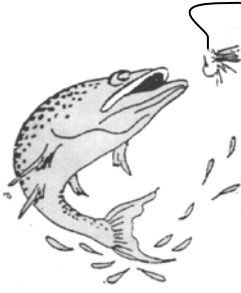


# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.



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## APRIL 2008 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 21st April 2008** at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.  
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 17th March 2008  
Meeting Opened: - 8:00 PM

Attendance: - 9 Members present  
0 Visitors

### Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:  
Mick O'Brien, James Tourtoulas Jnr, Mal McAlmin and  
Peter Murray.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as per  
the Newsletter, moved by Chris Vafiopulous and seconded  
by Ray Clissold.

### Inward Correspondence Tabled:

VFFA Newsletter  
DPI – Angling Club Meeting Confirmation  
B'dale Fly Fishers Club Newsletter  
Southern Fly Fishers Newsletter  
VRFish monthly newsletter  
DPI – Media release  
DPI fish-e-fax  
Minutes – Sale Community Representative Group Meeting  
Minutes – GACA meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Promotional Material:

JV Marine promo

### Treasurer's Report:

Year to Date: – July 07 – Feb 08.  
Total Income: \$835.00  
Total Expense: \$781.84  
Net income: -\$33.16  
General account Balance of \$1151.77  
GSI Investment Accounts \$1287.17  
GSI Investment Account \$1282.60

Dean Cousin moved the treasurer's report and Accounts for  
payment, seconded by John Utan and Carried.

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Until you guys start sending me pics of your catches, you  
will have to put up with pics of mine! This is a 35-cm Bass  
from Brogo Dam last December caught on a Mrs Simpson.

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### General Business

Club shirts.

John Utan is still looking at this item and will report  
back soon with a sample.

Fisheries meeting at Traralgon on 4<sup>th</sup> March – John, Jack  
and Brack attended and gave a report on the following  
items that were discussed.

DPI surveyed Lake Narracan – no trout were  
found.

Discussion held on survey forms for fish stocks in  
fire affected areas with completed forms to be  
handed to Secretary for forwarding to DPI.

Discussion on proposed new hatchery for native fish to be built by DPI.

Reciprocal licence proposed for fishermen fishing the Murray River with either a Vic or NSW licence.

DPI fish survey of Blue Rock Dam found populations of Bass to 35cm.

Orbost Fishing Club is involved in the venture to stock Bass back into the Snowy River.

New fishing regulations will be out at the end of March.

Volunteers are required for a fishing demo day at Lake Hyland on 19<sup>th</sup> April, organised by DPI.

Members reported that reconstruction works being conducted on the Macalister River in the Licola area are causing dirty water conditions downstream.

### The Fly to Tie for the April 2008 Meeting is: "Madam X"

Madam X

(Australia's Best Trout Flies Page 43)



HOOK: Kamasan B830, # 6-12

TREAD: Black

TAIL: Clump of black deer hair

BODY: Black floss wound over tail butts

WING: Black deer hair with strands of Flashabou

HEAD: Black deer hair tied forward and then brought back over the wing and tied off to form a head behind the eye of the hook LEGS: Pieces of black rubber leg material tied in where the head is formed

### For Sale –

Sage 2, 690 – 4-piece rod with cover - no tube. \$250.

Sage 3e SLT, 590 – 4-piece with cover and tube \$450.

See John Utan for more info.

### Fish Reports

8 Members travelled to Eucumbene recently for a club weekend. 28 fish were taken with the biggest being Max's fish of 3 ¾ lb. Brack landed the smallest with a fish barely 3 inches long. Most fish were ½ to 1 kilo.

Fly tying nights will still go ahead on Wednesday evenings the week after meeting week.

Show us your fly judges for the year will be James and Neil.

**Meeting Closed: - 8.50pm**

**Show us your Fly for March won by - Mick O'Brien with Chris Vafiopolous second.**



Typical of "up north" fishing when the sharks move in.

### Eucumbene Club Trip Report

Before heading to Eucumbene all reports pointed to a great weekends fishing, the lake was rising, the water was moving up the banks covering new ground, the mud-eye was hatching in numerous proportions and our expectations were high.

This year there were eight members who ventured north east to the vast expansion of water called Lake Eucumbene, which by the way is not as vast at the moment due to the water level being around 22% and dropping. It was really different seeing the

lake so low, I was unable to attend this trip last year so I never got to see it when the water level was at 13%, I could only imagine what it was like then.

Friday evening we decided to fish close to where we were staying so on the first night, Neil Max and I fished the south side of Yens Bay and the two Johns fished on the northern banks. The first fish for the trip was landed by one of the Johns with a rainbow at around 5:30pm, and not long after at 5:45pm I landed my first fish, a fat little 1½lb brown trout. Not much time went by and Max was hooked up beside me with a rainbow of a similar size, it looked like we were in for some excellent fishing but after that Max had a few hits but no more fish were landed. During the evening Brack and James tuned up late, but feeding time for the fish had already been and gone for the night.

Being a bit weary from the trip up to Eucumbene from Sale we finished fishing around 9:30 and headed back to the house for some socialising over a quiet ale, dinner and the odd glass of red wine.

Saturday morning was a lie in for me like most others, then over breakfast deciding and planning what we would be doing for our day time activities. All parties decided to take off in different directions, the two Johns went to Tantangarra, Brack and James went to Seven Gates, Peter went off to discover uncharted waters and we visited Thee Mile Dam.

The two Johns had a flat tyre as they arrived at Tantangarra and needed to find a garage to have it repaired, so went back to Adaminaby, Peter sampled the water at Three-Mile Dam and also the Eucumbene River. Brack and James did some reconnaissance and found some favourable muddy banks a deep drop off and well worked Yabby holes at O'Neill's Bay and thought that this will be the place to be tonight. Neil Max and I went to Three-Mile Dam and found a snake in the grass but very little action on the fishing scene.

We all returned back to the house for a late lunch and prepared ourselves for the evenings fishing; all eight of us went to O'Neill's Bay at Seven Gates under the guidance and a hunch from a wise old fisherman. While following the red sports car into O'Neill's Bay, Neil and I noticed that there were a lot of others had gathered in the same location, we both looked at each other and thought that there was already too many patrolling the eastern side of the bay, we looked to the south and saw a point jutting out into the end of the bay the looked to have possibilities, we turned off onto the track to the left and proceeded to the end of the bay.

By the time we had parked the car and got our gear together there were others that had the same idea. We decided to fish our way around the western bank of O'Neill's bay. As we made our way along the banks we couldn't help but notice the aquatic life in the water and above it. There small shrubby weeds that were 500 to 600mm in height that covered the banks close to the waters edge, these went two to three meters out into the water, we saw lots of damsel and dragon fly either hovering or clinging to the shrubby weeds and water in amongst this was a soup teeming with bugs. Neil and I headed to the points or rocky outcrops; we paid more attention to these, as the weedy bays may have been a problem while trying to bank a fish.

It was getting close to 6:00pm when Neil landed his first fish, talk about doing it easy, Neil had found a rock out in the water with a larger rock behind to lean on, it was like had found a deck chair caved in stone. Not long after I had a hook up and busted off, I checked my leader and it had appeared to have been chaffed, not unlike after being broken off by a shark. I think the problem was more to do with the large granite bolder up the bank, directly in line with my back cast.

We continued to make our way along the bank to another point, this appeared to drop off into deep water, and the location had a good feel about it, the sun was starting to sink behind the hills to the west showering us in an orange glow from the sun set and silhouettes of hills and rocks in shadow.

It was about this time that the fishing hotted up, I hooked up and lost another fish and Neil was also hooked up and landed his second fish. After tying on another section of tippet and a new fly Neil had landed another fish, I put our another cast and straight away the water erupted at the end of my line, I managed to get this fish to hand but as soon as I touched it had one final kick left and managed to free itself and swim to wards the depth of the lake.

This Action went on for a good hour, Neil had managed to land four fish and was releasing others, determined that there would be at least one fish out there that would exceed 2lbs but at around 8:30-9:00pm he gave in and kept another to make up his bag. As for me I had four fish in the bag, and had let a smaller fish go, but by 9:00pm the fishing had slowed, you could still hear an odd fish breaking the surface here and there but they did not seem to be interested in feeding.

We decided to clean our fish on the rocks that Neil was fishing from, and in the light we saw lots of mud-eye crawling out to hatch. It was quite a walk to get back and by the time we had reached the car we were both a bit weary, we through in our gear and drove back to the house in our waders.

When we arrived back at Clancy Cottage there were still two who had not yet returned, it was the two Johns, there could only be a couple of reasons for this, one, would be that they are still fishing and are having a great time, and two, they are lost, still trying to find there way out of Seven Gates? When they finally did arrive back, it was the latter that kept them from returning sooner. (There are some others in the club that relate to this, hey Stewie?)

Sunday morning and a few had made their way down to the lake before light and fished the sun rise, but no fish were taken from the early sessions.

For some like myself the mornings were a chance to catch up on some zed's and sleep in for a little bit and gradually greet the day, with a lazy breakfast and then ponder what the day will bring. Once again we all when our different ways, Neil and I visited Anglers Reach, the Portal and Tantangarra, Ian and James went to fish the Eucumbene wall. Peter had spent most of the morning at Seven Gates with Max, and the two Johns set off to discover new territory.

Mid afternoon and we were all back at Clancy Cottage planning for the evening session, Neil and I were joined by Peter and headed back to the same location at O'Neill's Bay, Ian, James and the two Johns decided to fish Yens Bay.

Neil Peter and I arrived at the point just before sun set, the fishing was a little slower than the previous night, Neil got things moving the first run of fish first saw him being hooked up on a couple of good fish, one of these busted him off on the rocks and the other that he had on for a little while managed to free itself be fore he had got it to the bank. After Neil had had a play with what appeared to be bigger fish all three of us hooked up simultaneously and landed a rainbow 1½ - 2 lbs. each. The action was not as heavy and nor did it last as long as Saturday night. We still managed to land two fish each for the night. The trek back to the car didn't seem any easier than the night before even with a lighter load to carry. The others didn't have too much luck fishing Yens Bay and were all back at the house when we arrived.

Monday morning, it was time to pack up, clean up and head off on the trip home, with a stop off at Cosmo's for brunch on the way.

#### **Trip Results**

Peter Murray 3 fish, (2 x Rainbows and 1 Brown)

John Morgan & John Utan caught 2 fish each (1 Brown and 3 Rainbows)

Neil Morrison 7 Fish all Rainbows

Ray Clissold 7 Fish 2 Browns and 5 Rainbows

Ian Brideson and James Tourtoulas were unlucky on the trip

Max Simmons 3 fish 2 Rainbows and 1 Brown at 3¾lbs which was the best fish for the trip

Regards, Ray Clissold

#### **"CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER"**

Contributions to the newsletter would be appreciated.

Be creative, write a few notes and take a couple of pictures on your next trip, then send it in to share with others members.

All articles, stories, recipes, fly tying instructions, patterns or any humorous cartoons etc. will be published.

**"Submissions close two weeks before the meeting"**

#### **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: [www.sffc.org.au](http://www.sffc.org.au) and follow the link to Newsletters

#### **COMING EVENTS**

(Coming Events are regularly updated on the website to keep you informed)

- 30<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June. Jindabyne
- Oct 10/11/12<sup>th</sup> Licola
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Lake Tyers.
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.