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& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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September 2015

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Diary Dates:

- 1st Oct Committee Meeting
- 8th Oct Fly Tying
- 15th Oct Fly Tying
- 22nd Oct Fly Tying
- 29th Oct General Meeting

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Annual Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 24th November at
Kangaroo Flat Sports Club



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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2015 Wastell Shield

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

Venue and accommodation to be
announced.

Contact Jeff Willey for bookings

Club Championship

24th / 25th October at Harcourt



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 3rd September 2015
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

Apologies: R. Garlick, L. Crimeen and R. Booth.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: There was no report as the Treasurer's report is only tabled every three months.

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement: and
2. Letter from Sports Focus.

General Business:

1. Tom Charles gave a detailed report of the Rise Film Festival. There were 69 in attendance and various members received good feedback from non-member attendees. The President thanked Greg Hellsten and Tom Charles for all the effort they put in to make the night a success.
2. A proposal to assist the On Track Training program is a no go due to certain conditions.
3. Funds are available from the Small Grants Program "One million anglers by 2020".
4. A competition with the Calder Club is still under discussion.
5. The Wastell Shield will be conducted on the 17/18 October.
6. Eight members have indicated they wish to travel to the Eskdale area on the Melbourne Cup weekend. Any member wishing to attend can contact Steve Charles.
7. Through hard work by Greg Hellsten, the club was successful in gaining a grant of \$24,946 to "Rebuild the trout fishery at Barkers Creek Reservoir." There is a meeting at Epsom on Tuesday the 15th September with various interested parties attending. The President thanked Greg for all the time and effort he put in to gain this grant, which will hopefully bring Barkers Creek Res back as one of the premier trout fishing destinations in Central Victoria.
8. The annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Tuesday the 24th November.
9. The Council of Greater Bendigo will be conducting a Summer Activity program. The club will be participating by holding a "Come & Try the Fly" event at Crusoe Reservoir on Sunday the 14th February.
10. After talking to a number of experienced fly fishers, it has been decided to conduct a trip to the South Island of NZ in November 2016. The trip is in the planning stages and will include 12 full days fishing. Any member wishing to attend can contact Jeff Willey.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:30PM.

Jeff Willey
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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. A day trip to the Big River might also be on the cards! 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!!!

Places are filling up so get in now whilst we have room!

Book Now!

Farmstay Accommodation: Red Oak Farmstay, Eskdale

More info or book a spot with Steve 0400 067 615

Fishing Report

Barkers Creek Res

Barkers has experienced a slowdown during the last month and although the glimmers of warmth have seen some insect activity, the trout are apparently yet to notice!

There are some reports coming in that this could be a good season for Cockchafer Beetles in this part of the world. The grubs apparently thrive in dry conditions and we've certainly had those. I haven't heard any reported at Barkers but it's coming into the right time of year for evening beetle falls, so it wouldn't hurt to have a few foam beetles in the fly box.

Planning for the Barkers Creek Res revival project has commenced and in meeting with representatives of Fisheries Vic, Arthur Rylah Institute and Coliban Water it has been made clear that our primary contribution will be in data collection. Hopefully by the October GM you will be issued with a log book to record your visits to Barkers, but you can start now! Each time you fish Barkers note the date, time and duration of your visit. If you catch a fish note the species, it's length, weight and condition. This is really important to the project, folks, so please make an effort!

Streams

It's early season but there have been some good reports coming in from various streams. Damian and Wilko had a good day on the Delatite with plenty of fish keen to take nymphs and dries. They finished with around a dozen each in the net, about the same dropped and some very nice size trout in the mix.

Leon and I fished the King Parrot Creek and had a tough day with only a handful of trout between us. However the week before a couple of CFFA members had a good day there with a dozen on nymphs between them.

I've also heard of some good results from the Steavenson.

Otways

Damian, Brent and myself fished the Aire River estuary earlier this month and had a frustrating time of it. We spent an afternoon and the following morning searching high and low for bream in the estuary but couldn't find a single one! We followed a lot of advice from the pros, had all the right flies, fished at the correct depths and used the recommended retrieves... No luck.

Leaving the bream for another day we explored the spectacular Otway Ranges and some of the small tributaries to the Aire River further up in the hills. Whilst the scenery was spectacular the density of the rainforest makes for challenging fishing, and the steepness of the hills had our legs talking to us for a couple of days. We caught a handful of tiny trout between us, but found some good access points to the upper Aire for future reference. It wasn't our most successful fishing weekend but it was great to be away exploring a beautiful part of the world. We stayed two nights at the Bimbi Park Caravan Park and it was very comfortable and affordable. Keep it in mind if you're down that way.



Brent fishing the stunning Beauchamp Falls

Steve Charles

Casting Encounters.

With the Mayfly season hopefully upon us may I commend to you fly tiers a Dun emerger pattern, One that has been very successful for me on a number of waters here and in Tassie.

The hook a light gauge dry fly Size 14 [mine is an up eye B/magic model F.

Thread Black 8/0.

The Tail [pointing down] is a slender wisp of 'Sparkle yarn' Antron Chocolate Brown.

The Body is dubbing loop spun 'grey rabbit' fur.

The hump is a 3 mm strip of Black foam 1½ thick,

Hackle Dark Brown. 2 turns [underneath foam only.]



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