



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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JUNE 2010 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 June 2010** at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room **commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of May Meeting.

Date: - 15th May 2010
Meeting Opened: - 8.15 PM
Attendance: - 7 Members present
- 1 Visitor

Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:
Gordon Groenewald, John Utan, Ray Clissold, Gavin Sculley, Rob Smith & Dean Cosin

Visitors

Ryan Driscoll.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Moved by Chris Vafiopulous and seconded by Steve Allen.

Business from last Minutes.

Nil

Outwards Correspondence

Nil.

Inwards Correspondence

Bairnsdale FFC Newsletter.
CVFFC – Minutes of April 2010 meeting.
Prom from "Complete Fly fisher"
West Gipps' Catchment Aut – Environmental flow release.
Promo from - BTI Sports.
DPI – Inland waters classification
Correspondence moved by Chris Vafiopulous and Mick O'Brien.

Treasurer's Report:

As Dean was away there was no up to date report tabled.
Year to Date: – Nov – 09 to Mar 2010
Total Income: \$1155
Total Expense: \$671.40
Net Income: -\$438.60
General account Balance of \$1607.88

GSI Investment Accounts \$1427.14

GSI Investment Account \$1427.85

Approximately \$270 in kitty for drinks/prizes.

Treasurer's report moved by Dean Cousin and seconded by Steve Allen.

Business arising from correspondence

Nil

General Business

Peter Murray reported on the recent "Kids Day" held on Hyland Lake at Churchill. Ray Clissold and Rob Smith were also in attendance and helped kids get involved in learning aspects of fishing. There were over 200 children at the day and Peter reported on some of the highlights of the day. There were over 40 fish landed during the event.

Several members ventured down to the Bairnsdale Fly Fishers Club General meeting on 10th May as the guest speaker was Greg French, a noted writer and keen fisherman. Greg gave a presentation on some of the streams and waterways of Tasmania and the fishing available to touring fishermen. The presentation included some excellent photographs of the region and what it has to offer. Greg discussed the carp situation in lakes Sorrell and Crescent and what was happening to stop carp spreading. Eel nets from the mainland have been blamed for introducing the carp eggs to the waterways in the first place. Discussion was held on what to look for when fishing the bigger lakes, wind lanes, bank structure etc.

We hope to have an inter club trout fishing challenge possibly in November of this year and most likely on the Mitta River/Omeo area.

Ian Brideson raised the issue of our drink prices and suggested a price increase to cover a few expenses.
Notice of motion for June meeting - That we increase prices to \$3 for canned beer and \$2 for soft drinks.

Jindabyne Club Trip

Most members who originally were going to Jindabyne on the annual trip just before the long weekend in June cannot make it. During discussions it was found that most members could go a week earlier. A motion was moved by Peter Murray and seconded by Chris Vafiopulous that we bring the club weekend forward to 28th – 30th May. Motion carried. Eight members registered interest in going and discussion was held that members would stay at the caravan park in town and not the Snowline as in previous years due to cost.

Fish Reports

- Ryan – Metung – Nil fish.
- Brack/Steve – Valencia Creek - 20 fish to 30cm.
- Pete Murray – Serpentine Creek – 7 fish to 33cm. And a 43cm Trevally at Metung.
- Neil Morrison – Cook Islands – Bonefish to 8lb, Trevally, flounder and reef fish.

Meeting Closed: - 8.55pm

Show us your Fly for March 2010 won by –Steve Allen with Ian Brideson second.

COMING EVENTS

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

July General Meeting – 19th July

August General Meeting – 16th August.

The Fly to Tie for the June 2010 Meeting is:

JUNE:

HALO EMERGER

(Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends – Page 112)

Hook – Dai Riki 300 or equivalent # 24-8

Thread – 8/0 colour to match

Tag – Clear antron wrapped down the bend of the hook

Tail – Marabou to match body colour

Wing – Closed cell foam

Body – Fine poly dubbing

Forward Wing – Orange elk or deer hair



John Morgan with one of 12 fish he had caught up to 6lb on a recent trip to New Zealand

Leader Recipes:

John Utan, has been doing some online research and has found a website that may be of interest to you.

Go to www.jasonborger.com and scroll to "Gear and Rigging" then hit "Some leaders for trout", - lots of reading but scroll down to diagrams of leaders. Fig. 2 and 3 for dry fly and Fig 9 for nymph and windy conditions with dry fly. Jason Borger was the fly casting stand-in for Brad Pitt in " A River Runs Through It". You will need to nail knot a 12" piece of .020" with loop to attach different types of leaders. Here is table of comparison of metric and imperial measurements:

0.15mm	= .006"	(5x)
0.18mm	= .007"	(4x)
0.20mm	= .008"	(3x)
0.22mm	= .009"	(2x)
0.25mm	= .010"	
0.32mm	= .013"	
0.35mm	= .014"	
0.40mm	= .016"	
0.42mm	= .017"	
0.45mm	= .018"	
0.50mm	= .020"	

Hope this helps. Another site that explains the rationale for this type of leader design is www.racklehanen.se/eng and scroll down to Gary Borger leaders (he is the father of Jason Borger)

Further to above, for fig. 2 and 3 (jasonborger.com) you could omit .017" because you will have nail

knotted 12" of .020" with loop to your fly line. Also re fig. 9 you could add 24" of .007" instead of just 8" as shown, plus 12" of .005" (5x) if needed, particularly for dry fly. The idea behind these formulas, particularly figs. 2 and 3 is to get "S" curves in your leader to try and beat drag.

Cook Islands Fly Fishing.



In the last week of April 2010 I was lucky enough to convince the wife that we needed a decent holiday and where better to celebrate her birthday than on a tropical island somewhere.

We settled on the island of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands as we had seen it on the television show "Getaway" and also booked a few days on one of the outer islands called "Aitutaki" as I had done some sneaky research on the net and found that you could catch bonefish there.

No dedicated fisherman could possibly go near a tropical island without at least one days fishing included and luckily the wife agreed. I booked the trip before she changed her mind and we were off.

We flew into Rarotonga arriving very late at night and spending several days watching it rain heavily all day. Even while raining it was very warm so a lot of time was spent snorkelling around the lagoon looking at all the incredible tropical fish and marine life.



The time came to fly into Aitutaki and the view from the plane showed lots of brilliant white sand, crystal clear water and lush tropical islands surrounded by a coral reef and then deep blue water.

My internet search had found a guide by the name of Jubilee Rieu, a local of the island who owned Vaikiore Charters and specialised in guiding for bonefish. Jubilee picked me up next morning in his boat from the Aitutaki Resort we were staying at and I headed off fishing while my wife and daughter opted to take a scenic cruise around the lagoon with a local tour operator.



Jubilee knew the area well and we were soon wading along near a small sand island watching bonefish feeding in the shallow water. Seeing them and hooking them didn't come together well at first but after a shift to another close area I managed to land three fish from four hookups in about an hour with the largest being about 8lb. The fourth fish broke the 16lb leader at a wind knot. My casting seemed worse than normal and of course I blamed the new rod and lack of practice, not the fact that I was nervous as Jubilee had guided some very well known and experienced casters over time.

I have never seen such a fast and strong fish for their size and was amazed at how fast the fish took huge amounts of backing off the reel. Not even tuna I landed on fly gear seem to run that fast. Truly an amazing experience that all fly fishers should try.

I also caught some good trevally while polaroiding the flats and even managed to hook and land a Flounder while my leader was trailing behind me waiting to cast forward. The pictures and video I took do not do justice to the beauty of the place.

After lunch we again waded the flats but just couldn't get the fish to stay on the fly. Several were hooked but the hooks pulled in each case. Some huge fish that Jubilee called as being milkfish were sighted in close but I wouldn't have cast to them anyway as most were several feet long and looked like small porpoises. I was under gunned with only a 9 weight rod and not even sure they take a fly.

The day was soon over and as Jubilee does not work Sundays I sought permission from the resort staff to fish around the resort area next day. Permission was given as long as I didn't kill any fish which was fine with me. I waded a couple of hundred metres from the resort over white sand and in incredibly clear water past lots of small clumps of coral around which were dozens of little colourful fish and in some cases large moray eels.



I finally stopped in an area where the closest piece of coral was about 120 metres away with the idea being that any good fish hooked might head away from the coral and could be landed. The first fish that swam toward me over the flats was a bonefish of about 10 - 12 lb which inhaled my shrimp pattern fly off the bottom and then proceeded to wrap my fly line and backing around every bit of coral for a couple of hundred metres. It took ages to wade around and carefully untangle it from the coral with no major rips or abrasions evident. That set the pattern for the rest of the day with some huge bonefish hooked and lost and only some large trevally landed.



Some of the trevally that swam past me in a metre of water were huge and in most cases I didn't even cast to them for fear of losing too much gear. Anything up to about 10lb was fair game but a lot were bigger than that.

Our visit to Aitutaki was over too quick and after another week in Rarotonga snorkelling and sightseeing we headed home to the cold and bleak Victorian weather.

My motto is you only live once and to hell with waiting for retirement. I'm going back, hopefully in October this year with a mate currently living in New Guinea and hopefully our president Ray Clissold if I can convince him to go to the islands instead of Cape York as previously planned.

Anybody else want to come? I plan a cheap trip and have organised a house if we want it and cut rate guide fees.

Neil Morrison

