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## Diary Dates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2016 Committee Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 Christmas Dinner
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 Fly Tying
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 Gen Meeting

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## Club Championship for 2016/2017

### 2nd Round

And Sat/Sun 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November at  
Barkers Creek



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## 2016 Midland Shield

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Tullaroop  
Reservoir

*\*\*Our club is hosting this event and  
helpers are needed – morning or  
afternoon for BBQetc*

Contact Alan Chisholm for further  
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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

**Apologies:** L. Crimeen.

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

**Moved:** T. Charles **2<sup>nd</sup>:** A. Jacobs **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented a detailed financial report for the previous three months.

**Moved:** T. Charles **2<sup>nd</sup>:** G. Hellsten **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

1. Bank statement x 2;
2. Fisheries Research & Development Corporation;
3. Luke Donnellan – Boating, Safety & Facilities flyer; and
4. Ballarat Fly Fishing Club – Two Fly Competition 2017.

**General Business:**

1. Our club will be hosting the annual Midlands Shield Competition at Tullaroop Res on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Start time is 8:00am and finish 4:00pm. Tom Charles to purchase a \$30 gift card for a raffle prize. Members required to assist on the day.
2. The offer to visit Barry Burrett's property will be delayed until the new year due to heavy commitments between now and Christmas.
3. The President thanked Tom Charles for purchasing the new TV, dvd player and the canopy for shelter at the various events the club attends.
4. The President also suggested that the club hold a native fish day at Kow Swamp early in the new year. All agreed that that would be a good idea.
5. He Also reported that yellowbelly have been caught from the shore at Lake Eppalock.
6. Tom Charles presented an insurance quote of \$235. After some discussion it was decided that more investigation needs to be done ensure that we are also covered for theft.
7. Greg Hellsten spoke at length on the removal of willows from Victorian streams.
8. Al Chisholm reported that a good size rainbow trout was caught at Crusoe Res on powerbait.
9. The Talk Wild Trout Conference 2016 will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Mansfield Performing Arts Centre. To reserve a seat go to [www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/twt](http://www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/twt) There are some noted guest speakers inter alia, Phil Weigall, April Vokey, Taylor Hunt, John Douglas and Jason Lieschke from ARI.
10. A reminder to all members that the fees for 2016/17 season are now due. There has been a small increase and the fees are as follows: \$50 for adults, \$15 for juniors and \$55 for family membership.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:25PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## Wastell Shield 2016

The Wastell Shield was held on the weekend of the 15/16 October. The nerve centre was again the caravan park at Crewick. As usual the Ballarat Club members had everything setup and the organization and running of the event was first class.

Greg Hellsten, Brent Heath and myself participated in the event. Greg and Brent fished Lake Wendouree from Greg's boat. I fished Tullaroop and Cairn Curran Res on Saturday and Hepburn Lagoon on Sunday.

The wind was a very strong from the northerly direction on Saturday which reminded me of the windy days on Little Pine. On Sunday the wind was not as strong but had changed direction which added a cool chill to the air.

I only saw one fish move at Tullaroop late on Saturday evening otherwise it was dead. The water was discoloured which was not a help. Cairn Curran was also discoloured and the only action was the pelican picking up a few fish nearby. Hepburn on Sunday looked a treat. There were some new stockies moving in close and I had three have a go at the size 14 brown para dun tied by Les Crimeen.

Greg and Brent battled the strong wind on Wendouree, or should that be *Windouree*, on Saturday. Greg landed a rainbow trout of 400 gms and a redfin of similar weight on a green woolly bugger. Greg reported that there was a dun hatch around 5:00pm with the trout rising to take only selected duns.

The Saturday night dinner and raffle was excellent, with all Bendigo members securing a prize. The breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday mornings was just what the doctor ordered for a long session whipping the wind.

In all there were 59 anglers competing from at least 5 clubs I counted. The winner was Ross Machar from the Yarra Valley Club with a brown trout from Wendouree weighing a respectable 2.335 kgs. He also landed another brown weighing 1.038 kg. Second was Andrew Pastuzkamorh from the Mornington Club with a 1.984 kg brown trout caught on Sunday at Newlyns on a dry fly.

While conditions were hard, the general consensus is that with all the impoundments full and combined with the stocking program of Fisheries Victoria, anglers in general can look forward to some good fishing over the next 12 months at least.



Ballarat President Greg Armstrong (L) presenting Ross Machar with trophy and prizes for winning the 2016 Wastell Shield

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Normally this time of year I start with a bit of a positive with early season reports. However, I find it a bit hard having lost one of our members in the passing of Les Crimeen on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Les had been a member of the club for the last 16 years. Les was always willing to help out having become a committee member shortly after joining. He was an exceptional fly tier and always willing to pass on his knowledge and ideas to anyone who asked. Les had won the Senior fly tying Championship 4 times. He would always supply beautifully tied flies for the raffles each year and also provide flies to those going on trips. I would be surprised if there are not too many members who don't have a Les Crimeen fly in the box.

For as long as I have been in the Club Les has been there every winter at the pool assisting Roger with casting. He was more than happy to pass on his knowledge and advice to not only a new comer but to more seasoned casters that need the odd tweaking here or there to present the fly to where it needs to go.

Whenever a BBQ or club day was being planned Les would have his hand up first to help out. He would always pass on his learnings and always willing to listen to others experiences and never a harsh word left his lips. Les will be greatly missed.

### Up Coming Events

This weekend, 29/30 October is the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Club Championship for 2016/17 and will be held at Barkers Creek. Good luck to those who get down there. Reminder that fish caught are required to be weighed in on the club scales which are held by Al Chisholm.

Annual Christmas Dinner is being held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Kangaroo Flat Sports Club. Numbers to Jeff Willey please.

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> November we are hosting the Midlands Shield which will be held at Tullaroop Res. I encourage all members to partake in this event. I am also after some assistance from members to help out. I require a few members to handle the registration which is at 8am. Also we are to provide a BBQ at the completion of the comp at 4pm. If you are able to assist at either the start or finish of the day please let me know

Damian  
October '16



**Tony Jacobs presenting Les Crimeen with the 2010/11 Fly Tying Shield.**

# Fishing Report

## Wastell Shield 2016

A quick mention: Congratulations to Greg Hellsten for catching one of the only 5 trout weighed in at the Wastell this month. With lakes and reservoirs full and only just starting to clear it must have been very challenging conditions. I'm sure Greg will give us a detailed account.

## Goulburn River

Having heard good reports coming out of Thornton in the last week Leon and I ventured over to the Goulburn last Sunday to try our luck. Last time we visited was opening weekend and with the highly discoloured water of the Goulburn we resulted in a blank. Thankfully the conditions have improved with slightly less rain in the past few weeks, and the Goulburn is again flowing clear enough to be fishable.

The reports in the days prior to our trip detailed enormous hatches of Caenids, lasting throughout the day and many fish rising constantly. Whilst this sounded promising we knew we would be in for a challenge and started tying tiny size 18 and 20 Ceanid patterns. Unfortunately for us the weather conditions seemed to have changed and a persistent strong wind may have halted the hatch rate... We found it to be tough going and saw almost no surface activity until late in the day and even then it was a few little tackers targeting small caddis for a short period

A good angler adapts to the conditions and in the absence of surface activity we very quickly changed to nymphs on long droppers or in a team under an indicator. We had most success in the deeper runs with mostly small rainbows and browns taking the nymphs in (or under) the fast water. As always the depth of the nymph was critical and getting them bouncing along the bottom saw good results.

Leon caught the fish of the day. It was a cracking rainbow of around the 2 lb mark. I'm looking forward to getting back up there as the fishing is only going to get better and better.







*Steve Charles*