



# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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## AUGUST 2006 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 **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006** at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.  
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
Meeting Opened: - 8:17 PM

Attendance: - 8 Members present

### Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:  
Dean Cousin, Mick O'Brien, Peter Murray & John Utan

### 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 Jack Groenewald and second by Neil Morrison and carried.

### Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Bairnsdale Fly Fishers July 2006 newsletter  
Fish-e-Fax issue 174  
Greenwells Fly Fishing Club invitation to their annual dinner  
Fish-e-Fax issue 175  
Marine Safety Victoria – Survey  
Minister for Transport – 2006-07 boating safety and  
Facilities Program  
VFFA June 2006 newsletter  
VRFish monthly report for June 2006  
CVFFA Minutes of June meeting

### Promotional Material

Lowrance Australia – Eagle Fish Finders Catalogue  
AFN – The Fly Fisher (New Magazine)  
Hayden Reels Australia  
Hook up Bait & Tackle Anniversary Sale

Also in amongst the correspondence there was a DVD promoting fishing trips to Flinders Island, Neil took the DVD and was looking into costs etc and bring back some more information to our next meeting, If anyone is interested in this please let us know and we may be able to organise something.

### Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:  
Newsletter postage \$17.00  
New Post Box Key \$5.00

Year to Date: Nov. 05 – June. 06

Total Income: \$2,275.00  
Total Expense: \$2,270.56  
Net income: -\$5.56  
General account Balance of \$1,176.06  
GSI Investment Accounts \$2,255.38  
Total Amount in Accounts is \$3,431.44

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by James Tourtoulas, second by Gavin Sculley and Carried.

### General Business

Gavin mentioned that he has booked a venue for our annual dinner at il Nido York Street Sale. To be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.  
The cost is \$38 per person, and this year we will be asking members that this be paid for when you book with Gavin. Bookings will be taken up until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 06  
This should be a most enjoyable evening, so don't miss out and make sure to book in early.

Our annual dinner is fast approaching, and last year it was a bit of a push to get the trophies on time, It was suggested that we order the trophies early and it will only be a matter of organising the plaques for the winners to be engraved in the last week before the dinner.

Jack Groenewald commented on our website and suggested that the team who put it all together had done a great job, we then moved into a discussion about promoting new members to our club, and if someone tried to find our website by a search engine they would not be able to do so. I suggested that we look into purchasing a domain name which would be searchable on the internet.

Neil Morrison suggested that we could put up a brag board in his shop, so if anyone has any content that would be appropriate for this, please contact Neil at Preloved in Raymond Street.

It was also discussed that we should promote our club more by advertising in the local paper, with news items about club trips etc, Look into whether there is a notice board at the RAAF base where we can put up information about our club there.

When the weather starts to get a little warmer and there are more daylight hours of an evening we should look at having some casting and fly tying clinics, advertising this and seeing what interest is generated from it.

Generally if any other members could put forward some suggestions for promoting our club than these would be most welcome

### **Fish Reports**

#### **Bemm River Club Trip:**

Six members travelled to the Bemm River for the weekend, Neil arrived early and managed to get a couple of hours fishing the snags and caught two nice beam on Friday afternoon. We all attended the Bemm River Hotel for a couple of relaxing ales, the evening meal, a bottle of wine and discussing tactics for the mornings fishing, the warm friendly atmosphere made a wonderful end to the busy working week.

One late arrival was not sure of himself in unfamiliar territory, after he had driven past the pub a few times, approaching from both directions to be sure that he had found the right place before stopping outside, hesitating for quite some time until finally entering the premises. We are not quite sure what was happening there, so I will leave it up to you to draw your own conclusion.

The wind had got up early on Saturday morning; the lake did not look to be a good option, so we headed towards the entrance. Several casts searching with plastics didn't get us or any fish excited, A SMS message from Stuart letting us know that he had arrived, so it was back across the lake for an early lunch. The plan for the afternoon was to head up the river to see if we could pick up anything lurking around the snags, once again we cast to several likely locations along the river without much success, Stuart managed to catch a very nice bream using soft plastics.

Peter had to leave early on Saturday evening, as he had a prior engagement to attend, he was very keen to get away and avoid travelling in the dark after he had got a little

warning from a friendly policeman on the previous night about travelling late with little or no light on his boat trailer. I think he may have worn off his luck by not getting a fine; he may have been a little worried that the officer might have been planning to wait and catch him on the return trip.

Saturday evening found us back at the Bemm River Hotel for dinner and a couple of drinks and afterwards it was back to the house for coffee and some of Terry's lovely Jam drops and biscuits for supper (Thanks to Pauline, Terry do you really think we believed that you made them) and planning for the following day then retire for the night.

The next morning, the wind was up earlier than we were, so we put plan B into action, this was to pack up and head back and fish the Tambo before heading home. This proved to be a little more rewarding as we all managed to catch a fish, but only one of us used the fly rod.

Fishing was not meant to be easy (someone said something like that once!!) But still, it was a pleasure just to get away for the weekend and relax with friends.

### **Fly Tying Night:**

To be at Ian Brideson's House at Longford

### **Meeting Closed: - 9:25 PM**

### **Show Us Your Fly for July was:**

A Partridge & Orange

James Tourtoulas picked up the \$10.00 1<sup>st</sup> Prize voucher, very closely followed by Jack Groenewald

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

### **The Fly to Tie for the July 2006 Meeting is:**

Bluerock Minnow



The fly pictured here is one out of my own fly box to give you a rough guide to how it might look.

Hook - 6-10 long shank

Body - Tube mylar, silver or pearl, tied down both ends of hook

Tail - Body material, teased out, 1/3 hook length

Wing - Barred wood duck or mallard, black & white

Hackle - Red, beard style

## “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 Monday, 2 weeks prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 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 out this feature by logging onto our website at : <http://sffc.no-ip.org/> and follow the link to Newsletters

## COMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diary

- 21<sup>st</sup> August – Monday Night General Meeting (Peter Murray & Andrew Martin North QLD Trip)
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – Monday Night General Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> October - Monday Night General Meeting
- October 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Club Trip to Licola
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Annual General Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Annual Dinner at il Nido Italian Restaurant Book Early and don't miss out.

*Max Simmons sent me a letter a few months ago, I apologise for not including it in the newsletter sooner, It is good that our members who move away keep in contact with the club and let us know what they have been doing in other parts of the country.*

The beaches and rocks are on fire up here at the moment with salmon by the thousands and I mean it literally. I have never seen fish swimming along the beach in such numbers. Some of the fish were swimming along with their heads out of the water. I am not sure what they were doing, but I sure wouldn't like to be a bait fish.

Those who have tried fly fishing in the surf will know it's a difficult proposition and conditions have to be good to have a crack at it. Nine times out of 10 you just can't, so I take a 6 foot spinning rod in case conditions are not suitable.

One evening, I reckon the fish were stacked on top of each other. I could not use a fly so spun for a while. Just a guess, but I reckon I had about 20 fish on and landed two. The others busted me up completely. By the end of the session I got a bit bored with the spinning. It's just too easy when the fish are on. The two I landed were about 6lb.

The next evening I went down with the fly rod only. Conditions weren't great but I persisted. It appears that you can't cast very far into the surf but I was lucky enough to get one to take and for the first time a fish took me well into the backing. It made me a bit nervous thinking of my fly line out to sea and hoped my knots held. I am not sure how long it took to land. It seemed like forever, but probably about 5 or 10 minutes. They know how to use the waves to their advantage. It weighed about 5 pound.

The next morning I went down again and witnessed something I have never seen before. A pod of dolphins had the salmon herded up against the beach. One dolphin landed on the sand and just drifted backwards into the water. The fish were in an area the size of a house. They were flipping around the wash and on the sand everywhere. They would have been between 4 and 8 lb. No wonder I had so much trouble holding them on.

The line on my spinning reel basically melted (6lb mono). I had 8 lb leader on the fly. I think the poundage needed to be increased to land them a bit quicker. Salmon don't have a towel to throw in at these weights and trying to get them swimming after capture is when they find the towel and chuck it. I could not get them going again. Because of the difficulty in releasing them, it took another 18 fish before I landed a second one. My arms were falling off.

So it was fish cakes for tea!

Anyhow, I might go fishing for a change. More fish tales next time.

Max



# Fish-e-Fax

A fortnightly round-up of recreational fishery management issues

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## *Increased abalone theft results in reduced bag limits*

On 1 September 2006 the Victorian Government will implement regulations for recreational abalone fishing that will aid in protecting Victoria's valuable abalone stocks. A reduction in the daily catch limit from 10 to 5 abalone per person (of which no more than 2 can be greenlip) for the western and eastern waters of Victoria will bring uniformity to waters across the whole state. These changes will result in a consistent recreational bag limit of five abalone per day within all Victorian waters.

This precautionary management arrangement has been necessary due to an increase in effort from illegal abalone poachers in Victoria's eastern and particularly western waters since last September, when the closed season for central waters was announced and bag limit reduced from 10 to 5 per person per day. Since then, more than 60 people have been seen, intercepted or apprehended for their suspected or actual involvement in abalone crime in western and eastern waters. Many of them have a history of abalone theft in central waters.

The Victorian Government has also announced the 60 open days for the 2006/07 recreational abalone fishing season for central Victorian waters. The nominated open days were determined in consultation with recreational abalone fishing stakeholders, and the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body, VRFish. The proposed days were selected around weekends and public holidays to maximise diving opportunities for recreational fishers.

Open days for the 2006/07 season and the reduced bag limit commence 1 September 2006. Other regulations apply for recreational abalone fishing. For further information please contact the customer service centre on 136 186. The 2006/07 season open days are listed below; periods are inclusive of the first and last day specified for each period.

Open days for the 2006/07 recreational abalone fishing season	
18 and 19 November 2006	(2 days)
25 and 26 November 2006	(2 days)
2 and 3 December 2006	(2 days)
9 and 10 December 2006	(2 days)
16 and 17 December 2006	(2 days)
22 December 2006 to 7 January 2007	(17 days)
13 and 14 January 2007	(2 days)
20 and 21 January 2007	(2 days)
26 and 28 January 2007	(3 days)
3 and 4 February 2007	(2 days)
10 and 11 February 2007	(2 days)
17 and 18 February 2007	(2 days)
24 and 25 February 2007	(2 days)
3 and 4 March 2007	(2 days)
10 to 12 March 2007	(3 days)
24 and 25 March 2007	(2 days)
6 to 9 April 2007	(3 days)
21 and 22 April 2007	(2 days)
25 April 2007	(1 day)
5 and 6 May 2007	(2 days)
12 and 13 May 2007	(2 days)

## *Routine inspections uncover an illegal fisher*

A Craigieburn man pleaded guilty in court earlier this year to two charges: fishing without a valid recreational fishing licence and knowingly making a false or misleading statement.

The man was approached in January this year by Fisheries Victoria Officers who were conducting routine land based boat inspections at Phillip Island. When asked to present his recreational fishing licence, the man presented a licence of which the details had been written over in black ink. The "valid from" date on the licence appeared to have been changed.

Upon questioning at inspection, the man stated that the details had not been changed and that was how he had first received the licence. Follow up investigations through the fisheries recreational licensing unit revealed that the recreational fishing licence was in fact invalid at the time of inspection and that the licence details had been fraudulent. As a result, the court charged the man without conviction and bailed him on his own undertaking for six months.

Money from the sale of recreational fishing licences is received into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account. Each year the trust fund allocates the fees to projects that will directly improve recreational fishing in Victoria.

## *Surry River update*

Last week the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (Glenelg Hopkins CMA) introduced pumps to remove water from the Surry River in an effort to alleviate rising waters. As mentioned in Fish-e-Fax issue 176 (20 July 2006), the CMA were hoping a significant rainfall would open the river naturally. The much-needed rain did not come therefore, the CMA took action.

Two giant pumps were installed to fixed positions on the waters edge and hoses were fed from the river to the sea. Each pump removes 1.2 mega litres of water per hour, drawing the oxygen-depleted water from the lower levels of the estuary.

The absence of water mixing due to consistently low flows in the estuary caused what is called oxygen stratification. Dense, anoxic water sank to the bottom of the estuary, resulting in a thick layer of inhabitable water. The removal of this water into the sea has enhanced flow and also lowered the water level of the river that was threatening nearby agricultural land.

## *July stocking figures*

Victorian waters stocked between 1 and 7 July 2006.

Location:	Species:	Number:	Location:	Species:	Number:
Lake Bullen Merri	Chinook salmon	4000	Bannockburn Lagoon	Rainbow trout	200
Morwell Lake	Rainbow trout	750	Tea Tree Lake	Rainbow trout	200
Hyland Lake	Rainbow trout	800	Lilydale Lake	Rainbow trout	25
Heyfield Racecourse Lake	Rainbow trout	200	Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout	200
Gyatt Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout	250	Emerald Lake	Rainbow trout	750
West Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	250	Rowville Lake	Rainbow trout	750
Seagull Lake	Rainbow trout	800	Gilliear Lake	Rainbow trout	2000
St Augustines Water Hole	Rainbow trout	250	Caulfield Racecourse Lake	Rainbow trout	200

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