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**Tuckyin’s Magnificent Millbrook Rainbow Trout
A Very Happy Chappy.**

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PRESIDENTS PAGE

APRIL 2021

It is great to welcome club members to 2021. The first official meeting in our clubrooms will be a General Meeting on the 8th April. We would obviously like to see all members attend this first post Covid meeting of the club.

The club appears to be alive and well with a number of club members contacting committee members to find out what events are planned for 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 some constraints on our activities. Hand sanitisers, 2m2 and 1.5m rule will be compulsory and face masks optional while in close proximity

Sunday casting recommenced 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 April.

Owen is still working hard to ensure the Fly Line By Line is published each month as our best means of keeping in touch with all members and after the Millbrook Trip 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 is acting as the administrator for Facebook assisted by Owen please give Geoff lots of photos etc. to make the site a club focal point and as more people are looking up the club on face book we see this as an important way of gaining new members.

I will repeat that the committee has decided that 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 rejoin 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 rejoin the club. If you know any, please talk to them and let them know about the discounted fee.

I would like all members to express any ideas and vision they have for the club to committee members and myself as after Covid it is important that 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, Owen with Steve Hanlon in Gippsland and Ray with a horse from the Jurassic Lake at Millbrook. We look forward to some more articles and pictures next month.

A long-time member Tom White has provided me with club histories of 1973, 1977 and 1978 which make fascinating reading and the second 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

March 2021

With Covid vaccinations and no new Community transmission we are working to reopen Club activities again. Please join us when we let you know we're running activities around the club. Our club trip to the Goulburn catchment streams was well attended but we need as many members to keep coming along, supporting the events and each other.

I am continuing to receive newsletters and publications that I have listed here and if you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

Correspondence in:

New member application, past member Stan Edgley
VFFA March Flylines newsletter
Fishing Monthly Magazine March 2021
Yarra Ranges council News. Business update. (2)
Greenwells GFFC Tippet topics March 2021
SAFFA March 2021 bulletin
Maroondah City Council news
FRDC newsletter. X3
Hastings FF Flycast magazine March 21
CVFFC Invitation to the Wendouree 2 fly event
Southern Fly Fishers March Newsletter 2021
Millbrook lakes advanced fly course notification
ING statements
Post office post box renewal
Ovens river challenge invitation
Chris Redfern locks quote
Tom White Euro nymphing YouTube notification

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GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 8TH 2021

Thursday 8th April 7.30 for 8.00 pm

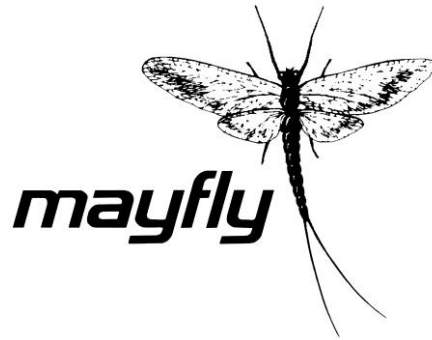
**This first meeting for a year
We are back in our
Club Rooms**

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND

**To find out what is happening in the club for
2021 and to renew acquaintances with members
and arrange some fishing dates for 2021**

Supper will be served after the general meeting

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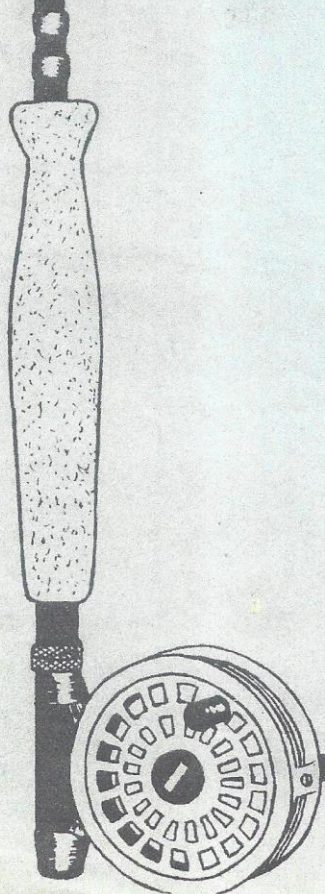


OFFICIAL CLUB HISTORY

SEVENTH YEAR

1977-1978

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YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS

OFFICIAL CLUB HISTORY

YEARS 1979 - 80

For those who are not aware, this history is being prepared some three years after the term. It is a credit to those members concerned, in recording of minutes, correspondence etc, that it has been well documented and preserved as records. They will be a great asset to the club as it progresses through the years, and something to be treasured.

INTRODUCTION

Yarra Valley Fly Fishers have now completed their eighth year, a year not without its problems, which is only natural when you consider our wide and varying membership. These problems, however, have been outnumbered by the sheer enjoyment and satisfaction received by the majority of members from participating in club activities.

Our Presidents' aim was to provide the right activities associated with fly fishing, so that all club members, although having many different interests, would receive satisfaction from belonging to Y.V.F.F. To maintain a friendly enjoyable atmosphere at club functions, a good standard at monthly meetings, with strong emphasis on promoting the "know-how" and enjoyment of fly fishing. Believing that Y.V.F.F. is growing up, is maturing; in fact has arrived, and is now a club in its own right. That it's being recognized as a club to be reckoned with in many areas, and fulfilling its aims of this year.

In contrast to recent years, the administration of the club has enjoyed a relatively quiet year, in that there have been no real complex issues to contend with. Contact with other clubs and organizations was strongly maintained through the usual means of exchanging correspondence. However, more importantly, it was very effectively maintained through our delegates to the V.P.C. and the C.V.F.F.C.

Membership during the year increased by approximately 40 members, indicating a healthy trend, considering there has been no policy this year concerning membership drives. It has been gratifying to observe some of the new boys already becoming so enthusiastically involved in the club's activities. With services to members being well maintained this year, with fly tying and casting classes, as well as the popular monthly streamcraft lessons and monthly trips and social functions.

The election of the new office bearers had its problems, with concern by some members at the lack of a formal election, even though there were no contested positions. Later in the year, and after many discussions, the issue was finalized, with a simple addition to the constitution, but we continue to learn from these events. So, to follow, we have a list of the willing helpers, or are they victims?

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David Beveridge
KEY: Shane Sutton
FLY TYING: Shane Sutton

Well, it is a familiar start, with the hardy perennials; ie: (not coming to an end, coming up year after year). This is true again, with a large majority of office bearers being already experienced in the running of the club. Of the 60 positions, only 13 represent new blood, possibly a continuing club problem. Members to occupy positions for the first time are Shane Sutton, David Tawse, Bruce Moss, Vic Tatnall, Viv Cass, John Petrowski, Hank Westerveld, and Harry and Leane Leong. As usual there is a strong nucleus of the club, to guide it through its current year.

Attendance at monthly meetings was good. However, by December, there were still 48 members from the previous year that still remained unfinancial. With an appeal by the Treasurer, a rubber stamp for the Fly Line By Line, and a final ring around, this number was reduced to 20 in early March. The final membership for 1979-80 was 155.

At one stage, the Committee had considered a 3 year membership, to try and attract longer term members, others thought this might slow payments, so the Status Quo reigned. Family membership was also under attack, from some who felt that it was disappointing, the lack of family spirit shown on club activities, and thought it should be reviewed. Finally it was moved to investigate the re-wording of the constitution, to allow for one membership.

During the year the club purchased a tape recorder for use by the Secretaries at monthly meetings. Also a typewriter, to help with the production of consistent stencils for the Fly Line By Line, as well as other printed matter. At Brushy Creek Hall a Red Phone was installed for the user bodies, with users sharing the expenses. It was a sensible addition and covered any emergencies that may occur. The casting equipment was also updated, enabling easier setting up each Sunday and competition days of casting hoops. After much discussion, various plans and escalating costs, the club finally had constructed cupboards to keep all club property safe and in one place.

The year also saw the birth of a cloth badge, similar to the previous P.V.C. printed badges, but in cloth featuring the club logo and motto, and appears very presentable. The Treasurer had many other expenses to contend with in a balance sheet showing receipts of \$6129-17, and payments of \$4852-03. We showed a balance in our favour of \$1277-14.

1979-80 saw Harry Leong take over as editor of Fly Line By Line, assisted by his wife Leane, typist Carol Harding and printers Brian Wilkinson, Norm Roberts and David Tawse. Articles were of a very high standard, and at times most entertaining. As well, a comprehensive list of monthly stockings by the Fishery and Wildlife giving locations, size and numbers of fish released, followed by the results of the netting survey conducted by the division during the year and were of great interest to club members. Unfortunately, Harry took ill and was confined to hospital for most of the year, but as usual, a member, in the form of David Tawse, stepped into the breach and carried on the good work. This, at times, was arduous, as deadlines for articles were not often adhered to. The production of the Fly Line was not without its problems and it recieved criticism for its print quality from some members. With Harry heard to say "Do not forget that Norm and myself are still relatively new at this gave, so please bear with us, or better still offer to lend us a hand". Some did, some did not, but the print quality was improved and criticism faded, consequently the club magazine had a successful year, thanks to a few members dedication and effort.

Being informed is always difficult; communication is our greatest asset, but sometimes our biggest fault. The means of seeking additional information, on our sport, is provided by the club library. With the number of books on the increase, provided by rentals and late return fines. These late returns also deprived many of the libraries facilities. Dennis Carmicheal gave all members several blasts at monthly meetings, to try and rectify this situation, he was finally successful. The library provided a vital service to all club members and functioned well during the 1979-80 club year.

Once again, when the business was done, our nights were turned over to the various guest speakers. From year to year, it is increasingly difficult to provide a new variety of speakers, some new some the second time around, but never-the-less a balanced programme. Ranging from members slides and commentry to a skite night, with Wiffo trying to catch a trout via a length of line attached to his leg, to would you believe, avoid detection at a fish hatchery pond. A visit by Charles Barnham from the Division, followed by informative nights from Tom Edwards on May Flies and Bill Ricketts on fishing the colder months. Both nights held captive audiences. All in all, an interesting series well recieved by members.

Trips this year were in the hands of the chairman, David Tawse and his keen sub-committee. Attendances for the year totalled 56, averaging 16 members per trip, with 24 at Tawonga the highest, and 7 at Kyneton, the lowest. There was atotal of 43 fish weighed in on six trips, with four trips being fishless. By far the most successful trip for the year was the Easter trip to Tawonga, with members enjoying good fishing, bright sunny days and good fellowship. As usual, the men looked after the kids, while the women went out for lunch on Saturday. Both Dennis Carmicheal and David Peters had successful nights, taking five fish each from the Crusher hole. Others to take nice fish were Bruce Hoss, John Young and Ian Frazer. Even if you didn't get amongst the fish, the nights around the fire were worth the trip, an excellent time was had by all.

<u>VENUE</u>	<u>No MEMBERS</u>	<u>FISH TAKEN</u>	<u>TRIP WINNER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>LOCATE</u>	<u>FLY USED</u>
Lake Fyans	18	2	W.Hansen	1800g	Brown Trout	Lake Wartook	yeti
Lake Fyans	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seymour	19	5	H.Leong	975g	Brown Trout	Goulbourn River	Green Nymph
Jamieson	19	7	W.Hansen	500g	Brown Trout	Jamieson River	Nobby Hopper
Tawonga	24	16	D.Peters	1125g	Brown Trout	Kiewa River	Black Muddler
Creswick	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thornton	16	11	D.Rogers	450g	Rainbow Trout	Golbourn River	Multi Color Nymph
Camperdown	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hodewarre	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyneton	7	2	D.Tawse	675g	Brown Trout	Malmsbury Reservoir	Black Nymph

- 1979-80 LAKE TROPHY - W. HANSEN
- 1979-80 STREAM TROPHY - D. PETERS
- 1979-80 JUNIOR OPEN TROPHY - GEOFFREY LONG
- 1979-80 MOST IMPROVED FLY FISHER - JOHN YOUNG
- 1979-80 CLUB CHAMPION - W. HANSEN

Casting 1979-80 saw a most active year under the watchful eye of Evan Matthews and his team of willing helpers. Probably more than fly tying, this activity was becoming increasingly the first point of contact by new members. Each Sunday, tuition was held at the Croydon Pool, with Club competitions and Brunn Shields being attended by club members. The year saw a club donation of \$100.00 to the Australian casting team, to help them compete in the World Championships overseas. A new club record was also established in the I.C.F Skish by Ted Bettens casting 89. During our club championships, many a good score was cast, with Evan Matthews winning club champion and the most improved caster being won by Evan also. In the Brunn Shield, Yarra Valley finished 6th. Set out are the scores of the four competitions, one of which was hosted by Yarra Valley, at the Southern pool, and run most professionally.

Geelong	T. Bettens	141	
	E. Matthews	139	
	D. Beveridge	124	
	G. Hutchinson	98	502
Ballarat	E. Matthews	89	
	R. Cassar	76	
	T. Bettens	62	
	C. Berry	51	284
Southern	E. Matthews	152	
	R. Cassar	122	
	T. Bettens	117	
	C. Berry	84	489
Yarra Valley	T. Bettens	150	
	E. Matthews	126	
	R. Cassar	116	
	C. Berry) 100	492
	D. Beveridge)	
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Fly tying for the 1979-80 was under the control of Shane Sutton and his eager team of tutors. The classes, each Wednesday night, are seen as a great introduction to the club and the start of club fellowship. Flies tied, varying in their degree of difficulty, with all members managing to master the skills needed to make them proficient in this art. Shane concluded in his own style "I would like to thank all those blokes and women who I have had the pleasure in teaching and hope they have at least learnt something. It has been very demanding, but I loved every bit of it and I thank you all for listening and watching, for when you listen and watch, you learn!!".

During the year Streamcraft classes were held, co-ordinated by Mick Hall with many an interesting nights talk and discussion. Along with the Fly tying, these nights did much to inform the new and older members in the club. The course terminated with a practice day on the river, which was well attended. Well done, Mick.

The most improved fly tyer for the year was presented, but the records are incomplete and no name has been recorded and a club appeal has failed to shed any light as to who it was.

Earth day was held on the 1st June and was attended by 20 members meeting at Tumbling Waters, teaming up and tackling various locations along the Goulburn River. Good weather and many rubbish bags saw an eager start to what proved to be a big task, with much litter and a growing concern by members for the environment and its future being exposed to thoughtless people. Forward planning by the club saw a write up in the local Alexandra and Eildon Standard, promoting Earth Day and Yarra Valley. The Shire was also contacted and dumping points established for the collected refuse. The day was a success and should do much to ensure a natural environment and access to areas fished by all members.

C.V.F.F. AND V.P.C.

As in the past, members were kept well informed on the latest developments in our sport, and in our affiliated clubs and bodies. Many vital pieces of information came to members attention via our representative in both the V.P.C. and C.V.F.F. On the V.P.C. Bob Fletcher, Gary Hutchinson, Graham Sherar and Ian Hitchcock provided our club with continuous representation at each council meeting and returned to each of the clubs general meetings with informative, concise reports of the relevant issues of the day. This was refreshing, as the club was unable to furnish any delegates during the previous year, and every endeavour should be made to continue the clubs healthy representation during future years. Wal and Ian Coventry provided very effective representation of this club on the Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs, and ensured the council was kept busy with various submissions which achieved notable success. Items such as fish kills natural in lakes around Horsham, and unnatural by rabbit fumigants in the Western lakes, sparked fiery reactions from members on both accounts.

Fishouts at the Boat Show, using trout, brought comments from radio personality Derryn Hinch and many clubs, expressing their disgust at the situation. Thankfully, it was soon rectified and tighter control exercised, to the relief of members and interested bodies.

During the year, fishing was recognized as a sport by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation. This meant that clubs could apply for cash grants to promote to others, their sport. Yarra Valley soon set up a sub-committee of Wal Coventry, Bob Fletcher, Ron Cassar, Col Berry and Graham Sherar, to prepare a submission. The plan was to promote our sport to the secondary schools in our area, and through the constant efforts of Bob Fletcher and Arthur Ford, this was done very successfully during the year and into the following year, as it was an ongoing programme.

Social activities for the year were under the control of David Beveridge and his sub-committee. The year hit off with a cricket match B.B.Q. Teams selected from members and their children, with Martin De Vissers' sloggers just managing to beat Ted Bettens' bashers, with person of the match going to Kaye McLeary. A wine and cheese evening with a wine expert from penfolds, organized by Andy Braithwaite, cheese by Hank Westerveld, and fried rice by Harry Leong, through their fine efforts, a most enjoyable evening was experienced by all. The Fun Day organized by our casters, with a lot of effort on their part, was poorly attended by our members. The activity had plenty of potential to be a good day, but unfortunately proved that a lot of members were very lethargic when it came to participating in club events. Our Barn Dance was its normal success and well attended by members and their friends.

The year finished with the Annual Dinner held at Palm Court, Blackburn; as always a struggle to get numbers, but in the end, with a phone around, we made it. Social functions fit into a pattern, and many members felt we had too many, but members must attend to make them a success. If they are successful, they will be more readily attended.

To conclude, 1979-80 was not without its problems, but who expects to satisfy all the 155 members of Yarra Valley Fly Fishers all the time; its clearly an impossibility. Certain aims were set by our President and his Committee, and these appear to have been achieved. Providing the right activities associated with fly fishing, a friendly, enjoyable atmosphere at all functions and a strong emphasis on promoting the "know-how" and enjoyment of fly fishing.

Further, preparing the foundations for the club and its members to build on in the years ahead, thus ensuring its survival as a vital part in our sport of fly fishing for all to bebenefit.

Warwick Hansen.

Goulburn and Tributaries Club Trip Report

March 2021

Meeting Ray in the picnic area in Taggerty on a cool smokey morning we headed up stream to explore the waters of the Little River.

We walked quickly through the backyards and began fishing once we were passed the safe waters of town.

The river was very low and very clear. I love this river as it has nice pool and run options. There's often good cover and depth for the trout to feel safe in.

There are also a good head of rainbows and browns. It is also a good nursery stream and often has juvenile trout that need educating.

Ray was exploring the water for the first time and we slowly worked our way up stream. The low water was not holding fish in their usual spots and we didn't even spook any from spots they usually sit in. I managed to get a small rainbow and Ray had some interest in his dry.

With lunchtime approaching and a 20 minute drive to Eildon we rushed on to some great water. I netted another juvenile rainbow and we could have fished on for the whole afternoon on the water ahead. We will go back and finish Ray's introduction to this cool river.

8 members gathered at the BBQ meeting place on the banks of the Pondage and discussed the mornings fishing. Larry picked up a couple of rainbows from the Goulburn, others had spent time on the Rubicon.

I offered to show Ray the Acheron river down stream from the Meeting of the waters at Buxton as this would also be new water for him to fish.

From the carpark we headed down stream on the right side of the river but ran into a 10 foot high wire fence stopping access.

We crossed the river and proceeded down to our intended fishing spot. Ray immediately had interest in his dry fly. In the pool above I caught a couple more small rainbows on nymph. We worked our way upstream where another fish took my nymph.

We had to cross back across the river to get back to the cars, so beware the access to the Acheron has changed. Thanks to Ray and the club for organising another good club trip.

This is the nymph that caught the fish. It's a size 16 nymph hook with a 2.8 mm rainbow bead and a CDC collar.

Paul Pavone



Millbrook Lakes Trip : March 2021

This trip was much anticipated and long overdue as a result of the past yearlong Covid restrictions.

Nine YVFF members attended the weekend of guided fly fishing and accommodation at Millbrook – those who enjoyed the weekend were Lynton (Pres), Owen, Ray M, Geoff, Wal, Tuckyin, Terry, George and Merrill.

For those who don't know or have never been there Millbrook Lakes is a private, catch and release fly fishery located near the small country town of Gordon in Central Victoria, it's roughly an hour's drive along the Western Highway from Melbourne.

The accommodation consists of two log cabins on private property with frontage and access to Cabin Lake.

Cabin Lake is stocked with 2-6 lb brown and rainbow trout and is available for guests to fish.

Guided guests are able to access at least 20 other private stocked lakes at different locations in the nearby area.

The variety of lakes means plenty of options depending on conditions or time of year.

I can only talk about my own experience of the trip; other members who attended may have their own take on the trip. Here is my take with apologies to Owen as he requested details of weights/photos of fish and flies used, sorry Owen, it all got a bit hectic at times and hard to remember everything!

Merril and I arrived about 4:00pm; we dropped our stuff in the cabin and after settling in we set up the fly rods for a quick fish before dark. Walking around the lake we cast at likely looking spots after we saw a few rises and disturbances along the edges. The fish seemed to be chasing smelt so we fished small green woolly buggers; I ended up with two nice rainbows and a brown, so not a bad choice and start.

Next morning the guides arrived and we split into three groups of three and headed off in different directions.

Merril, Lynton and I went with guide Kiel to Jurassic Lake, with a name like that it sounded good and it was! We all caught big fish, rainbows 6 to 8lbs plus. We started by fishing nymphs under an indicator and then as the duns began hatching and fish rising we switched to shaving brush emerger pattern on the surface. There were huge fish rising everywhere, I've never seen anything like it.....it was nuts! Eventually things went quiet and we headed back for a late lunch.

After a fully catered lunch we went to a different lake (Shadow Lake) for the afternoon session, action not so hectic but it gave up two nice fish on stick caddis and nymph. We fished till near dark and had to race back to get changed out of the fishing gear to get to the Wallace Pub for the Saturday night counter tea.

Sunday morning we stayed in the same groups but changed guides, we had JJ and he took us to a lake known as Top Ronnie, it was different to the previous lakes, water was a bit tannin coloured but fairly clear.

The lake is said to hold big fish that feed on snails. I didn't land anything here fishing a snail pattern but I did get a good take only to be promptly busted off. Merrill had better luck landing a medium rainbow and a good brown.

Catered lunch was provided again back at the cabin, then off to Bridge Lake for the afternoon session. This lake is not very big but has plenty of big fish which were rising to duns. We all got plenty of takes but unfortunately nothing was landed that afternoon, just makes me want to go back and get revenge!

And that was about it, back to the cabin to get packed up by 6:00pm and head for home.

I think I can speak for everyone in that it was an enjoyable weekend with good company, good location and excellent fishing. I believe everyone caught fish and as the photos show they were really good fish! (Merril thinks everyone got busted off, as well – she knows she did at Bridge Lake – at least 5 times).

The accommodation, facilities and catering were all top notch.

Many thanks to Owen for organising and those who attended for the great company.

Special mention to Tuckyin for the masterclass on scotch whiskies of the world!

Merril and I would definitely go back.

George Zanin





Millbrook Trip Group Photo



George Fishing Cabin Lake



Ray's Personal Best 10lb Approx 70cm Stonker



Wal with a nice Rainbow



Merril's Ripper Rainbow



Geoff with another one



Nice one Lynton



Terry with a nice Rainbow



Terry Flat Out Flyfishing



Philip Weigall's Millbrook Fly Box

Hurley's **FLY FISHING** AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Southland Region

They are 7 nights, 6 fully guided days with either the kiwi NZPFGA accredited guide, being Brendan Shields and our own HFFA accredited guide and host, to hone your skills, and teach you streamcraft and fly selection whilst pointing out some absolute monsters under the surface. An absolute abundance of waterways on offer from the world famous Mataura to the less trampled Waikaia, incredible Oreti and a few secret tiny rivers, Southland has one to suit you. Our base is Hurley House in Lumsden, an hour south of Queenstown, the fly fishing hub of the south, and minutes from so many rivers that are full of browns waiting to take a dun, a pheasant tail or a blowfly. The riverbanks are generally through farmland, so most of the time quite easy travelling particularly if the legs can't do the hard miles any longer, but there are still plenty of rivers suited to energetic fly fishers. Southland Rivers have a very high trout population, making it a brilliant destination for first timers as there are plenty of opportunities to catch your best fish ever. Every day!



The 4 Separate Southland Seasons

October /November/December has great water flow, confident feeding fish to both dries and nymphs, plus evening rises and the genuine chance for trophy fish that haven't been hammered throughout the season. **January/February** offer terrestrial, cicada, and the most amazing willow grub feeding options with some of the best weather imaginable in Southland.

March/April is dominated by mayfly hatches and rising fish, generally throughout the day. With lower river levels and early sunsets, you fish gentlemen hours and easily into the evening rise.

May offers outstanding 'Rainbow' dominated waters around Lake Te Anau like the upper Whitestone, Upukeroa, Eglington, and Waiau. with literally no one around and fish lined up, even includes jet boat fishing which is pretty special.

7 Day Guided Fly Fishing Adventures
Sunday-Sunday from Queenstown
\$3999 all inclusive once landed



Fishing Club Deal 2020/21

The cost for these adventures are \$3999 per person for the week, but we are offering your Fly Fishing Club the opportunity to have their own 'club trip', at a discounted rate for this 2020/21 season, and this season, once it is opened up to Australia in our Trans-Tasman Bubble, will offer unprecedented fishing opportunities with virtually no one around in comparison to every past season.

2020/21 Discounted Deal...Book in for 4 fly fishers, and pay only \$3499pp... Saving \$500 per fly fisher. Book in for 6 fly fishers, and pay only \$2999pp... Saving \$1000 each!

Our \$3999 current price represents by far the best value quality guided adventure available in New Zealand, so with these extra discounts this season, it is a trip that will not only be incredible, but too good to pass up in the world's best trout sight fishing environment... the saving of up to a grand is just a bonus!

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.

"We are so lucky to have arguably the best wild trout fishery in the world around the corner. Our trips are great value and includes NZ guides, comfortable spacious accommodation and access to some amazing water. We cater for all ages and mark my words we will contribute to some of your best fishing memories". **"Don't hesitate - spots fill fast - Don't miss out"**.

Gavin Hurley (Founder of Hurley's Fly Fishing)

Stalker Flex-Fit Fly Pants

Every jeans brand in the world makes stretch denim, yet for fly fishers, we have stayed with old school cotton and nylon. Seemed ridiculous, so we set about making fishing pants that were comfortable, breathable, functional, but most importantly allowed all the movement you could handle, deep casual pockets, plus a couple of zippered safety pockets and a serious belt... and the NEW Stalker Fly Fishing Flex-Fit pants were born and ready to take on every Fly Fishing journey imaginable. Only \$99.00



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From Hurley Flyfishing.**

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Fly of the Month

Woodard's Dragonfly



Dick Woodard's – Dragonfly

<http://www.flyanglersonline.com/flytyin ... 03fotw.php>

The above article is from Fly Anglers On Line and shows the tying of this great fly, step by step.

I first read about this fly in The Flyfisher Annual 2003 where both the Woodard's Damselfly and Dragonfly dressing both are described. The main hackle of green Cree, red Cree and blue Cree oversized, the hackle length should be the whole length of the shank of the hook to give the fly a softer landing, sitting higher on the surface when fished. The palmered hackle allows the fly to appear to hover above the surface. This fly was not designed to be fished blind. Target an area where a feeding fish is rising. Leaping Damsel feeders are notoriously difficult to entice into taking any surface flies. Timing your cast to the trouts beat is also very helpful.

Dragonfly feeders can be enticed to take these flies when they are presented with a hard landing on the water to attract the fish's attention. Leaving the fly sit for just a couple of seconds or a short drift can bring results. These huge flies will always twist your leader, so try to eliminate false casts as much as possible. On the water surface, the adults twitch and flop, trying to escape off the water trap. Do the same with your fly to imitate the distress.

Hook: size 4 - 8 streamer hook

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Grizzle or Cree green

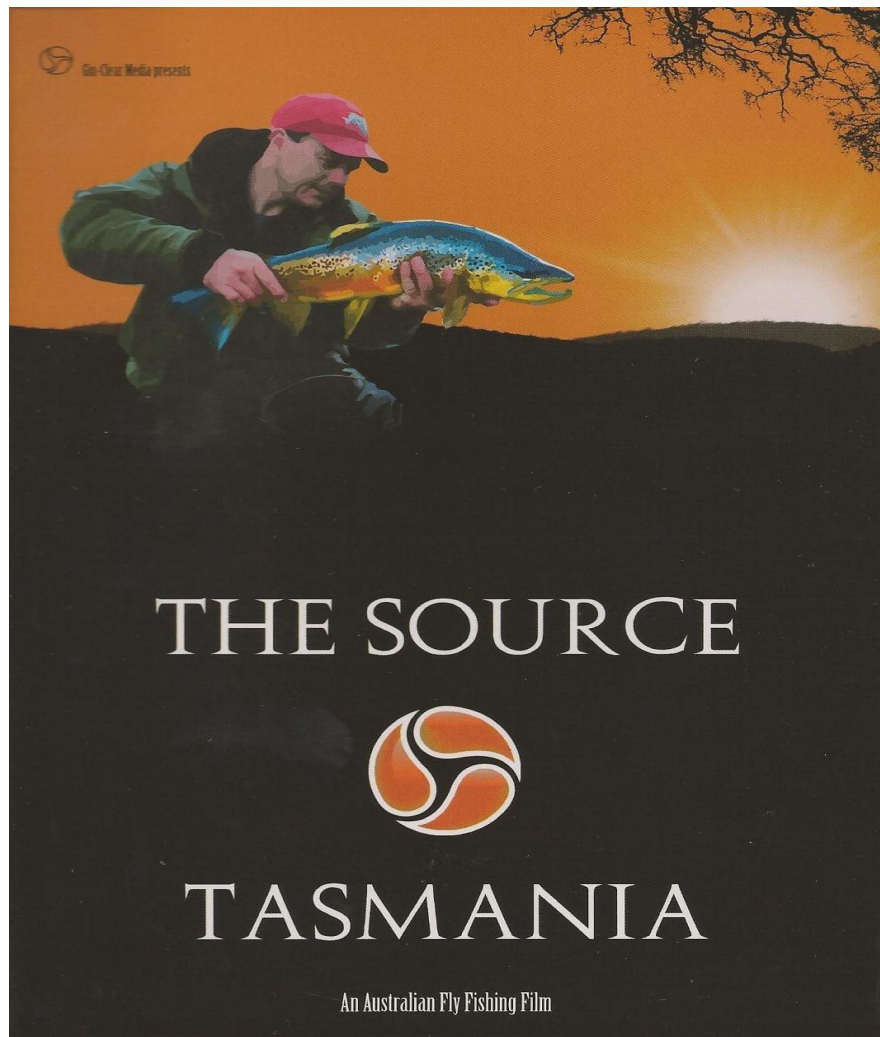
Body: Green peacock and black ostrich

Rib: yellow floss

Palmer Hackle: Cree green palmer

Main hackle: Cree green, Cree red, Cree blue

Library DVD of the Month



THIS is Nick Reygaert's fourth film, taking a slightly different path to his previous releases, which included last year's *The Search – Tahiti* (see August '08 issue for review).

This DVD offers a laid-back snapshot of one Australia's more underrated fishing states – Tasmania. Surprisingly there's only a couple of films ever produced about Tasmanian fishing, which is crazy given the world class trout on offer down there.

Reygaert's attention to detail raises the bar for fishing filmmakers. Production quality is outstanding with some truly stunning shots bringing the unique feel of Tasmania's trout fishing across the screen.

The Source is divided into four parts – one part for each prominent area. These include the rugged West Coast, lowland rivers, rainforest creeks and sight fishing the Western lakes.

Author Greg French and guide Daniel Hackett, along with Nick Reygaert and others, take the viewer on an incredible fishing trip around this small but highly productive and island.

For anyone planning a trip to Tassie, has ever been to Tassie or just wants a visual escape to a world of rugged country and wild trout, *The Source – Tasmania* is a must see.

Available online at www.gin-clear.com.

By Scott Thomas

From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you all enjoy reading the
April 2021 YVFF Fly Line By Line
and enjoyed the Millbrook Photo's

Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are
greatly appreciated by your fellow Members.

**Deadline for Contributions for the May 2021 Edition
is Tuesday 27th April 2021.**

Stay Safe and Healthy : Take Care Of Each Other.

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**Owen's 4lb+ Millbrook Brown
Caught on a Shaving Brush**