

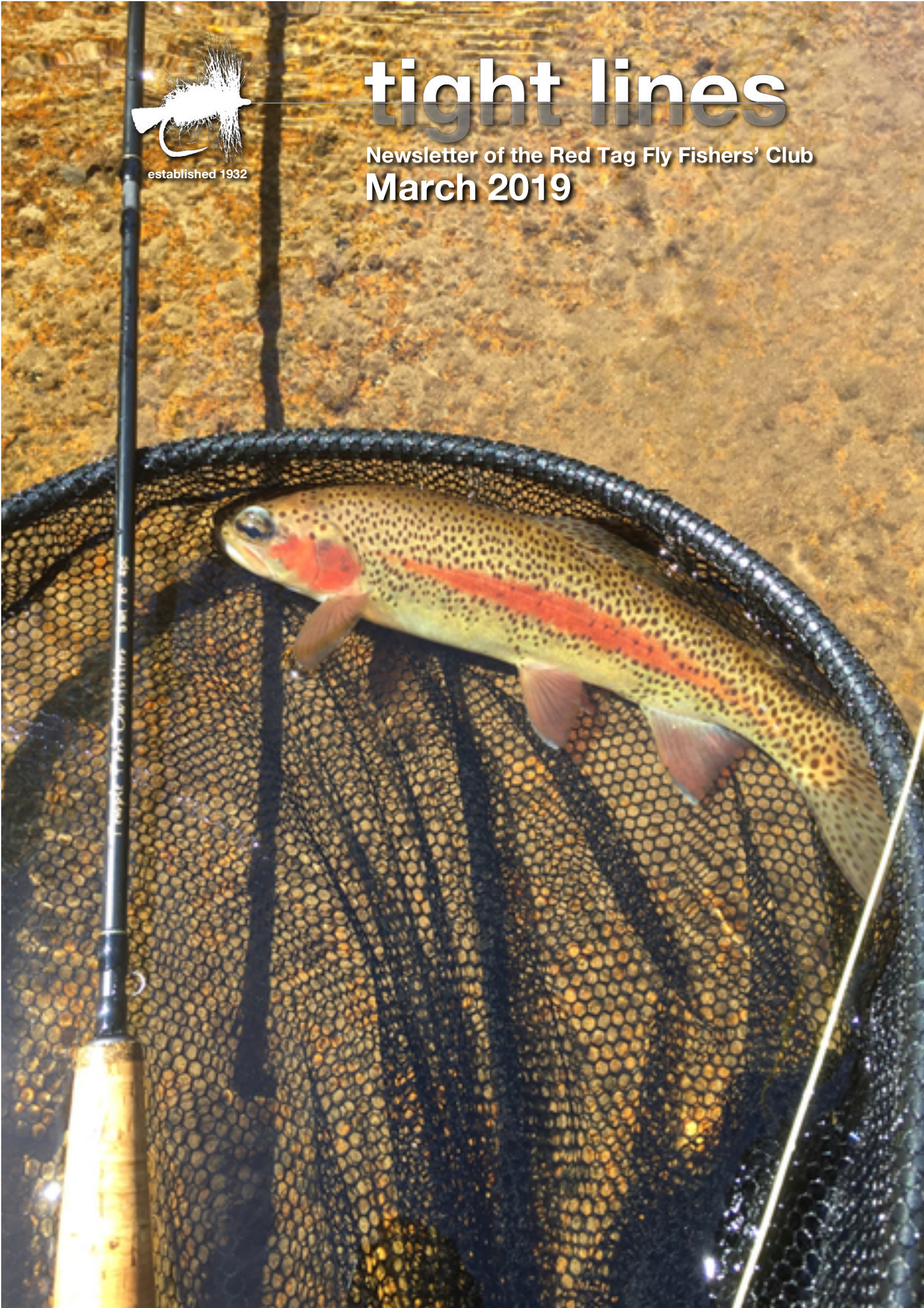


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Newsletter of the Red Tag Fly Fishers' Club

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Club Trip

Murrindindi Redux

David Honeybone

The first club trip of the year saw fifteen members gather at the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve on Wilhelmina Falls Road.

The day was relatively cool although the water temperature in the lower reaches of the river had been recorded at a trout-curdling 23 degrees, which didn't bode too well. With such a good turn out the first task was to decide who wanted to fish where and once this was done various parties struck out for parts both known and unknown. It also started persisting down with rain. Suffice to say it pays to come prepared....

Overall the day produced mixed results. The upper reaches can be difficult to navigate due to the amount of fallen timber but do produce fish with plenty of shade and security. Lower reaches such as Banbury Road, Myles Road, Cummins Road and behind the CFA building on Murrindindi Road are a mix of more accessible but less protected stretches but still produced fish in lower numbers. Dry flies produced the best results. Congratulations to Frank Groeneveld who bagged his first trout since joining the club, a nice brown on a Royal Wulff. Mention also to editor, Andrew Rodda, who caught his first trout on the trusty Tenkara Rod. It really does work you know...

Postscript:

I returned to Murrindindi a week later to try and break the hoodoo and catch a trout on a dry fly (three years and counting). After putting the call out on the Team App I was armed with a location from Dan and Peter and in the company of El Pres Tony Ryan. Suffice to say the day was a great success and I caught three on a Bushy's Emerger, a pattern that Tony had tied at the club the week before. This is what a club is all about as far as I am concerned. If you need some help and a boost to your confidence don't be shy, ask folks at a club night or via Team app. I've had days fishing when I've seriously considered giving it up. This wasn't one of them. It's worth persisting.



Fly Tying

starting out and intermediate

4th Tuesday of the Month.

The bead headed nymph

Abh this is indeed the go to pattern for any fly fisher. Expect a good turn out this night.

Trout tend mostly to feed underwater. When fishing deeper waters such as rivers or lakes, putting a fly down to the trout may be more successful than fishing on the surface, especially in the absence of any surface insect activity or hatch. The nymph itself can be weighted, as is the popular bead headed hare's ear nymph or bead headed pheasant tail nymph.

The simple nymph fly pattern can be tied a number of different ways using a mix of natural and synthetic materials.

A well-colored hare's mask is an asset for tying this fly pattern and the tail, body, and thorax can all be obtained from different parts of the mask.

For the tail, the guard hair from the cheeks seems to work well. the underfur can be kept for tying the body. I like to have a lighter body color and a darker thorax. The shorter hair from the face is my choice for the thorax. This hair is rich in short spiky guard hairs and helps to give the fly the appearance of legs.

You can further accentuate the fly by using a reflective material in the shellback such as a little mirage mylar tinsel or pearl Flashabou.

-wikipedia & globalflyfisher.com



Fly Tying

Intermediate and advanced

2nd Tuesday of the Month



The Klinkhammer

The Klinkhammer, originally named LT Caddis (light tan), now officially named Klinkhâmer Special, was devised by a Dutch angler Hans van Klinken, in the early 80's to imitate an emerging caddisfly to catch grayling and trout which feed from them as they float in the surface film. This pattern has proven to be an extremely effective fly.

Klinkhammers are different from many other parachute dry flies in that the thorax of the fly is designed to hang down 'through' the surface of the water to imitate an emerging insect.

The abdomen serves as a trigger point which penetrates the surface film, which gets noticed by trout from great distances, even before any resulting surface footprint features.

In all variations of this fly, the abdomen of the fly float is underneath the surface of the water to attract the fish and improve hookups, while the parachute hackle and foam or wing is on or above the surface of the water for visibility and flotation.

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Glossary

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(The Shaman 1992)

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Ed.

See *Mamrot* (also Dan).

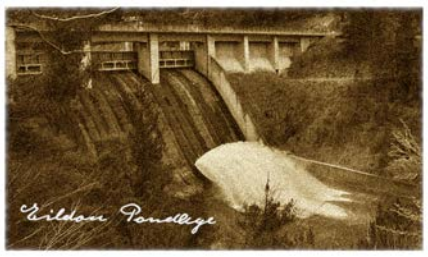
Eddy

A section of water in a stream found on the edge of a current that is less disturbed than the surrounding water, providing a place for fish to hold and for insects to emerge.

Edwards, Oliver



Tweedy Yorkshireman who developed many successful fly patterns for his local rivers and produced numerous instructive fishing and fly tying videos and books dedicated to catching trout and grayling.



Eildon Pondage

Situated below the dam wall at Eildon this is one of the most heavily fished waters in the state. The water is regularly stocked with trout from the nearby Snob's Creek Hatchery and has developed into one

of the state's most consistent fisheries. As well as the usual run of yearlings, the hatchery also releases older brood fish. Some of these trout are 3–5 kg. Many show the scars of hatchery existence in their well-worn tails.

Eildon Pondage is divided into upper and lower sections. In the Upper Pondage, Cemetery Point, Fly Corner and Centre Bridge are angling favourites. In the Lower Pondage, Bourke St, Riverside Dr and Nursery Corner are well known.

Elk Hair



Hair from the body of an elk that is used in many fly patterns to supply bulk for a body or to provide added flotation.

Emerger

Pertaining to aquatic insects, the name used to describe that time frame when the nymph reaches the surface and the adult hatches out; the emerging nymph may well be the single most important nymph phase for the fly fishers to imitate.

Eriksson, Nils E.

Swedish fly fisher who, together with Gunnar Johnson, designed the Partridge K3A hook in 1979. This became known as the Swedish dry fly hook and has a kink in the shank, where the parachute hackle is tied to further the design of the Upside-Down Fly (Oliver Edwards, 1989).

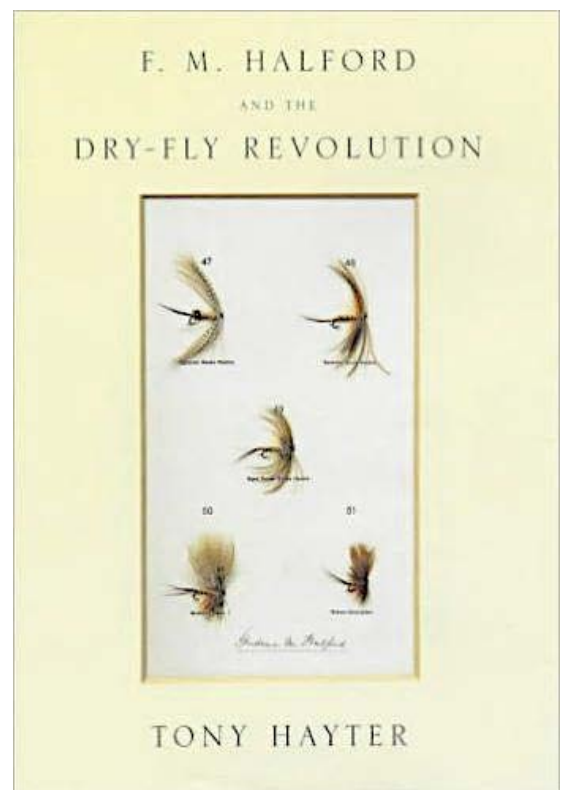
Library Report

F.M. Halford and the Dry-Fly Revolution **Tony Hayter (2002)**

David Honeybone

“F.M. Halford and the Dry-Fly Revolution” is the first full-length biography of the man who did more than anyone to codify and popularize the doctrine of the dry fly on chalk streams.

By the end of his life, with the publication of seven books and over 200 articles, the name of Halford had come to be known in all parts of the world where fly fishing for trout was practised. Today his name is still recognized worldwide as being synonymous with the fishing of the dry fly. Tony Hayter is the only author to have been given access to the family papers, including Halford's angling journals, and has thus been able to produce a work of original research. The book also sets the historical context in which Halford lived, follows him through his unusual career, considers the influence upon him of other major figures of the era such as Marryat, Hall and Sanctuary, and discusses why Halford has often been misunderstood and criticized since his death. This book which contains many previously unseen illustrations makes a substantial contribution to angling history. Packed with anecdote, incident and newly unearthed detail, through which runs a strong narrative thread, F.M. Halford and the Dry-Fly Revolution makes irresistible reading for anyone seriously interested in angling.” (Amazon.uk)



Another acquisition is More About Trout by Robert Sloane, which was a follow up to his book The Truth About Trout. Sloane is the editor of FlyLife magazine and is the author of The Truth About Trout (1983) regarded as an Australian fly fishing classic, More About Trout (1989), Trout Guide (1991), Fly Fishing Fundamentals (1993) and Australia's Best Trout Flies (1997).

A big thank you to Vin and Cam for the recent donations of back issues of FlyLife magazine. By the time you read this I will have hopefully done the necessary to make them available to borrow.

Please feel free to use the library on club nights even if I am not there. The keys are on top of the book shelves and all that I ask is that you record what you borrow AND return in the red loans book.

Trip Calendar

Coming up... (like a flower)

(P.McCartney 1980)

Date	Details	Location
Sat March 9th to Mon 11th March Labour Day LWE	<i>Woods point camping and 4WD weekend</i>	Woods point
Mitta trip Saturday March 16th to Sunday 24 th .	<i>Mitta Club trip</i>	Mitta
Sat 30th March come and try day	Come and try day, Rivers	Marysville
Fri 19th April to Mon 22nd	<i>Easter</i>	t.b.a
Thursday April 25th ANZAC day to Sun 28th April	<i>ANZAC day (LWE ??)</i>	t.b.a
Millbrook lakes weekend 3rd, 4th and 5th May	<i>Limited spaces</i>	Millbrook lakes
Sat May 11th	<i>Club Day trip</i>	Warburton
Sat/Sun May 18th - 19th	<i>Royal Coachman comp, (Doghill)</i>	Eildon pondage
Sat June 8th to Mon 10th, Queens Birthday	<i>Season close, Eildon</i>	Eildon

Above details correct at time of distribution.

Red tag encourages everyone to come along, Multi-day trips can always be considered for a single day trip.

The come and try days are part of the development program.



*Good to see the
Unabomber used to
fly fish.*



