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Diary Dates:

- 2nd April 2016 Casting
 - 7th April 2016 Committee Meeting
 - 9th April 2016 Casting
 - 14th April 2016 Fly Tying
 - 16th April Casting
 - 21st April 2016 Fly Tying
 - 23rd April 2016 Casting
 - 28th April 2016 General Meeting
 - 30th April 2016 Casting
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Club Championships

A change of dates for round 3 & 4 due to weather conditions at Barkers Creek.

Round 3 – Sat/Sun 23/24 April

Round 4 – Sat/Sun 21/22 May

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Fly Casting at the pool commences Sat 2nd April 2016. Further details next month.



General Meetings

April 28th – Jim Baumgartel from FLYFINZ fly gear with all the latest on equipment.

May 26th – Roger Booth will give an overview on fly fishing in New Zealand with a photo show.

June 30th – 6pm BBQ - Ross Virt from KAOS flies – fishing for natives, casting techniques. Any mates interested in fishing for natives welcome to attend.

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 3rd March 2016
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The Vice President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

Apologies: L. Crimeen.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: As the Treasurer's report is presented every three months there was no report tabled but the current bank statement was viewed.

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement;
2. Email – CleanUp Australia Day; and
3. Email from Bunnings.

General Business:

1. Jeff Willey reported that there was no fly fishing stands at the Hunting & Fishing Show held in early March.
2. Damian Keegan reported that the social day to be held in conjunction with the Calder Club will occur at a date to be decided.
3. All agreed that that the 'Come Try the Fly' day at Crusoe Reservoir was a success. We have at least one new member and possibly another two. The President thanked all those who assisted on the day.
4. Jim Baumgartel will be visiting the club on the 28th April. He has a wide range of fly fishing items for sale. This will be a 6:00pm start with a bbq supplied until 7:00pm.
5. Roger Booth will be presenting a report on his latest trip to NZ at the May general meeting.
6. The last two club championship weekends have been rescheduled for the 23/24 April and 21/22 May. This was due to the extreme hot weather in March.
7. Greg Hellsten reported that there are some VRFish video presentations on the internet regarding Wild Trout. Also there are some proposals regarding price increases for RFL and discounts for 1 & 3 year licences purchased online.
8. Greg also encourages members and non-members who fish Barkers Creek Res regularly to fill out the anglers log books supplied.
9. Damian Keegan to follow up on visit to Eildon Trout Farm and a visit from Ross Virty from KAOS cod flies.
10. Tom Charles suggested that at the next general meeting we canvas the members to volunteer for assisting with the various events the club conducts. It just shouldn't be left to the committee members.
11. Cleanup Australia Day was conducted on Sunday 6th March at Barkers Creek (Harcourt) Res. Due to the extreme weather forecast for the day, it was decided to conducted the clean up from 9:00am. Some 13 members attended and the usual 8 bags were filled. The President thanked all who assisted on the day.
12. Meeting for the planned NZ trip at the end of 2016 to be held in March. Five members have indicated that they are going at this stage. Those interested to contact Jeff Willey.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:10PM.

Jeff Willey Sec

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The start of the month saw us have some of the last hot weather. This did impact on the club championship round which has been put off for a month. It was to be run on the same weekend as the Clean Up Australia Day which we run at Harcourt Res. At the last moment we had to change the time to the Sunday morning to avoid the heat wave that was upon us. It was great to see about a dozen members attend and assist in collecting rubbish from around our local water way.

One thing to note on that weekend was the water level at Harcourt, which was very good, given the run of hot weather we have had thus far this year with limited rainfall. The water was clear and the odd fish was seen moving whilst the collecting of rubbish was being done. Since then we have had some rain and in the last week we have seen cooler weather upon us with the water slowly decreasing in temperature. This has seen trout moving into the edges chasing damsel flies. Redfin have been picked up on wet flies but the trout are really honed in on the damsel fly imitations and as always are pretty elusive when that's what they're feeding on.

Recent sampling of the water has seen a lot of shrimp, scud, minnows and stick caddis with the odd damsel nymph so patterns representing these would be a good starting point if heading down to Harcourt. Just a reminder to fill in your log book when going down to Harcourt and if you don't have one please collect one next time at the clubrooms. The water is coming up over new ground and looks to be a good Autumn/ winter to be had at Harcourt.

On the 17th of March Leon demonstrated his version of the pheasant tail and with the use of cameras and the TV made it very easy to follow. With this we are planning future tying nights with the same set up so as to make it easy to follow and informative. If you are keen to have a go at tying or learning new patterns/versions, I would suggest you get along to these tying nights. If you don't have any gear let me know as we have some gear at the club that can be loaned out to get you on your way.

Last weekend we held our first BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings in Epsom which was a great day for the club. I would like to thank all those who attended throughout the day to assist, with many being there for the whole day. We are already planning for the next day and would suggest where you can to help out. All money goes back into the club to be utilised for additional equipment and future presenters.

Next month (April meeting) we will be having Jim from FlyFinz coming to the club for another informative talk and display of all new things in flies and fly tying. Jim will be bringing his vast array of gear for sale which is well priced so come along for your new gear.

We have also locked in Ross 'Virty' Virt from Kaos Fly's for the general meeting on the 31st of June. Ross will be giving a presentation on fishing for natives and covering all aspects of targeting natives on fly's. He will also give casting demonstration and will have native fly's at a discounted price for members. The evening will commence at 6pm, with a BBQ for a small fee, with the presentation to commence at 7pm. This evening is open to members and non-members so if you know of anyone who may be keen to listen to Ross please invite them along.

Regards

Damian

March 2016

Fishing Report

NE Vic

Damian and I recently attended the 2016 Fly Life Magazine Forum Gathering that was based at Mount Beauty in NE Vic. We had a great few days fishing streams small and large, catching up with other anglers of an evening and exploring some new waters over the four days we were there.

Conditions weren't easy as the early Autumn flows saw the streams low and clear, making for some spooky trout. We had a lot of fun on Mountain Creek (until someone broke their new handmade cane rod) catching about a dozen small but aggressive rainbows each. Running Creek was difficult and technical, requiring lots of stealth and testing our skills, however we both caught a mixture of browns and rainbows and spooked many in the process. The Kiewa was unkind to us and although I caught a few finger length reddies and a small rainbow, there was no evening rise to speak of. Same applied to the Mount Beauty Pondage over a late afternoon and a night session on another day. We saw one rise between us and caught nothing...

We had an exhausting trek into and out of the Rocky Valley Creek. It's super tough to access and no easier to fish when you get there! It really tested us and I don't think we'll bother again, especially with the low catch rate.

In contrast Watchbed Creek on the Bogong High Plains was simply spectacular and provided the highlight of the trip and one of the most special places I have ever fished. The scenery was amazing and the small but feisty browns we caught were some of the most spectacular trout I've ever seen.

It was a great trip and I can't wait to revisit this region.





Goulburn River

Running at a consistent 7000 ML/d the Goulburn is high and clear making backwaters and edges the best bet for success at the moment. Now that the worst of the heat appears to have finally passed us we can hope to see a reduction in flow in the coming weeks. Fishing in some of the smaller tributaries can be a lot of fun as Autumn progresses and trout look to move into their spawning run.

Steve Charles

Casting Encounters.

April time for some casting tuition/ practise at the pool, it's on again commencing Saturday 2nd April at the pool at 1.30pm, come along and sharpen your skills or learn new ones we are ready to help you iron out any faults and develop some new techniques. Hope to see you there.

Casting Encounters 2.

A few years ago I was an invited guest to a 'Peter Hayes' casting clinic in Melbourne and I was really impressed with Peter's so called roll cast. [More of a shooting cast] Peter detests the normal roll cast, that produces large open rolling loops that lack punch, power, penetration and accuracy, and it is subject to being distorted by wind. This cast of Peter's will let you cast with accuracy, power, under overhanging shrubbery, cast tightly into pockets and with greater distance out over the water, Peter regards this casting technique as his most useful and in his hands would knock a hole in a brick wall. I would like to pass it on, so on Saturday the 9th April at 2pm at the pool. I will be demonstrating 'The Dynamic Peter Hayes Roll Cast'. All you need is your rod and line, an open mind and a pair of glasses, come along and add this great dynamic cast to your casting skills. Please practise it make for more enjoyable fishing.

Thought for the month.

"It is far better to have hooked up and lost, than never to have hooked up at all." 'John Goulden. Tassie Nov.12.

Casting Encounters 3.

Now most of you would know that a small group of members have been tripping to the North Island of New Zealand for a number of years, [9years]and I have a numbers of photos that I have put together showing some magic moments and big trout captures. So at the May meeting I will be displaying these for the members. Come along and enjoy some great shots.

Roger April 2016.