

SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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MARCH 2020 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. **Meeting to be held on Monday the 16th March at the Sporting Legends Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of February meeting.

Date: - 17 February 2020

Meeting Opened: - 7.40pm

Attendance 9 Members present

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:

Neil Morrison, Ray Throup & Mark Laurence

Visitors

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

As sent out and table at the meeting.

Moved by Dean Cousin and

Second by Gavin Sculley

Business from last Minutes.

Nil

Inwards Correspondence

Nil

Outward Correspondence.

Nil

Business arising from correspondence.

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$350.00

Expenses \$294.80

Total Bank balance \$3,948.69

Moved by Dean Cousin and seconded by Peter Neligan

General Business.

Discussion held on the Next months club trip.

Normally this would be Eucumbene, however at our previous meeting it was indicated that a trip to The Bemm River would be more appropriate, to visit this area after the fires and support the community there. The normal time for this trip is the Labour day Weekend, due to the place being busy over this weekend the thought was to have our tip to The Bemm later in March.

2020 Club Trips –

March – Bemm River. Date to be advised after recent severe fires in area.

Early May - Jindabyne. To be advised when conditions known closer to time.

August – Salmon fishing. Either Pambula or Manns Beach. Decision when closer to date.

October – Annual Licola trip.

November trip – Saltwater. Venue to be decided when closer. Probably Lake Tyers.

Fish reports –

McLoughlin's/Mann's Beach Club trip. Report

Eight members and partners attended the club trip in Four boats, we all meet at Neil's place in Longford at 8:00 am before heading down the South Gippsland Hwy to Woodside & McLoughlin's Beach. It was a very windy with windspeeds between 38 km/hr to 45 km/hr for most of the day, this made fly fishing a little difficult however our dedicated members persisted throughout the day.

The winner on the day would have to be Rob Allen with a 48 cm Flathead.

Ray Clissold recorded a 54 cm Skate, a 25 cm Pinkie Snapper and a 27 cm Flathead. Other members caught some small flathead and a Toadfish, but these were not recorded. The highlight of the day was a picnic lunch on the beach out of the wind near the Mann's Beach Entrance.



Four members on a Trip to New Zealand, a full report in our next Newsletter.

Meeting Closed: - 8:40 pm

Show Us Your Fly: February

Won by Ian Brideson
Second Ray Thrup

Show us your fly: March

BLUE CHARM

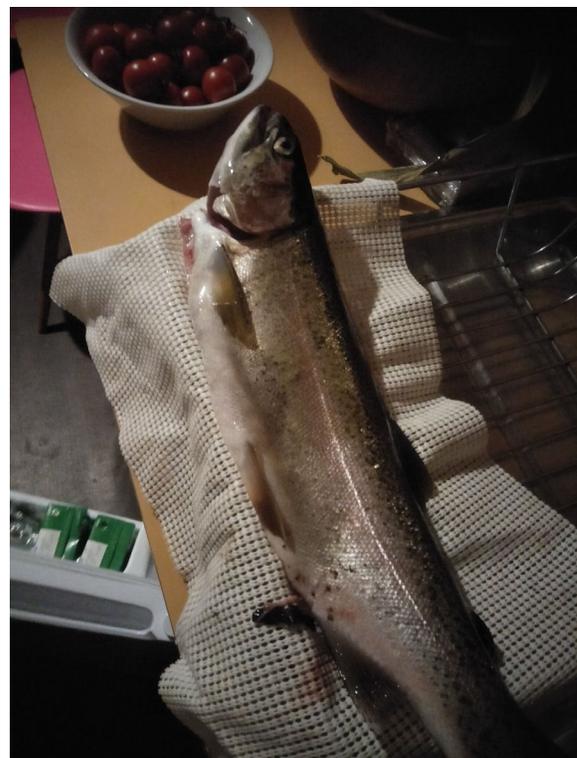
An Introduction to Fly Tying (P 96)



HOOK: 4 – 12 up eye salmon
TAG: oval silver
TAIL: golden pheasant crest and black ostrich as a butt
BODY: black floss with oval silver rib
HACKLE: blue cock
WING: bronze mallard with teal over wing and golden pheasant crest as a topping

The Grampians by Neil Morrison:

Recently I ventured over to Halls Gap in the Grampians National Park for some time off with the family. The weather was mostly kind although a bit windy some days. Most days were nice and warm. Lake Bellfield is a short walk from the park where we were staying, so we spent a few quiet moments watching for any fish rising in the evenings. We didn't see any. I asked the park staff if the lake had any fish in it, they said only a few and they were hard to catch. The Victorian Fisheries site argued against this as the lake appeared to have been well stocked with trout in the last few years. After a few days relaxing I got the Hobie kayak out on the lake one evening and started paddling to the southern end of the lake. I dragged a diving hard body lure along behind me but didn't get a hit for a few hours into the evening. Finally hooked a small redfin and then several more hooked up. Then I hooked something big but after a couple of really big headshakes it hit the submerged timer and was gone. There's a lot of timber in the lake and I was constantly unhooking the lure from underneath the yak. As it got near dark I put the spin gear away and concentrated on the fly rod. I had a Tom Jones fly on as there were mudeye cases on every tree. I had forgotten my stock of Mrs Simpson flies. Right on dark I hooked up to a nice rainbow trout of a bit over a kilo. Good fun in the kayak when they go in whatever direction they want. Finally landed it and the family ate it a couple of days later.



I ventured over to Lake Fyans a day or so later and paddled the kayak around the submerged timber areas for hours. I got heaps of small redfin on both fly and lure. Nothing decent hooked up and I never saw a fish rise.

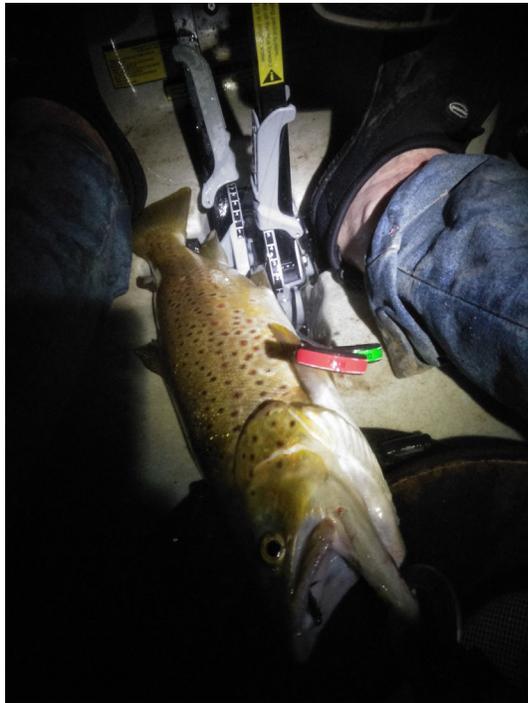
Two days later I went back after telling my wife I wasn't coming home until I caught something decent. I left the spin gear in the car and just used the 5 weight. Same Tom Jones fly as I had been talking to a local and he said it was one of the best flies for this water.

He also said September / October / December were the best months to fish it and there were some really big fish in there. I landed several small rainbows up to about 30cm in the hours I paddled around but still never saw a rise as it got dark.

I floated around in the dark until about 10PM, I thought I heard a couple of fish hitting mudey's on the surface closer to shore. Could have been ducks.

Just about to give up when my last retrieve stopped, and something moved off slowly with the fly. I reckoned I had hooked a tortoise as they were fairly thick in the lake and it was going very slow.

After it went around the yak a couple of times I realised it was a fish so I turned the head lamp on. Yep it was a lovely brown that finally gave up and was dumped between my legs in the kayak. It didn't even kick after that. Seemed very sluggish. Perhaps cos the water was a bit warm? The fish went 54cm but I had no way of weighing it back at the park. I reckon it was close to 4LB and it too fed the family.



Maybe a club trip to Fyans in spring?
Neil Morrison

Golden Tag Competition has officially begun!

Last Friday at Lakes Entrance, Minister for Fishing and Boating Jaala Pulford announced the beginning of the Golden Tag competition. Since Sunday 1 March, recreational fishers have had the chance to catch tagged fish worth up to \$10,000 each.

The first ten fishers to report the capture of a fish tagged VFA WINNER will take home a \$10,000 cheque with subsequent captures netting a \$2,000 cash prize for the lucky fisher. Four fish have been caught since Sunday, landing their lucky fishers a big cheque with an even bigger sum!

First winner: Raymon Cooper (pictured below) with a 48cm estuary perch in Bemm River

Second winner: Andrew Fleming with a 33cm bream in Bemm River

Third winner: Wishes to remain anonymous, but landed a tagged bream in the Cunningham Inlet

Fourth winner: Norm Harrison with his brown trout from the Mitta Mitta River

Recreational fishing in Gippsland and the North East is big business and worth more than \$600 million annually. It supports over 3,800 jobs and makes a substantial contribution to regional economies and local jobs.

However, summer bushfires have reduced visitor numbers substantially during what is normally the busiest time of year for accommodation providers, retailers and service providers.

The Golden Tag competition is already changing that, by encouraging fishers to return with family and friends to wet a line, share time together in Victoria's great outdoors and potentially take home their catch of a lifetime. It'll be a story about one that didn't get away! In Mallacoota Inlet, dusky flathead and black bream have been tagged along with tailor and estuary perch.

The Gippsland Lakes and its inflowing rivers are now home to tagged King George whiting, black bream and dusky flathead, while in the Bemm River further east, dusky flathead and black bream have been tagged.

In the High Country, tagged trout are waiting for a lure, bait or fly the Dartmouth Pondage (Lake Banimboola) and the Mitta Mitta River and its tributaries below the lake.