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**Ray’s 55cm+ Rainbow
Caught on Trevor’s Club Trip**

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PRESIDENTS PAGE FEBRUARY 2021

It is great to welcome club members to 2021. The club appears to be alive and well with a number of club members contacting committee members to find out what is planned for 2021. I hope you and your families are well, have all survived covid and are looking forward to 2021

The committee intends that the club will operate at covid normal level throughout 2021 and has a lot to do to ensure the club gets back as near as possible to normal, even though the Covid virus is still placing constraints on our activities

The first committee meeting on the 1st of February will have happened by the time you read this page at which a plan for club activities for 2021, complying with Covid restrictions, will be agreed as a basis for running the club in 2021.

Sunday casting will commence on Sunday the 7th of Feb but because of Covid, the planned BBQ after to enable club members to get together and re-establish friendships as a start to 2021 will not happen until March.

The Yarra Ranges Council has advised me that the council has adopted the State Government Covid policy which still means we can have limited use of our clubrooms for activities and I have just received several pages setting out the latest Covid rule changes from the council

Hand sanitisers, 4m2 and 1.5m rule will be compulsory and face masks preferable while in close proximity and we will need to wait until the use of meeting rooms is allowed in greater numbers before the club can have general meetings and function in a Covid normal fashion.

Owen has worked hard to ensure the Fly Line By Line has been published each month as our best means of keeping in touch with all members and has just produced another great read but he still needs lots of fishy stories photos and articles please help him in his difficult job.

Geoff Hatfield has offered to look after face book and take on the administrator's role assisted by Owen please give Geoff lots of photos etc. to make the site a club focal point as more and more people are looking up the club on face book which is an important way of gaining new members.

Membership fees for 2021 have been discounted and subsidised by the club so that the basic fee will be \$20.00 plus \$5.00 which will be 1/4 of the normal fee. pensioner fees will be \$10.00 plus \$5.00.

The committee has also proposed that past members be given the opportunity to re-join the club at the 1/4 fee rate and that the joining fee be waived for the 2020/2021 year to encourage old members to easily re-join the club. If you know any please talk to them.

I would like to thank all members for the ideas and vision they have for the club expressed to committee members and myself over the past year and hope this sharing of ideas continues with the new committee over the 2020/2021 year.

A few members have been fishing successfully with Paul in his small streams, Trevor taking a few members to his favourite lake and George at Eucumbene catching a notable brown and a 3 lb rainbow on wets and caddis. We look forward to some articles and pics. next month.

Long-time member Tom White has provided me with club histories of 2nd year 1973, seventh year 1977 and 8th year 1978 which make fascinating reading and the first history is included in this fly line it seems things are similar almost 50 years later.

Lynton Reid
President
YVFF Inc.

YVFF Secretary's report January 2021

Without any Community acquired COVID-19 cases for some weeks the reopening of the club is imminent. Look for email and media releases for news on upcoming Club events.

January was a slow month for I am newsletters and publications but if you're interested in any that I have listed here just drop me a line.

Stay safe, enjoy the freedom of our current low Covid numbers and I look forward to catching up with you all somewhere soon.

Correspondence in:

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly January 2021

Hastings Fly Fishers Fly Cast January 2021

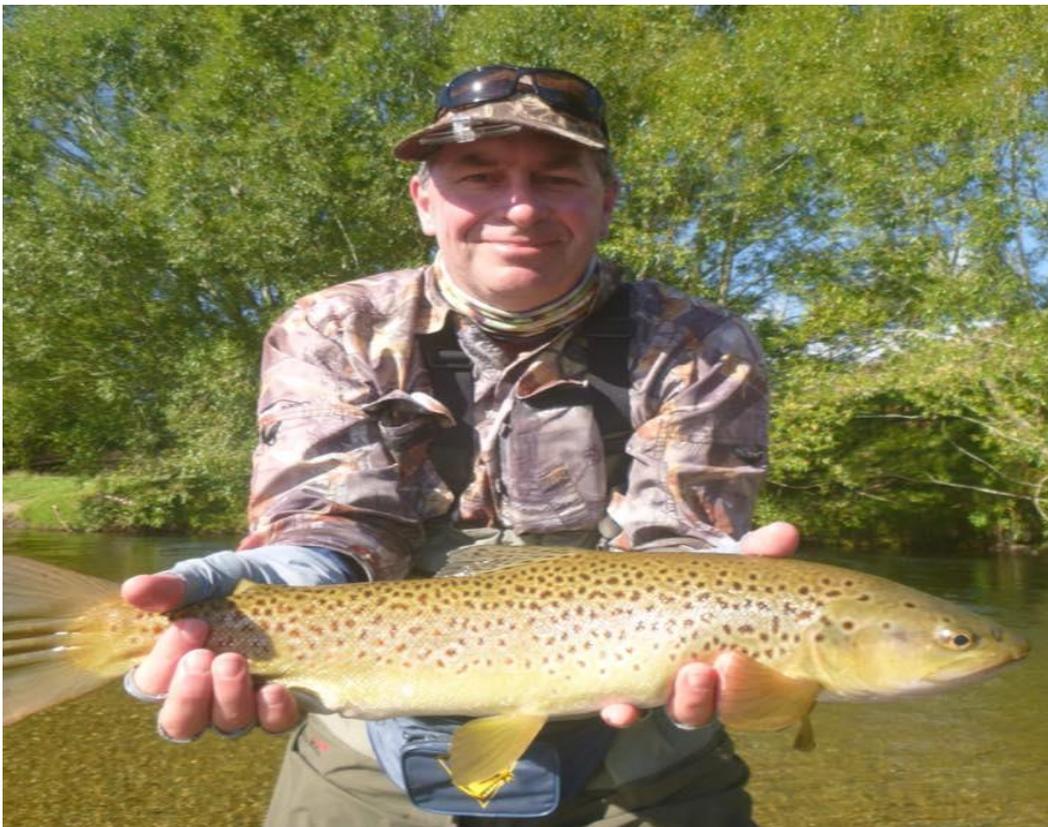
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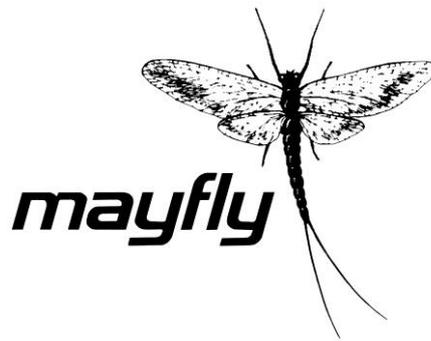
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Yarra Ranges Buisness news

Maroondah City Council News

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First Club Trip for 2021

Dave Jenkins Day - Saturday 20th Feb 2021

Noojee Area - Plenty of rivers and spots to fish.

BBQ Lunch provided at 12.30 pm in Noojee on the banks of the Latrobe River and hopefully some Stream Craft after lunch.

Contact Ray Malins via email (rkmalins@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend so any changes can be forwarded to you.



Dry flies on the Eucumbene River Kosciuszko National Park by Gary Scott

I headed up to The Eucumbene River Kosciuszko National Park (upstream of the lake) at the end of November by myself.

Met up with a family member Col Sinclair (fishing guide in Adaminaby) for a day fishing with him and some valuable knowledge on where to fish and what to use. I had the next 4 days fishing solo.

All fish were caught on dry flies, Royal Wulff, #16.

Cheers Gary





Lake Eucumbene Trip Nov-Dec 2020

by George Zanin

I've been doing a Lake Eucumbene fishing trip at least annually for the past 40 years or more, there's something about the stark beauty of Snowy Mountains area and Eucumbene in particular that I really like, it's a long 8hr drive from Melbourne and the fly fishing is not always easy but I keep looking forward to it year after year.

The early December period is good for fly fishers as it usually means a peak in the lakes water levels and increased insect activity due to warmer weather.

In anticipation of a trip, I start checking out the Snowy Hydro water levels website in late Winter early Spring, ideally, I like to see rising water levels and in particular water rising over new ground that hasn't been underwater recently and has had a chance to grow grass and vegetation.

The flooding of new ground doesn't happen every year due to unsuitable rain/snow conditions or water demands of downstream irrigators and other water users, but when it does happen it can create a mini boom in the insect population and consequently the trout fishing improves as a result.

However, it's still worthwhile fishing at other times, just maybe not as ideal, anyway late last year it was ideal, the lake was steady at 38% which was up from 30% the same time the year before. From all reports there had been good rain and the lake was up over previously green grassy paddocks.....it all looked too ideal and it was, except for Covid-19 and border closures.

I was very lucky that the NSW border to Victoria reopened on the 23rd of November, the exact same day I had previously booked my 10 days of accommodation at the lake.

My luck held out with the fishing over the 10 days with an estimated 30 fish caught, not all kept of course, some to take home, some to eat fresh and most released.

The fish were mainly Browns of 1kg plus and rainbows slightly smaller, all very nice fit healthy fish.

There were heaps of midge hatching throughout the day and into the evening as well as clouds of caddis during the evenings, stick caddis were often seen drifting in the water.

I had success on various flies; I don't think it mattered too much so long as it was in the water and looked like food it had a chance of being taken.

The flies I did use were small brown or black woolly buggers, stick caddis, black nymph, black woolly worm and midge pupa.

President Lynton Reid kindly gave me some of his midge ball dry flies which I also used with some success.

All in all, a most enjoyable trip!

I was thinking of another trip at the end of January 2021, but at the moment of writing the borders are closed once again!



Brown taken during the day



Sunrise over the lake

Gone Fishing

by Brian Luckhurst

The photos are of myself attending full day Hurley's Fly Casting and on water session at Alpine Trout Farm and the Toorong River Noojee.

My outfit consists of Scott Centric 9' 5wt 4pc Fly Rod, Orvis Mirage LT size2 reel, Scientific Anglers Amplitude Smooth Infinity WF5F line and Scientific Backing, Leaders and Tippet.

The professional set up was completed by Darren Asquith Untamed Fly's and Tackle, Benalla. Great service and advice.

Having experienced streamcraft and learning fly casting stroke techniques with Hurley's, I found my rod light in hand, well balanced and the 9' didn't restrict me on the river. Hurley's outfitted me in their shop with Waders and Boots.

A great day with Stuart and his team of instructors ensured we all caught a fish (or 5) on the day.

My next adventure will be a full day Stream Craft Course with Hurley's.

I have a bad habit of flicking my wrist. I tried Hurley's Stalker Casting aid which gave immediate positive result. I recommend this product to anyone with a flicking wrist casting problem.

I'm quick to realise Fly Fishing is addictive!

Tight Lines,
Brian.





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Southland Region

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Plus we're not skimping on anything for these discounts. The guiding is still using either New Zealand Professional Fishing Guide Association or HFFA accredited guides in on a 2 fly fisher per guide scenario, so numbers must be 4 or 6 in the group, so not 3 or 5 for this discounted structure to work. However, if you have more than 6 interested, it still needs to be in pairs, but we also have our other Hurley's House accommodation option that can hold up to another 6 fly fishers, we have access to even more accommodation when needed, let us know what you need and we will make it work.

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Gavin Hurley (Founder of Hurley's Fly Fishing)

A Trip to Remember

Just before Christmas, Trevor organized a trip to a private dam in Marysville.

10 Club Members in all meet on a Sunday morning at Lilydale Lake for a briefing from Trevor and an excellent talk by Lionel on rigging and setting up your rod, the knots you use and how to care for your fly line.

We arrived at the dam, set up, cast out and BANG, the Trout were on!!!!

One after another, as soon as the fly's touched the water and at one stage I had 4 Rainbows darting back and forward in different directions, under my fly, jockeying for position to be the first to eat my offering. Mainly Dry's, Foam Patterns and Para Adams.

The action never stopped and a great afternoon was had by all.

A big thankyou to Lionel and especially to Trevor for a great trip that we will remember for a long, long time!!!!

Owen Lloyd - Editor



Nice one TJ.



Craig looking happy.



Terry releasing another one.



Alfredo doing it easy.



Another for Paul.



OFFICIAL HISTORY

SECOND YEAR

1973-1974

BY W. H. COVENTRY

YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS

OFFICIAL CLUB HISTORY

YEAR 2 1973-1974

Lasting success never comes easily. The new committee to guide the club through its second year had to accept the responsibility of running an organisation that had to maintain policies and growth after a foundation year which had been quite dramatic. A serious problem was apparent in the poor attendances at both the November and December general meetings and in analysing causes and finding solutions the new committee had to show its mettle.

The leadership of the club was again in the experienced hands of Mike Hall. The resignations from the committee of Ken Lees, and the Arthur Fords Senior and Junior were substantial losses. However, other clubmen were quick to offer as replacements on the executive committee which was elected as follows :-

President	Mike Hall
Vice-President	David Beveridge
Secretary	Andy Braithwaite
Asst. Secretary	Margaret Hall
Treasurer	Bob Goode
Committee	Jim Cree - Fund Raising
	Cliff Bowe - Publicity Officer
	Mike Little
	Dennis Barrot (Sec. Feb.1974)
	Ian Coventry - Pollution Officer
	Margaret Stanford - Social Secretary
	Howard Brown

Criticism was expressed at the December General Meeting and an analysis in depth of committee performance followed at the next committee meeting relating to the twin problems of small attendances and reduced membership. Although the viability of the club was never in doubt solutions had to be found and found quickly. This was the challenge to all the committee members and the blend in the committee's composition of experience coupled with the newcomers' enthusiasm saw positive policies appearing over the next few weeks.

General Meetings had to start at the advertised time, not up to twenty minutes late as had occurred on occasions, while much of the business of running the club was to be left for committee action thus enabling more meeting time to be available to interest and educate the members attending. It was decided to have a variety of experienced fly fishermen address meetings and to report their talks fully in subsequent newsletters. Also members needed to know in

advance the program of fishing trips planned for the year. This was made available in January 1974 for the first time.

Although the club finances showed the remarkable credit balance of \$656-93 at the end of the Foundation Year, when seen in relation to the tasks envisaged for the current year they were not considered adequate. Thus the need for an improved financial situation necessary to give the committee the strength to act decisively resulted in the formation of a Fund Raising Sub-Committee under the capable leadership of Jimmy Cree. By means of raffles and Trash and Treasure sales club finances not only kept abreast of current expenditure but increased to \$1146-68 by October 1974. At one stage over \$500 was raised in only six months. Positive thinking was now being transformed into positive action, for the ultimate benefit of the whole club.

A few changes were to occur soon in the membership of the executive committee. Andy Braithwaite, a foundation member, found that his business commitments were having to take precedence over his duties as Secretary and offered his resignation. His place as Secretary was willingly taken by Dennis Barrot, another committeeman. The February General Meeting showed its reluctance to lose Andy's services by re-electing him as a member of the committee but without portfolio so that his workload would be lightened.

The policy of more improved General Meetings with a minimum of business and with the emphasis on experienced, interesting speakers was a major success, as attendances improved, more new members were recruited, and the holding power of the club gradually improved. Full credit for this must be given to all those people prepared to give of their time to help the club with talks and displays. Their skills and prowess helped the club through a difficult period, first by putting more interest into meetings, and secondly by educating the members, many of whom were still relative newcomers to the art of fly fishing. From the Southern Fly Fishers came Jack "Hopper" Kelly, an acclaimed expert on artificial grasshopper fishing in all its forms, and Maurie Wilson, an exponent in the art of drifting the nymph. Both of these men were very well received as they were able to show the way to more varied and skilful forms of fly fishing. Johnny Lanchester, the "Yank", explained how it was possible to catch significant numbers of double figure fish each season and with the proof illustrated so vividly on his slides aroused the envy of his audience as well as stimulating them to try again for bigger and better results. Alex Wallace freely demonstrated his fantastic skill as a casting champion to show that it would be easy for all, if only they would do the necessary practice. Another speaker in Peter Jackson, a biological scientist from Monash University, opened up a new field for many with his analysis of the entomology, or stream life, of the benthos of the Aberfeldie River and how it was harvested by the feeding trout. Two visitors skilled in the art of taxidermy also lectured to the members on

how to preserve their trophy size fish. Unfortunately their services were not to be required for some time yet. Local fly expert, Mike Hall provided what was perhaps the most beneficial address of all when he adopted the role of school master, put chalk to black board and showed his quite amazing knowledge in leading the entire meeting in a thoughtful and most stimulating discussion on streamcraft. Many members will recall that well-known biologist, Barry Tunbridge from the Victorian Fisheries and Wildlife Department, who analysed the fish, the food and the productivity of the Yarra River from estuary to source. This talk was both a revelation and an education. The importance of these speakers for this young club cannot be estimated too highly. Their eloquence, skill and diversity may well have been the single most important factor in the successful development of the club in its second year.

The newsletter "Fly-line By-line" was also a major factor in the club's development. It provided an information service necessary to advertise the club's month by month activities, but perhaps even more importantly, a medium for the skills and information of the guest speakers and literary minded club members to be widely circulated in a permanent form. These could be discussed, disputed and re-examined from time to time as the individual member developed his skills and knowledge from his own fishing experiences.

The club newsletter had been successfully launched under the editorship of Ken Lees and the generosity of Foxboro, his employers whose printing department had given most valuable assistance. With Ken's plans to move to the Monaro it was apparent that a new editor was urgently required. As had been analysed so vividly in committee discussions, he would have to accept the task of producing a monthly newsletter in accord with the committee's policy of a regular and enlarged news and information service to the members. Ian Coventry accepted the challenge and to help him in his task a new black ink duplicating machine to do the printing was purchased for approximately \$400. This enlarged newsletter was also a most significant development during this year, resulting in the regular appearance of a first rate publication, keenly appreciated by all members. Its importance in promoting club development at this time cannot be over-estimated.

Further expansion of existing policies was to take place with the formation of new fly tying classes under the skilled leadership of the vice-president, David Beveridge. His beginners or basic fly tying classes soon appreciated that fly tying skills, once learnt well, open the way to a craft which undoubtedly is an art when practised by an expert with imagination.

An important part of the club's activities, though one not always as well attended as had been hoped for, was the anti pollution program led by Ian Coventry. To give of time and effort to clean up the pollution at the

streamside left by thoughtless campers, fishermen and picnickers has been accepted by the Y.V.F.F. as an obligation of service in return for the many enjoyable hours spent on stream and lake. Two half days during the year were devoted to this program. One was to the Yarra at East Warburton where the 30 members attending joined with representatives of the Upper Yarra Fishing Club, with bags and trailers collected tons of debris ranging from bottles and cans to car and tractor bodies and parts. The tragedy was that so much dedicated effort could make so little impression on such an immense problem. Another clean up and Bar-b-que with some profitable fishing afterwards was also held on the Goulburn River at Thornton, always a popular place with club members. This act of service was very well received by many of the farmers with riverside frontages who have a lot to put up with from thoughtless people moving along the river.

Late in the previous year Greg Naylor proposed the formation of a Yarra Valley Exploration and Improvement sub-committee and was given the task of establishing its guidelines. He wanted to explore the route of the Yarra but his first efforts to do so on foot were dismal failures from lack of support. Not daunted he organised a canoe trip from Healesville to Yarra Glen in co-operation with Rick Swan and the Thornbury High School Canoe Club. His report was that this stretch of river is suited mainly for bait fishing as the banks are mostly closed in with scrub. His sub-committee has also started a club map reference library but reports so far do not indicate extensive use of this facility. This sub-committee's most important contribution was a submission to the M.M.B.W. on the Lower Yarra Water Supply Development Scheme.

Sunday casting practice was to continue under the care of Mike Hall at the Ringwood Lake and then at a new location at the Croydon Pool and provided a valuable service to new members. However a report of similar success with the club's library cannot be made at this time as the few books in stock appeared always to be out on loan and plans for its development and control were not being given the committee's attention. Similarly, the proposal for an entomology section within the club was not to be acted on, possibly because of preoccupation with more pressing matters or through the lack of anyone sufficiently interested or experienced to get the section started.

This year was to see the introduction of a number of new and successful club activities. Of these the most important undoubtedly was the formation of the Youth Section under the direction of Peter Wallace, Neville Berick and later Ian Coventry. Their first meeting was held on March 14, 1974, to gauge support for this project. Three members were enrolled! Good leadership, good policies and enthusiasm gradually attracted members and resulted in the development of this most useful department of the club. Early meetings were held in Dorset Hall, half an hour before General Meetings, then later they became concurrent with General Meetings and led to the strong criticism that this section was being used partly as a child minding centre. To implement their plans for educating the

junior girls and boys in the skills of fly fishing, casting and fly-tying commensurate with their ages and abilities, the leaders wisely split the section into two groups in July. The Juniors aged 5 to 10 years would continue as before to meet in Dorset Hall half an hour before the General Meeting, whilst the Youth Section, aged 11 to 16 years would meet on a separate night at a venue generously made available by Stan Stott. Their first outing under the guidance of senior club members took place in October at the Rubicon River. The way was now set for the development of this section to extend further the ideal of a family club.

As the club, although only in its second year, was rapidly approaching a position of maturity, it is perhaps inevitable that the next step was to form a squad to engage in competitive fly casting with the experts from older fly fishing clubs. Practice began in March and by early May Yarra Valley Fly Fishers' first team of fly casters entered the Brunn Shield competition. Chris Harding, Alex Wallace and David Beveridge were the members of the first team. A bigger team was to form in later months and as advice on skill, equipment and technique was generously given to the newcomers by the more experienced people from other clubs the Yarra Valley boys gradually started to make progress and win respect.

Other members who have made noteworthy contributions to the club in many and various ways were Margaret Stanford who produced a beautiful club banner, Greg Naylor who "borrowed" material to create a club sign board, and who donated 500 members name badges, Arthur Ford Senior who made a much needed club notice board, and David Beveridge whose artistic skills resulted in a new cover for the "Fly-line By-line". Cliff Bowe achieved noteworthy results as Publicity Officer in getting pictures and articles into local and metropolitan newspapers on club activities. He provided an information service to local councils and gained the club publicity on radio. Betty Coventry typed and produced all the newsletters and most of the submissions, while Jack Turville donated a quality fly rod and helped generously with trophies.

A Quiz Night in September was both entertaining and educational and came from the combined efforts of several members as did also a set of trophy and competition rules. The hours of work and necessary meetings to organise, discuss and refine, do not pass unnoticed by the general club membership.

One of the major developments was the joint preparation and presentation of written submissions to the Land Conservation Council by representatives of Yarra Valley Fly Fishers and the Southern Fly Fishers. David Beveridge, Ian and Wai Coventry joined with Arthur Smith, Bert Cuttriss and Jack Kelly of Southern to present a submission on the Melbourne Area which covered the popular fishing spots from Melbourne to the Goulburn and Howqua. It presented a case for access to water frontages, the need for access roads and fence styles, the reservation

The club fishing trips had varied success. Club outings to Thornton, Tawonga, Marysville, Bonnie Doon, Tarago and Eucumbene saw big attendances of

members and some good bags of fish recorded, but by contrast visits to Glenmaggie Weir, Daylesford and Dargo failed because of adverse weather conditions or remoteness. Two members to get a great thrill from their fishing were Neville Berick who caught his first fish on rod and fly - both his own creations - in March, and young Karen Hall aged 12 who caught her first fish on the fly at Tawonga and in doing so became the first junior to win a club trophy. The best counts of club members' attendance at trips was 99 at Tawonga at Easter and 95 at Bonnie Doon on Queen's Birthday weekend. The attendances were much improved on those of the previous year and were significant in several ways. Many more members were fishing with greater skill and confidence and their interest and success was giving the club the strength to hold its numbers which it was lacking earlier in the year. Of equal importance was the fellowship between individuals and families being developed on the stream and around the camp fires as the regulars got to know each other better. Newcomers were given a warm welcome and every assistance in learning the skills of fly fishing.

The winners of trophies and awards for the year were as follows :-

Senior Club Champion	Howard Brown
The Lake Trophy	Howard Brown
The Stream Trophy	Bill Hogan
Best Fish outside of a club trip	David Beveridge
Most Improved Fly Tyer	Frank Kearsey
Most Improved Fly Caster	Chris Harding
Most Improved Fly Fisherman	Bob Goode
Most Improved Junior Fly Fisherman	Neal Plummer
Junior Encouragement Award	David Beveridge Jnr.
Junior Champion	Karen Hall

The best fishing was found to be on the Monaro from November to February. Lees, Longshaw and Arthur Ford Senior reported "fantastic" fishing in November catching 16 rainbows to 3 lb. at Jindabyne on one day; the next day on the Thredbo 6 fish were grassed and in the evening on returning to Jindabyne 11 fish to 3½ lbs. were taken on the evening rise. The following day was spent unprofitably on Eucumbene with only 2 very poor fish but with a return to Jindabyne the day after saw 21 fish caught in the evening, followed by a further 26 the next day with the best fish at the 3 lb. mark. In all, six days fishing resulted in 96 fish, the best being 3 lb. 11 oz., the average being 2 lb., while the total weight was 190 lb. Fantastic indeed! The best flies were the Fuzzy Wuzzy, Grey Ghost, Tiahape Tickler and Alexandra.

In December, Lees, Longshaw and Vidler returned to the Monara and again had excellent fishing but only after finding out how to use a Grey Muddler fished dry at night. Result 100 fish with only 3 fish taken on the wet fly which is most unusual. The Muddler was fished fast on the surface after being cast blind in the dark to a "slurping" fish feeding in the shallows. The best fish

was 6 lb. 6 oz., while the worst experience was Michael Lees being hooked in the eye when casting in a strong wind. Michael spent 4 days in Cooma hospital and had his eye sight saved fortunately. Such experiences show the need for care at all times but particularly where learners are concerned.

In January Eucumbene was still fishing well. Three members in one car took 42 fish in one weekend. This saga of sport was irresistible to Arthur Ford Jnr. whose fishing and rabbiting experiences over the next five months are well known to all club members when he stayed on at Eucumbene during the autumn and winter and caught hundreds of fish.

Local fishing trips were definitely not of this type with relatively few fish being caught. Iain McCleary had a triumphant day at Kyneton taking 4 fish totalling 12 lb. 9 oz. in one day with a Tom Jones using to good advantage his local knowledge, built up over the years.

Of local streams the Goulburn was the most productive with the Yarra the least favoured of any water. Unfortunately few members were making available written reports of their fishing trips, whether successful or not, for filing in club records so that a complete picture of the fishing scene is not readily available.

In retrospect, the highlights of the year stand out quite clearly. Without doubt the speakers to address General Meetings were of great importance and included with these would be Mick Hall's streamcraft night. The regular and interesting newsletter also was most noteworthy, as were the fishing successes of individual members fishing locally and on the Monaro giving inspiration to all. Although not directly linked with fly fishing, the various social functions are so valuable they must be fully recognised. The literary achievements of two members also became highlights. David Beveridge's series on the flies to be found in his box was a very valuable contribution, whereas Howard Brown's personal challenge to a bushfire was sheer drama and had a vivid lesson for all his readers.

The executive committee was not able to resolve all the problems with which it was confronted during 1973-4. Committee meetings at times became dominated with trivia with the consequence of very late sessions. For the efficient management of the club the work load needed to be spread over all the committee members rather than concentrated in the hands of the few who became overworked. Throughout the year there was still a fairly high turnover of members, showing that although the club was successful in attracting new members there were some difficulties in retaining their attendance at meetings. Although this is not something peculiar to a fly fishing club, it does require close examination.

Fly of the Month

Peeping Caddis



Hook: Long shank x3 size 14 to 8

Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0

Bead: Gold

Ribbing: Gold wire

Body: Hares fur

Weight: lead or lead substitute

Legs: Partridge hackle, burnt on the end

Head: Polypropylene yarn, green, yellow or beige

The cased Caddis crawls along the rocks and river subwater substrate using legs to propel it alone while the head peeps out from its case that it has woven and decorated. When you get to the lake shore or river edge and check under any of the rocks, as you should, you will probably see a coloured head peeping out from an elongated case. There are many species of Caddis and so many cased Caddis pattern variations, all Fly Fishers should have a stock of these in their arsenal.

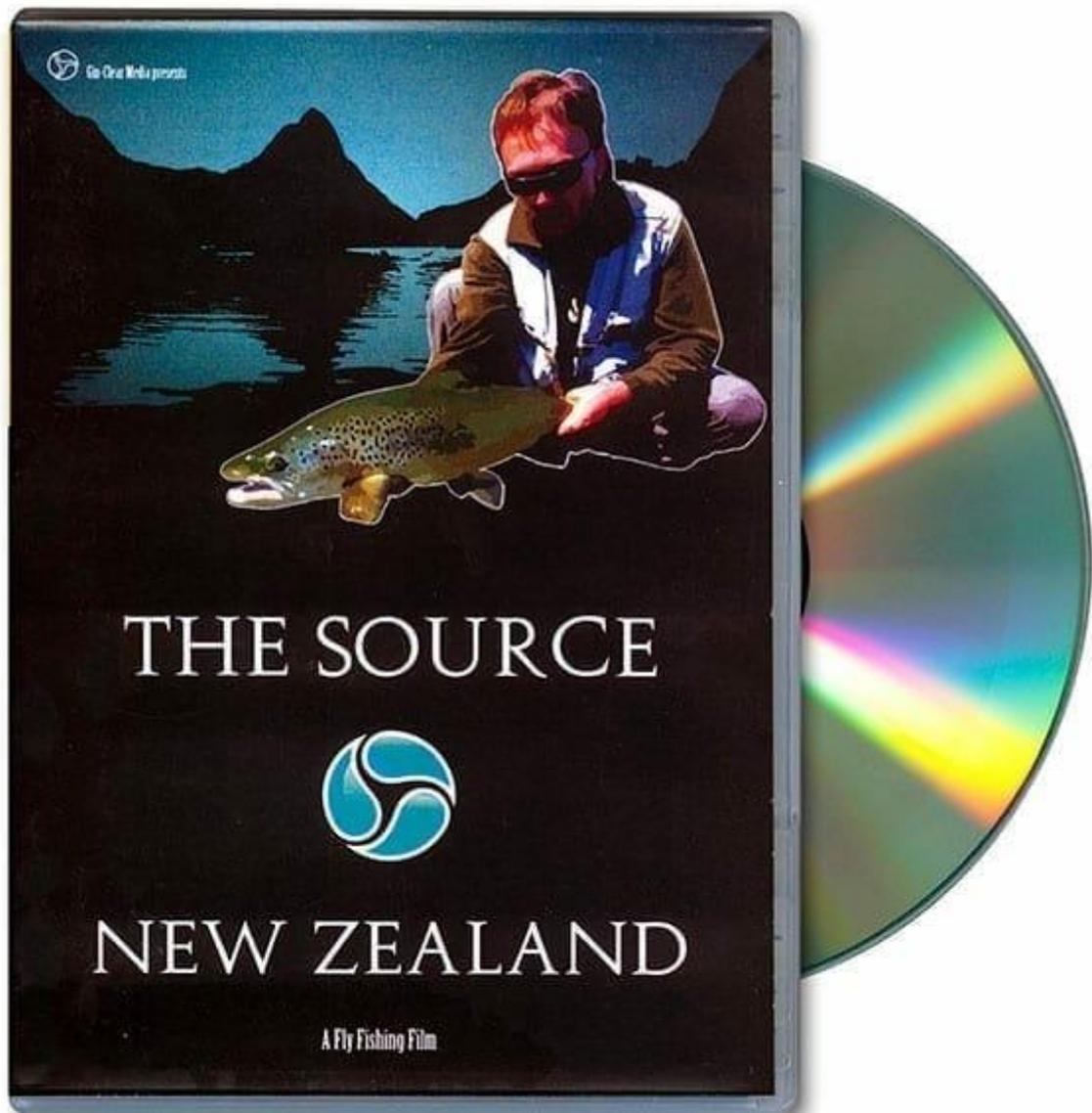
I fish unweighted cased, peeping Caddis on lake edges placed just out from the edge waiting to ambush a cruising trout. Weighted versions can be fished under an indicator or Elk hair Caddis in the same way, allowing the fisher a double chance.

I like to fish a jig head version on small rivers, bouncing it past the trouts nose.

This is another fish catcher.

The Fly-tying bible Peter Gathercole 2003 Page 114.

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