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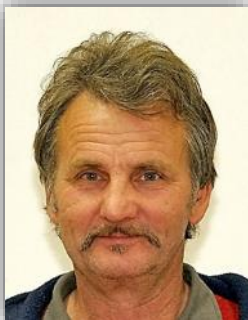
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November—December 2016



The winning fish –caught on
Col's Special

Front Page Photograph:- The Fyans Fly In Winners Plaque with Ross Machar

Club Trips 2016

February

19th—21st Ovens/Bright

March

11th—14th Mitta/Dartmouth

April

15th—17th Blue Rock/Tanjil

May

20th –22nd Howqua

June

11th—13th Toolondo/Grampians

July

15th—17th Hepburn/Newlands

29th—31st Salt—Barwon or Inverloch

August

Club Tri Challenge

Salt—Barwon or Inverloch

September

2nd—3rd Eildon Trout Opening

11th Marysville Day Trip

16th—17th Scope/Kids Try Fishing Days

October

7th—9th Fly In

14th—16th Wastell

28th—1st Nov Omeo/Mitta

November

19th Goulburn/Rubicon Day Trip

December

3rd Dave Jenkins Day

11th Hugh Munro Memorial Day (with
Mansfield & District

See Website for more details

Upcoming Dates 2016

December

3rd Dave Jenkins Memorial & BBQ

(Upper Yarra River)

8th Christmas Break Up & Door Raffle

(YVFF Club-Rooms)

11th Hugh Munro Memorial Day with
Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club

(Delatite River & BBQ)

**See YVFF Website and Facebook for
further details**

President's message November 2016

Trevor Jacobson



Presidents Report November 2016

The past month has seen some changes within the club and unfortunately the sad passing of Bill Hartley. Bill was a past president, served on the committee and is on the honour board as a life member. I know he was passionate about Trout preservation and enjoyed time spent writing letters to protect them. I do not know all the details of his time at the club other than he was very protective of YVFF. RIP Bill.

We have a new secretary Wally Usatov, a new social secretary Sharon Baird and a new website & social media manager Andy Elam. Some other positions are being shuffled around with existing committee members while we wait for some more members to assist in some roles.

I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support with fantastic prizes at our annual dinner and raffle prizes for our general meetings also Jim Baumgartal for organising the annual dinner. A special thank you to Andrew Summers owner of Mayfly tackle for his informative talk on fly lines outlining the importance of using the correct lines and leaders for the type of fishing you are doing with the aim of improving your time on the water.

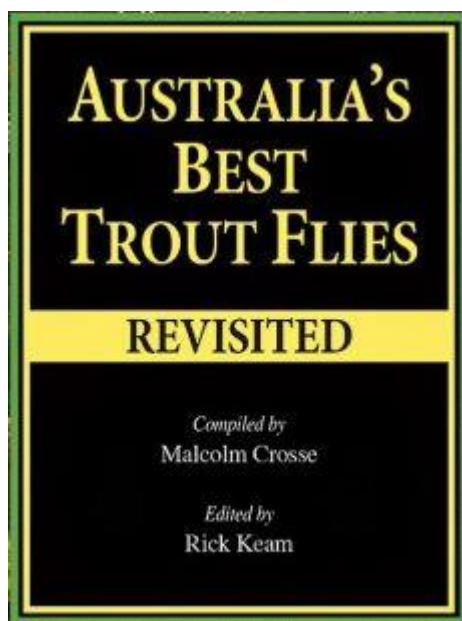
A high standard has been set by Ross Machar he set up a new role as fishing co-ordinator rather than trips co-ordinator. The committee recognises the importance of continuing this practise but the load needs to be spread so you will see various people organising areas under the trips banner. There will be some changes to our website so make sure you tap into it regularly to keep abreast of things happening in your club. We will be providing more for membership as we are catching up with technology.

I suppose you have heard it enough that "life is too short to be a bad caster" but it is so true that practise is the only way to improve. If you ask for assistance you will be pointed in the right direction by our army of volunteers. Some of the best advice comes from people who fish, they consider all the variables, time, climate, water levels and season you could compare it to other sports. With surfing for example you would choose the wind, on shore, off shore, the swell and tides etc. If you don't you can find yourself just paddling rather than flying across the face of a powerful monster. I quite often find that being aware and focused is all that's required to make a good cast. To rely on speed and power to compensate for bad technique is just practising poor technique so with that in mind come down and brush up so you can have a great fish over Christmas.

I hope to catch with many members at our Christmas break up. A chance to sit down share a meal over a laugh and a quite drink. With that I wish you all a great and merry Christmas and hope to hear lots of fantastic fishy stories in the New Year. Cheers TJ.

The Club has a range of Books and DVD's for Members to enjoy.

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In The News

What's happening around the club



Restarting in January 2017

Last Sunday of each Month

Equipment Mart & BBQ

Buy, sell and/or swap your old or “been told to get rid of it” gear

Come along and bring your surplus gear to sell or pick up a bargain and grab a burger or snag while you're there.

Clubrooms 10.00 am—12.00 pm

Next General Meeting

February 23rd, 2017

7.30 pm Lillydale Lake Clubrooms

In The News

What's happening around the club

Applause & Accolades

Thanks To Jim Baumgurtel for organising the annual dinner this year (again)

Thanks to Owen Lloyd for the initiative he has shown to establish the YVFF Facebook page and for administering it to date.

Thanks To Paul Pavone, Doug Braham, and Wally Usatov for their fly tying program 2016

Thanks To John Motyka, Doug Braham, Shane Houston and Rob Nabben for their fly casting instructing and conduct of the fly casting classes throughout the year

Thanks To Ross "Stumpy" Machar for taking on and facelifting the trips coordination for 2016



**David Baird's first fish
caught on the fly — a nice
golden trophy**

In The News

What's happening around the club

8th December 2016 - Christmas Break Up

Where: YVFF Club Rooms
What: Spit Roast
When: 6.30 pm for 7.15 pm
What to bring: BYO Drinks



Come along and see out the year - bring the family, bring the family dog. Reminisce about the ones that got away, fess up about the real length of the ones that didn't.

This is an opportunity to wind up the year, say good bye to friends until next year, wish a happy Christmas to others and thank those that have made the club go the 2016 distance.

RSVP essential for catering by Please contact Sharon on 0488 031 914



If for no other reason but to win this:

a Hanak 4in1 nymph #4/5 rod raffled - it is a 5 piece 9', 9'.6", 10' & 10'.6". You can view it at the club rooms on Sundays

Donated by Mayfly Tackle

In The News

What's happening around the club

YVFF Meetup Group

In October, we established the YVFF Meetup group. Meetup is a world-wide web organisation that helps people engage in activities they enjoy by finding and creating communities based around a local area. (see <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/Yarra-Valley-Fly-Fishers/>)

It is not intended for existing members to join this meetup group but to cast a wider net of appeal to potential new visitors to our club that may not have considered fly fishing previously, and to potentially capture more women and children. In its first week of operation we attracted 38 followers and had 3 visitors to the first Sunday fly casting practice session advertised, with 3 the following week (including 2 ladies) and others have registered for future events. Already some of these visitors have expressed an interest to continue coming to the club and to engage in other club activities. Look out for potential new members.

Currently we have a number of regular visitors to the club via YVFF Meetup and of last Sunday (4th December) I saw 3 membership application forms being handed out.

Happy Snaps from Omeo Weekend Oct/Nov 2016



Not Just a fish whisperer



Kiewa enroute to Omeo



All concentration



Team Penvy

Minutes

YVFF General Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2016

YVFF INC. GENERAL MEETING. 10th November 2016

Meeting Opened: 9:40PM

Apologies:

D. Braham, J. Baumgurtel, L.Reid, O Lloyd, M. Munneke.

Guest:

Andy Summers

Confirmation of last meeting's minutes:

Passed in till next meeting, (there were no minutes.)

Moved: **Seconded:** **Carried**

Business arising from previous month's minutes:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsletters:

VFFA fly fishers, Hastings fly inc, SAFFA, Red Tag,

Accounts In:

Telstra phone line, Consumer Affairs

Publications:

Fish E Fax Population of trout on the rise in the Howqua & Upper Goulburn rivers naturally. All recreational fishing closed in Hazelwood.

Communications In:

Email From Tony Smith, application for a volunteer grant now open.

Communications Out:

Nil

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Nil

Confirmation of Correspondence:

Moved: A.Elam **Seconded:** R.Machar **Carried**

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Minutes

YVFF General Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's report 6 NOV. 2016

Income:

Members Subscriptions, Merchandising, Trips, Fund raising (Bunnings), other

Expenses:

FLBL printing, Library, fly tying, casting, other

New Members:

Nil

GENERAL REPORT:

Memberships:

Lynton Reid.

No Details

Marketing:

Doug Braham.

No Details

Editor:

Andy Elam, temporary editor. Position Vacant – volunteers sought (Andy will assist editor)

Webmaster & Social Media:

Andy Elam is also newly appointed web master & social media. We had a request for improvements to be made to the web site making it easier for trips enrolment, for upcoming events and a scrolling banner introducing new members. Total cost \$1540

It was presented at the general meeting due to the committee expenditure limit, and was approved by majority vote.

Clubrooms:

Alex Precht.

No details

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Minutes

YVFF General Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2016

ACTIVITIES:

Fly Tying:

P. Pavone.

No Details

Casting:

Doug Braham.

No Details

Streamcraft:

Trevor Jacobson.

No Details

Library:

Owen Lloyd / Marshall Munneki.

No Details

Social:

Sharon Baird.

Christmas Break up signup sheet is up, used equipment up for sale last Sunday of the month.

Flowerdale back on. Looking for a helping hand on events.

Trips:

Temporarily, Lynton is coordinator, position is still open.

Looking for volunteer to take position

Looking for individual trip sponsors to be supported by trip coordinator

Special thanks to Ross Machar with his efforts as trip coordinator: 53 club trips and 171 members caught 856 fish. Big effort!!

Preliminary trips/events list compiled for 2017.

Guest Speakers:

Andy Summers from Mayfly discussed Scientific Anglers lines and their technologies.

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Minutes

YVFF General Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2016

Merchandising:

Ian Richards/Shane Symonds

New club shirts in XL, & L sizes, looking for ideas for merchandising.

CVFFC, VR Fish, VIFA and ATF. & state and National Champion ships.

Confirmation of Reports:

MOVED: R.Buckland **SECONDED:** J.Moytoka **CARRIED.**

Motions on Notice:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

President's award went to Ross once again for his effort as trips coordinator

Annual Dinner great turn out, special thanks to all the sponsors.

Hanak czech comp rod will be raffled off at a later date.

Ian Lesley took out the award, Best Fish for lake fishing.

Nikki Usatov Most Improved Fly Tier.

Fishing Reports:

Barry fished Eucumbene, catching all Browns 6-pound fish. 1.2 metre water rise / per week. Very Windy

P. Fraser fished the Latrobe, Tanjil & surrounding rivers, caught plenty of small fish. Be warned, the snakes are out.

Geoff fished off Flinders in salt water, a lot of Salmon caught.

Trevor went to Tasmania, chasing Tailor. Cold and windy, not a lot of fish caught, fish between 2.5 - 4.5 pounds. It snowed whilst he was there so keep eye on the weather as it may change.

Shane reported on Mitta Mitta trip. 142 fish caught - 71 fish were caught by Daniel

Goulburn fishing ok although fish are small. 800 megs of water fish taking dry fly.

Brad noticed a lot of small fish at Flowerdale including an Albino Trout for the taking.

John giving beginners a helping hand with fishing. Andy McCall caught his first trout.

Actions from this Meeting:

Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 10:15 pm



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In The News — What's happening around the club

Rumble in the Jungle at Tumbling Waters Club Trip -

Thornton 19th Nov 2016

With home and work duties increased due to storm damage from some large fallen trees in October the pressure has been on and I have been doing long hours with little fishing. The chance to get out for the November trip was too much temptation. So Friday night I threw some gear in the wife's car hoping to get on the road early, hoping she didn't need her car.

Leaving Mt Evelyn reasonable early with the hope of a bright day I travelled up to Thornton to hopefully Polaroid some fish on the Goulburn. Recently the Goulburn had been fishing well and low at good levels; perfect for classic dry fly action.

I stopped at the Rubicon bridge noticed it was up a bit but not bad. Then on to the Goulburn stopping at the first bridge looking at a river that was also up a bit and a little bit dirty.

That was the first minor problem.

Then the phone rang; second minor problem. They had released water Friday night pushing the flow upwards over a thousand meg and this can restrict your wading options and makes lots of areas dangerous to wade. Minor problem though.



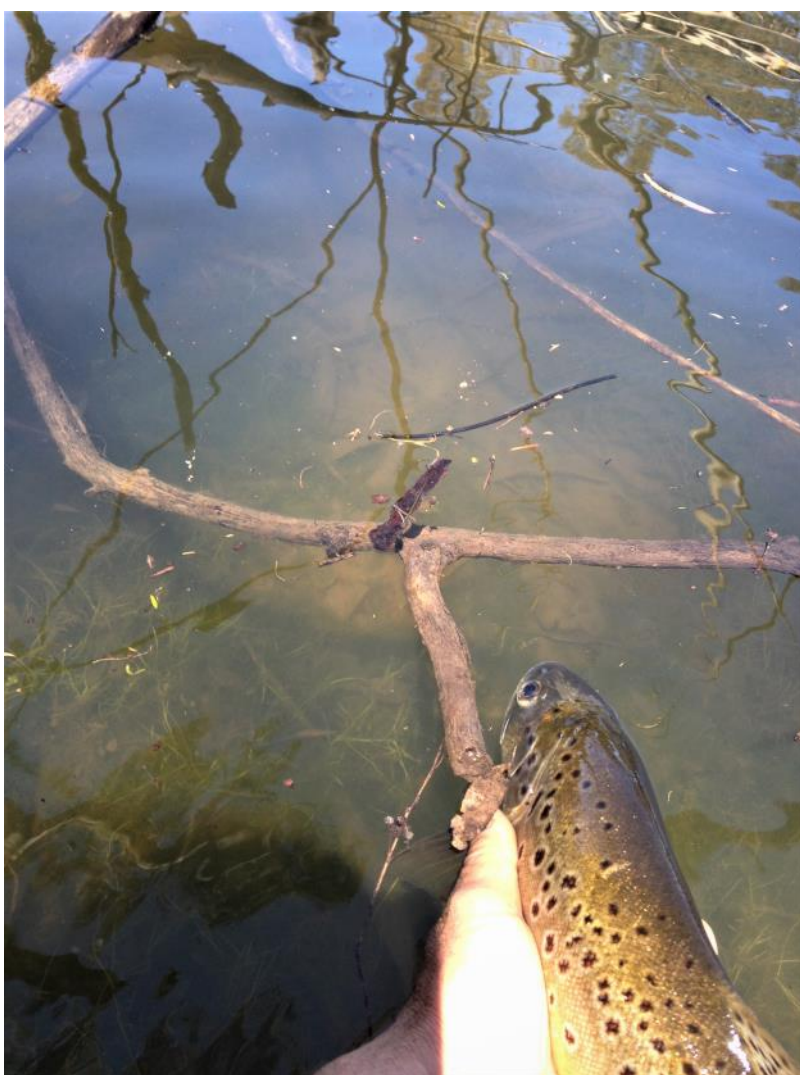
I parked the car, got the gear on, grabbed my rod tube and opened it up - whoops! There was no one home in the tube. Some silly old bugger had changed rods and tubes and hadn't put things back in their rightful place. I will have to have serious words with him but not right now; just a minor problem. I had a 6 piece 4wt with me and it was Keith La Galle's rod and for some reason I feel really relaxed using it and we always catch fish together.

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What's happening around the club

Rumble in the Jungle

For those who listened to Andy Summers presentation you will know the reason for the set up I went for and why it works. A line weight heavier, a short leader and strong tippet. Polaroiding fish usually means in-close fishing and popping that fly in front of them quickly before they see you. By this time the sun is getting higher and I need to start searching, but the phone rings so I walk and talk, and fall down a wombat hole. I get up, retrieve the phone from the wombat hole and hobble off only to be weighed down with ten thousand flies, did I fall in something?



The river is broad and flowing reasonably clear and even though the weather is good there is not a fish up. I slowed up and started scanning every square metre in front of me. Ah ha, a shadow retreats to the centre of the river. So there is life here! Then a swirl in front of me; small but it's a start. First cast is a refusal. Fast forward to 4th fly change, twentieth refusal and SLAM, he nails it - happy days". He looked about 35cm but goes 32cm and swims off to the shadows. I spooked some more before upsetting a few similar size fish but can't get into a larger fish. By now I am out of drink it's really hot and I'm feeling defeated so I head back to the car.

Thinking of the way the morning went a change of tactics is in order so

down the bank and into the water edge on the shadow of the bank. There are lots of weed beds and sticks and logs. Suddenly to my right bold as brass, in 300mm of water looking straight ahead, a nice brownie. I freeze as she turns and drifts back; one flick of the rod, barely a metre and a half away, and with no hesitation she swims towards my fly, opens and shuts her mouth and its game on.

What's happening around the club

Rumble in the Jungle

Its tight, there's dead timber everywhere and reluctantly she turns as I lean all my weight side-ways and then swims under a floating branch that catches on the leader, major problem. At this point I remember a phrase from the Guru Adam Royter "like fishing in a room full of coat hangers" Doggedly she tries to swim into more cover but the little rod puts the brakes on amongst all the sticks. I had an extendable handle on the net and scooped at full length relieve



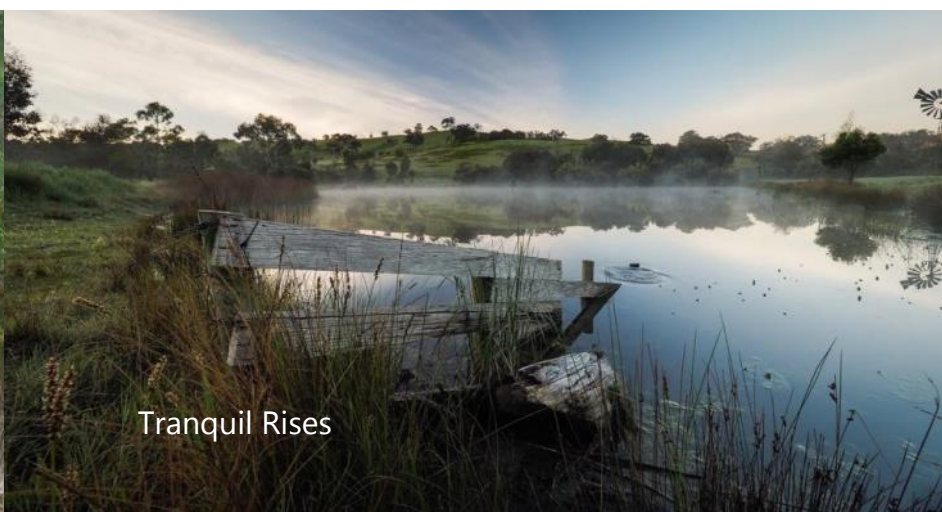
On catching up with Shane and Andy they told me of their day on the Rubicon and over a cool drink we exchanged stories. Peter and Ian arrived with a fish to be weighed in from Aron who was already a few hours late for a wedding. Aron's fish went 42cm and mine 50cm. I think there were about 29 fish caught with a lot around the 250 to 300 range and a few around 350cm. If you are up that way drop into the milk bar at Thornton. There are new owners Catlin and Andrew and the food is great.

Cheers TJ.

What's happening around the club



Sharon this caught on her own ant pattern at Flowerdale



Tranquil Rises



Sunrise or Sunset?

Who cares?



The team and crew at the Introduction to Fly Fishing for Ladies



Closer, closer, closer.....

Oh my back!!!!



Bored on a Wednesday Night!

Why not come and try Fly Tying

8.00 pm Clubrooms

Lillydale Lake

You will be tying these in no time



or



Well maybe these



Fly Tying Articles and Information next month



Hugh Munro Memorial Fishing Day - with Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club

Date: Sunday December 11

Location: Delatite River

Meet time: 10.00am (allowing for a 2 hour drive from Melbourne)

Meet at: Mansfield Information Centre - See Website for Google maps link

(Located on the left just before Ultimo St, before you enter the Mansfield shopping district)

Lunch provided: Sausage sizzle with salad. Tea/coffee provided. BYO other drinks

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Fishing Trips— October Report

Ross Machar

OCTOBER FISHING TRIP REPORT – ROSS MACHAR

What a month! It started for me when we held a stream craft river fishing day on The Rubicon and Goulburn Rivers on Friday 30th September (Grand Final holiday). I had told those attending that I would give a demonstration of 'how to fish a river' at 9.00am, and five members attended. The river was fast flowing and dirty, so I explained where I thought the fish would and would not be, and why, ending up choosing the most likely place at Tumbling Waters, where a fish would be holding. Fly presentation is all important, and my very first cast hooked up a 3lb brown, which ran down river past me, where the second hook snagged on some weed. No matter, one cast and one fish, so I packed up my rod and went home; the day could only get worse. No, I stayed and actually caught another 2 fish, and landed them. At least the principles of streamcraft and fly presentation had been successfully demonstrated.

Later that day, after a BBQ lunch, John Motyka's mate Steve was casting, and I warned John that if Steve kept casting like that, he may well catch a trout. I was told later that Steve did catch a nice 1.5 lb brown trout. Isn't it great when people look, listen and learn, and succeed. It was Steve's first trout on his new rod. Well done mate!

Next up was the Fly-In comp at Lake Fyans. Eighty-odd fishermen (persons) from 20 Victorian and S.A. Clubs attended with wives and children, for a big social night around a giant bonfire 30 metres in diameter. What a spectacle! Every man, woman and child receives a showbag prize, and then a big raffle means even more prizes. Eight of our club members attended, and I fished with Andy in his boat. After a couple of hundred casts, flogging a wet fly through the weed, I hooked something heavy, which then started swimming away. Lo and behold, a big brown 4.5lb 52.5 cm long broached, and finally came to Andy's giant net, and we had our first fish. It was our only fish, and I certainly felt no other takes, but luckily it was the heaviest of few fish caught, and it won the Competition.

Interestingly, Doug Braham saw fish rising and polaroided several big trout, his arms not being long enough to describe the length; whereas Andy and I did not see a single fish nor a rise. Thanks Andy, for providing the boat, and drifting me over at least one good fish!

As usual, the Lake Fyans Fly In Committee organised this huge event efficiently and professionally, with lot and lots of volunteers helping to prepare and cook for such a big crowd.

Next weekend, another Competition; The Wastell! A Club versus Club Competition, where the winner is the Club whose member weighs in the heaviest trout. Alliances and allegiances are tested, and in the end, it was up to Lynton and myself to 'bring it home' for our Club. Luckily for me, Lynton arrived early on Friday and checked out the visibility of the waters at Lake Wendouree, Deans, Newlyn and Tullaroop Reservoir. Our strategy was to fish Tullaroop in the morning and Wendouree in the afternoon.

However, there was also our own Club Competition run in conjunction with 'The Wastell', and we had 6 Club Members competing. That Comp started at 8.00pm on the Friday night, so Lynton and I went to Wendouree and fished from 8.00pm – 11.00pm. Lynton was fishing a big dry and got broken off by a big trout that ran his leader over a sharp rock. Meanwhile I fished a big 'dret' which was a big dark floating muddler fished on a full sinking fly line stripped slowly. Suddenly, in the dark I felt a great weight, and a strong slow heavy fish had snaffled my big fly. No rises, or splashes, then a really strong run, and I knew then that this was a big brown trout! I started to win line, and very soon had the beast splashing only 1 rod length out from the bank. I turned on my headlight ready to net the fish, but there was no brown to be seen, the fish was green! I netted a beautiful 3.5lb redfin, and you would have thought that I had won Tattsлото. It was the biggest live redfin that I have ever seen and I had just caught it on a fly, as a by-catch! Skinless fillets, flour, egg & breadcrumbs, and two of the nicest golden fish fillets got served up at home. Incidentally, neither Lynton nor I caught a trout that night.

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Fishing Trips— October Report

Ross Machar

Next day, and the Wastell Comp was on in earnest. Lynton and I did fish Tullaroop, where a huge hatch of large midge was in full swing, but the low visibility of the water deterred the fish from rising (not to mention the 30-40 km wind) and we remained fishless. After lunch 'back at the ranch' we headed for Lake Wendouree north bank, with a really strong northerly behind us. Back casting was interesting, between the trees, over the tan track, between cyclists, joggers, children and swans, and finally out into the crystal clear lake, to the edge of a 'mirror' of still water. 100m further out there were white caps with seagulls feeding like swallows on big duns hatching.

Finally, dragging the same wet fly, a 'Col special', I hooked up and a 1.1 kg brown came to my net. Back into it again and 20 mins later a much stronger take was felt and golden flashes 20m out told me that this was a big fish. Then it jumped, and Lynton and I both knew that this would be a fish to be reckoned with! Minutes later I tried four times to net this big fish into my small net, then Lynton came over with his bigger net and the fish was landed. A beautiful silver/gold brown trout 5.1lb (2335g) and 57cm long. Three cyclists, 2 joggers, a couple of kids, one swan and a musk duck witnessed the catch, and this fish won the Wastell for our Club.

Gordon Whatley caught a very nice 1722 g trout early on the first day and set the bench mark. Peter Fraser landed 2 – the bigger was 1664 g and from Mornington landed the second heaviest at 1984g. Three different fishers from three different clubs took home the three major prizes, but best of all YVFF reigned supreme.

Thanks go to Ballarat Fly-fishing Club for hosting this event, and providing Saturday Night Spit Roast meal and Bacon and Egg Breakfast. A friendly and jovial atmosphere prevailed all weekend. Fishing with Ballarat Fly Fishers is a real pleasure.

We had on Friday 28th October the mighty Omeo/Mitta trip. This was my 'Swan Song' event as Fishing Co-Ordinator, and 13 members are attended. All details will be in the next Flyline.

Remember, I will not be the fly-fishing co-ordinator after the Omeo event, but I can always be contacted to do a mid-week or weekend outing with new members wanting to catch their first trout, or fish their first river, or just to improve their new fly-fishing skills.

My phone number is 0427 101 929.

Finally, my wish is that everybody in the Club shows a little more respect, and does two things, that should be compulsory yet voluntary – that is to help take on a role towards organising and managing the many Club activities. I said 'help' because you don't necessarily have to take on a role on your own. Two or three members can share a role and help build this Club. Secondly, I hope that everybody volunteers to help others with the 3 skills ie casting, tying and fly-fishing, so that "more members catch more fish more often".

Thanks,

Ross Machar



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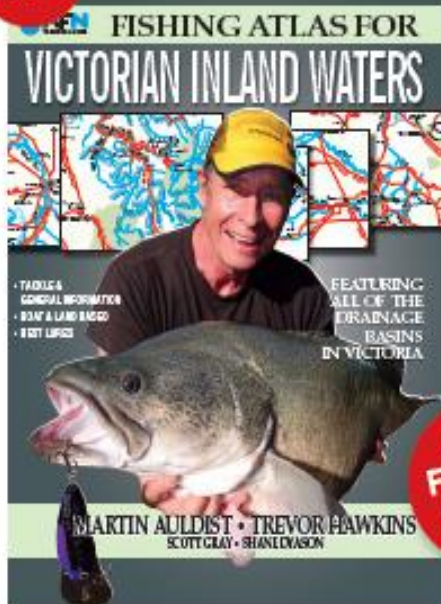
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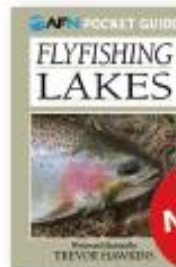


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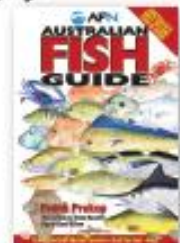


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