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Diary Dates:

- 4th Dec 2014 Committee Meeting
 - 11th Dec 2014 Fly Tying
 - 18 Dec 2014 Fly Tying
 - 8th Jan 2015 Fly tying
 - 15th Jan 2015 Fly tying
 - 22nd Jan 2015 Fly Tying
 - 29th Jan 2015 Gen Meeting
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Wishing all a Very Merry
Christmas and a Safe and
Happy New Year



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John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

Fly Recipes and the actual flies to be tied
available at our fly tying nights. See Alan
Chisholm for details.

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Reminder: Fees are now due.

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

The Secretary opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Present: A. Chisholm, J. Willey, G. Hellsten, R. Garlick, A. Jacobs, S. Charles, T. Charles, A. Choat and D. Keegan.

Apologies: L. Crimeen, J. Singe and R. Booth.

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

Moved: R. Garlick 2nd: A. Chisholm **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: As the Treasurer was absent, there was no report.

Correspondence:

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Bank statement; and
3. Dahlia & Arts Festival.

General Business:

1. The Club was represented by six members at the Wastell Shield in October. Al Chisholm was the best for Bendigo with a 0.852kg brown from Hepburn Lagoon. This is now the leading weight for the Club Championship.
2. It was moved by J. Willey and seconded by T. Charles that the Club subsidise the cost of accommodation for the Wastell Shield for \$100.00. **Carried**
3. Next Club Championship weekend is the 22/23 November at Barkers Creek Res.
4. On Wednesday the 5th November Barkers Creek Res was stocked with 1800 yearling and 100 two year old brown trout. The bigger trout weighed between 1 and 2 kgs. The majority being over 1.5kg. Al Chisholm, Jeff Willey and Jeff's grandson Kyle assisted with the release. (See photos elsewhere in this newsletter)
5. Any member catching trout at Barkers Creek Res are requested to report catch via Club's website. This will assist in determining future stocking.
6. After some discussion it was decided to hold a native fish day on the Loddon River in either December or January. Check the club's website for details.
7. There is a new size slot for Murray Cod and this is 55-75cm. This is the same as NSW however bag limits differ.
8. The Goldfields Shield held between Bendigo and Ballarat Clubs will be conducted at Lake Fyans on the weekend of the 30/31 May. See future newsletters for more details.
9. Flies for the John Crane Memorial Flytying Competition can be viewed on the club's website.
10. Al Chisholm and Greg Hellsten attended the Midlands Association meeting and reported that it looks like the Daylesford Club may fold.
11. After some discussion regarding the January committee meeting, it was moved by Tom Charles and seconded by Steve Charles that there be no committee meeting in January. **Carried**
12. For next year's Rise Film Festival, it was suggested that we contact outlying towns for potential customers.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:30PM.

Jeff Willey

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Stocking at Barkers Creek Res – 5th November 2015



Al Chisholm and 1.5+kg brown



Kyle Willey with a 1.5+kg brown



Going out to deliver another load



Al and Kyle

On the 5th November Al Chisholm, Jeff and Kyle Willey helped release 1800 yearling and 100 2yo brown trout into Barkers Creek Res. The majority 2yo were between 1.5 and 2kg. The fish arrived after 11am from Snobs Creek Hatchery and we were met by Greg Brodie, Senior Fisheries Officer.

The release went without a hitch and we were pleasantly surprised by the size and condition of the 2yo trout. Greg gave Kyle the important task of picking up any trout that jumped out of the buckets prior to release.

When we moving off to release the last of the 2yo, a brown snake came off the wall and made a beeline for the boat. Luckily it missed and kept going to the bank where the truck was parked. Greg Brodie stated that this spring he has seen numerous snakes during his travels.

Jeff Willey

President's report

Well this year is just flying by and before you know it we will be in to 2015. The weather is warming up and I have been fortunate enough over the last few weekends to get up to the streams in the north east with Steve Charles. I won't go into the reports to much as I'm sure Steve has special mention in his report. If not can I suggest that you visit the website or even better still like us on Facebook. You will not only see updates from recent fishing trips on FB but Steve also puts some great links on there related to fly fishing.

The other weekend Steve and I went to fish the Howqua for the day to see how things were. This is normally a river that's fairly high this time of year with best times after Christmas. On arrival at the 8 mile campsite it was a bit disappointing to see how low the water was. It was actually at mid-summer levels. After a morning wading and only spooking carp we decided to head back to the Deletite. This proved to be a good decision which turned a fishless day to one of Steve hitting double figures in a session. Just proves to move around sometimes and to fish with confidence and as a result you will catch fish. I also introduced Steve to the marvellous pizzas at Mansfield on the way home. They even taste better if you've stayed a few nights up in the hills.

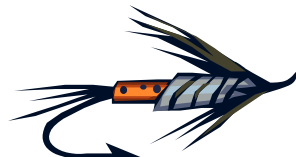
About 20, members / partners /family attended the Christmas Dinner at the kangaroo Flt Sports Club. . There were some great prizes for the raffle and I believe every member took home at least one prize each.

Barkers Res / Harcourt Res is slowly filling after the drain and works over winter. Several weeks ago Al and Jeff assisted fisheries with some much needed stocking with more to follow after Christmas. If fishing this Res please don't forget to email Steve via the club email any reports. This is even if nil fish are caught. Even if its as simple as nil fish seen moving, nil insect activity but smelt around the edges on the north side. All information such as this helps us in knowing what's going on and to report back to fisheries as to how the fishery is. Further to this a number of fish released had a left fin clipped and any measurement or condition on these is required to assess appropriate stocking requirements.

Our next meeting won't be until the New Year at the end of January. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Take care if you're travelling over this period and if getting out for a fish be mindful of the snakes. I wish everyone tight lines if getting out over the next month or two. I will be endeavouring to target the natives over the next couple of months and hopefully have some footage and photos for the new year.

Also don't forget the John Crane fly tying. Photos and recipes of the flies are on the website. Get on board and get tying, you don't have to be a world class tier it's about getting in and having a go and improving your tying ability.

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



Damian

November 14

Fishing Report

Newlyn

Roger fished Newlyn at the end of last month with a few mates in foul weather. It was tough going with very few duns up and even less trout! Persistence paid off though and



Roger caught this beautiful trout on a para dun pattern. It weighed in at spot on a kilo!

Hepburn Lagoon

Hepburn is also very full and clear and in the right conditions is fishing very well! I haven't heard many reports from Hepburn this month but now is the time if you want to chase Mayfly sippers.

Barkers Creek Res

Water levels are steadily rising at Barkers and there are plenty of fish on the move. The lake was restocked with 1900 yearlings earlier this month and 100 two year old browns that average a kilo each. There are still plenty of carp rising but there are some good trout in the mix now at least! That being said I've not had any reports of any being caught... I fished the dawn at Barkers last Sunday and there were trout right up in the grass at the edges. They move fast in the shallows and it's difficult to get a fly in front of them and also difficult to get them to notice it! Their field of vision is limited in the shallows and there's lots of structure around to get in the way!

Snowy Creek

Damian and I fished the Snowy Creek in NE Vic for a day and a half earlier this month. It's a beautiful clear creek with good access and plenty of 'stream sized' trout. We caught and released 12 trout between us all between approximately 200-500 gm. There was a pretty even split between browns and rainbows, and whilst the nymphs outperformed the dries it was great to see fish take a caddis or stimulator pattern off the top occasionally.



Delatite

Damian and I fished the Howqua and Delatite a week later and whilst the Howqua was a low and crystal clear we couldn't find anything more than carp, carp and more carp! We gave it a few hours but disappointed we decided to cut our losses and try to salvage the trip with an arvo session on the Delatite. Heading back to the Ute we met some hikers who were just on the return from Ritchies Hut. Two of them were anglers and they reported only seeing carp in the upper reaches as well...

I'm delighted to say that the arvo session was a complete contrast!



I had my first double digit day with 12 caught and released for me and 9 for Damian. I started with a Stimulator on top with a brown bead-head pheasant tail nymph about two feet below and the first three trout took the nymph. As we worked upstream though the Stimulator was more successful and we quickly snipped off the droppers to make the most of the dry fly action. It was great to see these beautiful little stream-sized trout gulping dries off the surface with Stimulators definitely being the fly of the day. Rainbows outnumbered the browns and the Delatite was

low and very clear. Stealth was important in this tight water and you need to do a lot of rock-hopping in pretty slippery conditions. My knee and shin guards really came in handy



for comfort and in protecting my waders. Getting up close, staying low and high-sticking to keep the line off the water proved the best tactic for a drag-free drift. It seems you can't overlook even the smallest pools, runs and pockets in this kind of river with some small pools producing up to 4 fish! Interestingly we had a lot of action in the tails of the pools but not surprisingly the bigger fish were holding at the heads. We would have had over 20 trout each for the 4 hours we spent on the Delatite had we not spooked some or missed the take on others. Great fun!

Keep sending in your fishing reports! Now that the weather is picking up get out there and let us know how you go!

Steve Charles



KOSI DUN
HOOK: #10 Dry
THREAD: Brown
TAIL: Coq de leon hackle fibres
BODY: Buff dubbing
SPLIT WING: Mallard fibres
HACKLE: Badger cock hackle



THORAX ADAMS
HOOK: B 14 Black Magic
THREAD: Brown
TAIL: Brown & Grizzle hackle fibres
BODY: Grey possum dubbing
WINGS: Grizzle hackle tips
HACKLE: Brown & Grizzle cock hackle
THORAX: grey possum dubbing



CDC EMERGER
HOOK: B 12 Black Magic
THREAD: Brown
TAIL: Brown cock hackle fibres
BODY: Dark brown dubbing
RIB: Fine copper wire
THORAX: Hare's ear, picked out
WING CASE: CDC Natural



MIDGE EMERGER
HOOK: # 16 Caddis Curved
THREAD: Black
BODY: Stripped Grizzle hackle stem,
(Lacquered)
WING: Light grey poly fibres
THORAX: Small peacock herl
HACKLE: Black cock hackle