



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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AUGUST 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 of August at Sporting Legend's Sports Club at 7.30pm

Date: - 16th July 2018
Meeting Opened: - 7.35 pm
Attendance 11 members present

- Snobs creek hatchery threat.
- VR Fish reply to Neil's letter regarding Professional fishing size limits for Dusky flathead.

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:
Nil

Visitors

Jim Thomson

Minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Gavin Sculley
Second by Ray Clissold

Business arising from last Minutes.

Ray Clissold reported on the possibility of a trip to Lake Purrembete. This will be on the weekend of the 26th and 27th of October.

A cabin at the caravan park is \$99.00 per night with ensuite. Without ensuite \$85.00.

Ray Clissold will book two cabins. 7 members are interested so far.

Ray Throup reported on a letter of invitation to the Australian trout foundation. The invitation was for two or three A.T.F members to join us on our Licola weekend. At this point the response has been positive.

Some discussion was had regarding 30-year anniversary and service awards.

30-year badges available to all members and engraved aluminium fly boxes were the club choice. Ray Throup to buy ten fly boxes.

All in favour Moved Dean and seconded by Mick Obrien.

Inwards Correspondence

- VFFA Fly Lines emailed to members.
- VR Fish Newsletter emailed to members
- CVFFC Meeting agenda emailed to members

Outward Correspondence.

- Invitation to A.T.F (Licola weekend).

Business Arising from correspondence

Neil Morrison spoke about the response from Vic fisheries. The response was not very positive. They feel nothing can be done as the flathead caught is dictated by the size of mesh in the nets and it was their opinion that it was better to harvest the fish caught rather than throw them wastefully overboard.

Correspondence moved by Gavin Sculley
Seconded Mick Obrien

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$580.00
Expenses \$481.00
Net income \$ 99.00
Total Bank balance \$4,406.49

Moved Dean Cousins,
Seconded by Neil Morrison.

General Business.

Jim Thomson our latest member introduced himself. He has moved from Mt Isa to Mirboo Nth. He is keen to learn how to fly fish. 'Welcome to our club Jim'.

Peter Murray travelled to Matheson's flat on the Dargo river lately to assist with the placement of Scotty Jordon boxes into the Dargo river. 20,000 eyed ova were placed in the river provided by the Australian trout foundation and Snobs creek hatchery.

The boxes were checked the next morning. The water level was high and running swiftly. One box may have been in danger, but it was decided not to act.

Hopefully all the ova will have hatched by now, the initial results will be very interesting.

Fisheries Victoria have offered a free bus to the Bairnsdale fly fishing club to help them attend the Talk Wild trout conference on the 11th of August. Peter to contact Bairnsdale to confirm numbers from our club.

Ray Throup brought along the Muz Wilson fly tying materials, they were divided into smaller packages and will be used as raffle prizes throughout the year.

Fishing reports.

Ray Throup: Fished the Eildon Pondage for 5 rainbow trout caught on nymphs and bms.

Neil Morrison: Fished Manns entrance. The fishing was exceptional, a fish a cast for most of the session. The best Salmon measuring 44cm. He had less luck at Port Albert fishing for Squid as he broke the tip off his rod.

Meeting Closed: - 8.30 pm

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Booby candy lime Australian fly patterns page 195

HOOK: Mustad 34039NPSS, size 1

THREAD: White flat waxed

UNDERBODY: White closed cell foam.

OVERBODY: Pearl EZ Body, coloured lime on top with marker.

Eyes Pearl 2mm self-adhesive eyes

Body: cover whole body excluding tail, with soft dip.



S.U.Y.F July. First: Ray Throup
Second: Ian Brideson



Three members attended this year's Talk wild trout conference. Ian Brideson, Peter Murray and Ray Throup jumped on the free bus ride to Darebin.

The event was very well attended with the auditorium almost full.

Guest speakers included.

- Jim Fredericks, Chief of fisheries Idaho fish and game.
- Dr Brett Ingram, VFA.
- Dr John Morrongoello University of Melbourne.
- Terry George ATF and Mike Burgess VRFish.
- Matt Byrne ATF
- Taylor Hunt VFA.
- Rex Hunt
- Mark Gercovich. Fishing journalist and expert Angler.
- Philp Weigall. Fly stream.com
- Travis Dowling VFA.

One of the highlights of the day was Jim Fredericks talk on the management of Idaho fisheries. With 26,000 miles of stream and more than 3,000 lakes. 42 species of game fish are on offer.

Idaho's population is relatively small with 1.7 million residents. Fishing is extremely important to Idaho and the protection of their 3-native species of Cutthroat trout (Westslope, Yellowstone and Bonneville), Rainbow trout and Bull trout a species of Char. Brown trout and Brook trout are also on offer but by far the protection of Cutthroat trout is a priority.

Many of the speakers for the day spoke of how information was gathered regarding our trout fishery here in Victoria. The main themes were,

- Theme 1 About the trout

This section focused on the reasons why and how the streams were surveyed. What was

learned was that Victorian trout generally vary in size from 20cm to 40cm. The Victorian fishery is very resilient populations have shown a great ability to recover after adverse events. Much needs to be done however to provide protection in the form of revegetation and in stream structure to help mitigate the effects of heat.

- Theme 2 Managing trout

This section focused on future forecasts revealing graphs of average stream flows which were very sobering to say the least. Reduced stream flow since the 1990's was very evident. One graph of the Howqua shows reduced flows throughout winter compared to flows in the 1960's.

The positive aspects were the work being done to improve habitat around streams through habitat workshops.

The Scotty incubator trials at this point are inconclusive but may seem to show that introducing the boxes in streams with self-sustained numbers of fish may not be very successful. The reason being that the fry are more vulnerable to predation than a river with no other trout present.

This was a common theme throughout the day as stocked fish suffer a similar fate in the same situation. Most stocked fish according to surveys do not last much beyond one year. This is fine if you only want a put and take fishery but don't expect stocked fish to live to an age old enough to spawn.

Another interesting part of the day was the introduction of the GoFish App. Although many surveys have been taken over past years, they can only provide a small snapshot of what really is happening in our streams. The GoFish App is being expanded to include inland waters. This information from thousands of anglers would add to information already known and provide a more reliable data base on the health of our trout fishery.

- Trout on the hook.

This section started with a presentation from Rex Hunt. Rex spoke of his life's journey fishing in Victoria for trout. His fond memories of fishing the Macalister river below the Wall of Lake Glenmaggie was a

feature and I know Brack and Peter could identify with Rex's comments.

He also spoke of the future of fishing with his passion for introducing children to fishing and the importance of children learning from the ground up.

He was also very vocal of bringing the closed season date back to the 31st of April to protect spawning fish and the importance of role models/mentors for children in sport for immigrants to our state.

Mark Gercovich fishes the South West rivers and spoke of the reasons why it was a good idea to remove a closed season for this region all together. The reason for this was explained that trout are not able to spawn in these rivers and trout are only possible to be caught during the colder months. The area below the highway bridges often has no trout at all, most trout caught are resident Browns, sea run trout are rare and only small. Basically the Merri and Hopkins is a put and take fishery, the fish there grow fast in the very fertile rivers providing great sport but without stocking the fishery would suffer.

Philip Weigall provided some great basic advice for anyone starting their fly fishing journey.

Starting with being comfortable by wearing appropriate clothes, drink, food, fly repellent, sunscreen and glasses.

Learn to tie knots well and fish with the heaviest tippet you can get away with so as not to lose that once in a life time fish. Presentation is more important than the fly chosen. When in doubt strike and if you take a net make sure the net is big enough for the fish you are targeting.

We left a little before the end of the seminar but many on the bus had a big journey home. Thanks go to the Bairnsdale fly fishing club for including us on the bus. The day leaves much food for thought.

**Our next meeting is on
Monday 20th August**