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November 2016

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Diary Dates:

- 8th Dec 2016 Fly Tying
- 15th Dec 2016 Fly Tying
- 5th Jan 2017 Committee Meeting
- 12th Jan 2017 Fly Tying
- 19th Jan 2017 Fly Tying
- 26th Jan 2017 General Meeting

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Third Round Club Championships

Barkers creek on March 25th/26th



**Wishing everyone a very
Merry Christmas and a safe
and Happy New Year**



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Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 3rd November 2016

At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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

Apologies: J. Willey, R. Booth

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

Moved: T. Charles **2nd:** S. Charles **Carried**

Treasures Report: To be presented quarterly

Correspondence:

1. Newsletter from MPFF

General Business:

1. Club will be hosting the Midlands Shield Competition at Tullaroop Res on Sunday the 13th November. President to send out email to all members for assistance on the day.
2. Discussion was held regarding insurance for the items in the club house. Quote was presented for fire/damage at a cost of \$235. Further fee to cover against theft.
3. Fishing Forum is to be held on Monday the 7th November at RSL Hall 15a Station St Kangaroo Flat. A number of committee members attending and will report back
4. Discussion held in regards of possibility of unmotorized boats being able to be put on Tullaroop res. This is in the early stages of consultation. To be monitored
5. Report from Tony Jacobs that the small trout are doing well at Barkers Res. Recently caught fish was in good condition
6. The Christmas Dinner will be on the 10th November. This years raffle prizes consist of a loomis rod, Christmas hamper and various other prizes.
7. As a number of the committee members will be in New Zealand at the end of the month it was decided that the November general meeting will be shifted to the 1st of December (committee meeting night). This will be the last meeting for the year and will enable those going to NZ to report back on the trip. Tom Charles to email all members. Steve Charles to update website .

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Damian Keegan

Pres

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well it has been a busy month. As I sit here writing up this report my mind keeps going back to the previous fortnight just had in New Zealand. A great trip was had by the 6 members who headed over the Tasman sea to the South Island.

We arrived in Christchurch in the early hours of Monday the 14th just after the large earthquake that had hit the north of Christchurch. His was not to deter us as we collected our vehicles and headed south to Methven where we spent the first night. After several hours of some members trying to organise their fishing licences we headed to Lake Georgina on Barry's advice.

Greg had a hit and busted off as did I, but preserve I did and landed a nice brown. The fly used would become the fly of choice as we travelled the South Island over the next couple of weeks. Good mail was received prior to the trip to use a size 14 Mrs Simpson with red body and trailing nymph. Let's just say that I think the Methven Fly shop was cleaned out of Mrs Simpsons the next day.

As the weather, had been rather cool and wet in recent weeks most of the rivers were flowing high and dirty so we hit the lakes in the Central SI area such as Lake Heron, Maori Lake, Roundabout, Emma, Camp and Clearwater. It was at Lake Emma and Camp that we learnt that you could take the boy from Barkers creek but you can't take the barkers creek out of the boy with TJ accounting for several redfin. Even I got in on the act, if you can't beat them might as well join them.

We head further south fishing other lakes such as Benmore, Loch Cameron, Lake Merino, and down to paddock bay at lake Wanaka. From here we travelled across to Ranfurly to fish the Taieri River and surrounding oxbows. Here we struggled to see a fish or have any success due to the recent rains so headed to Blakelys Dam where we managed a few before heading into Ranfurly for tea at the pub.

From here we then headed to Poolburn Dam for a day and half of fishing before travelling to Waikaia. On the day, we arrived it was warm and after tea at the pub both Wilko and Greg landed 2 beautiful fish picked up on dries in the evening rise. Things were looking good for the next day, but alas we awoke to cloud filling the valley and persistent rain which from the locals was not going to let up for the next few days. So, what do we do, go fishing. Some nice fish we landed and dropped but with the persistent rain the river was rising and again becoming discoloured.

It was coming time for thee of us to make our way back to Christchurch so we all travelled north to retrace some of the better waters we had fished.

The above is only a short report of the trip. I will endeavour to write a more complex report for the next newsletter.

I would like to thank those that gave their time to help at the Midlands Competition which was held on the 13th of November, especially Tom and Terry who both put in a full day.

I wish all members and their families a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Damian

Damian '16

New Zealand November 2016

