



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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MARCH 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 20th March 2006**, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 20th February 2006
Meeting Opened: - 8:00 PM

Attendance: - 15 Members present

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:
Ron Bassler, Mick O'Brien & Dave Weston

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, second by James Tourtoulas and carried.

Inward Correspondence Tabled:

VFFA February 2006 newsletter
The Southern Fly Fishers February 2006 Newsletter
Mick Hall – Email re: Open letter
Fish-e-Fax issue 163, 164 & 165
VRFish Media Release re: New recreational fishery for Mornington Peninsula
VRFish Media Release re: Commercial Licence Buy Back, A win for recreational Anglers
DPI Meeting Summary from 6th Sept. 05
DPI re: Public meeting for Lake Tyers Fisheries Reserve Management Plan
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers February 2006 newsletter.
West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority re: Environmental Flow release for the Thomson River
Walkerville Blue Water Boat & Angling Club Re: support by submission for safe boat launching & retrieval

Promotional Material

Mercury Savage Marine, Seymour Tinnie Muster
Venture Fly Fishing Tours

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:
Newsletter postage \$17.00

Year to Date: Nov. 05 – Jan. 06

Total Income: \$505.00
Total Expense: \$885.70
Net income: -\$390.70
General account Balance of \$790.92
GSI Investment Accounts \$2,255.38
Total Amount in Accounts is \$3,046.30

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Dean Cousin, second by Neil Morrison and Carried.

General Business

Sporties Membership was discussed and members informed that they will need to become members of the Sale Community Sports Club to legally purchase and consume alcohol within the premises. Members need not become full members unless they wish to do so, as a minimum, members will need to become gaming members. I have attached a copy of the Sale Community Sports Club Membership form 2005/2006 to the newsletter for members that have not completed them yet. Please complete these and return it at or before the next meeting. We also will need some full members to be able to sign in visitors and guests sometimes. Ian Brideson moved that the Secretary be a full member and that this should be pay by the club, this was second by Jack Groenewald and carried.

The question was asked that if we have changed our meeting nights, will this affect our fly tying nights. This was

discussed and agreed that our fly tying nights should remain the same, the 4th Wednesday of each month. This month it will be Wednesday 22nd; this is in the same week as our Monday meeting night. For this month it may change to the following week, which would be Wed. 29th, this should be confirmed at the March meeting.

T-shirts and hats:

Some of the newer members asked if we were organising more club shirts, John Utan offered to look into this and report back at the next meeting with pricing for t-shirts and hats.

Family BBQ at Glenmaggie, **Now on 26th March 06**

The date set for this did not suit many members and it looked like not being well attended on the 26th February, so backed by popular demand we changed it. It will now be held on Sunday 26th March. I apologise to anyone that actually went along on the 26th of February, only to find that there were not to many other members there, if any!

Gavin reported that he had tentatively booked 3 cabins for our club trip to Jindabyne. Those of you who are thinking of going on the Jindabyne trip this year, please let Gavin know as soon as possible, so he can confirm the booking. Gavin can be contacted after hours on (03) 51472480

Our Librarian, Blue Morris has acquired another DVD for our collection; it is Still Water Fly Fishing. The DVD Library is under utilised by members, there are some great titles, and most of these are listed on the website so you should check it out at <http://sffc.no-ip.org/videos/>

Ian attended a recent GACA meeting and they discussed the recent release of 15,000 Bass into the Snowy River. These Bass had been bred from the new Marine Research Institute at Bullock Island

General discussion and organisation for our forthcoming club trip to Eucumbene.

A house has been booked at Old Adaminaby and there are 8-9 members who will be attending.

Fish Reports

Neil Morrison reported having some fun saltwater fly fishing for Salmon 2klm off shore from Mallacoota Neil kept 8 – 2lbs

Peter Murray fished on 3 occasions for Luderick at Lakes Entrance, he caught a total of 19 fish the best was 1,100g and the average weight of the fish caught was 800g

John Utan and Mick O'Brien fished the west Tanjil on 2 occasions, they caught both rainbow and brown trout, Mick caught and released 30 fish on the first trip with 6 fish at 30-32 cm, and 21 fish on the second trip with 3 fish at 30-32cm. John caught and released 17 fish on the first trip and 9 fish on the second trip, with 1 brown trout at 36cm

Fly Tying Night:

To be at Peter Neligan's house at Longford

Meeting Closed: - 09:05 PM

Show Us Your Fly for February was:

Webb's Hopper

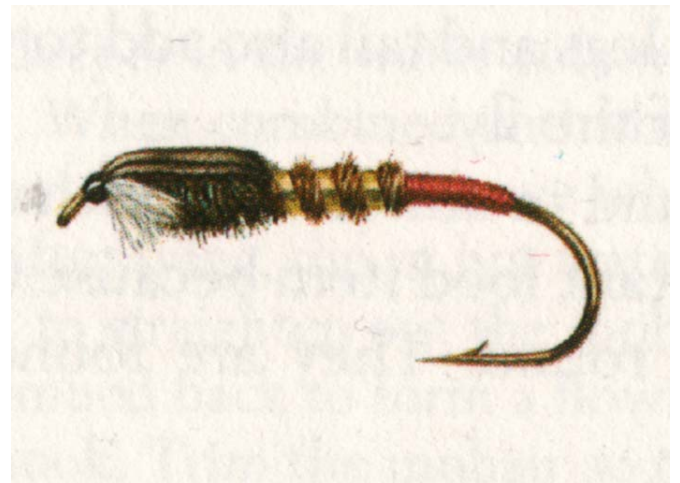
With a wonderful tie of Webb's Hopper, Jack Groenewald picked up the \$10.00 1st Prize voucher and a very close second went to James Tourtoulas

The runner up was Jack Groenewald

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

The Fly to Tie for the March 2006 Meeting is:

Red Butt Chironomid (Worlds Best Trout Flies p36)



Hook - 10-14 nymph/wet

Butt - Red floss

Abdomen - Pheasant tail

Rib - Fine gold flat tinsel

Thorax - Peacock herl

Shell back - Synthetic brown raffia

Gills - White ostrich herl

“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 3rd Monday Meeting Night.



MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE
VRFISH OFFICE
FEBRUARY 2006

Welcome to the new Monthly Report from the VRFish Office.

2006 is going to be a big year for VRFish. This publication is the first step in improving communications to our members and their associations and club members on a regular basis. Please distribute this widely. Jane and David welcome feedback on this publication, as we seek to improve communications to you, the recreational fisher.

- **Communication with Fisheries Victoria**- The Chairman and Executive Officer have established monthly communication meetings with Peter Appleford (Executive Director, Fisheries Victoria) and John Presser (Director, Fisheries Management) recently. These meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open for Board members to attend if they wish to join us. Any members wishing to have issues raised at this level are welcome to contact David Kramer anytime to have any issue put on the agenda for these meetings. So far, they have been very open, honest and valuable discussions.
- **Communication with Fisheries Co-Management Council**- Monthly communication meetings have also been established with the Executive Officer, Fisheries Co-Management Council (FCC). For your information, Nik Phizaklea has recently left FCC after a long career in Fisheries management. We wish Nik all the best on his retirement and look forward to working with the new EO of the FCC. Again, if anyone has any issues that concern the FCC, please let David know and the issues will be discussed at the monthly meeting.
- **Fisheries Management Plans** (FMP's) are a hot topic at the moment. Currently, there are 5 FMP's under way. The Glenelg Hopkins and Andersons Inlet FMP are near completion. These 2 plans' steering committees have had representation by Rob Loats, Geoff Cramer and Max Fletcher. The Mallacoota plan is well underway, while the Lake Tyers and North East plans have only just begun. Future plans, for Fisheries Victoria, are to complete 10 inland FMP's using the CMA boundaries as FMP boundaries. As each of the new plans commence, VRFish will be asked to nominate 2 members to each steering committee. FYI... Stafford Simpson and Norm Jones are on the North East plan, Pat Washington is on the Mallacoota plan and Graeme Evans is on the Lake Tyers plan.
- **Marine Safety Victoria** recently announced the \$5.1m worth of projects that are funded by your Boat registration and Boat licence fees. Communication of successful projects has been poor, however a list of projects can be viewed on the website <http://www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au/>
- **VRFish Board Workshop**- Towards the end of January, the Board set off for Marysville and locked themselves away for 2 days of intense work on the VRFish direction and Business Plan for the future. The results of this workshop will be published shortly in a revised business plan.

- **New Recreational Fishery**- Minister John Thwaites has recently announced that Devilbend Reservoir will be handed over to Parks Victoria, to be managed as a recreational reserve. Recreational fishing has been listed as an activity to be included in the new park. We are working closely with Parks Vic to ensure the park is set up to accommodate recreational fishing, including suitable stocking, access and facilities.
- **Positive Radio Coverage**- VRFish is getting a fair amount of positive radio coverage these days. The following shows have regular updates on what is happening at VRFish:
 - 3SER 97.7FM 7am – 9am Friday mornings
 - Sport 927AM (with Steve Cooper) 4:30am – 6:30am Saturday mornings (VRFish news at 6:15am)
 - 3AW 1278AM (with Rex Hunt) 7:00pm – 8:00pm Friday nights until footy season (VRFish news at 7:30pm)
 - Pulse FM 94.7FM 6:00am – 9:00am Saturday mornings
- The **annual consultation (CONS) meetings** have been occurring throughout Victoria, during February and March, with the last meeting being held this week in Traralgon. The meetings have brought mixed news for fish stocking. The North East and Melbourne meetings have seen many new waters being stocked for the first time. In the North West and South West, there are numerous areas where there is no water. We have a commitment from Fisheries to reassess water levels later in the year and discuss stocking of these waters. A full summary of the stocking for Victoria will be distributed when received.
- **Next year's budget** has just been endorsed by the recently formed finance committee. This will be presented to the Minister and the FRAC very shortly. We are very close to agreement on a funding model that secures future allocation of funds from RFL revenue. We hope to be able to announce the details at the next State Council meeting.
- **Upcoming events**-
 - 6/3 – Budget presentation to the Minister
 - 6/3 – Meeting with the Harbour Master re Port Phillip shipping transit zone
 - 8/3 – Bob Pearce and Geoff Craige meeting with the Chair and EO of the Fisheries Co-management Council
 - 8/3 – Traralgon CONS meeting
 - 14/3 - Workshop with Victorian Abalone Dive Association (VADA)
 - 22/3 – Present budget to the FRAC
 - 27 & 28/3 – R&D committee attending the Fisheries Co-Management Council R&D workshop, Queenscliff



Fish-e-Fax

A fortnightly round-up of recreational fishery management issues

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World first for Murray Cod

Victoria is leading the way with a world first library of Murray Cod DNA. The library can hopefully be used to develop a selective breeding program to maintain the genetic diversity in the wild populations and enhance aquaculture. Fisheries Victoria released 190,000 Murray cod in the past year, this DNA research will benefit the fish stocking program.

The data can also be used to develop sound management strategies to promote the long-term survival of wild populations, leading to improved recreational fisheries and benefits to anglers, the aquaculture industry and the environment.

The project is being carried out at the DPI's Snob's Creek Hatchery and Attwood Centre, with funding through the "Our Rural Landscapes Initiative" and Fisheries Victoria and some work being supported through a Monash University scholarship.

Victorian Water Level Update

For the week ending Friday 24 February 2006.

Waterway	% full	Waterway	% full	Waterway	% full
Bellfield	9 %	Blue Rock	87%	Buffalo Lake	91%
Cairn Curran	12%	Dartmouth	65%	Eildon Lake	32%
Eppalock	7%	Fyans Lake	16%	Glenmaggie	45%
Greens Lake	54%	Hepburn	20%	Hume	51%
Kangaroo	96%	Laanecoorie	51%	Lauriston	68%
Malmsbury	20%	Mokoan	39%	Mulwala	95%
Newlyn	55%	Nillahcootie	73%	Pykes Creek	19%
Reedy /Middle	98%	Rocklands	3%	Taylors	45%
Tullaroop	17%	Upper Coliban	16%	Waranga	48%
Wartook	56%	William Hovell	75%		

Blue Green Algae Update

Warning signs, which had been placed along the Lake Colac foreshore near Colac and at Meredith Park and Delaneys Point have recently been removed. Blue Green algae had returned to the lake for the second time this summer, and comes on top of the deaths of 20-30 eels at the lake. The EPA is currently investigating the deaths, and Barwon Water is conducting weekly water quality tests to monitor for the algal blooms.

Blue-green algae has also recently caused closures to sections of the Barwon River between Queen's Park Bridge and the Moorabool Street Bridge. The area was closed for 2-3 weeks, but

is now reopen. Unseasonal weather and low water flow are thought to have contributed to the late outbreak of algae in the river.

Enforcement News

A man has been found guilty of three charges in the Mildura magistrates Court, relating to growing fish for sale without an aquaculture licence and possession of commercial fishing equipment. He was fined a total of \$900.

Four Melbourne men were detected by Fisheries Officers, allegedly committing a variety of abalone offences near Portland. Ninety abalone allegedly taken from near Lighthouse Reef were seized, along with the diving equipment used by the men. A number of the abalone were undersized and shucked from their shell. Three of the men are expected to be issued with a summons to appear before the Portland Magistrates Court; the fourth man will be issued with several penalty infringement notices.

Members of the public are reminded to report suspicious or illegal fishing activity to the 13 FISH (13 3474) 24 hour, 7 days a week reporting line.

Goulburn River Health Boost

A recent independent report, conducted after fish deaths in the Goulburn River, has led to the development of new programs to boost the health of the river system. The fish deaths were outlined in Fish Fax issue 111, with 90 Murray Cod and 110 introduced carp found dead downstream of the Goulburn Weir, between 14 January and 21 January 2004.

The report recommendations will assist relevant agencies and authorities in continuing to improve and refine management of the river.

Initiatives of the programs include establishing a water reserve, a strategy to repair riparian land along the river and research projects between DSE and Goulburn-Murray Water monitoring and investigating water and sediment quality.

Fishcare for freshwater catfish this summer

Freshwater catfish “weigh your catch” sticker rulers are now available from the community group Fishcare Southwest Inc.

The 50 centimetre long sticker contains simple scientific information on length and weight, biology and current Victorian recreational fishing regulations for Wimmera River freshwater catfish.

The Wimmera River Basin fishery is unique because it is the only river basin in Victoria where freshwater catfish caught can be retained. In all other Victorian waters they are fully protected and are listed under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 as “threatened” and must be returned to the water.

A minimum size limit of 30 cm and a two fish bag limit per angler apply in the Wimmera River Basin.

SHOW US YOUR FLY 2006

JAN
Nymbeet

FEB
Webb's Hopper
Hook - 10-14 dry fly 1x long pref
Tail - Golden pheasant tippet
Body - Yellow chenille
Legs - Dyed red golden pheasant tippet, splayed outwards
Wing - 2 white feathers from ringneck pheasant, dyed yellow
Head - Deer hair muddler style

MAR
Red Butt Chironomid
(World's Best Trout Flies p 36)
Hook - 10-14 nymph/wet
Butt - Red floss
Abdomen - Pheasant tail
Rib - Fine gold flat tinsel
Thorax - Peacock herl
Shell back - Synthetic brown raffia
Gills - White ostrich herl

APR
Pink Thing
Hook - 2/0-4
Tail - White saddle hackles flanked by grizzle hackle
Collar - Hot pink webby hackle sloping back towards tail
Eyes - Dumbell or bead chain close to eye of hook

MAY
Chernobyl Ant
(Tying Flies with Jack Dennis p 200)
Hook - 6-8 long standard wire
Thread - 3/0 burnt orange monocord
Body - Black closed cell foam
Legs - Black med. Size rubber legs
Indicator - Yellow closed cell foam

JUN
Olive B.M.S.

Hook - 6-8 long
Head - Clear plastic or glass bead
Dubbing - Olive SLF
Rib - Wide flat silver tinsel
Collar Red thread behind bead

JUL
Partridge & Orange
(World's Best Trout Flies p 43)
Hook - 10-16 standard
Body - Orange thread
Rib - Fine gold wire
Hackle - Brown mottled partridge
Head - Orange thread

AUG
Blue Rock Minnow
Hook - 6-10 long
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

SEP
Early Season Matuka
Hook - 4-8 long
Body - Flat silver tinsel
Wing - Yellow hackle feathers
Rib - Round silver tinsel or stout wire
Hackle - Red, swept back

OCT
Termite
Hook - 14-18 standard
Body - Yellow floss
Wing - White hackle, points or fibres
Hackle - Dun

NOV
Alexandra

Hook - 8-14 wet
Tail - Red goose
Body - Flat silver tinsel
Rib - Round silver tinsel
Hackle - Red soft, swept back
Wing - Peacock sword
N.B. Tie hackle before wing

DEC
Stimulator
Hook - 8-18 long, standard wire
Tail - Moose body hair
Body - Material & colour of choice, antron works well
Body hackle - Palmered, colour of choice
Rib - Fine gold wire
Wing - Elk hair, a few strands of kristal flash underneath
Thorax - Orange dubbing or peacock herl if body is black or a dark colour
Hackle - Grizzle or other contrasting colour, wound through thorax

Hook brands are not specified, & tyers should try to use the appropriate style of hook to the type of fly. Material substitution is permissible for all flies except the Termite, the Early Season Matuka & the B.M.S. However attempts should be made to match substituted materials as closely as possible to those specified. Anyone who needs but can not obtain specified materials should contact myself or other club members, I'm sure those of us who have extensive tying kits can afford to part with a few bits & pieces, in the interests of improving others tying skills. Bracky &/or myself will be judging the flies this year, & we are both shamelessly open to bribery & corruption. Have fun & happy tying, Mick O'Brien