



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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JUNE 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 21st JUNE 2021 at Sale Sporting Legends Club, Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of MAY 2021 meeting.

Date: - 17 May 2021
Meeting Opened: - 7:45pm
Attendance -6 Members present

Apologies: -

The following members were not able to attend:

Pete Neligen, Ray Throup, Mark Lawrence, Gavin Sculley and Pete Murray.

Visitors

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Moved by Ray Clissold.
Second by Dean Cousin.

Business from last Minutes.

Nil

Inwards Correspondence

Shared via email to members

Outward Correspondence.

Nil

Correspondence moved by - Nil

Business arising from correspondence.

- Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Total Income	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$416.30
Net income	\$83.70
Bank A/c Balance	\$3940.39

General Business.

Discussion held on the tree planting and access to river frontage on the Macalister River area.

Licola Club Trip

Mick O'Brien is yet to make a booking for our annual Licola Club Trip in October 2021. Mick will get onto it and details will again be discussed at later meetings.

Report by Ray Throup on his trip to Tassie recently -

Situated on the edge of the Bay of fires, East coast of Tasmania George's Bay is a small estuary with many shallow flats. Fishing is possible from many spots around the shore. Bream can be found in as little as one foot of water, tailing bream can sometimes be found with their tails waving in the air.



The section of water close to the town of St Helen's is a great option for targeting bream with the fly.

Fishing from a kayak is the best option, with plenty of flats to drift. I found high tide at dawn the best time to fish these flats which are exposed at low tide. The wind is often gentle at this time of day and is almost always easterly, giving you long productive drifts in 1 to 2 feet of water.

Other options are Moulting Bay which is situated on the north shore which gives you some respite from the Northerly wind which picks up late morning. Stieglitz beach was also productive on the top end of the run-out tide. The current is faster here as it is situated closer to the entrance and heavier flies may be needed at times to keep the fly in the zone.



A variety of weighted flies from next to no weight to tungsten bead heads and bar bell style eyes may be needed as the tide changes pace. B.M.S and Hammerhead style flies worked well; also, large woolly buggers will also be okay. A six-weight rod, floating line, and 14 ft of 8lb leader was all the gear required. Basically, I had a twelve-foot leader and added between 2 to four feet of tippet. You may like to go a little lighter in tippet, there is not a great deal of things to get hooked up on except for clusters of oysters.

What was learned from this experience was that bream are on the flats to eat, spending all their time on the flats

searching for and eating Sand worm, nippers, pipi's, snails, crab, white bait, and prawns. At times Bream can be seen following Sting rays, picking up morsels left behind in much the same way that



Kingfish do in New Zealand.

For many years I have hoped to catch bream in the shallows on fly. St Helens has been the best place to achieve this to date. I have it on good authority that "Mussel roe bay" is even better. Anson's bay and Scamander River are also great bream fisheries, within a short drive from St Helens.

Big thanks to Mark from Secret River tours, who took me out on the final morning at short notice. \$60.00 for two hours in the kayak and a wealth of good information.

May Club Trip

Seven members went up to the Snowy Mountains area again for a club trip this year. Venue was Braemar Bay on Lake Eucumbene. Fishing sounds like it was pretty slow and the weather awful cold.

Fish Reports –

Ray Throup – Ventured to Tasmania for a holiday recently and managed to fit in a bit of fishing.

Ray caught a couple of good bream on fly in Georges Bay fishing with a guide from a kayak.

Ray landed a Bass on fly from local waters. Ray also landed a 5.5lb Rainbow Trout on the Eucumbene Club Trip.

Mark Lawrence caught his first trout on the club trip.

Meeting Closed: - 8:40 pm

Show Us Your Fly: May

Won by .

Second - .Held over to June meeting

Show us your fly: JUNE

ROYAL WULFF

Australia's Best Trout Flies (P 127 & 128)

HOOK: Mustard 94840, # 8 – 18

THREAD: Black (Can use white for wing if desired)

TAIL: Brown calf tail

BODY: Bronze peacock herl with red floss silk centre

WING: White calf tail

HACKLE: Natural red cock

Tie this fly with a generous hackle and tail, so that it floats well. The larger sizes can be used as a strike indicator, and for better visibility during the late evening rise on broken water

