



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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JANUARY 2021 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 18th January at Ian Brideson's premises, Briagolong, Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of November 2020 meeting.

Date: - 23 November 2020
Meeting Opened: - 8:05pm
Attendance -8 Members present

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:
Nil.

Visitors

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: NIL

Moved by
Second by

Business from last Minutes.

Nil

Inwards Correspondence Emailed to members

Outward Correspondence.

Nil

Correspondence moved by

Business arising from correspondence.

- ATF – Reaffiliate
- Discussion on move by VFA to open up crown land river frontages to campers.
- Fin clip survey – Approached by VFA to see if club interested in taking part. Will be in touch with club in future to educate on collecting data.

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$500.00
Expenses \$536.80
Total Bank balance \$3,698.69 - Moved by Dean Cousin and seconded by Pete Nelligen.

General Business.

Several members recently participated in the release of 50,000 small brown trout into the Macalister River. The fish were sourced from Thredbo in NSW and released at Factory Flat on the way to Licola. The next few years should be far better fishing if the rivers run well.

There is evidence of 6-8 inch brown trout being caught in Lake Glenmaggie recently. It is hoped that these fish are the result of eggs hatching from the boxes put into the Macalister River last year.

The Covid-19 border closure with NSW has now been lifted (22.11.2020) and members discussed future interstate trips now that we can go.

2021 Show Us Your Fly –

Ray Clissold to compile list of next year's flies to be tied.

X'Mas breakup – Dean Cousin's place.

Members to bring partners and some food to share. It was discussed that members would be invited to bring something to raffle on the night. Secretary to send an email to members to remind them.

Ray Clissold to look at old club records to ascertain members eligible for "30 year" awards.

Fish reports –

Ray Throup – Blue Rock Dam – 1 x 28cm Bass, 1 x 39cm Bass and 2 small redfin.

Tanjil River – 5 browns to 28cm on nymphs.

Dean Cousin – Barkly River – 9 fish to 32cm. Omeo – 4 fish to 49cm.

Meeting Closed: - 9:08 pm

Show Us Your Fly: November

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Show us your fly: January

MRS SIMPSON

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Hook: Kamasan B830 size 4-10

Thread: Black

Tail: Black squirrel tail

Body Red or Yellow wool or chenille

Wings: Pheasant rump feathers. Tied killer style



TROUT COD ON FLY – BY PETER MURRAY

After 54 years.

I first read about Trout Cod in the 1960's. Not having an opportunity to fish for them until the 90's it was disappointing to discover that a conservation fishing ban had been put in place to protect them. Following the info released by Fisheries that these fish were being successfully bred in captivity and being released back into their natural habitat and that Lakes Sambell and Kerferd were also being stocked to be opened to the public allowing angling for this species. In 2016 I went to Beechworth to try and catch one of these fish. I was unsuccessful but did pick up some useful info to use when I returned. An opportunity to visit the area arose in early December. Armed with my TFO Pandion double hander strung with a 8 weight Cortland Intermediate line and a fly box full of Trout Cod diet replicas (woolley buggers), I started fishing along the Kerferd Lake wall with a size 6 olive woolley buggie using the (fan cast, moving 20 metres countdown) method. I explored the whole length of the wall trying different depths with Redfin being the only fish caught. As the evening got darker I changed to a darker fly and concentrated my efforts on where I found the Redfin. Things were quiet when I lifted to recast, a fish grabbed the fly and thinking it would be another Reddie, I lifted the rod and swung the fish to my hand. This fish felt different, smooth and slippery. I turned my torch on and checked for the stripe through the eye (tick), the underslung bottom jaw (tick), and the irregular

spotted markings (tick). I had my 1st Trout Cod (all 22cm) after 54 years. I didn't fish any more that night, it was such a satisfying moment. Next evening after a day doing the touristy things, I was back at Lake Kerferd. More Reddies until dark then another Trout cod (30cm) came my way. I fished later but had no more hits. Next morning I fished early and second cast was rewarded with a 3rd Trout Cod (27cm). The Reddies turned up with the sun. Brekky time. I spoke to local fisho's who told of 45cm plus fish regularly being caught from Lake Kerferd.

The Victorian Fisheries have done a great job to get the Trout Cod recovery to the stage where all anglers can fish for them and hopefully more waters will be able to be opened for fishing for this species.

Pete Murray

Footnote:

I also caught a 17cm Trout Cod in the Murray River at Cobram whilst fishing for Yellowbelly.

Photos 1: 1st Trout Cod 2 Lake Kerferd (Beechworth)

