



The Red Tag Fly Fishers' Club Inc.

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Tight Lines - February 2018

The Monthly Newsletter for the Red Tag Fly Fishers' Club

WELCOME to 2018

Hello *redtaggers*, and welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. This year is already shaping up to have some events and activities for all levels of fishing experience. Fly-tying is back and planning is well advanced for trips throughout the year. So make sure to look and lock in some of the dates from the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

-Tight Lines! to all.



WORLD FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

Australia is privileged to be selected as host for the World Fly Fishing Championship in 2019.

The event will be staged from 30th November - 8th December and will be an opportunity for world-class anglers to fish Tasmania's pristine lakes and rivers. There are set criteria and rules devised by FIPS Mouche International that must be adhered to during the event. Some 40 countries are eligible to send a team of five anglers plus support personnel.

Fly Fish Australia Inc. (the host organisation) has appointed an organising committee which is tasked with arranging and conducting the event.

THE EVENT PROGRAM

Early planning is to have the Launceston City Council take on the role of the host city and a street parade and

opening function is planned to be held within the city confines.

Anglers (both men and women) will fish on various types of waters both rivers and lakes for rainbow and brown trout and the competition will all be on a 'catch and release' basis. All flies will be tied on barbless hooks.

There will be five competition venues and all anglers will rotate through them over a five-day period with a maximum of four hours fishing per venue per day.

Final angling venues have not been decided but will be confirmed prior to September 2019.

However, a ruling (*unless an exemption is applied for*) states that all angling venues must be no further than 1.5 hours travelling time from the Event Headquarters which will be based in the Launceston area.

On the final day of the program a Conservation Symposium (on a topic usually related to the host country's conservation issues) will be held and will be open to the public.

The end of the event is culminated by a Gala Dinner and medal presentation of Gold, Silver and Bronze individual and team medals. It is intended that all persons with any involvement in the event will be invited to this function which will be held in the Launceston area.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO STAGE AN EVENT OF THIS KIND?

It is anticipated that some 30 of the 40 eligible countries will supply Fly Fishing teams and will travel to Tasmania to fish in the 2019 WFFC.

Should the program call for three lake venues then some 45 boats will be required for five days. Budgeting is under way to compensate boat owners who supply and manage boats for the event.

For river bank and lake bank venues, if selected, one controller (a person whose task is to monitor the angler who is fishing, measure and record the fish caught) will be required and the estimated numbers are in the order of 80 for a period of five days. This is a great opportunity for locals to volunteer as a controller and get to see and meet the best anglers from countries around the world. For enquiries on how to volunteer to be a controller, please email controller.coordinator@gmail.com

TRANSPORTING ANGLERS TO THE ANGLING VENUES

All anglers must travel in arranged transport.

A fleet of small buses (able to negotiate our unsealed roads) will be required and volunteer bus drivers will be sourced for five days including an overall transport coordinator for that period.

The Organising Committee understands that not all volunteers can commit to a five-day program so a controller coordinator has been appointed to manage this aspect of the program.

Some of Tasmania's angling clubs have indicated they would be happy to take on the control of a particular venue.

PRE EVENT ACTIVITY AND SUPPORT

Given that at least 60% of the visiting teams will be used to driving on the opposite side of the road to Australia and in a lot of cases spoken English will be limited, a program of appointing a team host is to be offered to incoming teams. The team host will liaise with his or her team some time prior to arrival and help with the arrangements for pre/post event accommodation outside the official 30th November – 8th December and assist with vehicle bookings, local knowledge and assistance.

For people interested in filling a position of team host please contact Malcolm Crosse at malcolmcrosse@gmail.com On the team's arrival the host will assist in helping the team assimilate to Tasmania and its fishing.

F.A.Q.

How will the event impact on local angling?

As the event is totally catch and release there will be little if any impact on local fish stocks.

In the best interests of a fair competition, consideration is being given to closing some of the waters during the event. This is a one off chance to showcase Tasmanian angling opportunities to the world and the aim is to give competitors the best possible experience.

With the opening ceremony can anyone attend?

Definitely yes to have good public support for the opening parade.

For further information, please contact Glen Eggleton, International Organiser: 0414754114 or Malcolm Crosse, Event Director: 0429870550, Ranald Moore, Secretary WFFC Organising Committee: 0416016364



VFFA guided drift boat trip on the Goulburn River

“Never get out of the boat” -The Chef.

A small but dedicated party of VFFA members (over half of whom are also members of the Red Tag Fly Fishers Club) braved ferocious heatwave conditions to enjoy a day of guided drift boat fishing with the team from the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre in Thornton on the weekend of 19-20 January.

The Goulburn River was running at a good height of 4,000 megalitres and GVFFC's guides were reporting another season of consistent catches.

When the fishers met for dinner at the Alexandra Hotel on Friday evening, there was still uncertainty around our start time the following day – due to the exceptional heat, which had reached 45 degrees in Melbourne earlier in the day. Later starts on the river had proved more productive in preceding days.

An early departure was decided on (with high temperatures again forecast) and our first boat, comprising Wayne Sanderson and Janie Joseph (from the Red Tag Fly Fishers Club and a friend of VFFA members), hit the river around 7.30am. Large cicada and hopper patterns were the order of the day, including GVFFC's secret weapon 'The Serbian Ant'. The team encountered plenty of action during their six hours on the water, including some unexplained short taking. A mixture of brown and rainbow trout to two pounds were brought to the boat and all were returned.



Steve Wallace with a beauty.

A second boat comprising Tony Ryan and Steve Wallace departed about an hour later and also experienced an exciting drift, with around a dozen fish hooked and returned. Steve took the fish of the day with a magnificent rainbow trout weighing in at four pounds. Marianne Wallace was sadly unable to participate in a drift while recuperating from a recent foot operation. Alex Evans fished a mid-river section of the Rubicon, returning half a dozen fish to a little over one pound on dry flies including a beautifully marked brook trout – an escapee from the nearby fish farm. GVFFC guides had reported Goulburn fish moving into the Rubicon and he was snapped by a larger fish during this expedition.



The President, with another fine catch.

The team regrouped at GVFFC's accommodation in Thornton to escape the soaring heat which hit 40 degrees mid-afternoon and enjoy TV coverage of the Australian Open, along with some cooling refreshments. GVFFC kindly organised a fine BBQ dinner that evening in the vaulted hall of the centre (which acts as the shop) and we enjoyed an interesting overview of local fishing and water management issues provided by GVFFC's David Pickering, as well as other wide ranging conversations which continued into the night.

Drift boat fishing offered by GVFFC provides a unique way to experience the Goulburn using specialist drift boats manufactured in the USA. Two comfortable swivel chairs are situated at either end of the boat, with the oarsmen placed in between. Due to the speed of the Goulburn's summer flow, the oarsman's job is to navigate between the banks as well as hold the boat over key lies, before it is carried downstream by the strength of the current.

Many of the party had not fished the Goulburn from a boat previously and all reported their enjoyment of the day and how it took them into parts of the river that would otherwise be inaccessible to bankside fishermen.



The boats each covered around 12-15 kilometres of water during their drifts – a wonderful way to discover the natural beauty of this majestic river.

About half of the party intended to fish locally on Sunday before returning home. Everyone who participated in the trip expressed a keenness to reorganise in the future, as well as explore if there is preferable time of the year that would suit a greater number of VFFA members.

Team:

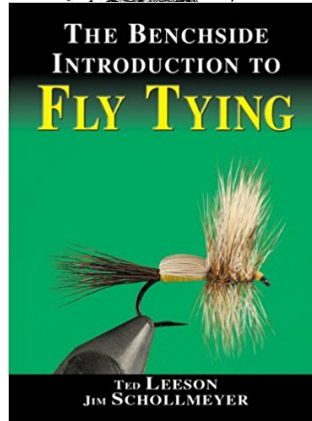
- Marianne & Steve Wallace
- Janie Joseph
- Wayne Sanderson
- Tony Ryan
- Alex Evans

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**The Library Report:
New books
The Benchside Introduction to
Fly Tying**

Ted Leeson & Jim Schollmeyer



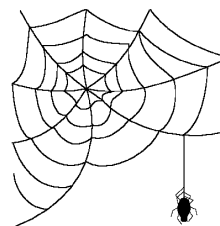
Recommended by club member Sean Ehlert, this book doesn't disappoint.

"Following the incredible success of The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference, this popular duo has created another unique fly-tying book. The first 25 pages of this oversized, hardcover spiral-bound book are filled with fly-tying techniques, the last 164 pages are cut horizontally across the page.

The top half of the page shows tying steps for numerous patterns, and includes references to techniques that are explained step by step in the bottom half. Now you are free to look at the fly you are tying, while getting detailed instructions on a specific technique required for that fly. This groundbreaking book is sure to thrill all fly tiers."
-Amazon.com

I'm slowly (very slowly) cataloguing a stack of DVDs that were donated to the club. Many of these are of club trips to Mitta Mitta, Taggerty and Lake Eucumbene dating back to 2002. Commercial titles include Czech Nymph, The Manic Guide to Fly Casting and Tying and fishing Caddis Flies by Gary LaFontaine.

On my recent trip to the UK I bought a lot of magazines (no fishing) and will be adding these to the library once I've read them all. They include Trout & Salmon, Flyfishing and Flytying, Trout Fisherman and Waders for Swingers (okay I made that last one up).



**.From the Web...
Podcasts!**

I will be the first to admit, that not every waking minute of my holidays has been with me holding my rod and waving it about! While lying on the beach watching my children learning to surf, there has been time to sit back and catch up on some really interesting podcasts. The most popular being the [Orvis Flyfishing Podcast](#) with Tom Rosenbauer.

NB: For you e-reader people, hyperlinks, like the one in this article, should now work.



Fly Tying Night

Once again 2018 begins with fly tying nights coinciding with in the field observed hatches for this time of year. Upcoming patterns will be...

For the more advanced, Wednesday **Feb 14th** (*The perfect Valentine's Day gift for that special fisher!*) The '**Black Muddler**' and similar flies.



Image source: <http://www.fish4flies.com/Lures/Muddlers-and-Tadpoles/Black-Muddler>

The Muddler Minnow was originated by Don Gapen of Anoka, Minnesota in 1937, to imitate the slimy sculpin. The versatility of the Muddler Minnow stems from this pattern's ability to mimic a variety of aquatic and terrestrials. There are limitless material and colour variations, however the essence of the Muddler Minnow is a spun deer hair head. While each Muddler may differ in colour or profile, all true Muddlers have a fore-end or body of spun deer hair that is clipped close to the shank to provide a buoyant head. Effective retrieval tactics include stripping the floating Muddler across the water surface rhythmically, imparting a "wake", or allowing the Muddler to sink and twitching or pulsating it against or across a river's current. An unweighted Muddler will float and appears as a hopper, moth or struggling mouse. -wikipedia.

On Tuesday **Feb 27th**, for those new to fly tying we have on offer, the **Gold Bead Headed, Hare Ear Nymph**.



The Hare's Ear nymph is a fly fishing lure that is fished below the surface. It is thus a wet fly or nymph. It is an older pattern that imitates a variety of aquatic life.

When this fly is immersed, the stiff fibers in the dubbing stand out and imitate the legs of an insect. Fish this lure below the surface with or without a small strike indicator. It is an effective pattern throughout the year because it covers a broad spectrum of prey that are active in every season. -wikipedia

Both sessions are popular, and start this year at **7:15pm** but it is still advisable to get to the clubroom around 7.00pm.

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Netted Pics

(#bragging rights! via @Team App.)

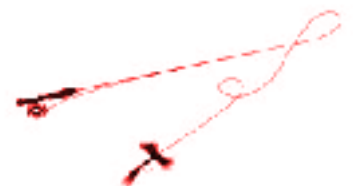


Get a grip Sean! Jan 22. Sean Ehler on the Goulburn.



Viva el Presidente! Jan. 21. Tony Ryan on the Goulburn.

Don't forget to join up on team-app, for up to the minute information on impromptu member trips, chat and pics.





The Khancoban Creek, beautiful water, but I think it gets a flogging. -Peter Coles.
(Sometimes it's not just about the fish -eds.)



Time for some terrestrial patterns



Good Results from the club trip to Devilbend in December.
(hence the summer clothes!)

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'Vale'

The Red Tag club is sad to report that Doreen, wife of long time member Brian Cocks, passed away on Sunday 28 January.

Newsletter Contributions:

Know a good guaranteed pattern?

Or a place where they are jumping onto the hook?

Then drop us a line!

No story, (or fish) too big or too small.

Every picture or anecdote gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter or getting this in error,, please send us a line with unsubscribe as the subject header.

Email: redtagflyfishers@gmail.com or post into team-app with a brief description.

Have a chat with the editors,

David Honeybone or Andrew Rodda.

Red Tag Calendar

February

	Host	Event	Location	Time
7th	Red Tag	Activity Meeting #01	Red Tag Clubroom	7:30 pm
10th	Red Tag	Day Trip	Marysville Area	T.B.A.
14th	Red Tag	Fly Tying: Advanced	Red Tag Clubroom	7:15pm
15th	ACF	Aus. Casting Federation AGM	Sunshine Clubroom	7:30 pm
17-18th	Red Tag	Working Bee @Casting Pool + Clubroom.	Yarra Bend	9:30 am
21st	Red Tag	Committee Meeting #02	Red Tag Clubroom	7:30 pm
24th	Red Tag	Day Trip	Goulburn River	T.B.A.
27th	Red Tag	Fly Tying: New	Red Tag Clubroom	7:15pm

March

3rd		Southern Lights: Casting Southern under floodlights.	Southern Pool: Highett	6:00 pm
7th	Red Tag	Activity Meeting #02	Red Tag Clubroom	7:30 pm
10-12th	Red Tag	Club Trip	To Be Advised	T.B.A.
17th	Red Tag	Club Cast- ICF Skish (inc. Ern James Trophy)	Yarra Bend Casting Pool	1:15 pm
21st	Red Tag	Committee Meeting #03	Red Tag Clubroom	7:30 pm
24th	Red Tag	Day Trip	Warburton	T.B.A.
24th	Red Tag	Club Casting Day - Aus. Skish	Yarra Bend Casting Pool	1:15 pm
25th	ACF	Jack Joyner/ Ron Masson Trophy	Yarra Bend Casting Pool	9:30 am

The club is very pleased to release this list of activities. Accurate at time of publishing but subject to amendment. When things change, every endeavour will be made to notify those affected.

