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***Front Page : Trevor’s 2.5 lb Penstock Lagoon Brown Trout
Caught on a Carrot Fly.**

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PRESIDENTS PAGE : DECEMBER 2019

It is December already and the committee has achieved a lot in the last 12 months, the club has a number of enthusiastic new members joining the club and assisting the committee and contributing ideas towards running and promoting the club.

We still need more members volunteering to help run the club in a small or large way and Turbo Charge the club activities with much thanks to those who have recently and already offered to help in particular Lionel Coombs to help fill the casting void.

If you were at the last GM you heard some really important news in that Lionel Coombs has volunteered to train 4-6 interested members as casting instructors by early next year so that all new members and existing, can receive comprehensive tuition in casting once the instructors have finished their training. We have 4 volunteers but I need 2 more as I would like a total of 6 so please contact me.

To comply with the club rules the committee is proposing that the AGM be moved to the month of July to bring it into sync with the financial year ending June the 30th and with the membership year ceasing on the 30th July which should result in all members being financial at the AGM. We are also reviewing other dates for club events.

You will also note in the 2020 calendar that the club has already been awarded three Saturday dates next year for Bunning's fund raisers

Fund raising will again be important to the club in 2020 and we will need club members help to achieve a good result for next year. Please allow for the relevant dates in your diaries.

We have received an email from Ellie at Yarra Ranges that the decision on the grants and on our Application for the \$50,000.00 grant was unsuccessful however I have had discussions with Councillor Terry Avery who is responsible for Lillydale Lake area, regarding the extension being considered as council capital works.

Councillor Avery has requested we lodge a formal letter with him and he will review our submission for consideration under the council capital works program so there is still a possibility that we may receive council assistance to build the extension. Obviously it may be some months before we find out further details.

If our application is successful then the proposal to extend the clubroom will still have to be put to a General Meeting for members approval. Construction could possibly be expected to commence by late 2020.

Following the Community Fishing days an approach was made in writing to VFA as to whether some of the Grant money could be used to replace our old BBQ with the outcome that we were given approval to replace it to a certain value and we now have a new and bigger club BBQ.

Some important Dates to remember to place in your diaries are the

Annual Dinner 12th December: See the Fly Line for details.

Lynton Reid

President

Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc

Monthly General Meeting Minutes

14th November 2019

Attendees: See attendance book

Apologies: Owen, Ross B, Paul Pavone, Barry T

Presidents report (summary)

Thanks to the all the members assisting the club with our activities.

Lionel Coombs has offered to train Casting Instructors so new members and current members can receive quality training.

Sponsorship through the Flyline Byline is being reestablished.

Fund raising next year is expected to raise up to \$1500 next year which will be invaluable to our club. We have been allocated 3 Saturday BBQ fund raiser dates at Bunnings next year.

The date for the AGM 2020 is still being reviewed.

Our application for a grant from the Yarra Ranges Council was unsuccessful and we need to reconsider our approach to upgrading our club facilities.

We have been given permission to use our VFA grant money to replace our BBQ.

New member induction:

Chris Redfern, Craig Willis, Andy received his badge.

Finance report from 31st October Ray Malins

Secretary's report.

Correspondence in

Fish eFacts Vic Fisheries Authority

VFFA Flylines October newsletter

Victoria and Tasmania Fishing Monthly Magazine

Casey Volunteer and Community Award nomination letter

Correspondence out

Media

Flyline Byline contributions welcome.

Website Ross keeping up to date.

Marketing

New dress shirts are now available with the embroidered club logo.

Please sign up and pay for the Christmas breakup Meeting

Membership

No report

Casting

See the Presidents report.

Tying

No report

Stream craft
No report

Trips
See the whiteboard in the Bailey Room.

Library
The members are to have access to the library at all official meetings including fly tying and casting.

Merchandising
New products, Flyline Byline advertising rates and promotion are being reviewed.

Special Projects
2019 Capital Development Project Yarra Valley Council has not approved our application.

Fishing reports
Ray Buckland fished the Murrindindi River using a Stimulator to catch a couple of Browns and a rainbow.
Chris Redfern fished the Little River and caught a couple of small trout.

Next meeting Thursday 12th December 2019 Christmas Breakup and Annual Awards
Next Monthly meeting Thursday 13th February 2020

Next Executive Committee meeting Thursday 28th November 2019 7:30PM



Tom Groggin Station



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WITHAWARDS FOR FISH CAUGHT.

INFORMATIVE FLY LINE BY LINE CLUB MAGAZINE.

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EVENTS CALENDAR AND FACEBOOK.

BBQ'S AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

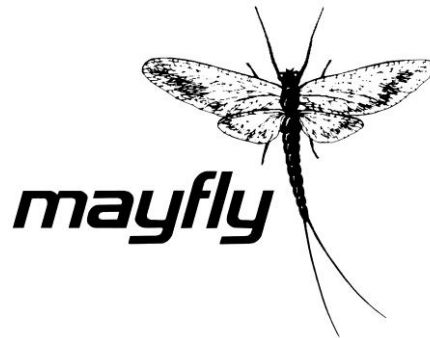
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT OF

ACTIVE AND DISABLED PERSONS.

MENTORING AND SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS.

INSURANCE WHILE ATTENDING THE CLUB OR

ON CLUB ACTIVITIES.



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Vale

John Charles Motyka

11th July 1961 – 27th October 2019

It is with great regret that I write this as I received call from Steve Hanlon on Saturday of the news of John's condition and again on Sunday advising of the sad news of John's passing as this has come somewhat of a surprise to me and whilst I haven't been a regular at the club for a while it wasn't more than 2 or 3 months ago that I last spoke to John.

I remember we both joined the club on the same day and John was a lovely and gentle man and I enjoyed his company. We spent many Sundays on the grass learning to become better casters and went on a few club trips which were always great. I recall I think that John was baseball coach for a time before joining the club and he really enjoyed helping people and as we got more into the club he took on the role as casting instructor which he was very passionate about and brought to the club his own style of teaching and I'm sure that there has been many new club members that have developed and improved their casting as direct result of John's coaching and instruction.

We went 2 or 3 times together to Millbrook Lakes and these were great weekends away as we always had a great time and was with a great bunch of guys and many fish tales came from these trips. I think it the last time we were away and I remember John was struggling with his casting and not able to get a fish and berating and doubting himself but there was nothing wrong with his technique or ability it was just that the fish weren't playing to the script and he felt pretty down but, we encouraged him to keep at it and things will improve. It was just a matter of time.

It didn't take long and on Sunday he landed 4 or 5 in the midday session with the largest being a thumping 8.5lb brown and knocking me off as I had been the clubhouse leader up till that point and I couldn't have been happier for John as it was without doubt his greatest fly fishing moment and rid him of all the gremlins that had been plaguing him up until that moment.



Attached is a previously unpublished photo I took of all the guy's on that trip in front of Millbrook Cabin and you can still see the grin on John's face!



John spoke to me about many of his struggles and always remained positive and his passing is and will be a great loss to the many people that John came to know and I will miss John and his presence around the club.

Rest in peace and "Tight lines" John, wherever you are now.

Your friend Ron.

Owen, As discussed I am unfortunately not able to attend the celebration of John's life and extend my deepest sympathy to his family and, could you please pass the photo and my note on to John's family and if by chance I am able to attend I would be honoured to be able read this at his service.

Ps. the pic is an uncompressed image and is a large file and I would appreciate it is not further altered by saving as smaller image so if anyone has not received due to mailbox limitations and cannot view and would like original then let me know and I will get to you

Regards
Ron Ellerbock

Fishing in New Zealand South Island

By Paul Davies

I recently returned from a wonderful tour of the South Island where I had planned to fish in a number of locations. I started fishing in Twizel where the rivers and lakes and connected by man made canals for a hydro system that provides 80% of New Zealands power requirements.

The water in the system is is mostly glacial blue fed by waters from the Mt Cook area and glaciers that feed into Lake Pukaki. Salmon farming occurs in the canals and this is where trout feed under the salmon pens.



Photo: Canal system in Twizel.

In the canals I witnessed bait, lure and spinning fishing and rarely a fly fisherman. They are fishing for the escaped salmon and monster trout. I was advised by the Guide that 2% of the trout in the lake, canals and river system are +30 lb and 5% are +20 lb! Enormous!!

In the same area I also fished Lake Ohau and the Ohau River. Fly fishing was challenging in the conditions and spinning was advised. I was successful catching a 20 cm Brown trout and a salmon parr, whilst the guide hooked, and I landed, a +20 lb and 82 cm Rainbow. What a Beauty!



Photo: A Rainbow hen, +20 lb and over 80 cms in length caught in the Ohau River.

Next I planned to fish the Lumsden and Mossburn area rivers however, inclement weather resulted in fast and dirty rivers from prior heavy rain compelled the Guide to cancel. I fly fished the Waiau River south of Te Anau as an alternative without success.

I then travelled to Moana and fished Lake Brunner. The windy conditions made fly fishing challenging from the lake edges. With a Guide, and fishing from a boat I landed trout with a plastic lure. The Brown trout caught were 3 to 5 lb in weight and measured between 40 and 50 cms in length.



Guides:

Twizel: Tony Harvey a.j.harvey@hotmail.com

Moana: Brent Beadle +647380886 or +64274318022.

Southern Snowy Mountains Trip.

In mid November Peter Thackray and I travelled to Tom Groggin Station and on the way home to Corryong staying at Clack Clack Caravan Park situated on Nariel Creek, 6 nights in all.

We had beautiful sunny weather for the full extent of the trip with a little wind thrown in, every now and then.

Tom Groggin Station is an Historical Homestead, situated on the Alpine Way approximately half way between Khancoban and Thredbo.

*Google for more info.



The Upper Murray and Omeo Creek run through the Station and both have easy access in most parts with stony beds and very clear water which makes it easy for the fish to see you and as they are self Generating Wild Mountain Trout, they spook very easily.

Stealth is the order of the day!!!

We fished both streams and saw no insect life on Omeo Creek let alone sighting a trout, not even a shadow.

The Murray offered a little more but with no fish sighted and a little insect life such as the odd Brown Mayfly, Midge and Caddis in late afternoon and evenings.



We both had a few hits which were more so nudges and Peter played a trout for a while.

In the evenings we sighted ripple rises, sometimes 2 and 3 at a time but only in a small window of 10 to 15 Minutes.

Corryong was a little different as on the Nariel Creek, the further up stream you go, the narrower the stream gets giving shallow, sandy, rocky bottoms with bubbly and smooth water.

We also discovered deep pools and big boulders the further up we went and I cleaned the inside of my waist waders when one of these pools got a little deeper.

The later in the day it got the more abundant and varied the insect life, and the trout were rising.

Peter took a water sample and deduced that Termites were the meal of the day.

He landed a Rainbow and a Brown, Small but fought like fury which is always fun, making a total of 3 including one on a Royal Wulff caught earlier.

Owen Lloyd.



Nariel Creek



Corryong

Trip Report – 16 November 2019

Goulburn River and Tributaries Downstream of Eildon

The concept of this trip was to enable club members to fish their favourite streams on the way to meeting at the Pondage BBQ area for lunch and a chat to see how the others had done. Then fishing their way home again.

On my way up I tried the Little River where it meets the Acheron River right in Taggerty. It looks a great spot but with five stitches in the back of my leg which I was not allowed to get wet I was very cautious and didn't fish all the water but it did look a bit dirty after all the rain.

From there I moved to the Goulburn upstream of the Thornton Bridge, fishing upstream for a hundred metres or so until it was time to get the BBQ on.

Four others Chris (Red), Terry, Craig and Dennis soon arrived and we discussed the mornings fishing over sausages, coleslaw and chocolate brownies. No one had caught a fish to this stage!

We discussed where to go for the afternoon with Craig and I heading for the Rubicon. We approached the water after rigging, Craig with a nymphing setup while I had a nymph below the Stimulator I had tied on the Wednesday night. I suggested to Craig there should be a fish behind two large rocks in mid stream – Craig entered the water heading for the other side spooking a fish from the first rock so I cast between the rocks and immediately had a "take" but it was small and wasn't hooked.

We made our way upstream for a couple of hundred metres – Craig landed two small trout and I had another touch – the footprints on the banks indicated the river had been fished earlier so we headed for "Tumbling Waters" to finish the day.

I watched Craig fish upstream to the bridge then headed for home – He got a nice 28 cm trout further upstream.

Not many fish caught but it was a good day and a popular format which we will do again.

Ray Malins.



YVFF INC.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13th February 2020

7.30 PM

**This is the Sixth Meeting of YVFF for
2019 - 2020 Club Year**

**Come and socialise with other Club
Members**

**Find out what is going on in the world of local
fishing and which flies are catching fish**

Win a \$40.00 raffle prize

**Get more involved in fishing and have some fun
supporting your club.**

**Enjoy Barry's Superb Spreads for Supper
(prepared by Kay's kitchen)**



YVFF INC. ANNUAL DINNER 2019

WHICH WILL INCLUDE

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR THE 2018 - 2019 YEAR

WILL BE HELD AT THE

CROWN HOTEL LILYDALE PRIVATE BISTRO ROOM

12th DECEMBER 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wives partners and family members are all invited to attend this special night.

\$20.00 Per Head includes 3 Course Christmas Dinner. Pay With Booking.

A raffle with prizes for everyone will also be held on the night.

Please come and enjoy yourselves, meet new members and their families, and acknowledge and celebrate your fellow Club Members efforts in winning club awards.

For Bookings Contact Owen - 0488 535 151



YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS INC.

CLUB ROOM EXTENSION ADVANTAGES

To provide club room large enough to allow most activities

to be carried out within it and permanently set up for organising and for teaching and training members in the art of fishing

To provide an air conditioned club room which is more amenable than the existing with the proper disabled facilities and available 7 days a week, to visitors, members and their families, to help them to become more involved in the club and to encourage their participation in the club

To provide an identifiable and user friendly club room with permanent audio visual facilities for teaching and for the use of all members and their families and to also encourage participation, comradeship, social interaction and a sharing of the knowledge of older members to new and young members

To encourage community involvement in fishing activities generally and provide a broader and improved service to the community through our community fishing, scope days, come and try days and introduction to fishing days

To encourage participation and growth in all club activities including fishing events, casting skills and fly tying skills

To provide a permanent fly tying desk set up for teaching club members and the use of club members and a permanent reference display of flies tied by club members

To permanently display the club's extensive Library of reference books and DVDs and improve accessibility to the reference library.

To also provide a seated reading and viewing area adjacent to the library where the members can improve their knowledge and view DVD's on the club television screen.

To enable the club's history, trophies and paraphernalia to be properly displayed so new and old members can be proud of the history of the club

To provide a kitchen and tea and coffee making facility permanently available to visitors and members

To encourage members of the public to visit and participate in the club and to become new members

To provide more accessible and better internal and external area for storage of equipment used by club members for teaching, training and community events

To encourage men women and children to be active in recreational fishing in line with state government Target One Million policy by providing attractive and more user friendly facilities to stimulate their interest and enable the club to teach all aspects of fishing.

YVFF Coming Events for Your Diary !!!

Hi Members,

**Always keep an eye on the "Whiteboard" in the Bailey Room for updates!!
Below is what is planned at the moment.**

- YVFF Annual Dinner 12th December 2019
at The Crown Hotel, Main Street, Lilydale - See Flyer on Page

More details to follow : Refer To Bailey Room White Board.

Ray Malins : Trips Sub Committee. **email: rkmalins@gmail.com**



Peter Fishing Tom Groggin Station

CASTING

Come and practice your casting on Sunday mornings 10.00am – 12.00 noon on the lawn in front of the club rooms at Lilydale Lake.

Bring your own Rod and Reel or use one of the club's extensive range.

Have a cuppa and catch up with your fellow members and catch up on coming club events.

Members will be notified of any future casting courses and competitions.

All members and guests most welcome.



***There is no Casting Practice if there is a Club Trip on a Sunday.**

FLY TYING
8.00 pm WEDNESDAYS
At Lilydale Lake Club Rooms

Introduction and Advanced Fly Tying.
Special Fly's for up and coming Trips.



We're looking for experienced Tier's to assist with teaching.
We're looking for intermediate and experts alike to share their skills
on a Wednesday night.
We're looking for members who would like a cuppa and a chat. Share
your fishing stories and maybe pick up a hint or two.

Please come down a check out the fun.

Inquiries to Paul 0407 851 190
secretary@yvff.com.au

Fly of the Month



Foam Cicada

On warm evenings in December and January when the deafening shrill of Cicadas fills the air with sound, a foam Cicada pattern should be part of your arsenal on the rivers. Cicadas are not great flyers and often end up in the water. Trout love to eat them. You can expect aggressive takes when fished under over hanging trees and along forested banks. The fly is best fished with a splash to get the trouts attention, don't be subtle with your presentation.

There are many different species of Cicada and they vary in colour and size from tan, green, black and orange and size 14 up to size 4.

Recipe / Materials List

Hook: 1xl to 2xl Dry fly in Sizes 4 to 14

Thread: 6/0 black or coloured to match your foam.

Tail: optional natural deer hair

Body: Dubbing or chenille to match your foam with a palmered dry fly hackle.

Over body: 1 or 2mm thick craft foam cut to the width of the gape of the hook, rounded shaped end tied in at the bend, layer over the body and tied on at the eye.

Under wing: Optional crystal flash.

Wing: natural deer hair.

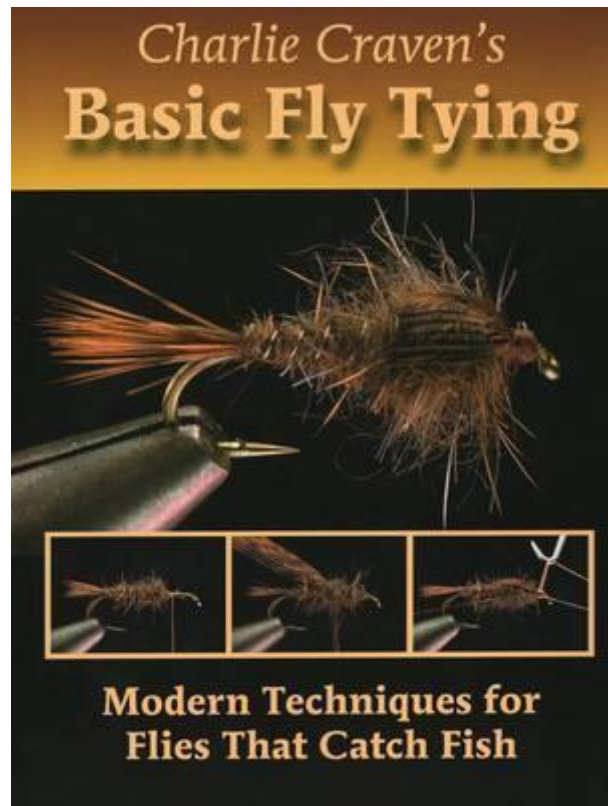
Head: fold the foam back about a quarter of the way back along the shank of the hook leaving a slight bulge and tie in. Trim the foam at about the half way point of the body to an angle over the wing.

Indicator: optional yellow circle of foam tied on top at the quarter shank point.

Legs: Silicone legs to match or contrast the foam colour.

Library

Book Of The Month



Learn to tie 17 popular nymphs, dry flies, and streamers Master fundamental tying techniques in a series of practical lessons Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying is a modern course in fly-tying fundamentals covering the essential tools, materials, and techniques needed to tie a wide range of popular flies. With 1,000 photos, Craven covers cutting-edge techniques for the more tried-and-true classics, such as the Royal Wulff, Adams, and Hare's Ear, and shares innovative approaches to current patterns such as the Brassie, RS2, and Copper John. With clear, concise text, Craven provides tips and techniques from his over thirty years of tying flies for fly shops on Colorado's Front Range.

This book is built on Craven's successful fly-tying classes, which start out with simple flies and work toward more complex patterns, all the while teaching techniques and introducing materials by tying popular patterns that catch fish in Eastern and Western streams.

This series of lessons show how flies build on one another, enabling readers to tie a wide range of patterns simply by breaking them down into parts. Craven illustrates the progression with his meticulous directions to fingerbusters like Copper Johns, Stimulators, and Humpies. This book, which is sure to become a standard text for basic fly tying, covers 17 flies (including recipes for popular variations), including the Brassie, Black Beauty, RS2, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Copper John, Woolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Stimulator, Adams, Rusty Spinner, Parachute Blue-Winged Olive, X Comparadun, Royal Wulff, Humpy, and Goddard Caddis.

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Contact Owen : 0488 535 151

From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you enjoy reading the December 2019 YVFF Fly Line By Line.

A big thank you to all who contributed to this month's edition.

Your additions are greatly appreciated !!!

Note : There is No Edition For January

**Deadline for Contributions for the February Edition
is Sunday 26th January 2020.**

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy Safe and Prosperous New Year

Tight lines to you all.

Owen.

email : editor@yvff.com.au

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