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August 2015

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Diary Dates:

- 3rd Sept Committee Meeting
- 5th Sept Fly Casting
- 10th Sept Fly Tying
- 12th Sept Fly Casting
- 17th Sept Fly Tying
- 24th Sept General Meeting

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Club Championship

17th / 18th October at Wastell Shield

24th / 25th October at Harcourt



2015 Wastell Shield

To be held Sat/Sun October 17th &
18th.

Venue and accommodation to be
announced.



Club Trip to Eskdale

Friday October 30th – 6th November
Come for the weekend or the week and
fish the streams of the Northeast.
Contact Steve to book your spot.
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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 6th August 2015
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

Apologies: R. Booth.

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

Moved: A. Jacobs 2nd: S. Charles **Carried**

Treasurer's Report: There was no report as the Treasurer was absent.

Correspondence:

1. M&NCAA annual subs notification;
2. Invitation from Northern Club annual dinner;
3. Letter from Australian Post regarding ABN number;
4. Bank statement: and
5. Letter from Sports Focus.

General Business:

1. The native fishing trip planned for the end of August as been deferred to a date yet to be decided.
2. Barkers Creek Reservoir has received the final stocking for this year. This included 750 yearlings and 5000 fingerlings. The President stated that it is important that all members who fish Barkers Creek Res report any catches via the website. The report of fin clipped fish caught at Barkers Creek Res has been put down to wear and tear in the concrete ponds at the hatchery.
3. The club is still waiting a reply from the Calder Club re: annual competition between the two clubs.
4. Steve Charles caught a 1.5lb trout at Cosgrove Res on a smelt pattern.
5. The Rise Film Festival will be conducted on Tuesday 1st September at the Star Cinema.
6. There will be only six events for competing in the Club Championship. They are the four nominated weekends plus the Wastell and Goldfields Shields.
7. The flies for the John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Championship are yet to be decided.
8. The club is planning a trip to Eskdale later in the year. If you are interested contact Steve Charles.
9. Al Chisholm reported that he attended the annual stocking meeting for the region. He stated that there was a positive outcome and the plan is to increase stocking from 2.5M to 5M by 2020.
10. Steve Charles to apply for grant from On Track Planning to run a fly fishing course which will cover all aspects of fly fishing/tying over 20 hours.

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

Jeff Willey
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Last month we had the AGM and all positions were filled. There was no change in the committee and I welcome all those back for another 12 months.

Just a reminder that the Rise Film Festival is being hosted by our club at The Star Cinema on the 1st of September. I encourage everyone to attend and bring along a friend or two. See either Greg Helsten or myself for tickets. It is a very worthwhile night so I hope to see you all there.

By now most of you would have seen in the media that we were successful through the 2014/15 round of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program – Large Grants Program. \$1,006,899.56 will be allocated for 17 projects around the state. We will see \$24,946 to develop a strategy to rebuild the trout fishery at Barkers Creek Reservoir, Harcourt. This is our opportunity to assist where required to ensure that the best strategy is obtained to see Barkers Creek be restored to one of the best trout waters again. For full details about all the projects, go to <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/better-fishing-better-facilities-for-anglers> to read about the announcement made by Jaala Pulford. You can also go to www.vic.feesatwork2015

Also a trip is organised for Eskdale in the last week in October. Please see Steve Charles for full details and let him know if you are attending.

This month is only a short report. I'm sure there will be plenty in Steve's report. We are less than a fortnight away from the opening of the trout season. I hoping to include in up and coming newsletters a fly of the month which will be on the flies that I use on the streams, so stay tuned.

Damian
August '15

Fishing Report

Barkers Creek Res

With an early August liberation of another 800-odd yearlings Barkers has picked up again! I've fished there at least once most weekends through the month and have been successful on every visit – something I wouldn't have thought possible until recently! For the first couple of weeks following the liberation there were lots of 'stockies' nipping ferociously at almost anything but infrequently hooking up! This was frustrating but there were enough in the net to balance things out.

The most successful fly for me was an unweighted McGoo pattern in green with a fluoro orange thread head. Trout were frequently becoming airborne such was the ferocity of the attack on this fly. On one good afternoon I would have caught 20+ if all the hits had hooked up. As it was I still ended up with 6 in the net, ranging in size from 300 gm up to 700 gm. Clearly the action wasn't all from the new stockies...

Some of the bigger fish were clearly from earlier liberations, and it was good to note the excellent condition they were in and the regrowth in pectoral fins where the damage had not been too extensive.







Steve Charles

Club Trip – Eskdale **Fri 30th October – Fri 6th November**



Come for the week; come for the weekend or anything in between! It's entirely up to you but if you're keen to try fly fishing the magnificent small streams of NE Victoria this trip is one not to be missed!

Staying at the Red Oak Farmstay there are all the comforts of home, and the beautiful Little Snowy Creek flowing through the back paddock. Nearby there is also the Mitta Mitta River, Snowy Creek, Scrubby Creek, Little Scrubby Creek, Lightning Creek... and the list goes on. There are streams for all skill levels and fitness levels, and some truly breathtaking scenery!

The Farmstay will cost us \$500 in total for the entire week and at a pinch we can accommodate 10 or more! Do the math; this is likely to be the cheapest club trip we have all year!!!

We already have 5 on the list heading up on Friday 30th October for the long weekend and more to follow later in the week so get in whilst there are beds and car seats available.

Farmstay Accommodation: Red Oak Farmstay, Eskdale

More info or book a spot with Steve 0400 067 615

Vale.

Murray 'Muz' Wilson.

Muz Wilson who passed away a few months ago, was a guest speaker at our club back in July 2005. Muz called to my place before we went to the meeting, he spoke a lot about trout with the fly, as well as downing eight cups of coffee. I offered him breakfast but he declined, quite content with the coffee. Muz had a number of theories on the subject and was forceful on backing up his ideas with in the field facts. He insisted that in lake fishing trout often take your retrieving fly and spit it out and you don't even know it has happened. He has observed this on numerous occasions with other anglers on the lakes he fishes. He also has thoughts on hook designs but they would never be produced through lack of demand. He showed me his new 'Fuzzle' material that he had placed on the market and a number of fly designs that he tied with the 'Fuzzle.' He said streamer and large wet flies should always be tied to your tippet using a loop knot for greater mobility in the water. When we approached his wagon to go to the meeting I noticed his car doors and dash trim all covered with used flies, Muz explained that after a fishing outing he cut of the fly and stuck it somewhere in the trim. Arriving at the meeting with some twenty members in attendance, Muz commenced by tying his famous BMS and explained how it compared to Rick Keam's 'Helter Smelter' fly, Muz then went on to tie a number of his signature flies and many with his new 'Fuzzle' material. It was a great day and Muz will be sadly missed, I believe he had plenty more to offer and achieve in the fly tying scene.

Roger Day 2017

