



# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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## DECEMBER 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008** at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.

**The Meeting will be an informal Christmas get-together starting at 7:30PM**

**Members are asked to bring a plate to share.**

### Minutes of November Meeting.

Date: - 17th November 2008  
Meeting Opened: - 8:00 PM  
Attendance: - 10 Members present

### Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:

James Tourtoulas, Peter Murray, Chris Vafiopolous and peter Neligan.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as per the Newsletter, moved by Jack Groenewald and seconded by Dean Cousin.

**Business from last Minutes. Nil**

### Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Minister for Agriculture – Rec fishing grants  
DPI – Regional fisheries consultation meeting outcomes. 2008  
DPI – Meeting summary – 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008  
VRFish – Media release  
DPI –Fish fax 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.  
DPI –Fish fax 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
VRFish – Monthly report – Nov  
Southern FF Newsletter – Nov.  
Southern FF Newsletter – Oct  
Bairnsdale FFC Newsletter – Oct  
Friends of Snobbs Creek - announcement  
VFFA Newsletter – Nov.  
VFFA Newsletter – Oct  
Gippsland Lakes Forum Invite.  
VR Fish media release – Talking Heads.  
VR Fish media release "Thanks Minister"  
VR Fish media release "New Board"  
Fish-e-fax 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Outwards Correspondence

Nil

### Treasurer's Report:

Year to Date: – July 07 – Nov 08.

Total Income: \$1662.36

Total Expense: \$1788.43

Net loss: -\$146.07

General account Balance of \$1174.17

GSI Investment Accounts \$1287.17

GSI Investment Account \$1282.60

Accounts to pay - \$18 to John for AGM notice in paper  
\$124 to Sale Trophy House.

\$39.70 Incorporation Fee.

Moved by Dean Cousin, seconded by Jack Groenewald.

## Promotional Material:

Waterwheel Beach Tavern – Fishing Comp  
The Beaded Fly Web Site

## General Business

- . Letter to be sent to Minister regarding intended relocation of several staff from Snobbs Creek
- . Next DPI - Regional fisheries consultation meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009
- . GACA Subscription – Motion to pay to be discussed at January meeting.
- . John Utan moved a motion that **"The Jindabyne Club Trip begins at midday Friday and concludes midday on the following Friday on set dates."** All fish caught during this time will be eligible for the **"Biggest fish club trip award"**. Seconded by Mick O'Brien and motion carried.
- . 5 persons have registered to go on 'Saltwater Fishing Trip' to Lake Tyers.
- . Several members' wives have made it known that they would like to go on the next Jindabyne club trip. We will work out details when the trip gets closer.

## Report –

John Utan reported on the recent club bar-b-que at the Knob Reserve for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. It was a good day with trophies presented for club awards. Not a big attendance by members but good fun with the casting competition.

## Fish Reports

- . Dean Cousin – 1 Flathead to 40cm at Lake Tyers.
- . John Utan / Mick O'Brien – 43 Rainbows to 27cm in Macalister Rvr.
- . Jack Groenewald – 15 Rainbows to 25cm in Macalister Rvr.
- . Ian Brideson – 20 Rainbows in Macalister Rvr.
- . John Utan – 9 & 11 Rainbows in Macalister Rvr.
- . Neil Morrison – 6 Estuary Perch to 42cm – Mcloughlins  
1 Flathead to 42cm - Lake Tyers
- . Ray Clissold – 2 Flathead to 37cm - Lake Tyers.

Show us your fly judges for the year will be Mick and Gavin.

Ian Brideson to make list of "show us your fly" patterns for 2009.

Fly tying nights will be decided at next committee meeting.

Some "out for tea" get together nights to be set by committee for this year.

**Meeting Closed: - 9.45pm**

**Show us you're Fly for November won by - Mick O'Brien / 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Vaf**

### Show us You're Fly

The Fly to Tie for the December 2008 Meeting is:

Horror

(Australian Fly Patterns - Page 71)

HOOK: Wet 2X long, size 4 - 10

TREAD: Black

BODY: Dark brown chenille

RIB: Silver wire

WING: Three dark centred hen feathers or badger

HACKLE: Brown cock tied in palmer style

CHEEKS: Jungle cock

HEAD: Black



**Subs are due from now on for the 2009-year.**

## COMING EVENTS

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

- . DPI Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year we celebrated 20 years of the Sale Fly Fishing Club with a barbeque at the Knob Reserve followed, the next day, by a Saltwater trip to Lake Tyers. Both events were well attended and all enjoyed themselves.

## Membership

Membership this year remained the same at 30 members with no new ones, all efforts will be made in the coming year to try and recruit further members.

## The Committee

I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts during the year:

Neil Morrison our Secretary for his excellent Newsletters.

Dean Cousins our Treasurer for managing our finances.

Ian Brideson our Vice President and Social Director for arranging accommodation for our Club Trips and refreshments and raffles for our weekly meetings and Christmas Party.

Mick O'Brien our Weighmaster for maintaining our Weighbook and arranging the Trophies.

Ray Clissold our Vice Secretary for our new look Website.

The rest of Committee – Pete Nelligan, Pete Murray and Jack Groenewald.

## Fish Reports

Fish catches were down this year because of floods in November, 2007 which virtually rendered the Macalister System unfishable for the rest of the 2007/8 season. However, we still managed to catch some 350 freshwater fish, many in other streams, and a lot of saltwater species instead. This season (2008/9) so far is looking good and it is hoped (with the help of stocking by Fisheries) that the Macalister System will return to its old self.

The following are details of our catches throughout the year:

### Freshwater (Trout unless otherwise stated)

Icy Creek/Tanjil River	57	Brogo Dam	1 Bass
Thredbo River	5	Avon River	1Carp and 1 Redfin
West Tyers River	35	Mitta Mitta River	20
Test River UK	1 Grayling	Goulburn River	2
Merrimans Creek	29	Tasmanian Lakes and Rivers	10
Blue Rock Reservoir	1 Redfin	New Zealand North Island	Many big Rainbows
Upper Macalister River	4	Corryong Area	11
Lower Macalister River	10	Timbarra River	2

### Saltwater

Lake Tyers	Many Trevally	Mcloughlins Inlet	Salmon/Tailor/Trevally
CapeYork	Many Species		
Mallacoota	Luderick	Kimberley Region	Many Species

## Club Trips for 2008

Eucumbene Trip – 28fish to 3-3/4lbs

Jindabyne – 61 fish to 6lb

Licola – 55 fish to 38cms

### "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

## **History of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc.**

**The Sale Fly Fishing Club was formed on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1988 with its first meeting at the AMP Society Bldg, Raymond St. Sale.**

The meeting consisted of around 44 potential members and the following office bearers were voted in:

President: Greg Hall  
Vice President: Ron Bassler  
Secretary: Geoff Innes  
Treasurer: John Hall

The remaining Committee members were to be decided at a later date.  
A Joining fee of \$20 and \$20 membership was decided upon.

**The following is a short account of the year by year operation of the Club:**

### **1989**

Meeting shifted to RSL Hall, Macalister St. Sale.

Consideration given to building a lodge on the Crooked River and even a plan of the proposed premises was drawn up.

Then it was decided to tender for an old Mill home at Heyfield and use the materials to construct the lodge, and that was the last thing ever recorded about the proposed Lodge.

### **1990**

Venue shifted to Continuing Education Centre, Raymond St. Sale and then to the Sportsman's Club, Cnr Cunningham and Palmerston Sts. Sale.

Fly Fishing competition with Bairnsdale Club which Sale managed to win even though it was washed out.

### **1991**

Membership was now 32 members.

Video Library set up.

Club Trips commenced, with one in April to Lake Tarago and then in May to Jindabyne and October to Eucumbene.

### **1992**

Dam X stocked.

Weighmaster and Club Trophies commenced.

### **1993**

Club membership expands to 48.

Trout in Dam X ready and fish to 3lb available to catch.

Eucumbene Trip in March.

Glenmaggie and Macalister stocked with 10,000 Browns and 10,000 Rainbows after representation by Club, this was the first stocking since 1984.

Black Lake discovered, with a fish of 7-3/4lb taken and another of 8-1/4lb at a later date.

### **1994**

Joining fee \$20, with Membership increasing to \$30.

Club Trip to Jindabyne in March.

Fishing gear auction held which raised \$400 for the Club.

Fly Tying commenced on another night, up until then it was held after the meeting.

Events Calendar included on back of Newsletter.

A lot of policy making regarding conditions for fishing Dam X with Catch and release introduced.

Club Trip to Dargo River

### **1995**

Club Membership 50.

January meeting held at Glenmaggie Weir Wall with a BBQ.

BBQ built by Club on the bank of Rainbow Creek.

Country membership of \$10 per annum introduced for those that had shifted away.

Club trip to Eucumbene/Jindabyne in April.

Dam Y stocked with fingerlings, but when trialled only Redfin caught, it was later netted and no trout remained.

Avon River stocked by Club with 1000 trout.

## **1995 (Cont.)**

Club helped with tree planting on Macalister River.

Club Photo Album introduced for recording Club events and fishing trips.

Weigh-in Slips introduced.

DNRE Notice Board/Shelters constructed by Club at Glenmaggie.

Attendance Register introduced.

## **1996**

Club Membership 41.

Casting Tournament held at Lake Guthridge, won by Ron Bassler.

Team Off day held at 20 Acre Creek, Wellington and Rainbow Creek, where inexperienced members teamed up with experienced members to learn new tricks of the trade.

Licola trip held in April.

Trout released in Avon.

## **1997**

Algae bloom on Dam X.

Winter Christmas party held at Wallaby Rise

Ron Jarvis passed away.

Closed Trout season re-introduced.

Dam X restocked.

Club Auction held of fishing gear and fly tying materials.

Club assists with stocking of Lake Glenmaggie, Macalister River and Rainbow Creek.

Casting Clinics held in conjunction with Wellington Shire.

Club enters Victorian Fly Fishing Championships. Dr Robin Hyde wins female section and ninth overall, juniors did well but senior men failed to grass a fish.

Ron Jarvis Memorial Trophy commenced.

Licola Trip in September.

Sale Angler further develops stocks of fly fishing gear.

## **1998**

January meeting held at a BBQ at Cowwarr Weir.

Show us your fly competition commenced.

Dam X in bad condition due to drought and not restocked.

Project Funding Submission to Vic Health for a \$4600 grant made and rejected.

Fly tying and exhibition of Flies tied by members held at the Sale Art Gallery.

Fly Tying Workshop with Mick Hall and John Rumpf.

## **1999**

Ashley Artis guest speaker at Feb. Meeting.

Owner of Dam X advised he was selling the property.

Fly Tying demonstration held in Sale Mall.

Ian Brideson gets a second in the intermediate section of the Australian Fly Tying Championships.

Family picnic at Cowwarr Weir.

\$1,000 raised in a major Club Raffle.

Club helps out with children's fishing day on Lake Guthridge.

## **2000**

Beginner's day held on the Macalister River for new members.

Pat Washington Chairman of VRFish guest speaker at June meeting.

Scott Mitchell of Alpine Angler guest speaker at special dinner and meeting. Scott discussed salt water fly fishing basics.

The dreaded Pizza Fairy visited Ray Clissold at the Licola Trip.

## **2001**

Three meeting rule for membership dropped.

Eucumbene trip was at Bolaro Station

Club helps with tree planting along the Dargo River.

Fly tying demonstration held at the Sale Angler over the Rock and Roll Festival weekend.

Family night held at Wallaby Rise.

## **2002**

Club Membership increases to \$50.

Club sponsorship sought because of high Public Liability Insurance.

## **2002 (Cont.)**

Members invited to Bairnsdale Fly Fishing Club Lodge for a weekend in May.

Rick Sunderland included in Victorian Fly Fishing Team to fish Australian Championships in Tasmania.

Club members assist in grape picking at Glenmaggie Winery.

Club Tee Shirts arranged.

Ray Warner made a life member for his services and commitment as Treasurer of the Club over a thirteen year period.

## **2003**

Article in Gippsland Times detailing the operation of the Club.

Club provides a Fly-Tying and Casting demonstration at Sale Rocks On Festival.

Club members assist in grape picking at Glenmaggie Winery.

Club participates in a creel survey of the Macalister River.

Peter Murray nominated as Gippsland representative on VRFish committee.

Club provides a Fly Tying demonstration at the Wellington Shire Home and Leisure Show.

## **2004**

Club Membership remains at \$50 per annum with Junior and Country Members at \$10, but \$20 joining fee removed. Rob Flower is guest speaker at the February meeting. Rob brought for sale hundreds of Flies he had tied as well and copies of his book on Australian Trout Food.

Andrew Martin is guest speaker at the March meeting, he discussed Salt Water Fly-Fishing on the Cape York Peninsula.

Gavin Scully entertains members with a night of slides and photos of fishing the local area over the past 30 years.

Steve Mills from E.J. Todd is guest speaker at June meeting. Steve displayed the latest Fly Tying materials and also sold some run out materials he had on hand.

Club Newsletter E-mailed to those members with computers.

## **2005**

Club Website created by Ray and Tim Clissold.

Macalister River Trophy Commenced and subsequently sponsored by the Sale Angler.

Club sponsorship dropped.

Club gives permission for our badges to be used on costumes for the film "Jindabyne".

Ray Warner donates Fly Fishing books to Club.

Jack Groenewald presents a demonstration of different coloured materials and what effect they have on fish.

Nicole Hall of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is guest speaker at the September meeting.

## **2006**

Club meetings shifted from third Wednesday to third Monday of each month.

Age of Junior Membership lifted from 18 to 21 years.

Club DVD Library list included on Website.

Club family day at Lake Glenmaggie poorly attended.

Club T-shirts and hats arranged.

## **2007**

Sale Angler a reliable supplier of Fly-Fishing and Fly Tying equipment/materials to the Club closes down. Sale Angler was also the sponsor of our Macalister River Trophy and donated Gift Vouchers for our monthly Fly Tying competition.

Ron Bassler, past President, Secretary and Committee member of the Club passes away.

"Show Us Your Fly" Trophy introduced and later renamed the Ron Bassler Memorial Trophy for the best Fly Tier of the year. The Trophy comprises of Flies tied by Ron presented in a framed box.

Club trip to Blue Rock Dam arranged.

## **2008**

Club membership down to 28.

Twentieth Anniversary of the Club

Club Honour Board to be set-up on Website to acknowledge those members who had served as President, Secretary and Treasurer over the past twenty years.

Forum Section created on Club Website to allow members to post news items.

Twentieth Anniversary Club Shirts to be arranged.

Fishing Regulation under review and Club members requested to complete a feedback form and send it to DPI.

# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC HONOUR BOARD

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<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>
1989	Greg Dunne	Geoff Innes	John Hall
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1991	Ron Bassler	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
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1993	Ron Bassler	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1994	Ian Brideson	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1995	Ian Brideson	Dean Cousins	Ray Warner
1996	Ian Brideson	Dean Cousins	Ray Warner
1997	Ian Brideson	Frank Jones	Ray Warner
1998	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
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2002	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
2003	Peter Murray	Ray Clissold	Guy Curtis/Dean Cousin
2004	Peter Murray	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2005	Mick O'Brien	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2006	John Utan	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2007	John Utan	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2008	John Utan	Neil Morrison	Dean Cousins

Please record your catch on the record chart and hand them in to the Weigh Master at the meeting

### Sale Fly Fishing Club Record Chart

Angler					
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