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**\*Front Page : George’s Saratoga  
caught on his Version of a Gurgler Fly.**

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Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Meetup

## **PRESIDENTS PAGE : NOVEMBER 2019**

Looking back at the comments made in the Presidents page 12 months ago, in comparison, we now have a committed and active committee which has achieved a lot in the last 12 months, the club has a vibrant feel about it with a number of enthusiastic members joining the club, assisting the committee and participating in all club activities.

As I have continually stated in my reports to the General Meetings and in the page in the Fly Line, it would be great if we could get even 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.

As stated at the AGM the aim of the committee for this year is to consolidate the position of the club, ensure the core activities are successful, re establish our sponsorship program with sponsors advertising in the club magazine, control spending within our budgeted cost of running the club and if awarded a grant improve the club facilities. Approaches to sponsors have been well received.

The fund raising activities this year have raised well over \$1500.00 and this will be invaluable to the club in providing further facilities and benefits to club members. A big thanks to Owen Lloyd and all club members who helped him in organising and running these fund raising events.

You will see when the updated events calendar is published that the committee has approved that the AGM be moved to the month of June to bring it into sync with the financial year ending June the 30th which should result in all members being financial at the AGM.

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

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 will now be released by the council by the 13th of November 2019 when all successful applicants will be advised which is the day before our November general meeting.

If our application is successful then the proposal to extend the clubroom will be put to a General Meeting in November for members approval. Construction would be expected to commence by January 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 have been given approval to replace it to a certain value.

Some important Dates to remember to place in your diaries are :-

General meeting. 14th November

Annual dinner. 12th December - See the Fly Line

Lynton Reid.

President.

# Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc

## Monthly General Meeting Minutes : October 10th 2019

Attendees : See the attendance book  
Chair : Lynton Reid  
Minutes: Paul Pavone  
Opened: 20:00

Business arising from previous meeting.  
See notes in report.

Apologies Nick Calder, Ross Burgess, Ross Hancock, Steve Hanlon

New members. Craig Willis, Darren Samphier, Brian Cank.

The club was saddened by the recent passing of member Rudi Jerlitschka. A minute silence was observed to remember Rudi's contribution to our club.

### **Presidents Report:**

The committee, in particular Owen and Myself would like to thank all the club members who turned up to help with setting up and running the Scope and Kid's Day. Owen did a great job organising and co-ordinating everything but without the help of all the club members the event would not have happened.

We put a lot of smiles on kids and parents faces and I can still see the smile on a little boy's face who came with a family group of 15 from Preston who had never ever caught a fish before landing his first fish which makes all the effort worthwhile.

I appreciate the strong and reliable support and help coming from club members and the committee and the vision and ideas of club members being put to me and look forward to more input from club members. Remember, this is your club and your vision and ideas for the future are needed and can only make the club stronger in the future.

We have also progressed further with help and input from members; with documenting the guidelines for planning and running future community days and documenting guide lines for volunteers on these days for guidance for future committees.

We are now ready to re establish our sponsorship program with sponsors advertising in the club magazine and contributing either financial support to the club or fly fishing equipment which will enable the club to provide further facilities to the members.

This will also help the club to invest in updating club facilities, casting equipment and the library by purchasing the latest books and DVD's for the benefit and use of new and existing members.

The updated events calendar for 2020 is almost ready for publishing and you will see that the committee has approved that the AGM be moved to the month of June to bring it into sync with the financial year ending June the 30th which should result in all members being financial at the AGM.

If our Grant application is successful then the proposal to extend the clubroom will be put to the upcoming November General Meeting for member's approval. Construction would be expected to commence by January 2020.

The next couple of months are some of the best to fish and also some important Dates to remember to place in your diaries as there is a lot happening up to Xmas.

Devil Bend fishing and BBQ Saturday 12th October  
Wastell Trophy interclub competition based at Creswick caravan park 19th October  
Annual Dinner and Christmas break up 12th December

We now have a casting roster for Sundays to ensure the club room is open however we still need help with organising casting tuition and I would appreciate any help from club members.

Lynton Reid  
President

Secretary's report.  
Correspondence in :  
Emails from CVFFC, VFA, VFFA, ING and other clubs.

Correspondence out  
Letter to Brian Cank to come and receive his membership badge and pack.

Treasurers report.  
September Term deposits \$115,325 account \$13,239 Cash \$1,500 Total \$133,932  
Our books will be audited during October. Currently we have 44 paid up members.

Media  
Advertising for Kids day on our Facebook page and website added to the success of the day.  
Our Meetup page will not be continued when it expires later this year.

Marketing and meetings.  
Kids come and try fishing September 19th to 21st was a great success. Thanks to Owen and all the members who assisted over the 3 days.

2 fishing shirts were presented to members as the new shirts with embroidered club logo. The darker colour was approved and the shirts can be used for fishing and as a dress shirt. Lots of sizes are available and we are going to organise ladies shirts.

The December Monthly meeting will be held at the Royal Hotel Lilydale and will include our awards presentation. Check the whiteboard in the Bailey Room.

Casting  
Continues each Sunday morning. A roster of members has been prepared so we can open the club rooms. Tuition is available on request.

Fly Tying  
We have begun an "Introduction to fly tying course". Come on down and join in the fun.

Stream craft  
No report

Trips  
Ray has asked for more help with organising the next year's program including asking members for their ideas and locations they would like to fish on a club organised trip. Contact Ray or any committee member and have your say. Keep your eyes on the whiteboard for more trips.

Special Projects

2019 Capital Development Project funding proposal has been sent in. Drawings are available for members to view.

#### Fishing reports

George Zanin fished the NT, including his first Saratoga on fly. He fished lots of different spots and used many fishing styles to optimize their chances of success.

#### General business

If you have anything to add to the next Events Calendar please email [secretary@yvff.com.au](mailto:secretary@yvff.com.au)

Next meeting Thursday 14th November 2019

Next Executive Committee meeting Thursday 28th November 2019

Meeting closed 21:00



## **Jamieson River**



## **YVFF INC. CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

EXCELLENT CLUBROOMS.

CLUB BADGE AND PRESENTATION PACKAGE FOR NEW MEMBERS.

CLUB CLOTHING AND PARAPHENALIA WITH INSIGNIA.

COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY OF  
REFERENCE MATERIAL - BOOKS AND DVD'S.

EXTENSIVE RANGE OF

RODS REELS AND LINES FOR CASTING PRACTICE.

CASTING TUITION FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED.

HUGE RANGE OF FLY TYING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

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INFORMATIVE FLY LINE BY LINE CLUB MAGAZINE.

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EVENTS CALENDAR AND FACEBOOK.

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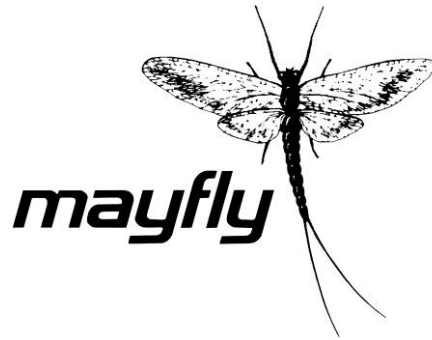
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INSURANCE WHILE ATTENDING THE CLUB OR

ON CLUB ACTIVITIES.





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# VALE

## Josef Rudolf Jerlitschka .



Everyone knew him simply as Rudi.

Rudi passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at the relatively young age of 72, he left behind his loving wife Marlene and his son Michael.

### **MEMORIES OF RUDI**

**Josef Rudolf Jerlitschka** was born in Markranstaedt, Germany on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 1947 to his parents Thomas and Kathe. These post war German times and his strict father no doubt led to shape Rudi's personality into a hard working, proud and determined young man who never let a challenge get in his way.

As was often the case young Rudi didn't attend University and was enlisted into the Army at the age of 18 where he remained for around 13 years in the medical corp, first starting in Emergency as an assistant. He finished his career at a high rank with the huge responsibility of being in charge of field hospitals.

With the introduction of the intergovernmental military alliance NATO, this led to a great deal of travel and is no doubt where his love of travelling began. Many of you

here will know that **Rudi** delved into travel experiences like many of his other pursuits – with a great deal of passion!

He became an expert on the Scenic luxury cruise and tour group, especially their boats. I'm sure Marlene has a lot to thank for that particular passion 😊

Rudi left the army and took a position as an Engineer at Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm an aerospace manufacturer. Most notably it was here that he met the beautiful young personal assistant Marlene and a wonderful friendship grew.

Marlene still remembers the exact date – the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 1979 . In 1980 they headed off to Australia to also visit **Rudi's** Uncle Thomas in Sunshine. Three weeks in and they put a deposit on a house in St Albans!! **Rudi** wasn't one to do things by halves and I think this was a pretty brave move since technically they were still of course German citizens!

In mid 1981 they settled in St Albans but the lure of the countryside, specifically The Dandenongs beckoned and they soon moved to the Eastern suburbs where they enjoyed many happy years, especially in Chirnside Park where they were fortunate to live in beautiful surroundings with wonderful neighbours

It seems ridiculous that initially **Rudi's** qualifications were not recognized in Australia but he happily accepted a role at Four 'n Twenty making the most of the situation and continuing his hard working ethic.

Rudi's final career move was to BHP in 1989 and he relished his Managerial role there.

His job at BHP came with great benefits and he and Marlene enjoyed many Grand Prix's, visits to the theatre, good wine and food and the fantastic opportunity of being able to drive all kinds of prestige cars. Much to his mates and neighbours envy!

Unfortunately Rudi fell off a ladder in his late 50's, completely shattering his heel and this ultimately led to his retirement. But he was ready to retire and went on to enjoy many great years with Marlene, travelling, fishing and becoming heavily involved in Bonsai .

Rudi and Marlene joined YVFF in 2004 and participated in many fishing and fly fishing adventures. He had a love of fishing western districts lakes spending many holidays there. One of their trips was to Florida chasing bone fish. Rudi served on the committee, he reviewed our contract with the council providing a valuable insight into our legal commitment. He also looked after our advertising for a few years.

Although he loved fishing his other passion was for bonsai and he had very high standards. He was a driving force for establishing the Yarra Valley Bonsai Society and fishing was shelved.

He and Marlene have been on the committee since conception, He was president for many years and he and Marlene are honored as life members. At the moment Rudi has a tree on display at the National Aboratorium in Canberra.

Rudi lived a full life and enjoyed many close and meaningful relationships a proud hardworking family man. Always a big greeting and a handshake like a bear a good friend and dearly missed.

## **THE DASH**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning....  
to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they  
spent alive on earth and now only those  
who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars....the house....  
the cash. What matters is how we lived and loved and  
how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd  
like to change? For you never know how much time is left  
that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more, and love  
the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often with a smile...  
remembering that this special dash might only last a while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to  
rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how  
you lived your dash?



**YVFF INC.  
GENERAL MEETING**

**14th NOVEMBER 2019**

**7.30 PM**

**This is the Fifth 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **YVFF Club Trip Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Meet for lunch at the BBQ at the Pondage after fishing your choice of the Stevenson, Rubicon, Goulburn etc, in the morning on the way up then have lunch together about 12:30 pm (Club BBQ).

Fish your choice of locations on your way home and report fish to Ray with photo (or witnessed) by email.

All future updates will be on White Board in Bailey Room

All Questions : Refer to Ray Malins – Trip Steward

**Email: [rkmalins@gmail.com](mailto:rkmalins@gmail.com)**



# Fly Fishing for Saratoga

I've always wanted to catch Saratoga on the fly; I've caught them before on surface lures and thought they would be ideal targets on a fly.

They are a weird, prehistoric looking, living fossil of a fish with big eyes, underslung jaw and no dorsal fin making them well designed for attacking stuff off the water surface and therefore great for catching on a fly.

On a recent trip to Melville Island in the Northern Territory I got my chance to fish for them. The location was Goose Creek, which is said to be the largest freshwater system on Melville Island, over all, it's length is about 60km and it changes from saltwater mangroves in the lower reaches to paper barks and waterlilies in the floodplain areas of the upper reaches. This area teems with birdlife such as magpie geese, broilgas, sea eagles to name a few as well as wildlife in the form of water buffalo and the ever present saltwater crocodiles, the Saratoga seem to like this area as well.

My fly fishing experience with Saratoga is not extensive but I managed to do OK by casting and working a top water fly known as a Gartside Gurgler into the clear water patches between the lily pads and aquatic weeds. It was also good to cast as close as possible to bankside vegetation and any visible snags.

Other different styles of fly patterns such as "Pink Things" or "Clousers" could also be effective provided they are all made weedless.

The Saratoga would attack the stripped fly with a fair amount of "agro" on the surface strike; the strike isn't like the explosive "boof" of a barramundi but it's exciting none the less.

Only problem is Saratoga have a fairly bony mouth structure so setting the hook and getting them to stay hooked can be difficult - I probably lost as many fish as I landed. My partner Merril had many takes on the soft plastic frog lure she was using but none landed, so a fly may be slightly more effective and perhaps striking hard and fast may help, but I need to do more fishing to check that out!

The gear used was a 9wt rod with matching WF floating fly line, which sounds like a bit of overkill for the size of the fish, but I think it was about right given that the fish are strong and feisty and can bury you in the weeds or snags and you never know when a good sized Barra can turn up in the same location.

George Zanin.

October 2019



**George's Saratoga Up Close**



**George's Version of a Gurgler Fly**



**Neville The Buffalo**



**Goose Creek Lily Pads**

## **YVFF Club Trip to Devil Bend Reservoir by George Zanin.**

I'm always keen to try out new or different fly fishing spots, so when I heard the club was planning a trip to Devil Bend, I thought, yep, I'll be in that!

I knew that the reservoir was once used to supply water to the Peninsula and was decommissioned and subsequently reopened to the public around 2012, but for whatever reason I never got round to giving it a go, thanks to the prompting of the club trip I'm glad I did. I think the location is a hidden gem with excellent facilities for a pleasant day out.

Access from the eastern suburbs is good using East Link and Peninsula Freeways, the reserve itself has good car parking, extensive walking tracks, toilets, Electric BBQ's, picnic tables, shelters, grassed areas and shady trees. The water supply is a rain water tank with signs saying "*Do Not Drink*" so I recommend taking your own drinking water and the usual "*Take Your Rubbish Home*" rules also apply.

Now the fishing.....I'll be upfront, no one actually caught anything, but that's often the case until you get to know a new area, I think it definitely has potential worth exploring and I would go back.

The water has been stocked with brown & rainbow trout as well as estuary perch and I believe redfin may also be present. There is a thick band of water weed from the shoreline out to about 10-15 meters which may hinder fishing somewhat, however, I think the difficulty can be overcome by wading out and putting a long cast into the drop-off and deeper water beyond the weed bed. As always take great care when wading in such areas as the footing may not be ideal. I suspect when there are insect hatches happening the fish may well be feeding within the weed bed?

An alternative is to fish one of the two purpose built fishing pontoons which extend beyond the weed. Or if you have them you can use unpowered water craft such as canoes, kayaks or float tubes, just be aware that there is approx. 250m walk from the car park to the nearest launch area so best if your craft is easily portable.

The park is normally open from dawn till dusk, however the park is still accessible to pedestrians 24 hr via a small car park located in front of the main entrance gate, so fishing the "evening rise" is certainly possible.

Thanks to all that attended and Ray Malins for organising trip and BBQ, Merrill and I enjoyed the day.

For more detailed info and location maps, check out the Parks Victoria website or just Google "Devilbend Reservoir" there's a heap of info including YouTube videos.  
George Zanin.



**Merril Fishing Devil Bend**



**Devil Bend BBQ**

## Club Trip Report – Devil Bend Reservoir – 12 October 2019

Not having been to the Devil Bend Reservoir before I was keen to explore when I arrived early. A quick walk down to the launching area and the fishing pontoon gave me a taste of what was required.

On returning to the car to "suit up" George & Merrill were chatting with Ian as he unloaded his Hobbie kayak – a great way to fish this reservoir to avoid the weed that lines the shore.

We headed back down the path – Ian had launched his kayak and was on the western side of the reservoir with a north easterly breeze blowing which was strong in the car park but there were sheltered spots at water level.

George & Merrill headed passed the Fishing pontoon to the point and I had a few casts while moving towards the pontoon. I turned around to move further down and for the first time in my fishing career two Fishery Officers came down the bank to have a chat – very friendly, told me about the fish in the reservoir and the spots to head for. They asked if I had a licence but didn't want to see my Seniors Card in my pocket inside my waders and moved on.

I continued to the pontoon and had a few casts with a "Woolly Bugger" as I was clear of the weeds but wasn't expecting a fish as the water was super clear and in full sun – it just didn't feel fishy.

I had a look at the "Quarry" next as suggested by the Fishing Officers but it wasn't easy to cast there with a cliff and bushes behind me so I just chatted to a bait fisherman there who was packing up without any luck. The location looked great with plenty of insect life but with perfectly clear / clean water I don't think the fish would come into the shallows until sunset.

I kept walking / exploring – the Point, the Eastern Shoreline and realised the Reservoir was three times the size of what you can see from below the car park with two thirds of it out of bounds to protect the bird and wild life.

I had ran into George & Merrill on my wanderings who had seen Awin, his partner Sherin and their three year old daughter – time to head back for the BBQ!!

The park lands at the car park are great with multiple sets of BBQs and picnic tables well set out and clean (but beware of the "Noisy Miners" if you have food out).

Ian had come off the water after being blown about a bit but no fish – yet! And Awin and family joined George, Merrill, Ian & I at the BBQ waiting for the sausages to cook – a bit slow!

We all thought it was a lovely place and with good access to us thanks to the freeways but fishing would be better early morning or in the evening (?).

Ian loaded his kayak onto his car with us watching his technique, George, Merrill & Awin were heading off home with Ian & I thinking we would "suit up" again and perhaps see what would happen when the sun dropped. We walked back to the "Quarry" and watched the water with plenty of insects on the surface and swallows scooping them up so it was difficult to tell if the rings were rising fish or not.

With daylight saving it was going to be a long wait for dusk so we wandered back towards the cars but watching the water!

It is a place we need to revisit but the strategy next time is to have an afternoon BBQ and fish till dark (gates close at 9 pm) when the fish will be taking the insects off the surface and the weed won't come into play when using Dry Flies.

**Ray Malins**

# 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

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# Fly of the Month



## Copper John Nymph

The popularity of John Barr's Copper John is not due simply to its good looks but rather its uncanny ability to catch fish. Like other legendary fly patterns this nymph has a few key features that make it appetising to fish. The large gold bead, slim profile, flash and breathing hackle are just a few of these features; but the real strength for this fly comes from its weight. The compact design and special materials used in construction allow this fly to sink quickly to the level of the fish. The extensive copper body is what adds the significant weight to the fly helping it rapidly descend to where the big fish lay. This unique style of weighting a fly also allows the fly to roll across the river bottom in a natural fashion as compared to a fly weighted down with a split shot attached to the leader.

### Materials List

Hook: #TMC 5262 or equivalent

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Brown goose biots

Abdomen: Wapsi copper Ultra Wire

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wingcase: Thin Skin, pearl Flashabou, and epoxy

Legs: hungarian partridge or hen back or saddle

Bead: Brass

Weight: Lead wire

Source: [kienesflyshop.com](http://kienesflyshop.com) Copper John by Jason Akl.

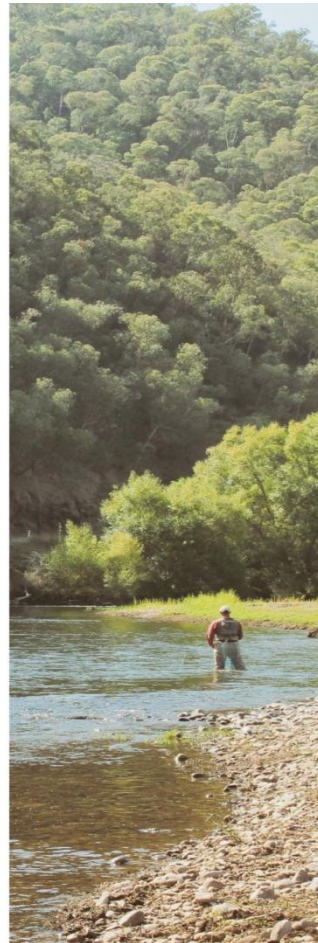
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## Book Of The Month

# FLY FISHING

## NORTH-EAST VICTORIA

*Philip Weigall*



The lakes and streams of north-east Victoria provide some of Australia's finest flyfishing for trout. In this book, Philip Weigall sets out to help anglers of all levels get the best from this remarkable area.

Although Philip Weigall has fished the north-east for most of his life, he hasn't forgotten how baffling an unfamiliar fishery can be. With this perspective in mind, the book begins with a description of the area as a whole, including everything from the types of water you're likely to encounter, through to fishing licence requirements and weather. Further in, there are overviews of each of the five major trout fishing catchments, followed by detailed water-by-water descriptions. These descriptions include a reliability rating, and best months to fish. Simple, handy maps back up the text.

For all its valuable how to/where to information, 'Flyfishing North-east Victoria' will also be enjoyed for its striking pictures and design. Philip Weigall is clearly smitten by this beautiful area and his book is as much an effort to capture the essence of north-east Victorian Fly Fishing as it is a guide.

Overall, this is a book that will be essential reading for those entirely new to the area, right through to experienced locals looking for another perspective – or perhaps a new tactic or two to try.

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

Your additions are greatly appreciated !!!

**Deadline for Contributions for the December Edition  
is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

Tight lines to you all.

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