



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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MARCH 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 the 20th March at the Sporting Legends Meeting room
Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of February meeting.

Date: - 20th February 2016
Meeting Opened: - 8.15pm
Attendance 5 Members present

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:

Peter Murray & Mick Obrien

Visitors

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Moved by Gavin Sculley
Seconded by Neil Morrison

Business from last Minutes.

Nil

Inwards Correspondence

CVFFC Meeting agenda 11th Feb
Ballarat fly fishers, 2 fly competition details.
Australian trout foundation
Sale scouts Catch a carp competition
Combine angling club meeting (fisheries)

Outward Correspondence.

Nil

Reply to the Sale scouts regarding participating with a Fly fishing display.

Business arising from correspondence.

Neil Morrison moved that we affiliate with the Australian trout foundation for the year and see how things pan out.
Seconded by Gavin Sculley.

Correspondence was moved by Jack Groenewald and seconded by Ian Brideson

Treasurer's Report:

No report

General Business.

Neil Morrison and Ray Clissold will attend the combined angling club meeting. This will be held on the 7th of March.

Gavin has booked 2 cabins for the Eucumbene trip. Gavin, Ian, Peter Murray and Max. Ray Throup and Ashley will arrive on the Saturday. Neil questioned if the Highway park lake at Stratford is open and if it would be a worthwhile option to stock for the club. Neil and Ray C will talk to Errol at the angling meeting.

Fish reports –

Ian Brideson: 2 Bass to 2 ¼ lb in the Avon river

Neil Morrison: Some brown trout were caught on a recent visit to the Victoria river. Also Macquarie Perch to 25cm.

Ray Throup: 12 Trout, best 34cm in the west branch of the Tanjil. 2 bass to 28cm Blue rock lake.

Meeting Closed: - 9.05 pm

Look forward to seeing some great pictures and stories from this weekend's Eucumbene trip. In next months newsletter.

Show Us Your Fly: January

Won by Ian Brideson
Second Ray Throup

Show us your fly:

March:

Parachute hackled dun.

Materials and design are left to the participants involved.

Use your imagination!

Bass a great target for fly. By Ray Throup

It's March the days are getting shorter although there is still some heat in the days and while the insects are about some great morning and evening sessions can be had.

Club members are finding a worthwhile target in recent years. Large numbers have been stocked in Gippsland waters resulting in the fish getting bigger in number and in average size.

A 32cm bass caught by Neil late one evening.



Normal trout rods can be used to get started on these fish. Trout fisherman will make the transition quickly. As these fish get bigger and there is already some big bass to be found that will over power a small rod, the use of bass style rods may become more practical.

You will need to upsize leaders for these fish it's important to turn the fish as soon as possible. Mainly because the takes are very explosive and they head for cover which is normally not far away but also as they have sharp gill rakers which can cut through light tippet with little effort.

This bass was caught by me. It took a muddler style hopper early morning at Blue rock lake.



What has become apparent is that bass love deep water will hang around snags and are very opportunistic. There have been many different fly patterns that have worked well but there interest to feed can turn on or off in an instant.

Kayaks are being found to be a very useful item as they can get you into and around snags in both the rivers and lakes. No need for long casts with these fish, just cast toward the bank or structure and a couple of strips and pauses normally gets some interest.

Many of our members are having success with wet fly's, minnow patterns and wooly buggers in the Central Gippsland rivers.

I have had great success with dry fly's early morning and in the evening in the lakes during the hottest times of the year while there is plenty of insect activity. Bass are very keen to eat large food items are switched onto large deer hair patterns like muddler minnows, Cicada's and grasshopper fly's. The Dahlberg diver is my go too fly. I down size to cicada's and muddlers if the bass are only nipping at the tails and a little hard to convince. I have heard reports of bass taking size 12 black spinners during midge hatches and I presume they would go nuts over a termite hatch as many species do.