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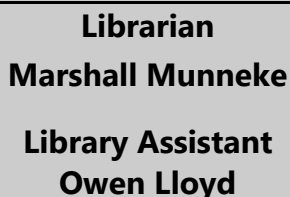
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This Page: Shane Symonds shows you too can do it at Hazelwood Power Station—Remember no boat permits required

Front Page Photograph: Arthur Dyson doing what he loved immensely

Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc. Syllabus April 2017

SATURDAY	1	
SUNDAY	2	Casting Tuition.
MONDAY	3	
TUESDAY	4	
WEDNESDAY	5	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	6	
FRIDAY	7	Club trip Howqua – Jamieson
SATURDAY	8	Club trip Howqua – Jamieson
SUNDAY	9	Club trip Howqua – Jamieson Casting Tuition
MONDAY	10	
TUESDAY	11	Full Moon
WEDNESDAY	12	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	13	General Meeting.
FRIDAY	14	GOOD FRIDAY
SATURDAY	15	EASTER SATURDAY
SUNDAY	16	Casting Tuition. EASTER SUNDAY
MONDAY	17	EASTER MONDAY
TUESDAY	18	Term 2 begins.
WEDNESDAY	19	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	20	
FRIDAY	21	
SATURDAY	22	
SUNDAY	23	Casting Tuition.
MONDAY	24	
TUESDAY	25	Anzac Day
WEDNESDAY	26	New Moon Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	27	Committee Meeting.
FRIDAY	28	Flowerdale - Tranquil Rises
SATURDAY	29	Flowerdale - Tranquil Rises
SUNDAY	30	Casting Tuition.

Club Trips 2017

See Website for more details

March

24th—26th Rivers - Thornton

April

7th—9th Howqua/Jamieson

28th—29th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

May

19th –20th Eildon Tail Waters/Goulburn

26th—27th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

June

9th—12th Toolondo/Grampians

23rd—24th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

July

14th—16th Bullen Merri, Purumbete,
Deep & Tooliorook Lakes

28th—29th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

28th - 30th Salt water fishing—
Inverloch

August

4th—8th Creswick Lakes Area

25th—26th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

27th Salt water fishing — Kilcunda

Club Trips 2017

September

2nd—3rd Eildon Trout Opening

10th Tumbling Waters Thornton Day
Trip

22nd — 23rd Scope/Kids Try Fishing
Days

October

6th—8th Fly In competition Lake
Fyans

13th—15th Wastell (Creswick) Comp

27th –28th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

November

3rd—7th Omeo-Mitta

24th—25 Flowerdale—Tranquil Rises

26th Tri—Club with Southern & Red
Tag

December

3rd Dave Jenkins Day

22nd—23rd Flowerdale —Tranquil
Rises

**See YVFF Website and Face-
book for further details**

President's message March 2017

Trevor Jacobson



Presidents Report March 2017

Winding thread on a hook is a basic relaxing pastime and sometimes your mind wanders whilst tying flies. You jump forward picturing the finished product imagining how it will look before it's finished. Sometimes you visualise the reasoning why it has to look a certain way and the relationship with the original you are trying to copy. That connection is locked in the memory banks and I can visualize that moment watching somebody sitting at the bench tying that fly.

For a lot of members there is a quietly spoken man with a gentle nature tying that fly and the smile on his face is relaxing and calming. He has always got a story and usually it's about country towns that centre on Myrtleford and Bright. The years of experience show on his face and often he lifts his hat to show the few remaining feathers on his head just to get a laugh.

Always ready to help cleaning up and doing dishes with no fuss going unnoticed to some but appreciated by so many." See you later mate" was the farewell everyone got.

Fond memories of Arthur Dyson.

Rest in peace mate.

Vale Arthur Dyson

A Tribute

Fortunate club members like ourselves who knew Arthur, are truly privileged.

Many of us have fond memories of his generous nature and willingness to help others, especially the many newcomers over the years. Just an all round great bloke and one of nature's gentleman one might say.

Arthur was a long time club member who had left the club to move from Boronia to Myrtleford (an area he often spoke about and loved) in North Eastern Victoria about 2 years ago. During the time Arthur was at the club he became heavily involved in fly-tying on Wednesday nights and was a very familiar friendly face at Sunday mornings casting practice.

For many others, Arthur's company and listening to his stories about his past working career as a plumber, or more than often about his passion for fishing or hunting are great memories.

Arthur passed away on the 19th of January 2017 aged 81 years.

His contribution to the YVFF Club will always be remembered as will his lasting friendship to the many that knew him.

Tight Lines old friend.

Alex Precht / Jim Baumgurtel

YVFF Library News

March 2017

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

Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques DVD (Featuring Devon Olsen and Lance Egan)

In this DVD, Lance and Devon share the European inspired nymphing techniques that have helped teams to be successful in the world championships as well as in competitions at around the globe. It is not only instructional but exciting and entertaining to watch. Specific topics covered include:

- ***The pros and cons of European vs. suspension/strike indicator nymphing***
- ***European nymphing gear and rigging***
- ***Casts for European nymphing***
- ***The execution - fishing and detecting strikes upstream, up and across, and down and across***
- ***Fourteen confidence flies from Devin and Lance***

The film was shot on six public rivers in Utah, Idaho, and Oregon.

You can also watch the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/modernnymphing>

"The Last Wild Trout" by Greg French was signed by the author and is in the glass cabinet

***The Last Wild Trout* is an entertaining and intrepid adventure seeking out the last truly wild trout fisheries around the world. Casting his line in 20 far-flung locations, Greg takes in Tasmania, New Zealand, Iceland, the British Isles, Mongolia, Slovenia, British Columbia, Wyoming, California, Patagonia, Nevada, Alaska and Hokkaido all in search of the species that can still be called wild trout.**

Each chapter in this evocative and beautifully-illustrated book focuses on one species or subspecies of trout, and includes a compelling human narrative in Greg's gregarious and inimitable style. With the deft touch of an expert fisher, Greg beautifully balances the scientific with the personal, the practical with reverie, and the conservation with travel narrative.

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Club Events—General Meeting February 9th 2017

YVFF INC. GENERAL MEETING . 09 / 02 / 2017

MEETING OPENED: 8:10 PM

APOLOGIES: D. Braham, Peter, L. Reid, O Lloyd, M. Munneke.

GUEST: Andy Summers

CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES :

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

MOVED: Andy Elam **SECONDED:** Geoff Hatfield **CARRIED:**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEWSLETTERS: Hastings fly inc, SAFFA, ,

ACCOUNTS IN: Telstra phone line, ING Direct

PUBLICATIONS: **Fish E Fax**, Fishing Monthly

COMMUNICATION IN:

Tranquil Rises - a change in pricing see notice board,

From March 2017, a permit obtained via ballot will not be required to fish from a boat in Hazelwood pondage

Possible Dydimio Weed in Licola area ruled out by Vic parks but is another form of weed

18 to 19th Feb 2017 Fly fishing expo is coming to beautiful Thredbo in snowy mountains.

The Australian trout foundation has reopened membership to all Vic Angling Clubs

COMMUNICATION OUT:

Emailed to Josh Crompton an official welcome letter to YVFF,

Club Events—General Meeting February 9th 2017

Fly Line by Line sent 6 copies to members

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

MOVED: Sharon Baird **SECONDED:** Geoff Hatfield **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Doug absent, no report.

NEW MEMBERS : Josh Crompton

GENERAL REPORT:

MEMBERSHIPS : Lynton Reid.

Nil

MARKETING: Doug Braham.

Nil

EDITOR: Andy Elam,

Photos & reports/articles: more required from members

WEBMASTER: Andy Elam

Website has been upgraded with scrolling banner intro for new members

CLUBROOMS: Alex Precht.

No Report

ACTIVITIES:

FLY TYING: P. Pavone. Tying Caddis, Give it a go !!

Club Events—General Meeting February 9th 2017

CASTING:

Quite a few from Meetup participating,

Comments from Frankie (Meetup website) : "Awesome ! Excellent great coaching from John after 35 years of not casting was again casting in 15 minutes "

STREAM CRAFT: Trevor Jacobson. Had 6 members on last Saturdays steam craft heading out again on the 11.02.17

LIBRARY: Owen Lloyd/Marshall Munneke. New DVD's in library a must to view, improve your nymphing skills!!

SOCIAL : Sharon Baird.

26th Buy and swap with BBQ. Bring unwanted gear

TRIPS: next trip: Bright area, all welcome. Will be good, 17 attending family trip

GUEST SPEAKERS: Three possibilities: not yet confirmed

MERCHANDISING: Ian Richards / Shane Symonds

Positive news on merchandising range + quality

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CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS:

MOVED: Owen Lloyd SECONDED: Ray Buckland CARRIED.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Change in the By Laws for club trips ,

Special thanks to Andy for bringing the club up to speed with technology.

Arthur Dyson passing quiet private burial

Doug Braham's mother passed

Clinton bush starting private charter

Club Events—General Meeting February 9th 2017

GENERAL BUSINESS: (contd)

Andy raised the possibility to purchase a site of sorts for club members to use

A perpetual trophy or plaque to commemorate Arthur Dyson: proposed by Shane Houston

Andy also raised YVFF possible annual club fishing trips proposed at different times of year at different locations—NZ, TAS, Eucumbene

FISHING REPORTS:

Shane & Monica went to Shaws 1 fish Caught by Monica

Paul Davis caught fish on the Rubicon,

Trevor also caught fish on the Rubicon on Green Hoppers ,

Goulbourn still fishing OK ,

Ray in Murrindindi: 12 fish on a stimulator pattern.

Toorongo River – Daniel & Andy 18th Jan 40 (Browns & rainbows)

Rubicon Tuesday after Christmas Daniel & Andy – 38 (Andy 12, Daniel 26) (Browns & Rainbows)

Rubicon b/w Christmas New Year– 2 days – Andy 36 (Browns & Rainbows)

Toolondo – new year – 1 Rainbow & 1 Redfin

Rubicon – Australia Day - Paul Davies 1, Andy McCall 3 (Browns)

5th Feb – Rubicon - Andy and Friend 20 (Browns & Rainbows)

ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING:

MEETING CLOSED: **9:45 pm**

In The News
What's happening around the club

26th March 2017

2nd Hand Equipment Mart & BBQ

Clubrooms 10.00 am—12.00 pm



26th March 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**

What's happening around the club

Notice of YVFF By Law Change

BYLAW 6

It is proposed to make changes to bylaw 6 for the following reasons.

- Older members will be limited to fishing the same waters as newer members.
- Older members can mentor newer members to understand waters they may not have fished before.
- The trip steward can limit fishing to only rivers or only lakes to minimise advantages of different fishing techniques.
- Weigh ins and recording of catches must be at the base camp to ensure every one is together during and at the end of the trip.
- The aim of these changes is to foster club spirit and camaraderie and to achieve greater equality and minimise disadvantage to all participating in club trips.

6. FISHING BY-LAWS (CONTINUED)

(12) No By - Law shall prohibit any legal means of fishing whilst an Adult is engaged in tuition or assistance of a Junior.

commence clause (13) with the words

(13) (a) Unless varied by the trip steward all fish recorded on Club Trips must be caught within a radius of 60km from the Base Camp between the hours of 8.00pm, commencing the first day as gazetted in the Annual syllabus, and 12 Noon on the last day. Commencing times may be varied for Trips that incorporate other Fishing Clubs e.g. "Fly In".

include a new clause (13 b) to read

(b) "The trip steward has the right for any club trip to nominate the base camp and to place limits on the areas which may be fished within the greater 60 km radius boundary to eliminate any disadvantage to, and to ensure equality for all members participating in the club trip."

Include the words "by all participating members must be by physically checking in at the base camp and" in clause (14) after the word catches e.g.

(14) Recording of catches by all participating members must be by physically checking in at the base camp and will close at 12:00 Noon on the last day, unless a majority of registered Members present on the trip agree to an earlier closing time.

In The News

What's happening around the club

Congratulations to:

Josh Crompton - he's landed the Big One!

Congratulations to Josh and his partner Shannon

Elliot Dawn Crompton was born March 6 at 11:15 pm, and weighed 3.03 kg (that's 6lb 11oz - quite a catch!)

YVFF monthly club fishing trips

Howqua—Upper Goulburn April 2017

7th - 9th April 2017

Five feeder (headwater) rivers flowing INTO Eildon Reservoir & Eildon Reservoir

Autumn is upon us and although the days are warm the evenings are cooling which means so too are the water temperatures .

Lake Eildon and its five feeder rivers – the Big, Goulburn, Jamieson, Howqua and Delatite Rivers – are an angler's paradise. Trout, perch, redfin and Murray cod all call these waters home.

This (and next) year we are fortunate again to have our base camp at the Dunlop-Bayswater Anglers' lodge. Those that know it will confirm it is a terrific venue with facilities and a commercial style kitchen. Oh—and its located right on the edge of Eildon reservoir at the mouth of the Howqua river.

The five rivers offer some of the finest fly fishing in Australia complete with gorgeous scenery, unspoilt banks and bright blue kingfishers right alongside you. The Howqua River is a Victorian Heritage river and a fly fishing icon. On this stretch of water, billionaires tangle lines with local anglers.

Beginners can learn the art of casting, while serious anglers can stake out a quiet spot beside a High Country stream or lake and test their fishing skills with a favourite fly,. You might even glimpse a local fishing on horseback.

Just a reminder:

A small Trip fee applies (usually \$5 per person – see YVFF By Laws) to cover the administrative costs of organising the trip. it is not a club championship entry fee. This fee and all accommodation fees must be paid to the Trips Coordinator or Trip Steward by no later than 12 noon on the Saturday. And ,as he will probably be out fishing by then; best to finalise it when you arrive on the evening prior, if not prior to the trip

Whether you intend to fish for points or not – all fish caught by members will be recorded in the trip notes and where applicable – points awarded to the member for their catch.

All members on trips are encouraged to report ALL fish caught or observed even if they do not qualify for points. This will give us a reference to the species, type and size of fish and the catch rate for the fishery and assist in deciding future trips to the same area. It also gives opportunity to report to Fisheries information that is important for the health of the fishery, future stocking programs and overall management of OUR waters.

Next YVFF General Meeting

Thursday April 13th, 2017

7.30 pm Lillydale Lake Clubrooms



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In The News — What's happening around the club

The Anglers' Rest Adventure

By Steve Hanlon

Day 1: 'Yeehaa' The Middle of February is a top time to fish the upper reaches of the Mitta, Middle Creek, Bundarra and Cobungra Rivers and Livingston Creek. Yarra Valley fishing expert and teacher extraordinaire Owen Lloyd shared some great experiences with newcomer Me. It took a good half day drive up and back but the solid 3 days of fly fishing, brilliant accommodation, the nature and the amazing 'food for kings' was absolutely worth it every second.

We stayed at the Blue Duck Inn at Anglers rest – a pub and restaurant with 6 very comfortable cabins. Two double beds and bunks in each cabin at \$140 per night. An hour's drive from anywhere, no TV or phone reception (YAY) with nature, manicured lawns and the Cobungra River right at our doorstep.



Day 2: 'Gotchya Day' (after the first night of fishing preparations, some fishing stories - all true of course - and feasting on cheese and assortments and, the odd glass of red wine or 5) – We hit the Cobungra River. Immediately we polaroided and spotted 9 trout together and another larger on down further in pool near the rapids. WOW this was the first time I'd actually spotted trout. The little babies were constantly rising and tailing and teasing us terribly – I'd never seen anything like this so ... another first for me!! The water was so clear and no more than waist depth and 10m across over a 100m stretch between small rapids. Unfortunately, being wild brown trout I spooked them a little (yes – I'm a scary sight) and we didn't actually catch any then – not for lack of trying.

We then moved on to another camping area called Jokers on the Mitta, trying all different flavours and colours of flies. We noticed Grasshoppers by the thousands green, brown and yellow underbellies and Cream and Grey Caddis everywhere we went but nothing much on the water, nor in the water we could spot. Owen, being the champion he is, managed to find just the right fly and, **WOOSHKA** ... caught the first fish on a dry while rising. What a great sight that is – both Owen and the trout!!



The Anglers' Rest Adventure (cont..)

By Steve Hanlon



Next, we found out why it was called JOKERS – because the little buggers just kept rising and playing with our minds and not playing with our flies – extreme frustration. We visited a few runs and pools around the area where the Bundarra and the Mitta meet and the junction of the Middle Creek and the Mitta River. We stumbled across a local called Grumpy

(Stumpy's younger brother we assumed) who was fishing the north side of the Middle Creek/Mitta run. A bit too steep for us but not for some. He appeared to have the local knowledge but still not as good as our Stumpy!!

We ventured home deciding to celebrate Owen's catch (and relieve our frustrations) with a BBQ of 2 Fred Flintstone sized T Bones (Owen knows a top Butcher) and a drop or 2 of Bourbon. I didn't mind not catching anything at all that day as I had and fantastic day of many amazing firsts for me, some great learnings about runs, stalking and yes - spooking, flies, top company, top scenery and weather, laughs, food and beverages fit for a king. Good things come to those who wait.



Day 3 'You Beauty Day' The previous night I convinced Owen to make like a trout and rise at 5.30am, going down to the area of the Cobungra where we had first polaroided and, practised our stalking. The sun was still rising and the mist lay upon the clear stream – beautiful. Owen, being the great teacher and mate, crawled through the bushes, spotted a rise and lead me to it. Carefully, carefully, slowly, softly, quietly wading up to it then, casting so softly and lying it down like a spiders web and**WACK** – got him, my first trout rising on a dry fly. What a sight and experience!!! Small yes but still precious.

We ventured north after outsmarting the Cobungra trout who'd gone into hiding following our escapades (sad to be proud of being brainier than a fish but oh well). We had a little 4WD fun thanks to Owen's mentoring – good on ya mate . 😊 We followed a track to a long straight run with a 2ft waterfall, small rapids and a long curved sweeping pool and run just above Cliffs on the opposite side of us and

The Anglers' Rest Adventure (cont..)

By Steve Hanlon

small smooth boulders underfoot. Spectacular scenery!! We worked our way up to the top run quite quickly as wild brown trout were rising and tailing everywhere and constantly. **STRIKE** – I'm on, hopper this time ... **SHAZAM** Owen's on **BUGGER** Owen's lost it. We lost at least 6 between us over the trip but it was still great stuff. We caught 2 here but nearly caught about 100. It appeared those damn cheeky little buggers were related to the family at Jokers - gggrrr.



Top Fun though. The 2nd fish I caught was on a Nymph and, in a about a 20-meter-long rapid with a maximum depth of 50 cm's – proof to me that the trout were everywhere. It was also another first for me - catching in such shallow fast moving water.

We then tried out the Middle Creek area entering the Mitta ... a bit windy with no signs of rises ... so we ended back up at Jokers. Pulling up at the top of the grounds I witnessed what I'd call a whale rise and 'plop' – I swear I saw waves ... not ripples. Naturally full steam ahead to discover quite a large deep slow running pool coming from about 50 meters of a wide river, with a flow of running through the centre. We couldn't cast to where the giant lay but not for a lack of trying. Too hard to get on the 50 metre stretch as well. We tried some wets but to no avail. Time to head home and, on the way saw two Grey Roos carrying Joeys in their pouches, Rock Wallabies and 2 massive wedged Tailed Eagles – nature at its best.

We celebrated the day with a wee dram of Dimple, then hit the Blue Duck Inn just before dinner closed – cold beer, fantastic 5-star Restaurant quality food reasonably priced. We feasted on steak, fish, nachos, sticky date pudding, mushroom pasta, schnitzel and the rest (that is ... over the 4 days there). The huge tiring walk back of 50 metres that night seemed a long way for some strange reason! The Inn is a great central meeting place which is frequented for lunch and dinner by locals, bikers, campers and more. Meeting the locals was a pleasure. We also heard stories of some good catches, such as the 4 pounder from the upper



The Anglers' Rest Adventure (cont..)

By Steve Hanlon

reaches of pocket water on the Bundarra Rivers, caught by Charlie (a very nice English girl from Melbourne) on a Caddis... just over the hill. Good times. *(Editor's note: you could have provided a photo of Charlie at least!)*

Day 4: 'Another First' Slowly crossing the bridge of the Cobungra, right outside the Inn, Owen spotted 2 nice size trout who yelled out 'Come and get us'!!!!



We kept going as we were already geared up and heading towards 'Heavensville' (Aptly named for any part of the rivers up here) we ventured on. Stopping at Jokers and seeing a rise straight away (which will always send shivers down my back ... and sides) I cast into the rapid, flowing down the bubble line and

KABAM first cast, first fish (or 'fush' as Kiwi's say ... no offense Bros) on a Nymph under a Hopper. I then managed to cross the rapids and stalk my way up to the where the whale was the day before - above the big pool in the large stream area. A few large rises were happening mid-stream on the bubble line and **KAPOW** I had quite a big one BUT only for about 10 seconds and 1 jump – damn, damn, damn!!! After numerous outbursts and sobbing sessions, I kept going but to no avail. Owen tried his favourite spot again and dare I say it, he was out-smarted as well.

We tried where the Bungarra met the Mitta for a while then we spent the rest of the travelling, fishing but not catching, 4WDing, feasting, talking and learning some valuable stream craft (well I learned and Owen coached). There were a lot of smaller to pan sized trout around where we went but heard and saw of quite a few good sized as well.



We needed to climb, stalk, roll, tumble and be fit to get to the big ones unfortunately, the word fit doesn't accurately describe me yet!! Back at the lodge we packed up, reminisced over a cold ale or 2, chatted with another couple of fly fishers from Canberra who'd just arrived and, planned our next day home.

The Anglers' Rest Adventure (cont..)

By Steve Hanlon



Day 5: *'Sadly now we say goodbye to each and every one'* and the great trout, weather, food, friendship and 'everything' GOD had well and truly smiled upon us ... we had such great experiences and it was time to go. Along the 35km and 1hr drive to Omeo, Owen spotted a rise down there he said he couldn't believe was so 'big'. Trouble is it was down there and we didn't have any mountaineering equipment ... next time!! All the

roads are so well maintained, amazingly hairy corners and quite slow going HOWEVER they all run along the rivers and the spectacular views are breathtaking.

We stopped at Omeo for breaky and a real Cappuccino (for those who know me you realise I had been in Cappuccino withdrawal for 3 days but was too happy to realise). We then searched the Livingston Creek ... and searched (I refuse to say grounds it may incriminate up fishing out the front of house for a couple of see (and couldn't catch) 3 Carp I had ever seen in my walked on water when I



searched and searched and who navigated on the someone else!!!) and, ended the Omeo Fly Fisher's Club-hours. No success but I did of the biggest mud sucking life ... so massive I nearly saw them. Coffee time!

At 2.30, home we went and arrived at 8.00 pm. Tired yet excited and thirsty for more. THE trip of a life time for me and, I hope there are many more

Thanks again Owen you're a champion mate AND thanks to our Yarra Valley Fly Fisher's Club 😊 for all we have learnt. Over and out good buddies!!

NB: _All care but no responsibilities taken for this article, any consequences from such, nor any perceived stretching of the truth or abnormalities. No fish were harmed in the making of this adventure!





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In The News

Beware! Stalkers in the Goulburn River area

Reports have been received from YVFF members that there may be a stalker frequenting the Goulburn River area. Members are advised to seek and observe; you might learn something valuable



The effort some will endure for that elusive rare find, a 47cm Goulburn treasure.

Walking along the 7 metre high banks of the Goulburn one afternoon, to my amazement a fully camouflaged commando ascends the embankment with cheers of joy and frustration as the hook up was the smaller of the two. The muttering of "2lb 2oz stole the fly from a bigger fish".

Well after that an enjoyable BBQ under the stars 10.30pm still annoyed but coming to terms with it.



Thanks Rob Day for your detective work in locating Aron (Stalker) Treloar

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What's happening around the club

Streamcraft 4th February

The first Streamcraft session for the year turned into two: 4th & 11th February due to popular demand. Here are a few photos of what seems to have been an enjoyable session



Explaining nymph sizes and variation



A closer look



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Around the traps — Fly fishing articles

3 Tips for Fishing High and Dirty Water for Trout

Article by Kent Klewein—Extract from **Gink & Gasoline** www.ginkandgasoline.com,

Have you ever pulled up to a stream after a heavy rain, ready to fish, but cancelled your fishing plans because the water looked too high and dirty?

I'll be the first to admit there are times when this is the case, but very often anglers scratch their fishing plans when they should instead, have Fished-ON. The fact is, trout can see a whole lot better than we think, and if you fish the right kinds of fly patterns, and target the right water, in many cases you can do pretty darn good fishing in these water conditions. Even better, your odds at catching a trophy fish are increased, because the dingy water will both mask your approach and keep big educated trout from being able to scrutinize your fly patterns. So go ahead, call those anglers you despise and tell them the waters blown out, and you'll have a good chance of having the water to yourself and wailing on fish all day long.

Tip 1. Target the Right Kinds of Water

So you've decided to take my advice and fish on, good for you. The first thing you need to do when fishing high and dirty water is target high percentage water. I search out the **slower moving seams** close to the banks, long stretches of fast shallow water that are followed by **buckets** or **deep water** where the fish will stack up, and **eddies** behind boulders or lay downs. These are all safe havens that trout search out refuge in during high water. They all allow trout to save energy by staying out of the excessive current, while capitalizing on the large influx of food sources drifting. Increased flows and rising water increases the amount of food available for trout. Many aquatic insects get flushed off the bottom of the stream, while others emerge from the freshly submerged stream banks. Examples of this are big stoneflies that are normally found hiding away in clumps of debris and under rocks, and crane fly larva that get washed in from the high water flowing along the banks.

Tip 2. Choose Larger and Brighter Fly Patterns

The second thing an angler needs to do to increase their success rate while fishing high and dirty water is choose the right kinds of fly patterns to fish. This is the one time when I feel I don't have to carry my entire arsenal of gear. I'll gladly leave my fly boxes with all my tiny fly patterns and light tippet spools at the vehicle. I'll rig up a 9'-12' 3x-4x fluorocarbon leader and carry only my fly boxes with large nymphs, bright attractors (eggs and san juan worms), and streamers. What ever you do, don't be afraid to go big with your fly selection. For instance, larger than average egg patterns work really well in dirty water. The larger profile and bright colors allow the fish to pick them up quickly in the low water clarity. I also like to use big bulky nymph patterns, like Kevin Howells, "Big Nasty".

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Any rubberleg stonefly patterns in black or brown will work. If you want to try something a little different you can fish streamer patterns dead drifted under an indicator, like white zonkers, which can be deadly. Most anglers do not realize how well white shows up in dingy water. Your standard Grey woolly bugger work fantastic for imitating crane fly larva, or you can take a more realistic approach using, "Barr's Crane fly Larva".

Tip 3. Don't Be Shy with Your Split-Shot, Fish Water Thoroughly, Try Streamers

One thing for sure, make sure you pack plenty of split-shot and don't be afraid to use it. The higher water is going to call for adding more weight to your nymph rig to get your flies down in the strike zone. Be sure to take more time to fish pieces of water more thoroughly before you move on. You're going to have to get the flies closer to the fish for them to see them, and they usually won't get spooked from repeated casts. Overall, I find nymphing most productive for me during high water, but you can also catch some really nice fish with streamers as well. Try pounding the banks with streamer patterns that push a lot of water. Rubber legs, some flash here and there, and rattles incorporated into your streamers, can increase their effectiveness. Lastly, your retrieve speed should generally be slower rate than what you would normally retrieve in normal flows and water clarity.

So there you go, that's my tips for fishing high and dirty water for trout. I hope it persuades the anglers out there to FishON that normally avoid fishing these water conditions.

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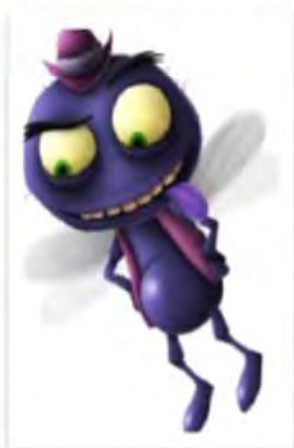
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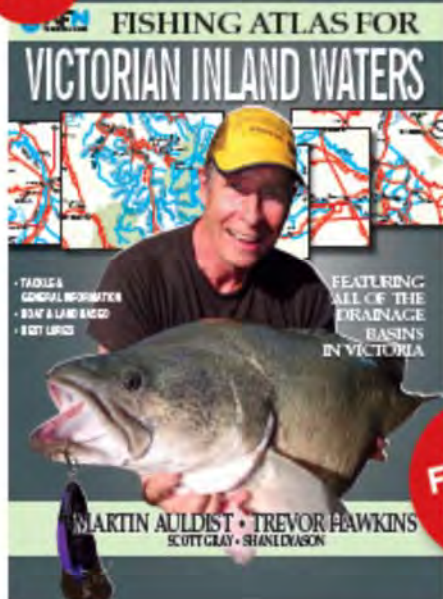
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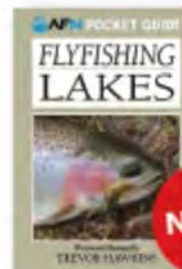
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