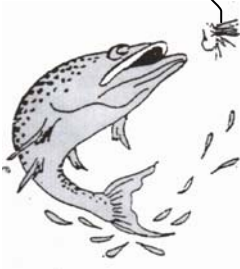


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APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend the next meeting of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc.
This will be held on Wednesday 21st April 2004, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - March 17th 2004

Meeting Opened: - 8:00 PM

Attendance: - 14 Members present & 2 Visitors

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend The Meeting.

Rod Hewat, James Tourtoulas, Steve Jordan & Neil Morrison

Visitors To The Meeting Was:

Our Guest Speaker Andrew Martin and wife Michelle

New Members:

There were no new members.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and confirmed as per the Newsletter

Moved: - Ron Bassler, Seconded: - Gavin Sculley

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Fish Fax Issues 113 & 114

Bairnsdale Fly Fishers March 2004 Newsletter

The Southern Fly Fishers February 2004 Newsletter

VFFA March 2004 Newsletter

FishCare East Gippsland inc. Catch a Carp day info

Council of Victorian Fly Fishers Re: Membership and

PLI and Questionnaire

Gippsland Water Watch Newsletter

VFFA Notice information for their annual auction

Entry Form – The Ashes Challenge SA v Vic.

Promotions:

Densu Group Aust re: Stubby holders

Correspondence, moved by Peter Neligan and second by Ian Brideson that the correspondence be accepted.
Carried

Business Arising From the Correspondence:

Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:

Newsletter postage \$22.00

Stationary: \$7.92

Year to Date:

Total Income: - \$1,770.00

Total Expense: - \$1,031.05

General account Balance of \$2,304.31

GSI Investment Accounts \$2,062.17

Total Amount in Accounts is \$4,366.48

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Dean Cousin, second by Ron Bassler and Carried.

General Business

Ron Bassler suggested that we think about a project that we could undertake. He asked that the members think about this and make suggestions at the next meeting.

A recent article by MLC Phillip Davis in the Gippsland time regarding stocking of trout in local waters was discussed and it was agreed that he had been misinformed on this subject. It was asked that I send a

letter to Mr. Davis informing him of the stocking that has been provided by the DPI in recent years. It was also suggested that a copy of this letter be sent to the regional manager of DPI. Errol Parmigiani.

Ian Brideson gave a report on the recent DPI/Angling Clubs meeting. Items raised were:

New Manager Kevin Brown

No Bass stockings to take place this year due to the breeding facility being sold and all the brewed stock being transported to Snobs Creek

Enforcement Issues, or the lack of was discussed and Kevin Brown said that this was one area that they were looking into and was targeted for improvement in the future.

The department was commended for the work regarding the work by the DPI, checking boats, safety gear etc. during this prawning season.

The feedback the DPI is receiving regarding Bass stocking of the Macalister River has been very positive, as we would not like to see our regular trout stocking disappear, we need to continue our presents on this river and fill in the fish diaries and submitting our results

Gavin Sculley said that he had booked the two villas at snowline and would like the club to send up the deposit of \$600, this is to be reimbursed to the club when the members have paid up for their accommodation.



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Mick O'Brien had concerns about electro fishing to remove trout from waters on the other side of the divide. Peter said that he had read a report on this subject, it was a small pocket of water and that this had occurred to protect Bared Galaxies that were believed to be endangered. Peter said that he would find out some more information on this subject for next meeting.

Tony Woodland said that he was very pleased with the service received when he broke the tip off his Orvis fly rod. Orvis sent him a whole new rod under their warranty conditions.

Fish Reports

Max Simmons fished Merrimans Creek for lots of small fish up to 14 inches long.

Terry Kuch reported that Rainbow Creek was presently very dirty due to the River Trust dumping rocks in the upper end of the creek for bank stabilisation

Chris Vafiopulous caught 3 nice fish out of a river near Rawson

John Utan caught 2 Rainbows to 1¼ lb and a 1lb Brook Trout out of Three Mile Dam on the club trip to Eucumbene.

John also fished the Tyres River on two occasions with 4 fish to 2½ lb on one trip and 4 fish today (17/3/04) with two fish being over 1lb.

Mick O'Brien brought home 7 fish from the Eucumbene trip the best being 3¾lb. Mick spent 2 other nights at Jindabyne and fished Spencers Creek and caught and released over 30 fish at 11-12 inches, also fished Thredbo River attracting 20 fish to the dry fly, the best was 2lb.

James Tourtoulas caught and landed his first fish on a dry fly on the Eucumbene trip.

Other fish caught on the Eucumbene Trip were:

Neil Morrison – 3 fish with the best being a 4lb brown

Rick Sunderland – 1 fish 3½lb

Rod Hewat – 1 fish 2lb

James Tourtoulas – 1 fish 2½lb

Peter Murray – 6 Fish to 2¾

Peter visited Tasmania's North East Region for a few days and has provided a written report on page??

Fly Tying night to be at Ian Brideson's home.

Please note that there are still some of the clubs videos out that need to be returned. If you have one in your possession, please bring it to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: - 9:00PM



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Guest Speaker:

Andrew Martin once again gave us a great presentation; Andrew had a recent trip to Cape York, which he discussed with us, some of the planning that goes into a trip to make it a great fishing adventure, as well as slides show of the type of fish and the conditions you are likely to encounter in the northern tip of this country.

Andrew's theme for this presentation focused more on planning, the more you plan, the more you get out of the trip.

Andrew said the best way to fish this area is with an experienced Guide, someone that knows the conditions and where to find the fish. Personal recommendations from others who have used the services of guides in this area is a great way to make sure you get the best experience and are not disappointed.

The timing of your trip to coincide with moons and tides, Andrew suggested that the most active fishing is the build up to, or the run off the wet season.

Clothing is very important; if you wish to spend most of your time fishing, then you should have light weight full cover clothing. You would not like to spend half your time laid up with sun stroke or be uncomfortable with sun burn. You will need to take with you plenty of sunscreen. The other reason for full cover is that there are plenty of biting insects in the Tropics, and the more you have covered, gives the insects less area of you to get their teeth into.



Andrew with a nice GT

A good first aid kit to take care of any cuts and scratches; some of these fish have some mean fins, gill plates and teeth.

What gear you will need to take with you:

Andrew recommended 8 – 10 weight rods and good reels with adequate line holding capacity; most of these fish will take you well into the backing.

Andrew suggested a few lines to take with you, S/A Bonefish Lines, Fast sinking lines, 1 floating line just in case you find some surface activity and LC13 shooting head with running line. Braided loops are the go; things can change fast so you need to be able to change your lines fast to keep up with the action. Take Extra loops and super glue for back up.

For flies, you can never have enough, Andrew suggested 1/0 white Clousers would do to take care of most situations, Surf Candy's worked well along with many others flies that Andrew had on display.

A stripping basket is a must, as you need to be able to move around the boat with out the line becoming entangled. For those fish with sharp teeth Andrew suggested that you would need to become familiar with a Haywire Twist and 27lb single strand wire.

Expect windy conditions most days so you will need to practice your casting technique. You will need to look after your gear, keep your reels well lubricated and clean it in fresh water at the end of each days fishing.

Andrew said that sharks and Crocs are an issue and you will need to be aware of them. And lastly, a good pair of Polaroid Glasses is a must.



Andrew with a very nice Queenfish

Show Us Your Fly for March: Dunny Brush Mick O'Brien tie of Julian Browns Dunny Brush won him the \$10.00 voucher this month

The \$10.00 Voucher for first prize, which was kindly Donated by The Sale Angler.

Runner up was Ian Brideson

The Fly to Tie for the April 2004 Meeting is:

Geehi Beetle

(Aust. Best Trout Flies page 31 & 32)

Hook: dry fly hook #14

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippets

Body: peacock herl

Hackle: Brown Hackle Palmered through the herl



Please Note: All flies that are entered in the show us your fly segments are to become raffle prizes at our Annual Dinner at the end of the year.

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Another Part of Tassie

By Peter Murray

Organised during the hectic days of the A.I. season, Andrew the Tassie Import said, "Come and visit, OK we said (Dennis and myself and other's who shall remain anonymous).

Andrew's family run a dairy farm at Branxholm in the North East of Tassie, situated on the Ringarooma River, complete with farm dam stocked with self supporting wild Brown's, this all sounded pretty good, so it didn't take a lot of arm twisting for us to accept.

With a scrumptious meal under the belt, courtesy of Alison and Pauline, Dennis and I hit the high seas full of expectation and armed with the mandatory packet of Quells for the trip across Bass Strait

Departing from Melbourne at 9:00pm and arriving in Devonport at 7:00am the following morning, all in one piece except for the quarantine stop, were we had to part with all our veggies. The road to Scottsdale was duly found and the trip was on, we passed poppy fields and crossed fish abundant rivers mid morning to find our host Andrew with the welcome mat and coffee mugs to the fore.

With unpacking and pleasantries concluded, it was off to Derby for access to the Ringarooma River. Much to the delight of the travelling audience, fish started to come to the Bead Head Nymph. Wading up river and running into deep water, Dennis and I climbed the bank and were confronted by a hostile native whose lawn was being trod on, yes the lawn had been mowed to the river bank. After pleading ignorance and some backtracking past walls of blackberries and nettles, an hour went by to find the river bed once again under our feet. We saw more fish in this section of river, some of them we caught, I tried to entice a 6lb fish with a dry, and Dennis's mining background surfaced spotting tin deposits on the river bed. My fish finally lost patience and took an unweighted "Liquorice Nymph" and headed down stream past Dennis's tin accumulation, finally coming to the net the 6lb fish shrank to 3¾lb slab, oh well not too bad a start. Around the next corner Dennis tempted another good fish to a "Geehi" only to decorate it with an over exuberant rising of the rod tip. This was Dennis's first dry fly take. More fish came and went until almost dark. The trip home was delayed by very hospitable locals at the Branxholm Hotel and an adequate supply of Cascade Draught.

Day Two

Have to try the farm dam, on Andrew's advice the home of the Leviathan, Dennis hooked and lands a nice fish on his own tied Hay Band Beetle and I took a small fish on a Woolly Bugger.

After Breakfast, its' off to Cascade Dam, supposedly full of fish but bloody full of water, need a boat for this one. So it was on to Frome Dam via St Helens, well almost. Looks good, irrigation supply dam running South to North, tree lined east shore, soily tussock bank West side, blowing like crazy, coffee time. Hello!! Ripples against the tide, !!Umm!! Watching and then water erupts in a huge swirl 30cm from the shore, and a big fish is bogged to the backbone in 50mm of water doing a mud skipper, it finds deeper water and is gone. Well!!! Say the intrepid duo, what's the go?? Half an hour passes with no result to Mark 2's and Fur Flies, then the same thing, a big fish charges into the mud from 50 meters away and beaches itself and again wiggles its way into deeper water and it is gone. A closer inspection reveals that there was the odd tadpole in the shallows so small taddie patterns were employed, but still no response to blind flogging, by this time it was getting late in the afternoon, Dennis is on a mission round the next bay and I spotted a fish working a quiet shallow corner. I first thought this to be a carp, but there are no carp here. This is a real fish working a beat in a foot of water amongst tussocks and debris, a short cast and the taddie pattern was in position, with a slight twitch of the fly the fish turns and charges towards the fly, the leader moves sideways, I strike and feel the weight of the fish, then there was a big splash and a swirl and the fish is gone leaving my fly hooked firmly into one of the tussocks, "Bugger!!" While reflecting on my misfortune I heard Dennis who was proudly displaying a beautifully conditioned 2lb wild Tassie Lake Brown, taken on a Mark 2 Woolly Bugger that was cast to the fish while it was sipping large gum beetles off the surface. With the fading light it was time to head home for dinner.

Day Three

Down to the farm dam again where we caught 3 fish before breakfast, none of these fish were monsters but nice fish all the same. After breakfast we headed off to Tomahawk Estuary via Winnaleah, after unpacking it was then onto Blackman's Lagoon which is right on the coast. On arrival the wind was horrendous, Dennis found a quiet leeward shore and I opted for the cross wind shore and an 8 weight rod, Andrew, the local decided it was better to have a snooze in the tussocks. There were a lot of Blue Damsels about, we used for a couple of hours without much success. Dennis started to experiment with all manner of dry flies to no avail. I decided to go radical and put on a Fanny Rat with sleek lines and longish tail I stripped it with some pace, a monstrous fish was lured from the dark water to inspect my fly, only to refuse and retreat back into the depths. To see a fish of this size up close really made this trip worthwhile. Not much more action for a couple of hours so a change of tactics saw a smallish fish taken on a Bead Head Bloodworm. It was still very windy on dark so it was time to head back to the cabin.

Day Four

With a very low tide, the Tomahawk Estuary channel was given a solid work over for no result, however the feed of Oysters was a good consolation.

After packing up and bidding farewell to Andrew, we headed off to check out the Forth River Spillway. This is whitebait and sea trout habitat, maybe we will venture back over in October to try this out!

Then it was back to Devonport, the sea was flat and we had a pleasant trip back to the real world.

This trip was something different and well worth revisiting, enough fish were caught and some exceptional fish had been seen. Special thanks to Andrew Aldridge and his parents for their hospitality, and to Dennis's Daughters, Alison and Pauline for putting us on the right nutritional path to cope with the adventure.

Peter Murray & Dennis Butler

“ATTENTION”

Contributions to the newsletter would be appreciated; all articles, stories, recipes, fly tying instructions, patterns or any humorous cartoons etc. will be published.

Submissions close on the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the 3rd Wednesday Meeting Night.

Recipe: - Smoked Trout Parcels with Creamy Dill Sauce

Preparation time = 20 minutes

Cooking time = 15 minutes

Ingredients

12 Leaves Spinach

2 Large smoked trout (About 1.5 kg)

1 Tablespoon drained capers, chopped

4 sheets fillo pastry

100g butter, melted

Creamy Dill Sauce

1/3 cup chopped fresh dill

2/3 cup (160ml) sour cream

2 teaspoons horseradish cream

2 teaspoons seeded mustard

Add spinach to pan of boiling water, drain immediately, rinse under cold water, drain well; pat dry with absorbent paper.

Remove skin and bones from trout. Divide trout into 4 portions, top each with capers, wrap each portion in spinach leaves.

Cover fillo pastry with damp tea-towel to prevent drying out. Brush 1 fillo sheet with butter, cut lengthways into into 3 equal pieces. Layer pieces at an angle on top of each other. Place 1 spinach-wrapped trout bundle in centre of fillo, gather edges together to form a parcel, brush with butter. Repeat with remaining fillo, butter and trout. Place parcels on greased oven tray. Bake, uncovered, in moderate oven about 15 minutes or until browned. Serve with creamy dill sauce.

Creamy Dill Sauce: Combine all ingredients in bowl; mix well

Serves four

COMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diary

April General Meeting, Wed. 21st 2004 Steve Mills of EJ Todd will be our guest with some of the newest innovations in materials and gear.

Club Trip to Jindabyne this year will be from 28th May till the 4th June

We have been trying for a Salt Water Club Trip to Bemm River, the date for this is to be 16, 17 & 18 July.

The Licola Club Trip has been put down for 24, 25 & 26 September.