

SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.



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SEPTEMBER 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 21st September 2005, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 17th August 2005
Meeting Opened: - 8:10 PM

Attendance: - 11 Members present

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:
Dean Cousin, Peter Murray, Tony Wallace & Neil Morrison

Visitors To The Meeting Were:

No visitors

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 Ian Brideson, second by Gavin Sculley and carried.

Business Arising From the Previous Minutes:

Items discussed were:

1. West Gippsland Catchment Management Survey
2. Letter re: Craig Ingram
3. Macalister River Trophy
4. DVD ordered for library and in transit from America
5. Look into trout stocking for the Avon River

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

The Southern Fly Fishers August 2005 Newsletter
Southern Fly Fishers Sale by Tender of Fishing Antiques and Collectables No. 3
Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers July 2005 newsletter
Fish-E-Fax Issues 150 and 151
Victorian Fly-Fishers Association July 2005 Newsletter and invitations to their annual dinner
Notice of Antiquarian Angling Book Auction & Dinner by Peter Coulson & Bill Classon
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers August 2005 Newsletter

Stalker Rods: Victorian State Fly Fishing Championships Application form
Marine Safety Victoria Boat Smart Program
Gippsland Coastal Board: notice of meetings for discussion for the development of a Coastal Action Plan for Gippsland Estuaries

Promotional Material

Nil

Business Arising From the Correspondence:

A query was raised in regard to Small Waters Stocking Program, questioning why Heyfield Racecourse reserve did not get listed as being stocked in Fish-e-Fax No. 149. Peter Murray said that he would look into this.

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:
Newsletter postage \$21.00

Year to Date: Nov. 04 – July 05

Total Income: \$2,485.00
Total Expense: - \$2,026.92
Net income: \$408.08
General account Balance of \$2,031.47
GSI Investment Accounts \$2,153.42
Total Amount in Accounts is \$4,184.89

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Ray Clissold, second by Chris Vafiopulous and Carried.

General Business

Some possible guest speakers for the coming meetings are:
1. Errol Parmigiani from DPI
2. Nicole Hall from WGCMA

Mick reported that he had spoken to Phil Taylor and Rod Johnson regarding tree planting along the banks of the

Macalister River to re-establish the areas where the Willows had been removed.

They are waiting on their next round of funding and then they will inform us when they will need our assistance to do some tree planting.

Secretary to send out invitations to other clubs Presidents inviting them to our Annual Dinner

Gavin is to inform the Secretary when a venue has been booked so I can put the info on the invitations.

One of the items raised at our committee meeting was that we discuss and vote on whether European Carp can be eligible for a trophy and what classification they could be given. As the August meeting had a poor attendance we have held this over to the September meeting for further discussion and voting. Please give this some thought and get to our September meeting to have your say.

VFFA Annual Dinner: Mick was unable to attend and asked if there was anyone else that would be available to go on his behalf and there wasn't anyone else able to attend.

Dave Weston suggested to new books for the club library, they are "Australian Fly Patterns" and "What Trout See" This was moved by Dave and carried.

Brack reported that that Rick Sunderland has a DVD on competition fishing which he was sending down for the member to have a look at.

Chris Vafiopulous had picked up a booklet from the local Tourist Bureau and found that it did not contain any information about freshwater fishing in Gippsland. [Hmm, maybe this is a good thing?]

Point of Interest: Mick mentioned that Glen Strike had some excerpts from a book "The Australian Trout" and it quoted that the first salmonid stocking into Australian waters was Atlantic Salmon.

Our Annual Dinner Date has been set a little earlier than previous years, this year it will be on Friday 25th November, more details will be available soon.

Licola Club Trip is on September 23, 24 & 25 this year and we discussed for the newer members what you need to take etc.

Fish Reports

Peter Murray, 6 Australian Salmon up to 5lbs from Bemm River

Max Simmons reported that there was lot of Luderick where he was fishing at Narooma, but he had no luck enticing them on Fly.

Fly Tying Night:

Peter Neligan's said that we would be most welcome to have fly tying night at his place this month.

Meeting Closed: - 09:20 PM

Show Us Your Fly for August was:

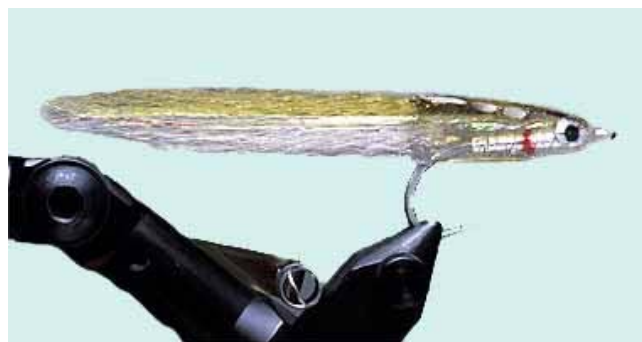
The Haystack.

There were five entrants in show us your fly and 1st Prize of a \$10.00 voucher went to Ian Brideson for his most wonderful tie of the Haystack.

Close, but no cigar, was Ray Clissold with his magnificent tie of the Haystack

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

The Fly to Tie for the September 2005 Meeting is: Surf Candy



Hook:Stainless standard #2-1/0

Wing: Colour & material of your choice. 3-5 layers, each successively slightly longer & darker in colour

Eyes: Stick on prismatic

Body: Epoxy over wing & head from just forward of where hook starts to bend. Temporary tying together of wing behind hook will prevent rear body section flaring while epoxy is setting

This is a letter sent to a man named Ryan DeVries by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan.

(State's letter) SUBJECT: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Montcalm County

Dear Mr. DeVries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity:

Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files show that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, annotated.

> The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel.

All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2005.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action.

We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David L. Price
District Representative, Land and Water Management Division

This is the response sent back:

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Montcalm County.

Dear Mr. Price,

Your certified letter dated 12/17/04 has been handed to me to respond in regarding to the above mentioned file. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget, Pierson, Michigan.

A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skilful use of natures building materials debris." I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is: (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers. or (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through The Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Co implied Laws, annotated.

I have several concerns. My first concern is... aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation, so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event causing flooding is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names.

If you want the stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers, but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter... they being unable to read English. In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond.

If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams). So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2005? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to harass them then.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention a real environmental quality (health) problem in the area. It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your step! (The bears are not careful where they dump!)

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

Thank You,

Ryan DeVries & The Dam Beavers

"CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER"

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 Wednesday, 2 weeks prior to the 3rd Wednesday Meeting Night.

Download Your Newsletter From the Internet.

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/newsletters/>

Or you can go to our Home Page at: <http://sffc.no-ip.org/> and follow the link to Newsletters

Also our picture Gallery is now back on line with some new photos, so you should check it out.

COMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diary

- ◇ 21 September – General Meeting with guest Speaker, Nicole Hall from West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to discuss the out come of their recent survey
- ◇ Licola Bunkhouse Trip will be on 23, 24 & 25 September; this is a trip not to be missed.
- ◇ 19 October – General Meeting with guest speaker, Errol Parmigiani from The Department of Primary Industry.
- ◇ 16 November – Annual General Meeting, Election of office bearers for the coming year
- ◇ Friday 25th November – Annual Dinner at Duart's Restaurant in Maffra