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MPFF Mission Statement

To promote, foster and encourage the art of fly fishing in all its aspects.

To promote, foster and encourage the art of fly tying.

To promote, foster and encourage the sport of fly casting.

To increase the pleasure derived by members from their sport by social intercourse, interchange of ideas and by collective or mutually assistive action generally.

To promote and assist in the stocking with trout and other sporting fish, of local and other waters.

To foster and promote the conservation of the environment on which the sport of fly fishing is practised and to assist scientific and practical research in all matters pertaining to the sport.

To do all such other things that are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of these purposes and for the exercise of the power of the club.



PRESIDENTS LINE

Greetings Fellow Fly Flickers

Gee, don't you hate it when you open your mouth and you say you will do something before you go away, and they remember it and you don't!

The outdoor setting which seems to be getting bigger by the hour is getting a makeover. i.e. Gerni, sand and oil— all before I can get on with the important task of packing for the NZ trip. Bugger!!!

I spent the "Cup" weekend at Lake Bullen Merri as I have for the last thirty years, but for the first time I returned home without catching a fish—did not even see a single fish move! The lake was about 1m lower than it usually is due to a general lack of rain in san area that is renowned as being always lush and green. I do hope it is an isolated case and not the general trend.

Only 13 sleeps to go before we are on the Tongariro!

Hope to catch up with you on the water somewhere, some time soon.

Regards, Russ Johnson.



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Not this month!!

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 12th November 2015

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 26th November @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Members Reports & Photos

Maybe even some from NZ??

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wild Trout Conference November 21st

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Wastell winning fish

LAST MEETING



Meeting discussion centered around members' fishing reports over the last month.

We also discussed next year's calendar—and a copy will be emailed separately.

A few members were on the Goulburn for opening day and reported large numbers of fishers at all the usual sites, with very few fish being caught.

A report from those who attended Lake Fyans reported "hard" fishing but a great time.

Same thing for the Wastell — few fish (only two weighed in for the weekend!) but a fantastic time. Ballarat Fly Fishers really organise a great weekend and all present had a fantastic time.

CLUB FISHING SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE



The long sleeved fishing shirts have now been embroidered with the club logo and will be available from Steve Darnell at the next meeting.

As well as those that were pre-ordered we have a number of "extras" in a range of sizes available for purchase by members.

We also have a range of club polo shirts, embroidered badges and stickers, & metal badges available for sale. Just ask Steve at any meeting!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE "WILD TROUT CONFERENCE"

Talk Wild Trout 2015

Freshwater anglers can learn more about Victoria's wild trout fisheries at a **free one day** conference to be held in November at Mansfield.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director, Travis Dowling, said the conference was funded by fishing licence fees and the State Government's *Target One Million* plan for recreational fishing, which aims to get more Victorians fishing more often by increasing participation to one million by 2020.

"The conference will assemble fisheries scientists and recreational anglers to share the findings of research conducted on riverine trout populations over the last 12 months, Mr Dowling said.

"In 2013, trout anglers told us that High Country streams had not fished well so we embarked on a substantial three year research project to investigate further.

"This conference is all about sharing the results from the first year of field work so that anglers, and angling dependent businesses, build an understanding of our trout fisheries and their key drivers.

"Amongst the presentations will be topics ranging from spawning success in 12 wild trout rivers, trout movement in the Delatite River from the acoustic tracking project, and measuring the contribution stocked trout have made to anglers' catches in two rivers.

"The conference will also feature a key note address from Dr Dan Dauwalter of Trout Unlimited, which is an American group committed to better trout and salmon fisheries.

Mr Dowling said the conference would be held at the Mansfield Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 21 November 2015, between 9.30am and 5pm, and that interested anglers should register online for free by visiting www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/twt

"People unable to attend the conference will be able to watch presentations online a few weeks later on the Department of Economic Development's YouTube channel.

"For those anglers making a weekend of the conference and staying over the Saturday night, the Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club has organised a Film Festival from 7.30pm featuring a series of short films about trout fishing. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, and bookings can be made when registering online for the free conference."

To obtain a conference program visit www.vic.gov.au/talkwildtrout

Why not consider making it for the weekend as a replacement for the usual Merrijig trip traditionally held on this date!!!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Ballarat Flyfishers Club



Lake Wendouree Two Fly 2016 2nd & 3rd April 2016

(Incorporating the Jim Thomas Memorial Trophy)



The 2015 Lake Wendouree Two Fly winner Asitha Balachandra, receiving the Jim Thomas Memorial Trophy and the Stalker Glide Fly rod from Allan Townsend, BFFC President.

The competition will be held over 2 days (2nd & 3rd April 2016). The cost of entering the event will be \$50 per fly-fisher. This includes entry to the event, a 2 course dinner at the Saturday night Gala event and breakfast on Sunday.

The winner of the Lake Wendouree Two Fly will receive:- Miniature Jim Thomas Memorial trophy and a Stalker Glide Fly Rod, total value of \$650.

The number of Flyfishers able to enter the event will be limited to ensure the quality of the fishing and to provide access to adequate fishing areas on Lake Wendouree.

The event has become extremely popular and is now regarded as the "not to be missed" event in Victoria's fly fishing calendar.

Special Early Bird Offer-Register by 1st March for your chance to win.....

If you register and pay for your ticket on www.trybooking.com/JNLR prior to 5pm on the 1st March 2016, you not only guarantee your place in the event but you also automatically go into the draw for nearly \$500 worth of fly fishing gear from Hurley's Fly Fishing. This prize includes Stalker Back Country Waders, Wading Jacket and cap.



Contact Chris Doody on 0428304004 or via email on chrisdoodv@bigpond.com for further information.

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LAKE WENDOUREE "TWO FLY" RULES

Ballarat Flyfishers Club



Rules of the Lake Wendouree Two Fly 2015 competition

Fly-fishers will be restricted to using their allocated two flies for the 2 day competition.

- 1) Each participating Fly-fisher will provide two flies of their choice to the Registration Desk.**
- 2) The two flies will then be:-**
 - a) reviewed to ensure their suitability for trout fishing in Lake Wendouree, and if suitable,
 - b) if the flies are deemed not suitable, the flyfisher will be asked to resubmit 1 or 2 flies which are suitable.
 - c) placed into an envelope, and be numbered
 - d) placed into a draw, where each registered fly-fisher will randomly draw out an envelope containing two flies.
- 3) The fly-fisher can then only use those two flies during the competition.**
 - a) Flyfishers can choose to use either/both of the flies at the one time on their fly line, over the two days.
 - b) Each fly-fisher must record the length of each and every trout they catch on the provided official fish catch card and using a commercially available ruler. This data goes towards developing future stocking proposals for Lake Wendouree.
 - c) If the Fly-fisher loses one of their flies, they can use the second single fly for the rest of the competition.
 - d) If the Fly-fisher loses both flies, they can still continue to fish but any fish caught cannot be entered onto the official catch card and hence, will not be counted towards winning the trophy.
- 4) The Jim Thomas Memorial trophy will be awarded to the fly-fisher who has caught the longest trout, during the listed competition times based on length (rounded up to the next centimetre, from *tip* of nose to the *centre* of tail fork), using an approved ruler (and verified by a second registered fly-fisher)**
 - a) If two fish are registered as having the same winning length, each fly-fisher's second longest fish will be used to determine winner.
- 5) Registration-**
 - a) Registration will be from 8am to 9am, Flies will handed out at 9:15, Rules briefing at 9:30am,
- 6) Fishing Sessions:-**
 - a) **Saturday- starts at 10am and ends at 4pm** (fish registrations must be handed in by 4:15pm)
 - b) **Sunday- starts at 5am and ends at 12 noon** (fish registrations must be handed in by 12:15pm)
- 7) Presentations: - Trophies to be presented at 12:45pm.**
- 8) Fishing will be allowed from either a boat or from the shore**
- 9) All fishing and boating regulations must be adhered to.**

TODD TANNER'S 12 DRY FLY ANGLING TIPS

Over the years, I've had the good fortune to fish some of the finest trout streams in North America, and to hang out with some of the most accomplished anglers on the planet. While I can't share everything I've learned about dry fly fishing in one sitting, here are a dozen tips that will pay serious dividends if you take them to heart. (And as a bonus, they may have you humming along on the river.)

WATER SONG

Practice your casting until you're better than you need to be. I'm always amazed at how many folks don't take the time to become solid casters. If you can't put the fly where you want, you're not going to catch many fish. So practice. Practice on your lawn, or at a local pond, or the municipal park. It's going to make a huge difference.

ONE

Before you wade into the river, make a conscious decision. Don't worry about numbers. Concentrate on finding, and catching, one fish. Just one. If you succeed, great. You just hit it out of the park, and now it's time to concentrate on catching another. And if you don't succeed ...

LOSER

Failure, no matter what you've heard, doesn't suck. It's your teacher. It tells you what you need to change, and what isn't likely to work in the future. Don't turn your back on failure. Embrace it. Revel in getting your ass kicked. Listen to your teacher.

RIPPLE

Waves are for surf boards. They're not for wading. When you wade, especially on slow moving water, you should not send out a wave or a wake. Think heron rather than beaver tail, and you'll be moving in the right direction.

FAIRIES WEAR BOOTS

Stop waiting on the Fly Fairy. You've heard of the Fly Fairy, right? She sprinkles pixie dust on that one special fly that fish just can't resist. Except she's not real. And there is no special fly. Here's a news flash. If you're not catching fish, it's probably not your fly. It's you. Ditch the Fly Fairy and get some skills.

DOWN BY THE RIVER

The reach cast. Learn it, perfect it, use it. The reach cast should really be called the 90% cast, because that's how often you need it: 90% of the time, on 90% of your dry fly casts.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING ...

You missed him. You're pissed. Or you made a bad cast. You're pissed. Your knot failed. You're pissed. Your waders leak. You're pissed. Sensing a theme here? Because it sounds to me like you're pissed. Which means you're tense and agitated and off your game. Take a breath, get a grip, relax, and lean into the fun. You, my friend, are not on the water to get angry. You're there to enjoy yourself. If you're upset, your muscles will tighten up, your concentration will falter, doubt will whisper in your ear ... and you won't fish worth a shit. Relax, let it go, have fun.

NO QUARTER

Quick, but not too hard. That's your dry fly hook set. Quick, but not too hard.

SLOW RIDE

Except when you're setting downstream, or down and across. Then slow it down just a hair. That fish has to close his mouth before you set or you're going to miss a truly amazing percentage of your strikes.

DRIFT AWAY

Your drift. She's perfect, right? Because perfect helps. It helps a lot. If it doesn't come naturally, think it through. Where does your fly need to land? What cast do you need to use? Should you use an aerial mend? Are the currents funky? What does your fly line need to do in order to help your fly drift perfectly? Then make it happen. Hey, this is why you practice so much - so you can pull this off.

ANTICIPATION

As my old friend Tim Linehan used to say, the strike is everything. So anticipate it. Then, when it comes, savour it.

DANCING DAYS

Awareness. Is. The. Single. Most. Important. Thing. In. Fly. Fishing. So be a sponge. A big, wet, slow moving, ass-frequently-on-the-bank sponge. You need to see everything, hear everything, feel everything, sense everything. And then you need to focus like a monk, in balance, soaking in the world around you and dancing to the music. Seriously? You didn't realize that dry fly fishing was a dance? Well here's a news flash. You're dancing with reality ... and that's as good as it gets.

FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK — ELK HAIR CADDIS

Hook: Dry fly, #12

Thread: 6/0 (140 denier), color to match natural

Rib: Fine copper wire

Body: Dry fly dubbing, color to match natural

Hackle: Medium ginger rooster, palmered through body

Wing: Elk or deer hair, natural light or dark

1 Wrap a thread base to the rear of the hook shank and tie in wire. Return thread to the rear and spin dubbing material thinly onto the thread.



2 Wrap the spun dubbing to a point 1/4 hook shank length behind the eye. Tie in hackle stem with its shiny side facing the hook eye.



3 Wrap the hackle in open turns toward the rear, finishing at a point mid-way between the hook point and barb. Maintain pressure on the hackle stem.



4 Counter-wrap the wire forward through the hackle to bind down the hackle stem. Tie off wire and cut the waste of both hackle and wire.



5 Clean and stack a bundle of hair. Tie in just forward of the hackle with tips extending to hook bend. Keep all of the hair atop the hook shank.



6 Gather the butt ends of hair, lift them as a bundle, and whip finish under the bundle. Cut the thread and trim the hair bundle to form a prominent head.



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XMAS BREAK-UP

Prizes may vary from pictures!!!

SHOT OF THE MONTH



Winning Wastell Fish

*Russell Wilson
(Ballarat Fly Fishers')*

*with a 2.94 kg Brown
from Dean Reservoir*

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