



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 19th of March at Sporting Legend's Sports Club at 7.30pm

Minutes of February Meeting.

Date: - 19th February 2018
Meeting Opened: - 7.45 pm
Attendance 6 members present

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:

Michael O'Brien, Peter Murray, Ray Throup and Rob Allen

Visitors

Nil

Minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Ian Brideson
Second by Gavin Sculley

Business arising from last Minutes.

Nil

Inwards Correspondence

- Draft for the Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan
- 2017-2018 Boating Safety and Facilities Program
- Terry George's Summary from Peter Murray
- Loddon Shire, regarding come to Loddon Valley Flyer
- Petition from David Warren
- Northern Suburbs Casting Competition Flyer

Correspondence moved by Dean Cousin
Second by Neil Morrison

Outward Correspondence.

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Total income - \$230.00
Total expenses - \$229.00
Total Balance - \$4,308.49

Treasurers Report Tabled and Moved by Dean Cousin
Second by Gavin Sculley

General Business.

Gavin reported on possible accommodation at Crowes \$21 dollars per person per night.

Labour Day trip to Eucumbene, Brack and Pete are the ones to contact about accommodation if you wish to go on this club trip.

Fish Reports.

Dean Cousin caught two small Trout in the Livingston River. He also caught some fish in the Mitta and are as follows.

51 cm Brown Trout

46 cm Brown Trout

2 x 40 cm Brown Trout

2 x 35 cm Brown Trout.

Also caught in the Victoria River

1 x 30 cm Brown.

Gavin Sculley went to Eucumbene and caught,
2 Brown Trout at 40 cm
2 Rainbow Trout at 20 cm.

Neil, Ray and Noel fished the Omeo area and caught several fish.

Neil's best was a Brown Trout at 41 cm

Noel's best was a Brown Trout at 45 cm

Ray's best was a Brown Trout at 36 cm.

Refer to story in the Newsletter.

Meeting Closed at 8:46 pm.

Show Us Your Fly

Due to lack of participants for the February meeting it was decided to have two flies in March

Last months fly was "The Klingon" refer to picture & recipe in February Newsletter.

The Fly to Tie for the march Meeting is:

NZ Mudeye Australian fly Patterns page 92

Head: Red thread.

HOOK: Kamasan B175

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Black Squirrel

BODY: Olive green and Burgundy chenille twisted.

HACKLE: Black hen.



Omeo 2018. Neil, Noel & Ray

Once again, we have made the trip to Omeo, we had not come up this way for a lot of years, and since February 2017 we have planned to make it a thing where we visit this area around this time every year. February is a good time to visit Omeo, we like it because most of the tourists have gone back to work and the rivers are much less crowded.

Last year it was very hot with the mercury reaching 37 & 38 degrees. too hot for the fish, they look for cooler water and the much deeper pools. The only chance you have of catching at trout is in the late evening when and if everything cools down. This year the weather is looking fine with the day time temperature forecast to be 22 to 25 degrees, a little bit of cloud around and light winds. The barometer is on the low side, but hey. you can't have everything right.....

We arrived at Omeo a little before lunch, we had booked a few rooms at the Hill Top Hotel and stopped in to drop off our stuff. It was close to lunch time and they have a good \$10 lunch special, we all went for the rissoles & mash, a good deal.

After lunch we loaded up what we needed into Noel's car for the afternoons fishing, basically everything and headed off up along the Big River. We checked out a couple of places along the way and found an off ramp down to the river to a camp site, put out rods and gear together and headed off wading the river.



My fine little spotted Brown.

Noel and I were fishing, and Neil was wandering along the bank spotting fish. this was sort off amazing, as there were plenty of fish to spot. Like a good guide, Neil was letting us know where to cast with calls of upstream a little further and 4 feet to the right. which is right where I put my fly and a healthy little trout rose to the fly, a slight pause, lift the rod and I was into the first fish of the day... a nice little brown of 35 cm.

As we progressed up stream further, we found the trout holding in all the text book location, you know, cast up stream of that log, let the fly drift down stream beside it, and there was a trout, where you had expected them to be, this was the scenario for the afternoons fishing... put a fly over water where you would expect them to be, and more often than not, there was a fish there.... now that didn't mean the you hooked and landed a fish every cast, however sometimes you would line a fish and see them dart off back down stream. It was amazing, there seemed to be plenty of fish around, unlike other times when we hardly saw a fish.

A little way up the river Neil caught and landed a nice 41cm brown (see Picture Below) and a little further on Noel ran his fly along the shallow edge of a deeper run and landed a very nice 45cm + brown that had to be 2 lb or better, this was recorded on film for Catch & Cook but we did not think to get stills at the time. We did a short stretch of the Big River between a couple of camp sites and between us we landed at least 12 fish, all were very heathy fat fish.



Neil's 41 cm Brown Trout



The close up of Neil's fish reveals scars from a previous battle with a bird.

On the way back, we stopped in on the Livingston River, and while Noel and I were untangling our leaders from the blackberries, Neil caught and landed another two fine browns.

DAY TWO.

We set off for the top end of the Mitta Mitta (Big River) first as we had heard that the further up you go the better the fishing, however I think several others had the same idea during the weekend just gone. We parked the car where the road heads off away from the river, got our gear together and headed off up the river, it was a little disappointing, as it felt like that we were following someone else. The fish here were very few and far between, and very flighty, and you could not get near them.

We then headed off downstream in the car, to a small tributary we had heard about in the pub the night before. We parked the car and walked back downstream for a bit, and then started fishing back upstream.



Noel with a fine brown caught out of the small tributary

First cast to a run and I had a small rainbow on, soon after Noel cast into the next pool and he also caught a fish, Noel's fish was much bigger than mine, Neil was doing the camera work and Noel and I were leapfrogging along taking it in turns with Neil having a fish

here and there. Several fish came to hand, some were around 2lbs and Neil had one on the was close to 3lbs but trying to get the camera to Noel and leaving it in the run while doing so it pulled the hook and got off. Neil got some go pro film of it before it released itself which should air on Catch & Cook sometime soon.

We found some shade and had some lunch, then headed back down the Mitta Mitta found another spot to fish Noel and I wandered up along the river and Neil headed off under the road bridge up a small tributary we all caught a few more fish, we met back at the car at 5:00pm and headed back to the Hill Top for dinner.



Noel with a nice brown out of the Big River (Mitta Mitta)



After dinner we spent a small amount of time in the lower Mitta but alas no luck.

DAY THREE

Only time for a short days fishing and then we need to head for home.

We went back up the Big river (Mitta Mitta) and worked another stretch of river between some camp areas, on this day we saw several fish, Noel was the only one of us to hook up however this was only for a short time before he was busted off on what we saw to be a much better fish.

The Fishing around the Omeo area has seen a turnaround for the better from recent times, I think we will be making a few more trips back to Omeo before this year's season close.

Ray