

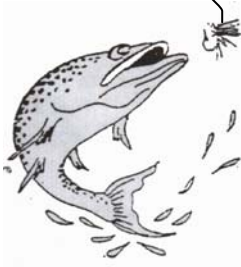
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MARCH 2004 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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 17th March 2004, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room. The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - February 18th 2004
Meeting Opened: - 8:05 PM

Attendance: - 18 Members present & 2 Visitor

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend The Meeting.
Dean Cousin, Rick Sunderland,

Visitors To The Meeting Was:

Our Guest Speaker Rob Flower and Nick Sestokas

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: - Ian Brideson, Seconded: - Peter Neligan

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers February 2004 Newsletter
Fish Fax Issues 110,111 & 112
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers February 2004 Newsletter
Council of Victorian Fly Fishers Re: Minutes of December meeting
The Southern Fly Fishers January 2004 Newsletter
VFFA February 2004 Newsletter
Lake Crackenback Resort – Master Fly Fishing Event 2003 – 2004 Information and entry form
Mirvac Real Estate Pty Ltd, Confirmation Letter to participate in the “Sale Rocks Festival”

E-mail from Dave Holder re: Eucumbene Trip.

Thomson and Macalister Rivers Environmental Flows Task Force Final Report, Conclusions and Recommendations

Promotions:

Pro Angler Fishing Tackle 20% Off Sale

Correspondence, moved by Mick O'Brien and second by James Tourtoulas that the correspondence be accepted. Carried

Business Arising From the Correspondence:

Discuss and organise members who would be available to tie flies on Saturday morning for our display and stand at the Sale Rocks Festival.

Discuss and organise accommodation etc. for the March Labour Day Weekend Trip to Eucumbene.

Discussion on Environmental Flows Consultation papers.

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:

Newsletter postage \$22.50

Year to Date:

Total Income: - \$1,620.00

Total Expense: - \$950.35

General account Balance of \$2,235.01

GSI Investment Accounts \$2,062.17

Total Amount in Accounts is \$4,297.18

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Mick O'Brien, second by Steven Jordan and Carried.

General Business

To give our guest speaker plenty of time for his presentation, general business was kept short.

Peter and Ian attended the recent GACA meeting, they reported that there were discussions held on rivers in the fire ravaged areas around Omeo, it was thought that the D.N.R.E (D.P.I. or what ever their new name is?) could do more to assist with the rehabilitation of the streams.

Gavin reported that he had booked the two Villas for the week at the Snowline Van Park for the Jindabyne trip. Anyone else that is going up for a few days or part of the week should check with Gavin. I know one of the Villas is fully booked for the week the other would be filling fast so first in..... Others should organise your own accommodation, the Snowline has a free call number. **1800 248 148** Remember the date for this trip is from **Friday 28th May to Friday 4th June.**

There has been a change to our guest speaker list already, Andrew Martin will now be joining us in March, and in co-ordination with The Sale Angler we are able to have one of his tackle and materials suppliers, Steve Mills from EJ Todd will be attending the April general meeting.

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Fish Reports

Nick Sestokas fished Lake Glenmaggie and was unrewarded for his efforts.

Mal Macalman fished the Timbarra for 1 small fish

John Utan fished the Macalister River and caught 2 Brown Trout on Dry Flies.

Ron Bassler had a trip to Licola and reported that the Wellington River was the lowest he had seen for some time, no fish were caught, however he did manage to coax a black snake out of hiding.

Brack had been chasing Bass in the Avon, and while fishing the Macalister he came across a big school of Juvenile Browns, he said there were 30-40 fish in the school.

Rob Flower reported that the Kiewa River was fishing well. 9" - 10" fish in the Ovens River. Lake Wendouree, Ballarat has low water with Browns to 3½lb, Clary Hall Dam 2½ - 3½ lb fish. Mud eyes worked well. Goulburn River backwaters fished reasonably well at night fishing with Parachute Hackle flies.

Peter Murray had been practicing his big fish hooking and landing skills with Carp on the Macalister River. He managed to land 5 Carp between 6 - 8lbs.

Peter also had a trip to lakes entrance fishing for Luderick with Andrew Martin, as for the exact location, he was not willing to divulge, but between them they hooked up to 6 fish in a short time and manage to land 2, one at 3½lb and the other went 2¼ lb.

Mick and I had a couple of trips to a small stream that was fire affected this time last year. We caught several fish, all Rainbows that varied between 10" to 14" long. The first day on this stream I caught and released 16 fish and lost many more, Michael caught and released up to 25 fish and also lost several others. On a return trip to this stream we found that the area had received very little if any of the rain we had in the past week, the water was at least six inches lower and fish were holding only in the deeper pools. We were pleased to see such an abundance of fish in a stream that had been ravaged by fire only 12 months ago; however we believe that this location gets very little fishing pressure and hopefully it will stay that way. Mick had a trip up to Shaw Creek and caught and released 15 small fish.

Meeting Closed: - 9:00PM

Our meeting at this stage was handed over to our Guest Speaker, Rob Flower.



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Guest Speaker:

Rob began his talk on his view of the role that fly fishing clubs should take if its members were to take fly fishing to the next level. Rob has played a big part in Competition fishing and believed to get to this level you need to fish the right fly on the right day. By this he meant that you team up with a few others, go fishing, be very observant while you are fishing, noting down all that you observe during the time you spent fishing. For example you could record the weather, the time of day, the water temperature, if you caught fish you should note what fly was used, the condition of the fish, whether there was any insect life on the water or not. At the end of the days fishing you should get together with the other members of your team and discuss all that you observed during the course of the days fishing, making notes of what worked best and why it worked best on that day. By keeping records of these events you would build up a very good data base of knowledge within the group. In effect all the members of the team would become better fishermen in a shorter period of time than one fisherman would fishing by himself and not collaborating information. Rob said that one of his good ideas was to make up three or four cards with lists of aquatic life on one, land based terrestrials on another and so on listing all the different foods that trout eat and what time that these food items are present on the streams, lakes and rivers. The cards should be carried in a pocket in your vest and should be used as a reference that you could use while fishing to match what the trout should be

feeding on during any particular part of the day, month or year. This could be used to help you in your fly selection while fishing as one of the most common questions you ask yourself while fishing is "What fly shall I use, and how shall I fish it"

Rob also discussed fishing methods that have made him a successful fly fisherman.

If you intend to have a go fishing in the Australian Team there are three points of criteria that you are required to meet?

- 1) Fishing Skills
- 2) You need to be a good team member
- 3) An Ambassador for Australia

Rob also suggested that you should experiment with different coloured leader material for different waters. He has found this to make quite a difference to the number of fish taken in most waters.

To finish off Rob talked about some books he recommended, "Nymph Fishing for Larger Trout", "Australia's Best Trout Flies" and his own book "Trout Food, Trout Flies and How to Fish Them", all which he had copies of for sale if anyone would like.

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Show Us Your Fly:

Mick O'Brien won the \$10.00 voucher this month with his Crab Pattern

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

Runner up was Ian Brideson

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The Fly to Tie for the March 2004 Meeting is:

Dunny Brush

(Aust. Best Trout Flies page 21)

Hook: Large dry fly hook #6

Thread: Black

Tail: Dark speckled turkey

Body: Bronze peacock herl to form the shape of a moth's body

Wings: Dark speckled turkey angled back along the body

Hackle: Large black cock hackle with generous number of turns



Julian Brown's Dunny Brush

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.

"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.

COMING EVENTS

Next General Meeting, Wed. 17th March 2004, Andrew Martin will be our Guest Speaker for the evening and his topic will be a recent trip to Northern waters.

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.