

**BENDIGO
& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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September 2013

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Diary Dates:

- 3rd Oct Committee Meeting
- 10th Oct Fly Tying
- 17th Oct Fly Tying
- 19th /20th Wastell Shield
- 24th Oct Fly Tying
- 26th /27th 1st Round Club Champ
- 31st Oct General Meeting

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Wastell Shield

To be held at Cairn Curran & Tullaroop on Sat 19th /Sun 20th Oct.
Numbers required for accommodation etc.

Contact Damian
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Annual Christmas Dinner

At Kangaroo Flat Sports Club Tues 26th November

Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre

Saturday 16th November – cost \$50 inc BBQ lunch & competition. Names by October General Meeting (31st Oct) to work out accommodation and travel.
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1st Round Club Championships
Sat 26th /Sun 27th Oct at Barkers creek Reservoir



John Crane Memorial Fly Tying competition

Fly recipes and the actual flies to be tied available at our flytying nights.

See Alan Chisholm for details

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Our Annual Fees are now due

Junior Fees \$15.00

Senior Fees \$40.00

Family Fees \$45.00



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 5th September 2013
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

Apologies: J. Singe.

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

Moved: L. Crimeen 2nd; T. Charles **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: The newly appointed Treasurer, Tom Charles, presented his report to the committee. It was moved by T. Charles and seconded by L. Crimeen that the report as tabled be accepted. **Carried.**

Correspondence:

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

General Business:

1. Steve Charles reported on the progress of the website. He has undertaken this task himself which will save the club \$500. The President thanked Steve for his efforts with this issue.
2. The monthly outing for September is Tullaroop Res.
3. DEPI have stocked trout into Kennington Res.
4. The President reported that the annual Pie & Pastie night held in conjunction with the visit from Pro-Angler went well.
5. **Annual subs are now due.**
6. The Midlands Shield will be held on Sunday the 10th November at Lake Eppalock.
7. The first four flies for the John Crane memorial competition are; Wonder Wing Dun, Cross Winged Orange Spinner, Poly Wing Midge and Pearl Muddler.
8. Gav Hurley from Pro-Angler sent up three casting bands for training new members.
9. Casting will continue until the end of September.
10. There is a new company managing the Bendigo Pools. It is unknown if this will effect our arrangement.
11. Greg Hellsten attended the Vic Stocking meeting. He reported that the status quo remains and that priorities are boat ramps and funding and that the trout policy will be revisited.
12. The deferred visit to the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre is on the 16th November. Cost is \$50 this includes a bbq lunch. Names required by the October general meeting.
13. Steve Charles has suggested the club purchase common hook sizes in bulk and sell to members. All thought this was a good idea.
14. The annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Tuesday the 26th November.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:45PM.

Jeff Willey
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President's report

The last meeting saw a good turnout once again to see Gavin and Alec from pro-angler. We were very fortunate to see the latest in Pro-anglers line of fly rods that are due to be released in the next couple of months. From all reports from those who tried them out there was an over whelming thumbs up for the new rods. The night was also topped off with pies, pasties and some great information and videos of the trips that pro-angler put together. Those that are interested for a well catered trip be sure to give Gavin a ring or go to their website at www.proangler.com.au for more information.

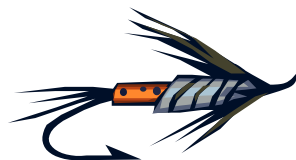
Sunday just gone saw about 9 members head out to Tullaroop Res for the day. Weather wise it could not be faulted, quite the opposite to the previous Tullaroop trip. It was probably too good for fishing. There was the odd rise throughout the day which saw the fish chasing dragon flies. When fixated on these there seems very little else to do but watch, a wide range of flies were put out to them to entice them but all offerings refused bar a missed strike by Wilko on a pheasant flash back. I would like to thank both Al Chisholm and Les Crimeen for assisting with the BBQ . The November trip to Goulburn Valley is fast approaching. Numbers and names to be relayed to members of the committee ASAP. Cost will be \$50 and the day is Saturday the 16th Nov. Some will be heading over on the Friday to fish the streams so let's see who is going so transport and accommodation can be organised.

Other events on the horizon are, the Wastell Shield on the 19/20th October and the Midlands Shield on the 10th November. We are also seeking interest for a trip back down to Warrnambool in late November with the Warrnambool boys / girls.

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

Steve is also looking for photos to be included on the site. So if you have any that you want to put up can you email them to Steve at:

bendigodistrictflyfishers@gmail.com for inclusion in the on-line gallery. Any photos sent in must be no larger than 500KB.



Damian
September 13

JOHN CRANE MEMORIAL FLY TYING COMPETITION 2013/14

WONDER WING DUN

HOOK: B14 BLACK MAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: BROWN COCK HACKLE FIBRES
RIB: MONO CHAMELEON 6lb
BODY: BROWN DUBBING
WING: BROWN COCK HACKLE FEATHERS (2)
HACKLE: BROWN COCK HACKLE

X-WING ORANGE SPINNER

HOOK: B14 BLACK MAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: BROWN COCK HACKLE FIBRES
RIB: BROWN THREAD 3/0
BODY: ORANGE EMBROIDERY THREAD
WING: WHITE COCK HACKLE FEATHERS (2) X-STYLE CLIPPED TOP & BOTTOM

POLY WING MIDGE

HOOK: #16
THREAD: BLACK
BODY: BLACK FEATHER FIBRES
RIB: GREY THREAD 6/0
WING: LIGHT GREY POLY FIBRES
HACKLE: GRIZZLE COCK HACKLE

PEARL MUDDLER

HOOK: B10 BLACK MAGIC
THREAD: BLACK
TAIL: BLACK DEER HAIR
RIB: SILVER WIRE
BODY: PEARL TINSEL
BODY HACKLE: BLACK COCK HACKLE
COLLAR: BLACK DEER HAIR SPUN
HEAD: BLACK DEER HAIR SPUN & CLIPPED TO SHAPE

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

The new Bendigo & District Fly Fishers website has been launched and you can access it online at:

www.bdffc.weebly.com

- Check the online calendar for upcoming events
 - Send in your photos to add to our gallery
 - Download club newsletters
- Check out the new flies in the John Crane Fly-Tying Competition

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bendigodistrictflyfishers@gmail.com

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Steve Charles

Fishing Report - September 2013

There is a book published by Flylife titled "50 places to fish in Australia and New Zealand, before you die". Jenny and I have been fortunate to fish many of the locations in this book. But where to go for a fish, when you have some time, following conferences (for Jenny) in England was somewhat of a dilemma. We had a commitment to visit Devon and meet the parents of an English student who stayed with us last year. A search on the internet found a guide "The Devon Flyfisher," Richard Jackson, who could take us to the River Teign (pronounced teen) to a beat that is controlled by a local angling club. More research indicated that the fishing would be to wild brown trout to about 30cm. Being September the hatches would not be as prolific as in April /May but some dry fly fishing was expected. With this location chosen the next question was of course: "Where Else?". We realised that we would be within driving range of the Salisbury Plains, Stockbridge and the famous River Test. WHY NOT at least look into a day on the Test?? Further searches of the Internet had us booked in for a day on the Oakley Beat of the Test. The Oakley beat is part of Monte font abbey and is administered by the National Trust. Again, being in September, some dry fly fishing was expected but not the hatches of April/May.

The River Teign is a beautiful small stream with riffles, runs and pools of clear water running through and around, rocks and boulders, with build ups of sand/gravel that direct the water flow. Producing many places to land a fly in the hope of a fish. The Teign even has a pub on its bank. We both caught and released several browns and a salmon Parr. Casting was a bit restricted with overhanging trees. Most fish were caught on a small deer hair sedge, dry fly or a small hare and copper nymph, fished into the runs/riffles.

We first sighted the River Test in the town of Stockbridge where it runs under the main street. Beside the bridge there were some large browns nonchalantly patrolling beats under the protection of some riffles and probably a no fishing rule. We were booked to fish the Oakley Beat of the Test. The beat fished by the famous dry fly fisher F.M.Halford, the author of "*Dry Fly Fishing in Theory and Practice*" He built a small fishing hut on the bank of the beat. The hut is still standing and contains many historic photos taken by him.

Being a chalk stream the water of the Test is gin clear and trout can be seen at their stations amongst the luxurious weed beds. The fish were not rising but would take a well-presented deer hair sedge. We had a wonderful day fishing the Test, made better when we both were able to catch some fish. Jenny was in top form landing four trout and a small grayling. I had to settle for two trout on the bank.



