



SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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JULY 2022 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 18 JULY 2022 at Sale Sporting Legends Club, Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Minutes of JUNE 2022 meeting.

Date: - 20 June 2022

Meeting opened – 7:42PM

Attendance – 10 Members

Apologies –

The following members were not able to attend:

.Mick O'Brien

Visitors:

Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting – As per emailed newsletter.

Moved: Ray Clissold, Seconded: Gavin Sculley.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Nil

Inwards correspondence:

All sent to members by email.

Outwards correspondence:

Nil

Business arising from correspondence:

.Nil

Treasurers report:

Total income - \$500

Total Expenditure - -\$160

Net income - \$340

Moved by Dean Cousin, Seconded by Stewie Batchelor.

General Business:

Licola Club Trip – Mick has booked the Licola Bunkhouse for the weekend of 9-10 September 2022. Fees are about \$30 per person / night.

Would be great to see as many members as possible attending this annual trip as we always have some good times and sometimes we even catch some fish.

Proposed Club Trip - Members discussed visiting the Merimbula area on Friday 1 July until Sunday 3 July 2022. Several members will already be up there and Mark Lawrence, Ray Throup and Neil Morrison advised that they would like to go. Stewie Batchelor will check on availability of accommodation at the park where he has a van already.

Website

Working well.

Fishing reports:

Ray Throup – McLoughlins Beach. Landed snapper, salmon and trevally on fly.

Tarago River – One small Brown.

Pete Nelligen – Halls Gap area – Landed 3 Rainbows and 2 redfin on fly.

Max Simmons – Gave an account of the exceptional fishing over past months at Lake Eucumbene. Best fishing there for many years. Now that Max has retired he can spend more time up there. Max landed a 1.5LB Brownie in the Delegate area.

Show us your fly:

Judges were: Max Simmons and Pete Nelligen.

Fly – Western Lakes Nymph
First – Ray Throup
Second – Ian Brideson

Fly No. 2 – Red Gill
First – Ray Throup
Second – Ian Brideson (I may have
that around the wrong way)

Meeting closed 8:25PM.

Pambula Lake Winter trip - 1st of July 2002 by Ray Throup.

Our Recent club trip to Lake Pambula was enjoyed by all that were able to make the journey.

Four members, Neil Morrison, Mark Laurence, Stuart Bachelor and myself stayed at the Saphire Valley caravan park. Catching up with fellow member Max Simmons who lives locally. Making 5 members in total.

The accommodation was good. Plenty of beds a kitchen and ensuite. We managed to secure the last cabin. Not having a choice in cabin made it a little difficult to park the boat, in a place where we could keep an eye on it. But with some push and shove we managed to keep the boat close to the cabin.

On arrival we quickly put our gear in our rooms and went for a drive to the entrance to the lake for a spot of bank fishing. It was on run out tide and apart from a couple of touches no fish were caught. A short trip to the wharf showed that there were some good salmon about and some promise for the fishing the next morning.

We were up early at Sparrow fart on the Saturday morning. Someone was awake at 3am and couldn't get back to sleep!



Looking crystal clear, the entrance to Pambula Lake.

We were ready about 7am and after a short drive we all met at the boat ramp. I went on board with Neil, Mark with Stu and Max in his tinny. Within minutes we were at the entrance 'The lake is not very large'.

We were greeted by active fish working near the surface. On to fish from the first cast we quickly found out that long fast strips were required to get the most interest from the fish. We searched for any schools with larger fish but had to be content with fish around 36 to 40cm, 'content we were to say the least'. I think if we had encountered larger fish on our first day, we would not have been able to move our arms on the following day.

Most of us were fishing intermediate lines and or sink tips and weighted Clouser style flies. At times it was a fish a cast and like Salmon always do fight all the way to the boat. By midafternoon we had racked up large numbers of catches and resorted to soft plastics to give our muscles a bit of a rest. A few drifts in the lake toward the end of the afternoon, saw some Flatties, Tailor and bream caught before calling it a day and heading back to the cabins. Most of the members went out for dinner at the golf club and caught up with past member Rick Sunderland. As most of our Members know Rick has represented Australia in fly fishing and has competed at the highest level here in Victoria.

I had been invited out for the night at the local bowls club and had a meal with my uncle and aunt who have a holiday house in Merimbula.



Neil with a quality Salmon, as big as any caught on the trip.

The following morning, I slept an extra hour and woke at 4am. We were all packed up and on the water by 8am to make best use of the run-in tide. This time Mark was with Neil, I as with Max and the rumor was that Stuart was heading home.

Once again, we found fish straight away. Both boats looking at times for larger Salmon. We all noticed a flock of seagulls active at a point near the entrance and immediately investigated the scene to find a big boil up. We hooked up on some bigger fish but the school quickly dispersed and was difficult to follow. Max and I found a nice deep channel with some better quality fish and soon we were both picking up the odd fish on full sinking lines. We all settled in an area that had been productive for us the day before, and back to a fish a cast to finish our trip.



Flies ready for another fishing trip. Size #2 about 50mm long perfect for Salmon.

It wasn't a challenging trip. I would guess that I caught approximately 70 Salmon for the weekend and I would imagine that all members were catching similar numbers. The reality is we caught so many, we lost count quickly. Fast sinking lines and short leaders were all that were required. We didn't have to strip as hard on the second day and as long as there was a bit of green color in the fly the takes were often. In the end Max and I crimped our barbs and fished barbless. It was a very enjoyable weekend; we were all glad we went. Leaving us with thoughts of a few more Salmon sessions in our local estuaries before the end of winter.

Ray.