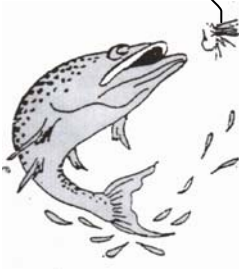


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JUNE 2005 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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 15th June 2005, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 18th May 2005
Meeting Opened: - 8:05 PM

Attendance: - 15 Members present

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:
Dave Weston, Blue Morris, Max Simmons, Shannon
Valentine and Ron Bassler

Visitors To The Meeting Were:

Nil

New Members:

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and confirmed as per the Newsletter, this was moved by Neil Morrison, second by Jack Groenewald and carried.

Business Arising From the Previous Minutes:

Progress update for Library books: Not available at this stage.

Letter to Ray Warner Re: Thank you for the Books

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

G.A.C.A. Meeting Minutes April 2005
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers May 2005 Newsletter
Victorian Fly-Fishers Association May 2005 Newsletter
The Southern Fly Fishers May 2005 Newsletter
Fish-E-Fax Issues 144 and 145
Ambulance Victoria – 4 Steps for Life Launch

Promotional Material

Shadrack Resort, Eden – Letter & Brochure
monkey.com.au – Free Classifieds web site

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:
Newsletter postage \$17.00

Year to Date:

Total Income: \$1,395.00
Total Expense: - \$1,972.02
Net income: -\$627.02
General account Balance of \$996.37
GSI Investment Accounts \$2,153.42
Total Amount in Accounts is \$3,149.79

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

General Business

Jindabyne Trip was discussed and it was decided that for a fish to be registered as being caught during this club trip, it will need to be caught between Midnight Friday 3rd June and Midday Monday 6th June.

VRFish / CVFFC Trout Strategy Workshop

Peter Murray attended this workshop and tabled the following report.

The Trout Strategy Workshop was opened by Pat Washington, who spoke of the anti Trout Lobby, in particular Native Fish Australia. He also spoke about Lake Wendouree and how it has been allocated 300 mega litres of water to top it up.

Greg Hayes of Vic Fisheries acknowledged the diverse group present; he highlighted the need to promote trout fishing, discussed the big issue, habitat and the environment. He discussed the roles of land managers and catchment management authorities and the importance of riparian growth. On closing his speech Greg introduced Rob Gibb as the new Fisheries Manager who is taking over from Mark Ainsworth.

Phil Weigall spoke of Plocksford on Barwon, Trout and Grayling, no stocking since 2003, now infested with Carp and Mosquito Fish.

He spoke of the value and the economic impact of trout fishing, also the effect it has on the quality of life for recreational anglers including fishing trips, tying nights, well being and happiness. These thoughts were provoked from meeting a non-fisher by the river, who described trout fishing as "a frivolous indulgence".

Phil also said he had experienced the best trout fishing in both rivers and lakes for several years

Cold Water off-takes into the Mitta Mitta from Dartmouth Dam, The North East Catchment Management Authority are investigating taking this water from the top of the water column.

Access for anglers.

Post fire stocking (Disagree with fisheries policy)

Rick Keam spoke of Monument Creek at Hanging Rock, this creek always had permanent water and fish to 17 inches. In 1982-83 there were still 13 inch fish in this creek.

Today the creek has been dammed and now it is dry.

He spoke further about dammed creeks in catchments.

Midland streams are a concern.

Stocking means Jobs and financial benefit to the community.

He also spoke on Eductor Dredging and Fish Farm effluent.

Angler Involvement, Anglers must get more professional and unite to be effective.

Comparing NSW with Vic. Is not worthwhile, horses for courses policy is best.

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New England area all stocking over 50,000 square miles was 2 million fry. It isn't that it is not enough fish, but not enough water.

Chris Collins spoke about the NZ fish and game and environment regarding marketing and professional networking.

B.O.W. Becoming Outdoor Women. This is a programme where they are encouraging and assisting single mother to take their children out of the house and introducing them to outdoor activities like fishing.

Pat Washington discussed a RecFish programme "Daddy Take Me Fishing". And also he spoke against Offstream Dams.

Wayne Fulton now with PIRVIC spoke on the Huon River and his involvement with Fisheries Tasmania, and now he is with Snobs Creek.

Information provider

Funded by Fisheries Vic. And F.R.A.C.

Average returns to anglers from stocking of 1-2% in rivers and 3% from lakes.

He said that the cost of stocking fish is 58c per fish, or \$8 per kilo, and the information received from the recent creel survey of the Macalister River indicates that the returns record that for each Rainbow the cost is \$48 and for each Brown it is \$198 each.

Bullen Marri, only stocking with Bass and not replacing trout
 Air temperature is linked to water temperature.
 Temperature has a 60% impact on trout feeding by 1½-2%.
 Increase in native fish populations
 Crooked river is to be surveyed this week (16 – 20 May)
 According to a Salmonid Impact Review, trout are predators
 of native fauna.
 Wayne's final comment was that we should concentrate on
 Outcome and not Input.

Bill Classon, according to Peter spoke very well, he
 covered: the economic value of trout.
 Spoke on the Yarra Fishery in the Croydon area.
 Supported stocking with flexibility
 Bullen Merri and Purrumbete is worth \$1.2million annually.
 Jindabyne trip \$1,500 AFTA \$600 million per year
 Apply for funding to do an impact survey
 Anglers spending, overseas or interstate, \$70million for the
 Snowy Mountain area.
 Government recognition of trout should be valued as an
 industry.
 1995 no stocking policy - Toolondo in doubt
 In some eyes trout are looked upon as vermin, government
 continue to stock trout, not rabbits or foxes
 Bill suggested that Father's Day and trout opening is not a
 good idea to be had on the same weekend, maybe opening
 should be in August.
 Fisheries morale appears to be pour

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Fisheries management should control the trout fishery
 Trout are an introduced species like sheep and cattle and
 should not be put in the same category as rabbits, foxes
 and carp.

Fish Reports

Glen Strike fished Lake Blue Rock for 2 small redfin and 1
 400g Brown trout, and on a trip to Townsville / Airlie Beach
 he fished a bill-a-bong and caught ½ doz. Tarpon on a 6
 weight rod.

John Utan fished Corryong creek, for 23 fish, 1¼lb fish out
 of Indi Creek and 2 fish to 2lb's out of Nariel Creek.

Peter Murray, 5 Flathead at Hollands Landing to 42 cm

Brack, has been fishing below the wall lately and has
 caught 3 fish, a 900g Brown 40cm, a 790g Brown 39cm and
 a 1100g brown 42cm

It was also reported that good Bass have been caught at
 the knob

Mick and Neil fished Timbarra and said the river was very
 low but still managed a few on dries, about 40 fish between
 them both up to 30cm. Mick and Neil also fished the
 Straights catching several fish on squidgy and one on fly.

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Sean Tulloch phoned in a report on 28th April, He had been fishing the Thredbo River upstream from the Hatchery and caught 6 Browns and 1 Rainbow. The best of these fish weighed 3lbs and the smallest weighed 1lb and the average weight was around 2 - 2½lbs. Sean released all these fish back into the river.

Fly Tying Night:

Fly tying night will be at Dean Cousin's in Sale for this month.

Meeting Closed: - 09:30 PM

Show Us Your Fly for May was:

A Glen Innes Hopper – Dry.

There were three entrants in show us your fly but 1st Prize of a \$10.00 voucher this month goes to James Tourtoulas.

The runner up was tied by Ian Brideson.

The \$10.00 Voucher for first prize was kindly donated by The Sale Angler.

The Fly to Tie for the June 2005 Meeting is:

An Estuary Fly

Body, wings, colour and materials of your own choice.

Hook: Stainless Steel standard # 6-4

Eyes: Bead chain tied on top of the hook

Fly will ride upside down, so the wing must be tied on the underside of the hook shank

"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.

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Apart from the normal snail mail, we now have Newsletters on the website, for those of you who have requested their newsletter by e-mail; you will receive an e-mail notification each month when the newsletter is available for downloading. Check this feature out by logging onto our website at: <http://sffc.no-ip.org>.

We also have the list of flies to tie for each month for show us your fly, and the list of Library books that you will soon be able to borrow; all can be viewed online or downloaded. Check out the other information while you are there. There is a Gallery that with a little help will grow, and the forum where you can make comments or suggest ways to improve the website, or you could tell us about your latest fishing trip.

COMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diary

- ◇ Jindabyne Trip Staying at Snowline Caravan Park, 3rd June - 10th June
- ◇ June General Meeting, Wednesday 15th at 7:30PM
- ◇ Saltwater Trip to Bemm River on July 15th - 17th
- ◇ July General Meeting, Wednesday 20th at 7:30PM
- ◇ August General Meeting, Wednesday 17th at 7:30PM
- ◇ Licola Bunkhouse Trip will be on 23, 24 & 25 September

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