintenance.
9. Greg Hellsten reported that for the Rise Film Festival to be conducted in Bendigo, we need to sell \$1,000 in tickets.
10. Greg Hellsten reported 19,000 extra Murray cod have been released into Lake Eppalock.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9.15PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## President's report

Last weekend saw 10 members head over to Ballarat for the Goldfields Shield. Some good fish were caught on the Friday prior to the competition starting on Saturday which raised the hopes for the main event. Unfortunately the dice didn't roll our way. I must however congratulate Greg on saving us some face by weighing two nice browns late on Saturday. This is the second time that Greg has managed to produce the goods at Lake Wendouree in recent times.

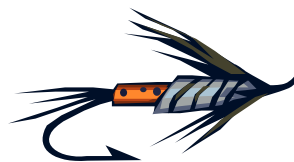
The Goldfields Shield remains with Ballarat. Bruce Pipkorn landed a nice brown trout on the Sunday weighing in at 1.910 kg to take out the event. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Bruce and Ballarat not only on their win but also on their hospitality which never goes unnoticed. Next year I hope to see the shield return to Bendigo.

Steve and Leon have hit the Goulbourn and Rubicon over the last month making the most of the reduced water flow before the impending closed season. They have managed to pick up a few browns up to 52 cm and even a couple of nice brookies each out of the Rubicon. With only a few weeks to go, there is still time for those that wish to fish the streams to make that last dash across to wet the appetite before it's all closed until September.

A reminder that Fly casting is on again on Saturday afternoons at Brennan Park swimming pool. This is the time if you need to polish up on your casting or have a few mates who want to have a go. What better way than to bring them along and have a go under the casting eye of Roger, Les or Al. It's also a good opportunity to try out various other rods and set ups that other members have around the club to see what suits your style of casting.

All flies for the John Crane Memorial should be completed and ready for submission. I wish everyone who has entered this year all the best and hope that with the flies that you have learnt and developed some new techniques.

GOLDFIELDS TROPHY				
NAME	CLUB	WEIGHT - TYPE	WEIGHT - TYPE	LEAF
G. MCKAY	RAL	692	BT	
A. TOWNSEND	BFFC	1762	BT	
G. HELLSTEN	BEND	1356	RT	
"	"	1436	"	
CRAIG COLTMAN	BFR	1768	BT	JB 2.0
STEVE LOCK	BFFC	1668	BT	
BRUCE PIPKORN	BFFC	1910	BT	
"	"	1266	BT	
RUSSEL WILSON	BFFC	666	BT	



Damian

May 14

## Fishing Report

Fly fishers are amazingly good at finding reasons why they cannot catch a fish. On a recent trip to the Tasmanian Highlands I heard many reasons why I couldn't find let alone catch a trout. Easter/Autumn and the more settled weather often leads to some good fishing in the Highlands. Sunshine and some wind inspires gum beetles to take to the wing often landing on the water and inducing the trout to rise. but when the weather god doesn't shine it seems the best time to be out on the lake is at first light on calm mornings. At this early hour midges hatch on frosty mornings and the trout come up and feed on the midge. My only excuse is that my bed is very warm and comfortable on frosty mornings. But even through the day we struggled to find a fish. However, we do have great memories of a trip a few Easters ago when the beetles (both gum and jassids) were on the water in good numbers. In overcast occasionally sunny weather we caught 1-3 kilogram fish on small dry flies drifting in a boat. But not this year. I haven't space to list the numerous excuses but will finish with the ever reliable excuse that we don't go fishing to catch fish. I'm sorry but I have to admit that while trout do live in beautiful places and I enjoy those places I do like to catch a trout on a fishing trip!! As Dr Robert Sloane says in *"Watershed"*. *"Fly fishing is as much about the insects, the weather, the water, the beauty, the wilds as it is about catching fish.-it is not a game of patience. It is a mental challenge and active pursuit which satisfies some inane need to hunt."* I think he sums it up very nicely. I see that the next round of the Victorian championships is being moved to Toolondo Reservoir from Lake Fyans. Apparently Fyans is fishing very poorly whilst Toolondo is going well. I don't have any reports closer to home.

*Joe Singe*

Roger's Monthly Quiz.

*Theodore Gordon was regarded as the father of -----  
-----.*

*And was famous for what fly? -----.*

*You are at Barkers knee deep in calm water you notice out of the side of your eye a trout rise some fifteen feet away, how may you tell if it rose to a fly off the surface? -  
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*Do you know how to tell a hatchery trout from a wild trout? The hatchery trout is glad to see you.*



*"I've been falling in so often lately, I figured I might as well start taking a look around."*



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