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This Page: King River Front Page Photograph: Raphael Vigneau successful Czech nymphing on the Rubicon

Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc. Syllabus May 2017

MONDAY	1	Casting Tuition
TUESDAY	2	
WEDNESDAY	3	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	4	
FRIDAY	5	
SATURDAY	6	
SUNDAY	7	Casting Tuition
MONDAY	8	
TUESDAY	9	
WEDNESDAY	10	Fly Tying Tuition
THURSDAY	11	F.M. General Meeting.
FRIDAY	12	
SATURDAY	13	
SUNDAY	14	Casting Tuition. Mother's Day
MONDAY	15	
TUESDAY	16	
WEDNESDAY	17	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	18	
FRIDAY	19	Club trip - Eildon
SATURDAY	20	Club trip - Eildon
SUNDAY	21	Club trip - Eildon / Casting Tuition.
MONDAY	22	
TUESDAY	23	
WEDNESDAY	24	Fly Tying Tuition.
THURSDAY	25	Committee Meeting
FRIDAY	26	N.M End of Month - Thornton- All rivers
SATURDAY	27	End of Month - Taggerty – SA Championships- Observe the best of the best
SUNDAY	28	Casting Tuition
MONDAY	29	
TUESDAY	30	
WEDNESDAY	31	Fly Tying Tuition.

Club Trips 2017

See Website for more details

May

19th –20th Eildon Tail Waters/Goulburn 26th-27th Taggerty SA Championships Observation

June

9th—12th Toolondo/Grampians 23rd—24th Flowerdale Tranquil Rises

July

14th—16th Bullen Merri, Purrumbete, 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

September

2nd—3rd Eildon Trout Opening 10th Tumbling Waters Thornton Day Trip 22nd — 23rd Scope/Kids Try Fishing Days

Club Trips 2017

October

6th—8th Fly In competition Lake Fyans

13th—15th Wastell (Creswick) Comp 27th –28th Thornton All Rivers

November

3rd—7th Omeo-Mitta 24th—25 Flowerdale—Tranquil Rises 26th Tri—Club with Southern & Red Tag

December

3rd Dave Jenkins Day 22nd—23rd Thornton All Rivers

See YVFF Website and Facebook for further details

President's message March 2017

Trevor Jacobson



Presidents Report, May 2017

To all the members not familiar with completion fly fishing there are a number of events throughout the year where a group of dedicated fly fishers spend long hours fishing rivers lakes and streams gaining points to find the best in the state. We always have a few members competing and in the history of the club there have been some members represent the country in the world fly fishing championship the pinnacle of our sport. I received a phone call on Sunday night after the last competition at Lake Fyans. Shane and Daniel were on their way home and filled me in on the weekend's competition. Although they didn't get on the board in this event Daniel had gained enough points at the close of proceedings to be awarded State championship. Congratulations from all the club. Daniel, a fantastic achievement.

We thank Rick Dobson from Aussie Angler for his guest speaking at the April general meeting Rick is always very informative about a subject he knows well fly fishing. Although he owns Aussie Angler and they carry all types of fishing gear Rick is passionate about fly fishing. His talk centred on making your fishing experience easier and in the long term more enjoyable and I am sure everybody got something or learnt something from it.

Last year I attended an evening at Greensborough Angling Club that Rick organised and Micah Adams from Adventure Angler was speaking. It was a great evening and part of the time was dedicated to sponsorship gear. I found it interesting to hear that Micah who has spent most of his fishing life chasing larger specimens from all over the globe had recently found joy in sight fishing up close with smaller fish. Even more interesting was his rod of choice a fiberglass blend which one company was specialising in developing. Now we all can be a sceptical when it comes to a bit of a push for one product so I tried to get my head around the reasoning and why it was better. Well, later in the night I had a discussion with Micah and we both agreed on one thing that sight fishing up close is fantastic and I can now see how that fiberglass rod could work. Whilst leaving I spent some time talking fishing with Rick and it turns out that we both do similar fishing on the same streams and areas, and understand why Micah has a new passion for smaller fish. We both have the same type of favourite rod for that type of application. Now one thing you will always find at these nights is different or new ideas and people with the same interest enthusiasm and passion. There is always room for improvement and we never stop learning so come along broaden your horizon and support our guest speakers cheers TJ.

YVFF Library News

May 2017

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

Avoid overdue fees

You may have noticed that you can now drop off your library items when you have done with them in the returns box located in the Bailey Room. So if the library is unattended or you can't make it to the club on a Sunday, now you can drop off your library items in the returns box and the boys will do the paper work for you.

A great idea and a handy way to avoid overdue fees

If you are late in returning you item and there is a fee owing - pop your late fee in with your item and again the boys will look after it - EASY

See the boys at the club, there is some great information waiting for you.



Can you spare a moment or two?

The YVFF Annual General meeting is 5 months away in October and it is a good time to start thinking about what you want from your club and what little thing you might be able contribute to make it that club- **your club**

It takes some effort to run the club and the committee does a wonderful job in ensuring its financial continuity and longevity.

But it takes more than this for a club to have a heart and soul -and that is YOU!!

Have you thought whether you could be a **committee member** and without taking on the responsibility of Secretary, Treasurer, or President, you could attend committee meetings and over a period of time learn what it takes for the club to function from month to month?

Currently there are opportunities to assist with the publication of the **Fly Line By Line**. Are you semi proficient with a computer and Microsoft Word or willing to learn? You don't have to be the Editor but if you can help and would like to be mentored then that is an invaluable contribution to the club.

Perhaps you have time to make an accommodation enquiry for a **club trip** or make the booking and enquire what the location offers in its lodgings. And report your findings to the trips coordinator You don't have to be the trips coordinator but your help is invaluable to making the trips an enjoyable occasion. Or maybe you could coordinate the attendees for the trips the directions to get there and what to bring. You could do one of these but you don't have to do both.

Its just a moment or two of your time

Of course there are many occasions that you can help for just one day; for example. helping out at the Kids Come and Try Day or cooking some snags at a Bunnings sausage sizzle.

Over the next couple of months we'll introduce you to some other ways in which just a little of your time can go a huge way towards helping this club to be the club you want it to be without it being left to a few to bear the burden on their shoulders.

So for now, without thinking too much about what you could do, just start thinking about:

Can you spare a moment or two?

Club Events—General Meeting April 13th 2017

YVFF INc. General Meeting 13 April 2017

Chair: Ray Buckland Secretary (Minutes): Geoff Hatfield Meeting Opened: 9.52pm

Apologies: Wally Ustov, Sharon Baird, Ashley Wagg

Guests: Rick Dobson, Aussie Angler

Confirmation of previous month's minutes.Moved: Doug BrahamSeconded: Lynton Reid

Business arising previous month's minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Inwards:

Fish eFacts: Big Bara in Hazelwood. 80cm fish caught from bank, make the most of it. 313,000 Golden Perch released into a dozen waters.

Girls Gone Fly Fishing Event: 21-23 April 17. Email: Info@PeterHayesFlyFishing.com, refer information posted on notice board.

Bailey Room:

Fishing Monthly

Greenwells Monthly Newsletter

Hastings Newsletter

Red Tag Monthly Newsletter

Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs Newsletter

Minutes of Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs

Outwards:

Newsletter out to, Red Tag, Hastings, SFFA. Greenwells.

Contacted Office Works re conducting "Sausage Sizzle" fund raiser. Establishing dates for future events.

Invoices:

Post Office Box invoice due

Flyline Byline Invoice due

CVFFC Fishing Club Liability Insurance 2017 renewal and instructions

Confirmation of Correspondence: Moved: John Motyka Seconded: Lynton Reid

Club Events—General Meeting April 13th 2017

Business arising from correspondence: Nil

Financial Statement – Doug Braham (Treasurer)

Term deposits maturing: CBA: rollover for 3 months ING: rollover for 180 days

Balance all accounts and cash at 30 March 2107: \$118,711.80 Income: \$2410.19 Expenditure: \$2611.66 Cash Flow result: -\$(201.47)

Doug advised that accounts are available for review. Contact Doug if interested.

Confirmation of Financial Reports: Moved: Ray Buckland Seconded: Andy Elam

General Reports

Membership:

Damien Armstrong presented with new member welcome pack.

Doug advised he will prepare new member name badges.

Marketing

Bunnings "Sausage Sizzle" fund raiser to be held at Bunnings Chirnside Park on Monday 24th April. Volunteers contact Wally.

Media

Flyline Bylines (Andy Elam – Editor):

Looking for "True" or "Humorous" fishing stories. Members invited to contribute.

Photos – Forward any fishing photos to help build up photo library.

Articles for FLBL to be forwarded by 20th of each month

Webmaster (Andy Elam):

Register for Club Trips now available on-line, check website. (on-line registration preferred to White Board). Confirmation of attendance will be provided when signing up for a trip.

Meet Up Site (Andy Elam)

Hits have slowed a bit. Renewal pending \$60

Casting (Doug Braham)

Shane Houston (Casting Co-ordinator) forwarded proposal for focusing on formal casting tuition during the off season (June – August). This will give casting instructors more time to go fishing during the season. It will also enable the focusing on casting techniques during winter months in preparation of the upcoming trout season.

Sunday casting with John M and Doug B will still continue on an informal basis.

Streamcraft

Streamcraft was conducted with some new members on Thornton trip.

Andy E, provided guidance with nymphing techniques and Ray B with dry fly.

Library (Owen Lloyd)

Audit required of DVDs and books required.

Suggestion of new DVDs or books can be for forwarded to Owen during Marshall M absence.

Social

Sharon B and Ray B propose to organise social nights every 2-3 months.

Trips (Andy Elam)

Co-ordinator required for mid-week (one day) trips. Please see Andy if you can assist.

End of month trips are being held at Thornton. Provides to opportunity to assist new members to catch fish and gain an understanding of stream craft. Andy took Damien short line nymphing on the Sunday and Damien managed to catch a 5 good fish.

Howqua Trip – Headwater rivers low and not fishing well. Barry Trezise, Brian Crank and Andy headed up to the King River to Pineapple Flat, where the water was cooler and although low had a decent flow and Andy managed to catch a number of Rainbows and Browns. Good experience for members to experience fishing on the water (as a step up from lawn casting) as Barry and Brian will attest to. Sunday – Doug, Andy, Barry and Brian headed to Big River to practice some Streamcraft and Barry caught his first trout short line nymphing

Guest Speakers (Lynton Reid)

Rick Dobson, Aussie Angler provided an informative talk sharing his knowledge of fishing techniques gained over his 40 plus years of fly fishing experience.

Upcoming future guest speakers:

May: Anthony, Fisheries Victoria June: John, Millbrook Lakes September: – Doug Phillips, Tonic Eyewear

Merchandising

Shane S has ordered new black club polo shirts. Anyone interested in placing an order for the polo shirts please see Doug B.

Fly Fishing Council Meetings (Doug Braham)

Fisheries propose to conduct a trial next season on minimum size limits on selected rivers. Fisheries notice to be released.

Parks Victoria reviewing proposal for unpowered watercraft to operate on Devils bend Reservoir. Proposal not approved as yet.

Details of Fisheries fish stockings of waters now available on Fisheries Facebook and Instagram pages.

VR Fish have introduced a young leadership group to promote the involvement in young persons in leadership roles.

State government funding is being made available for the restoration programs on Victorian streams.

Fishing Reports

Barry Jones has been on a couple of trips since we last saw him. Barry fished the Snowy Mountains at the Lake Eucumbene and Thredbo Rivers. Barry reported that Eucumbene Lake was quite, but the Eucumbene River and Thredbo River produced good numbers of small rainbows. Barry also mentioned there was a bit "Didymo" (rock snot) around some of the smaller streams.

Barry's other trip was to New Zealand at Nokomai Station on the Mataura River. Scored good numbers of fish averaging around the 4lb mark, caught mainly on dry flies (60%) with the remainder on nymphs.

Ron Ellerbock was off to NZ again with Gavin Hurley's Fly Fishing, his third trip with Gavin. Stayed at Lumsden and fished the Mataura River predominantly. Between the four of them on the trip they caught about 140 fish for the week. First morning Ron caught three fish over 4lb. Fished a 5wt, 12ft leader and size 18 emergers. Although Ron didn't mention it, there is a great clip of him on Gavin's Facebook page nailing a nice trout.

Ross "Stumpy" Machar tackled a Tuna off Portland on the fly. According to Ross his knob broke off (his reel), his 10wt rod snapped, but he still managed to land the fish around the 15kg mark. Well done Rosco.

Confirmation of Reports: Moved: Andy Elam Seconded: Ross Machar

Meeting closed: 10.33pm

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 8.00 pm, 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

28th May 2017—Wanted: Sellers!

2nd Hand Equipment Mart & BBQ

Clubrooms 10.00 am-12.00 pm





28th May 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

GUEST SPEAKER – MAY

YVFF General Meeting Thursday 11th May 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm **ANTHONY FORSTER** from

Victorian Department of Agriculture (Fisheries) "Wild Trout Fishing Management"

Come and hear Anthony Forster speak on:

"Wild Trout Fisheries Management"

In particular, hear Anthony speak about:

The latest information on freshwater fishing, trout populations surveys, research findings and progress on delivering the Government's Target One Million plan.

Come and hear from someone involved fulltime in managing our expanding inland fisheries

Whether you are a beginner or experienced, the knowledge you will gain on our freshwater fisheries will be invaluable.

Please be seated by 7.55 pm as Anthony will speak at 8.00 pm.

General Meeting shall begin at 9.00 pm

YVFF monthly club fishing trips Eildon/Thornton May 19th—21st 2017

Eildon Tailwaters, Goulburn River and its tributaries and Eildon Pondage

You can now use our new website facility to register for club trips - just go to the homepage and look for the event and click the "Register Now" button. Also on the website homepage you can click on the event title to take you to the event details page (and a Register Now button appears also).

Now the summer irrigation flows and environmental flows are cut back and we can expect our most productive river the Goulburn, to drop to levels which enable wading and crossing. its an excellent time to try your nymphing skills and to check out exposed weed beds and hidden gutters as the playing field narrows down to the size of a much smaller river.

It's only 1¼ hours from the clubhouse

We have booked two nights at Thornton Caravan Park (Cabin)

Here's your chance to get away and practice dry-fly, polaroiding, nymphing and quarryhunting techniques and other specialised techniques. – spend a day, spend two on the rivers – your opportunity to take steps forward in your technique(s)

There is a pub across the road that serves a regular and Chinese menu, and a cafe that serves coffee (and a good burger too)

Cost should be \$30 per person per night (or less)

Please register your interest on the <u>club website</u>, or contact Andy Elam (0421 089 999).

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 May 11th, 2017 7.30 pm Lillydale Lake Clubrooms Please be seated by 7.55 pm for Guest speaker @ 8 pm



In The News — What's happening around the club Howqua—Upper Goulburn April 7th—9th 2017

The April club trip was held in the Howqua— Upper Goulburn region with 4 club members attending. Doug Braham, Barry Trezise, Brian Crank and Andy Elam staying at the terrific Dunlop Bayswater Angling club lodge, situated a stone's throw to the mouth of the Howqua river flowing into Eildon Reservoir

Brian and Barry were excited as kids in a toy shop as this was their first club trip other than a visit to Tranquil Rises in Flowerdale.

Barry it transpired, had provided enough food to feed everyone, so we sat down Friday night to a wonderful home made spaghetti and meatballs. (Thanks Mother Trezise). We provide our own lubrication which lead to much discussion of various individual's admirable steps forward in casting capabilities and a number of techniques and varieties as well. (more on this later).

In addition it turns out Brian is quite adept with photoshop and showed us some extraordinary photos fishing feats—including a metre long shrimp on a hook as bait. (editor's note: I had hoped to have been provided some photos to include but unfortunately the mail didn't arrive in time)

On Friday afternoon I fished the Delatite for an hour to see if there was any worthwhile action and apart from some Carp I had no indication of any likely action. I had spoken with some locals during the week and they had caught quite a few trout on the King Rver the weekend prior, so I without knowing the river I suggested to the lads we head there on Saturday morning.

After a sensational "fry-up" breakfast of eggs bacon and toast, cooked and provided by Brian (Keep and eye out for any trip Barry or Brian are attending—the catering is excellent!!), Doug had some Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs business to attend to Saturday morning in Maryville so I headed off with Barry and Brian following, on the (4 wheel) trek up and over the Victorian Alps via Telephone Box Junction with spectacular views of Mt Cobbler en-route.

Arriving at Pineapple Flat, we were presented with a fantastic waterway and the river was cool, clear and in pristine condition with plenty slow deep pools. It was just what we were looking for some dry fly fishing which the boys had come prepared to "reap the benefits of their many hours of practice on the club lawns".

As the river just wasn't wide or fast enough t fish three together Barry and Brian headed upstream and I headed down stream to find some good fishing water.

I walked for nearly an hour (or should I say bush-bashed) before I found my "starting point" having passed many spectacular pools and seeing numerous rises. But I wanted to find the right starting point and feel as though I had missed something downstream. I knew I I was in the right place when I found some fast flowing, cascading water which I knew that these and the polos I had passed would provide great nymphing and dry fly opportunities.

In The News — What's happening around the club Howqua—Upper Goulburn April 7th—9th 2017

I had to work for the fish but what was really amazing was that the water being so clear, I could see fish "flash" from 3-4 metres away to my flies the very moment they "plopped in the water. I came to realise that we just can't tell what is happening under the surface when are playing our lines in water less clear than these. I managed to catch 8 fish (rainbows and browns) between 25 & 37 cm, on nymphs and dries. The 37 cm rainbow being a real surprise but hanging out exactly where I believed a fish like it should have been.

Back at the ranch (well the lodge) Doug had returned mid afternoon and he and Barry had headed off to Goughs Bay for a bit of après dark fishing. After their return it was dinner a la Trezise again, this time Spaghetti Marinara another sensation. The conversation was very different this evening to the previous evening. Suddenly where trees on the lawn at the club don't move during casting practice, they seemed to do exactly that on the river. The gist of the message of a long night's conversation was that if you want to learn to fish, eventually you have to get out on the water and practice in real conditions.

During the night the inclement weather set in and the following morning we decided as we all were heading to Melbourne that we would relocate to the Big River for Doug's kindly offered Streamcraft and river fishing session. After selecting the preferred stretch, and watching the clear water slowly change its colour to a murky, Doug set off with Brian to practice dry fly fishing and I with Barry to try our hands at some nymphing. Time and weather brought the session to a quick end but not before Barry caught his first fish nymphing. Well done Barry.



True Fishing Stories

Have any dubious true fishing stories to share?

Send them to the editor@yvff.com.au to share a laugh with other members

Photo-shopped photos accepted also

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Fishing Trips — Last Weekend of the Month

YVFF Social Trip - SA State Championship - Taggerty Victoria. Observe the best of the best - May 27th - 28th Maximum 5 people - First in best dressed



This weekend South Australia hosts its first round of the SA State Fly Fishing Championships on the Steavenson, Rubicon and possibly Goulburn Rivers.

Australia's finest river fly fishers (Australian representatives past & present) will be competing including Yarra Valley's Daniel Ringer (current Victorian State Champion) and Shane Symonds.

This is an opportunity for the first 5 people to register and spend the weekend following your choice of these 20 fly fishers to observe and learn river fishing (from the best).

4 sessions will be held over Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night at Taggerty there will be a BBQ (Details and cost to follow) and the opportunity to mix and chat with the competitors.

Accommodation will be at the Taggerty Caravan park (Cabin 6 maximum).

Further details will be advised to those that register.

Cost should be approximately \$40 per person per night (or less) plus cost of BBQ Saturday night (TBA)

Register on the Website on the "Register Now" Button. Last date for registration is 14th May as bookings must be made for accommodation and catering or call Andy Elam for details 0421 089 999 or <u>Email</u>

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