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**\*Front Page.**

**Andreas and his service dog Norris  
at our April general meeting.**

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# **PRESIDENTS PAGE**

## **MAY 2021**

I would like to welcome all club members to the May which is the second General Meeting for 2021 held in our clubrooms which with current Covid numbers should hopefully continue for the rest of 2021. I encourage all members to participate in all club activities and renew acquaintances with each other.

Apart from recommended social distancing and registering in writing or with a QR code we have no constraints on club activities, we can now travel interstate and once again enjoy fishing to wild fish in Tasmania. We are also able to travel to New Zealand so we are fortunate to have a huge range of fishing opportunities available to us.

Yarra Ranges Council Covid policy now only sets limits for numbers attending club activities with community room numbers of 50 allowed and in the Bailey room a maximum 16 people at 1 per 2 m2 with stringent sanitising and cleaning procedures. Face Masks are not necessary but may be preferable for some club members.

The committee has organised club activities to recommence as soon as possible with fly tying and trips already operating. Casting is operating unofficially as at this time we have no instructors or a coordinator.

Ray organised a club trip to streams in the Marysville / Buxton / Taggerty area on Sat 17th April which even though being not well attended was a great success with fish being caught.

Thanks to Owen for organising another Millbrook trip which is already booked out, hopefully with lots of fish, and a few more stonkers as happened on the last trip ask Ray and Geoff.

Since Geoff has livened up Facebook with new photos of recent club trips he has had 100's more hits and a possible another new club member which after a couple of months now clearly indicates that Facebook if well organised can provide great publicity for the club and be a source of new club members.

Further to our discussions with Leanne Downey of Hansen planners after submitting our proposal to the planners regarding our request to extend the clubroom, they have included our project in the council's Lilydale Lake Masterplan and a detailed Master plan submission including our submission has now been provided to the council

Further to the clubrooms being broken into and nine casting rods stolen we have received a payout of approximately \$6000.00 The committee has carried out an audit of all gear in the casting cupboard and determined that after utilising existing spare gear we will need 4 new rods and 6 new reels at a saving of approx \$3000.00.

To install club security cameras, it will cost approx. \$900.00 but we are still awaiting council approval to connect to the council NBN modem for a Wi-Fi service to achieve the cheapest and best option.

Lynton Reid  
President YVFF Inc

## YVFF Secretary's Report April 2021

With Covid vaccinations and no new Community transmission we have reopened the Club activities again. Please join us as we're running activities around the club. Our club trip to the Marysville streams was well attended but we need as many members to keep coming along, supporting the events and each other.

It has been an quite month for newsletters and publications but I have still listed them here and if you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

Correspondence out:

Invitations to Stan, Brian, Amanda, Nick to the GM

Correspondence in:

FRDC newsletter.

Ballarat fly Fishers club dinner

Yarra Ranges council News. Business update.

Camping and access to crown river frontage. opinions needed.

Maroondah City Council news

Southern Fly Fishers April Newsletter 2021

VFFA April Flylines newsletter

Fishing Monthly Magazine April 2021

Paul Pavone

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# Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Monthly General Meeting Minutes

## April 8th 2021

Attendees See attendance book. Please sign the attendance book and Covid tracing page.

Chair Lyndon Reid

Minutes Paul Pavone

Opened 20:00

Business arising from previous meeting.

See notes in report.

Apologies Ray M, Merril, Artur.

New members. Stan Edgley, Amanda Habgood. Welcome to Andreas and Norris, the companion dog.

President's Report:

I would like to welcome all club members to the first General Meeting in 2021 held in our clubrooms which hopefully will continue for the rest of 2021. All club activities are now back to normal and I encourage all members to participate and renew acquaintances with each other and hope that you all have a great 2021 with the club.

The club is still limited in what we can do but at least we can now travel interstate so we can go fishing on our home grounds and Australia wide. Hopefully soon we will also be able to travel to New Zealand and I have already booked to go next year.

The Yarra Ranges Council adopted the State Government Covid policy which means we can now use our clubrooms for all activities with community room numbers of 50 allowed and in the Bailey room a maximum 16 people at 1 per 2 m<sup>2</sup> with stringent sanitising and cleaning procedure.

Hand sanitisers and social distancing will be compulsory and face masks preferable if in close proximity. Materials for sanitising and cleaning materials are ready for use in the Bailey room. The first name and

phone no of each person attending must also be recorded.

The committee has organised club activities to recommence as soon as possible such as fly tying, casting and club trips. Ray has organised a club trip to streams in the Marysville / Buxton / Taggerty area on Sat. 17th April which is a great place for newer club members to learn some fishing techniques, hopefully catch a fish and better get to know other club members. A big thanks to Owen for organising a fantastic Millbrook trip with lots of fish, and a few stonkers ask Ray and Geoff.

A big thanks to Geoff as since he livened up Facebook with new photos of recent club trips he has had 100's of hits and a possible new club member which indicates that Facebook if well organised can provide great publicity for the club and be a source of new club members.

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, please let any past members you meet know of this offer.

Further to our discussions with the grants officer at Yarra Ranges Council we have received a request from Hansen planners to submit a proposal to them regarding our request to extend the clubroom saying they want to include our project in the council Lilydale Lake Masterplan. A detailed submission has been provided to them.

Further to the clubrooms being broken into on the 18/11/2020 and nine casting rods stolen we submitted an insurance claim and have received a payout of approximately \$6000.00 The committee will carry out an audit to determine what needs replacing.

Lynton Reid

President YVFF Inc

Secretary's report.  
Refer to Fly Line By Line report.

Treasurers report : Available on request.

Video camera purchase was approved.

#### Media

Facebook, great reaction to the Millbrook pics. New content coming including Fly Tying announcements.

#### Marketing and meetings.

Please contribute photos and articles to the editor for the newsletter.

#### Membership

A volunteer is needed to cover this portfolio.

#### Casting

Members will be asked to teach new members on casting mornings.

#### Fly Tying

We are began on the 7/4/21 with the Bloom's Caddis. Next week we will be tying a burnt wing dun. Drop in, tie a fly, have a chat.

#### Stream craft

We will share stream craft at the lunch on the Steavenson River trip.

Members who catch fish on club trips are asked to pass on their successful techniques.

#### Trips

The next trip will be to fish Marysville including the Steavenson, Taggerty, Acheron rivers.

The Millbrook trip was an outstanding success with members all catching good fish including some STONKERS. The mayfly hatches were a highlight. Another trip has been booked for the first week in December.

#### Special Projects

No new news.

#### Fishing reports

Owen fished Khancoban below the wall and Paddy's river. Caddis patterns were the best patterns but the fish were hard to get to the net.

Craig fished around Omeo and caught lots of fish using dry dropper and size 18 hares ear nymphs.

#### General business

None

Next meeting Thursday 13th May 2021 at the Clubrooms

Next Executive Committee meeting Wednesday 29th April 2021 in the Bailey room.

Meeting closed 22:30



# **GENERAL MEETING**

## **MAY 13TH 2021**

**Thursday 13th May 7.30 for 8.00 pm**

**We are back in our  
Club Rooms**

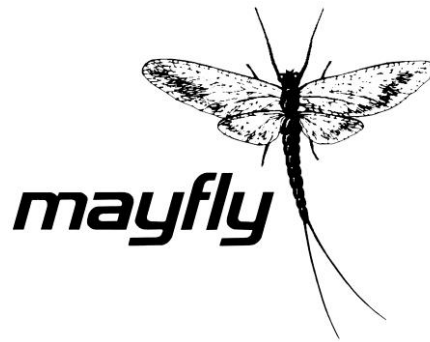
**ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND**

**To find out what has been happening in the club and 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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## Marysville / Buxton / Taggerty – April Club Trip – Saturday 17 April 21

The weather was with us – No rain but cold and overcast.

Paul and I met in Lady Talbot Drive – The sign showed that most of this road is closed probably still due to the large dead trees from the 2009 fires that wiped out Marysville and the surrounding areas.

I haven't fished the Taggerty River for years given the destruction of the fires and the large trees that fell across the river – good for the Trout but very tough to fish!

We started fishing just after 9 am – it looked good but no fish and we left to fish the Stevo for an hour or so before having to set up our BBQ lunch near where the Taggerty meets the Stevo. Paul picked up a 15 cm Brown before we left.

Geoff, Larry, Craig, Owen and Trevor soon joined us for a sausage or three – eight fish had been caught before lunch with Trevor getting the most from the Rubicon.

Paul, Geoff & I then fished the Stevo further downstream where I got a small Brown Trout. Paul left early to go to the footy with his daughter and Geoff & I moved to the Acheron River to check out a new way of accessing it but found a locked gate and had to walk anyway!

Another good day with Club Members (7 in total) with us asking each other at lunch – “What are all the other Members doing?”

Ray Malins



Craig's 2 Trout caught on the Taggerty River  
With Pheasant Tail Nymphs.



OFFICIAL CLUB HISTORY

EIGHTH YEAR

1978-1979

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YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS - OFFICIAL HISTORY

SEVENTH YEAR

1978 - 1979

by A.D.SKINNER

Introduction:

On entering its seventh club year, it was obvious to all that the club was about to advance into a new era of its existence, upon its entry into the new Dorset Hall (later to be renamed Brushy Creek Hall).

The club was now being accepted by other Fly Clubs as "Yarra Valley Fly Fishers" rather than "the new club".

On moving into the new hall as a permanent venue for all club activities, a departure was being made away from calling members to make their homes available for Committee, Sub-committee and other group meetings. Whilst this was not a bad thing, there was an underlying danger of making the club more removed from the family unit itself - that is to say that the Yarra Valley Fly Fishers is now located in Hughes Park, rather than that YVFF is spread among its members and their families.

Over the years the club had been maturing and on some occasions had had to learn by its mistakes. With the strength gained by its survival over six previous club years the members looked optimistically to the future in the "New Dorset Hall" as the beginning of an exciting new era into which the club was about to take its first step.

The election of office bearers for the oncoming year introduced some new blood to the committee ranks. With the exception of the position of Treasurer all other Executive positions saw a change due to the President of the previous two years, Chris Harding, standing down from office.

It is interesting to note that since the inception of the club, three presidents have each served a two year term.

The positions were filled as follows:-

Ass Wal Coventry  
President - Col Berry  
Vice President - Ian Coventry  
Secretary Neville Berrick  
SecretBry Alan Skinner  
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Members Responsible

Chris Harding  
Richard Rackley  
Ian Coventry  
Ted Bettens  
Rod Parkinson  
Alan Skinner  
Bob Fletcher

The first and most important item that the newly elected office bearers had to deal with was the finalization of the clubs entry into the newly completed "New Dorset Hall" (as the hall was known at the time, but was later to be renamed Brushy Creek Hall). To this end a special committee meeting was held on the 26th Oct, 1978 to firstly examine the completed hall and to have further discussions on its suitability for the clubs needs.

A special General Meeting was held On the 16th Nov 1978 at the Croydon High School to get the final go ahead from the members. After lengthy debate the following motion was moved and Carried.

"That this meeting recommends that the YVFF accept a preferential tenancy of the new Dorset Hall under the guidelines known at present, and that the bond be paid promptly to allow the tenancy to commence!!

The bond referred to in the motion, of \$4.800-00 was paid to the Croydon Council on the 21st November 1978.

On the 14th December 1978, the club held its first General Meeting in the new hall ~ 63 members and 9 visitors were present to be a part of the historic event, the meeting being chaired by President Wal Coventry.

The guest speaker for the night was club member David Beveridge; who spoke on the type of fishing to be looked forward to over the forthcoming Xmas holiday period.

To safeguard its investment in the hall, the club saw the need to have strong representation on the liaison committee of the hall, which fell under the jurisdiction of the North Croydon Parks Committee (NCPC).

Accordingly three members of the club took positions with this body to protect our interests. Colin Berry and David Beveridge as the two delegates the club was allowed and Al Skinner as the interested Croydon rate payer. These members were later to report that our investment in the hall was a very safe one under the workings of the NCPC and furthermore it was encouraging for the club's future to be associated with this community organisation made up of Cricketers, Footballers, Baseballers, Tennis Players, Gem Collectors, Pigeon Racers, Exercise Groups, etc, all with a common goal of achieving the best they can for their own sport through the NCPC; whilst seeing the need to work in harmony with all the other sporting bodies and the Croydon Council for the good of all concerned.

An example of this would be the concern of our club in not having lockup cupboards in the committee rooms for club notice boards and equipment. The delegates were able to report at an early stage that the go ahead had been given for the club to install such cupboards as required. History would later reveal that the project would be strongly financed straight from a grant from NCPC.

It is also of historical significance to record at this point that at the Dec '78 meeting of NCPC two representatives of the Croydon Historical Society attended the meeting to serve notice of the intension of their organisation to persuade the renaming of the "New Hall" to "Brushy Creek Hall". They explained that prior to Croydon ever being settled; the main settlement was along the banks of Brushy Creek in the area of Hughes Park (the site of the new hall), hence not only was the new hall to be renamed, but the Reserve itself also underwent a name change, the "New Dorset Hall, Hughes Park" was to become - "Brushy Creek Hall, Brushy Park Reserve".

General Meeting attendances for this club year were very strong; with attendances around the 60 and better mark on most occasions. Club membership was recorded to be 121 financial members in the club books in March 79.

The committee working on a strong theme of strengthening fellowship within the club deliberately cut down on guest speakers from outside the club in preference for "workshop" and "discussion nights" supported by film and slide nights and speakers from within the membership itself.

• Three guest speakers from outside the club did provide interesting

Insurance, which had been investigated by committees in previous years, became a reality this club year, with a policy being taken out by the club to safeguard the members, not only on official club outings, but also on any private fishing trip 365 days of the year. The policy was for \$200,000 - Public Eisk.

Ian Coventry continued to produce the Fly Line By Line as Editor. This was to be Ian's sixth and last year as club editor. Assisted by Carol Harding, Howard and Lyn Drown and late in the year by Brian and Anne Wilkinson, Ian was able to maintain the very high standard that had been the mark of the news letter - over 111. 'ny year e ,

Category B postage had been applied for and was soon to become a reality. The club took a further step forward in its public image through printed matter by the introduction of a new graphic design Cover for the 1979 club syllabus and was looking to introduce a similar graphic design cover for the 1980 news letters and Category B postage wrappers. These things were to be made possible by the fellow club member Warwick Hansen.

As had been the case in previous years, some rather excellent articles by members appeared in the newsletter with plenty of informative reading, plus a trend to the humorous.

An excellent second memo r ab I.e article by the title of "Old Red" by Peter Ross appeared in Vol. 6, No.2 newsletter that year and stands as testimony to the title of article that some of the members were able to produce.

The use of pen names was rife during this club year which added to the glamour of the newsletter. Names like Hackles, Nobby, Lamprey, Sweeney Todd, Super Fly, Golden Hook and Peter Ross to name just a few accompanied many excellent articles.

Financially, the club had to take stock and use the club year to re-establish its finances. After paying \$4,000 to the council, the club was left with only \$163-00 on its books at the start of the year. The Treasurer therefore took a hard line on spending that could be put off until later years. Fund raising became an important item for the year as the committee felt that it wanted to re-establish the \$1,000 or so dollars that the club had always had in reserve in years gone by.

To this end raffles were used to accumulate funds which proved successful without putting too much of a drain on members, many of whom had made generous donations of money to the club in the previous club year to lift the bank to the \$4,800 mark.

The club ended the year with a bank balance of \$1,892-45 which the then Treasurer reported at the Annual General Meeting that allowing for anticipated demands on these funds to meet outstanding accounts. a reserve of between \$800 and \$1,000 would be established, depending on membership renewals for the oncoming year.

The youth Group which had been a strong advertisement for YVFF being a family club, and I quote from the Official Club History for the previous year - "The youth Group continued to go from strength to strength and is a vital and integral part of our club, Under the watchful eyes of David Beveridge and Shane Sutton the youth Group led by Phillip Sinel is now fully organised, having their own executive and arranging their own business,

"a vital and integral part of the club" ceased to be. The committee continued to seek a solution to this problem and at the end of the year were still trying to recruit members.

In keeping with the policy of the previous year, the Social Committee headed by Richard Ruckley, kept the social events down to about half of the number of events of years gone by. A policy of increasing member participation rather than catering for a lot of visitors was pursued.

Having noted a decline in attendance by members at the Annual Dinner, traditionally held at Park Orchards Chalet, the venue was switched to the Heathmont Club for this year's dinner. The move was to be very successful, with a notable increase in member participation. Other social events for the year were -

Father Xmas - Dec 78

Some 41 children and 38 parents attended an excellent afternoon at Doon Reserve.

Cricket Match - 1st March 79

Biff's Wangers Ore recorded to have beaten Sutton's Sizzlers by some 6 1/2 runs in C. Dr3YS cricket enjoyed by all.

Chinese Steam Boat - April 79

A new and interesting evening hosted by members Harry and Leanne Leong.

This was the first time the club used the new hall for a social function and although the number of members able to attend had to be limited, because of the catering, the night was extremely successful.

Barn Dance - June 79

Traditionally moving forward to be many members, the Barn Dance was once again a resounding success, marred somewhat by a large number of late cancellations which shrank what should have been a \$300 profit for the night to less than \$100. The problem of late cancellations continues to plague the club which has always been reluctant to take a very hard line approach to this issue.

Wine and Cheese Tasting Night - August 79

For the second year running this night was a resounding success for the hard working social committee and helpers, whose efforts ensured that every social event for the year had an excellent chance of being a success. The rest was up to the members to make the most of the nights, and that they did.

The club library, in the capable control of Dennis Carmichael, continued to enjoy strong popularity among the members who now had in excess of 50 books from which to choose. Long time outstanding books were creating some concern for Dennis and the committee, but by Dennis's efforts, this matter was brought under control by the end of the year.

One area in which the club was starting to show some dividend for many years efforts was on the Tournament Casting Platform. Scores cast at club and Brunn Shield Tournament were well in excess of many scores the clubs casters had ever put together. With a strong competent team of 7 or 8 regular casters throwing good scores consistently, Yarra Valley were becoming of age in Tournament Casting.

The casting committee, led by Ted Battens, had every reason to be proud of this year's achievements and looked optimistically to the future. As a mark of evidence to this the first ever perfect score by a YVFF club member was thrown by Ted Battens in the F.C.A. Dry Fly Event at a club competition during the year. This was a great moment for Ted personally and indeed a milestone in the history of YVFF Tournament Casting. Ted's created a new club record for that event which can only ever be equalled in years to come.



With new ground 'being bToken by oUr'tourn,qment casters, time was still being found to teach basic casting to newcomers and help existing members iron out D.ny casting faults (}.nd equipment problems around the Croydon rool on Sunday mornings. Some vf these mornings saw as many as 35-40 members and !Iv/QuId-be" members down at the pool .•

The introduction of a casting fun day in April '79 was 8nother first for the club. This novelty casting daY4 engineered by the Casting Sub •. committee, enjoyed excellent response from members and pointed the way for further developement of this type of novelty casting being something different that can be enjoyed by all.

YVFF was host club for the July round of the Brunn Shield which required a great deal of hard wor-k by the Casting Sub.commi ttee and some eager helpers.

"Earth Day" wnS this year conducted in the Kyneton are a with only fair club p::l.rticipation.. The extent of the rubbish problem in the area became a source of concern for the club and I quote the club President who reported in part:-

"The size of the problem was so disheartening, it forced us to make a submission to the Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs on how future Earth Days should be organized. It also sparked discussion in the club on the rroblem of future access if the rubbish problem is left unsolved. I believe myself, that if we don't come to grips with the aCcess problem and rubbish situ2tion that we must lose access to some of the St9.te Ri vers rtnc~ Water Supply Storages".  
(from 1979 ~nnual Presidents report)

It is timely that I record at this point that T8.rago Reservoir was closed to fishing this club year.

Wi th the move into the new he.il. fly tying which hod been being conducted at Tinternvale Primary School Was tr9nsfered to the new hall end was conducted every Wednesday by Rod Parkinson ns co-ordina.tor and later in the year by Neville Berrick as co-ordin8.tor. A very important aspect of the club Fly Tying flourished in its neW surroundings with a strong regular contigent of Fly Tyers.

Club fishing trips continued to enjoy popularity amongst the members with ten trips being conducted fer the year~ The following table is a record of the years trips with noteG.ble strong pnrticipation but poor catch results, which was a mnrk of the poor fishing being experienced generally.

Date and Venue	Members Competing	Number of Fish TG.ken	Weight and Species of Best Fish	Lake or Streams and Fly Used
October 1978 Lake Fyans	22	2	560 gm Brow	Lake-Craigs Night-time
November 1978 Howqua Valley	9	1	500 gm Brow	Lake-R & B Matuka
February 1979 Breakaway	26	4	1200 gm Brow	Stream-Get
March 1979 Warrenheip	14	4	350 gm Brow	Lake .... Wuzzy
Easter 1979 Tawongs	20	14	900 gm Brow	Stream-"Taihape Tickler"
May 1979 Kyneton	18	3	700 gm Brow	Lake-Get
June 1979*	10	3	500 gm	Stream-Fuzzy Wuzzy

Date and Venue	Members	Number of Fish Taken	Weight and Species of Best Fish	Lake or Streams and Fly Used
August 1979 Lake Mildewarre	13	4	1450 gm Rainbow	Lake-Hamills Killer
September 1979	12	2	600 gm Brown	Lake •. Fuzzy Wuzzy

The production of an up to date constitution was a further area in which the committee had to generate a lot of energy, much of the work falling on the shoulders of the Secretary, Ian Coventry, However, the constitution with all amendments since the clubs inception was published during the year.

A new updated membership directory was published and distributed.

By now for the club generally, fishing trips and casting tournaments were finally produced and published after many many hours of hot debate at both General Meetings, Committee Meetings and Sub-committee Meetings,

The necessary debates that allowed the final production of the by-laws was a test of the temperament of the club and its members and after the dust had settled, the task was conceded by all to be better to have behind rather than in front of you.

Presentation of Trophies for the year:

Trips

October 1978	Lake Fyans	J. Gibson
November 1978	Howqua Valley	D. Tawse
February 1979	The Breakaway	N. Berick
March 1979	Warrenheip	G. Eastman
Easter 1979	Tawonga	C. Hardie
May 1979	Kyneton	J. Gibson
June 1979	Bonnie Doon	D. Rogers
July 1979	Goulburn	V. Tatnall
August 1979	Lake Modewarre	D. Tawse
September 1979	Eildon	J. Gibson

A special award was also presented to Neil Johnston for a 1650 gm Brown caught just prior to official commencing time on the July one day trip!

Gastin~

Certificates were presented to the following casters in the club competition.

Casting	Evan Matthews	27/5/79	Alan Skinner
18/3/79	Ted Bettens	30/9/79	Alan Skinner
30/9/79			

HAJOR TROPHIES

The major trophies were presented and recipients congratulated.

Club Champion	David Tawse
Stream Champion	Neville Berrick
Lake Champion	David Tawse
Most Improved Fly Fisher	Norm Roberts
Youth Group Champion	David Voisey
President's Award	Neville Berrick
Club Casting Champion	Ted Bettens

Club Delegates

The club was represented at various organizations throughout the year and well served by its delegates.

Le. V.P.C.

A.C.I.\.

As in previous years the club found that the hardest hurdles to overcome were those that stemmed from personality clashes between members. This year was no different, criticism fair or otherwise levelled at individuals and also disagreement with committee decisions resulted in some very testing times for the club as a whole and more particularly the President on whose shoulders the responsibility for answers to resolve the conflicts fall.

#### Conclusion

With each passing year the club continues to gain in its ability to provide an extensive list of activities that its members can enjoy. With the move into the new hall, the doorway has been opened for the club to extend its activities and serve its membership to the fullest extent.

The achievements of the club over the last twelve months have been many, as detailed in this text. The Executive, Committee and Sub-committees have all worked very hard in the tradition of the club.

The demise of the Youth Group this club year and the Junior group in the previous twelve months is a sad historic fact. It will be up to the club to consider the long term implications and Act accordingly.

Personality clashes between members damage the image of the club, both internally and externally and have dragged the club down in years gone by. The answer may lie in the following statement quoted from the President's report for this club year:-

"This year has not been without its problems. However, there has been criticism levelled at individuals resulting in some friction, and also disagreement with some committee decisions. Probably this is inevitable in any year, but do not let us gloss over the rough spots, but rather work together to strengthen the club"

# 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.

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**7 Day Guided Fly Fishing Adventures**  
Sunday-Sunday from Queenstown  
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## 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!**

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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 is 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 Hurleys Fly Fishing)**

# Stalker Flex-Fit Fly Pants

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# Fly of the Month



## Alexandra

The Alexandra, or Lady of the Lake, as it was then called, was introduced some time around 1860. It was re-named in honour of Princess Alexandra.

The Alexandra is essentially a lake fly. I do not say that it will not fish well on a river, but its old name - Lady of the Lake - infers that it was originally tied for stillwater fishing. At one point in time it was such a popular and successful pattern that its use was literally banned on certain waters!

However, like many of the really 'in vogue' patterns of yesteryear, the use and popularity of the Alexandra declined to the extent that it has basically disappeared from the anglers fly boxes. The Lady has indeed fallen from grace. I, for one, would welcome her return.

Wet hook – size 8 - 12  
Thread - black 6/0 or 8/0  
Tail – red ibis or substitute  
Body - silver mylar  
ribbing – fine silver wire  
hackle – black hen  
Wing - peacock swords  
Cheeks - red ibis or substitute  
head – black thread

It is a pattern which appears to benefit from being fished in a certain way. Obviously it does not imitate a 'fly', but it could very well be taken for a minnow or a beetle. For this reason it should be worked in what might be described as dance time - slow, slow, quick-quick, slow!

Vary the pace of line recovery so that the fly darts and hesitates as a minnow or beetle might behave in the water. Keep it changing course so that the flashiness may be seen to the best advantage by the fish. Fish the Alexandra deep-sunk (perhaps on a full sinking line) on wild, windy days when the fish are taking the fly well below the surface.~ Hans Weilenmann  
[flyanglersonline.com](http://flyanglersonline.com)

## Library DVD of the Month



Back in 1988, one of the most iconic fly fishers of our time, Lars Lenth, spent three months exploring New Zealand's fabled Lethe River and fishing for its abnormally large trout. At night, he would sit down in a remote cabin and write down his experiences in a journal. Nearly 25 years later, young trout bum Rolf Nylinder loses his way in the wilderness near Lethe. By chance, he finds Lenth's long-lost journal, full of insights about the very soul of fly fishing. Along with Rolf on the trip is documentarist Peter Christensen, filming their attempts to catch trout and Rolf's ever-growing interest in the wisdom of the journal. The old book becomes a moral compass for Rolf, who gradually becomes more and more obsessed by the poetic adventures Lenth wrote down in a dreamy past. Destiny forces the two fly fishers together, but what will happen when their worlds collide? Live the adventure and find out in this epic New Zealand fly-fishing video. time: 80 minutes. Made in USA.





# TREES FOR TROUT

## Nariel Creek "Tree Planting Event"



*Planting Day at Nariel 2019*



*The Nariel Creek just after the bushfires*

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Following the devastating fires of 2019/2020 summer,  
we have thousands of trees ready to plant.*

**Saturday 15th May - Saturday 22nd May 2021**

*Meet up at the Nariel Folk Festival Ground, Nariel Ck Reserve at 9.00am each day  
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*If you would like to participate in one or all of the days,  
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For information regarding accommodation and camping please read letter attached.



# From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you all enjoy reading the  
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Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are  
greatly appreciated by your fellow Members.

If we don't receive photo's and reports from members  
all you get is photo's of me.

**Deadline for Contributions for the June 2021 Edition  
is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**Stay Safe and Healthy:Take Care Of Each Other.**

Owen Lloyd: Editor  
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