

THE EVENING RISE

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PRESIDENTS LINE

Greetings fellow fly flickers,

Well the One Fly has been and gone with everyone having an enjoyable day. As I sat at the shelter relegated to the task of recording others successes, my eyes wandered to an adjoining pool and I was reflecting on our chosen activity when a small boy with the help of his father landed his first fish.

His eyes were like saucers and his pleasure shone out and as I turned back to our pool I realized that I was looking at bigger versions all catching fish or helping others to do so. Gee we have a great sport!!

Special thanks to John K for tutoring Ann enabling her to catch her first fish on a fly. Hope to see you on the water somewhere soon.

Regards,

Russ Johnson



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MPFF Mission Statement

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

To promote, foster and encourage the art of flytying.

To promote, foster and encourage the sport of flycasting.

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 flyfishing 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.



CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

ON HOLD

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 10th October @ Wranglers Club. 6.30pm

CLUB TRIP

Fly-In. 11-13th October 2013
Wastell Trophy. 19-20th October 2013

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 24th October @ Wranglers. 7.00pm

AT THE MEETING

Report By Members On Their Fishing Trips

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Merrijig End of year trip

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Sandy on the Meander River

Keep fishin'! Take a friend!



RANDOM THOUGHTS

***"The two best times to fish
is when it's rainin'
and when it ain't."***

CLUB FEE'S

2013/2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVER DUE!

From the 1st of July all Membership Fees have been due! Members are reminded that fees are now due and payment must be made no later than the 30th September 2013. After this date the membership register will be reviewed and all unpaid members will be deleted from the system. Club Fees are charged per financial year (July - June)

Club fees are as follows:

Full year (Single): \$70

Full year (Family): \$85



CONTRIBUTIONS

50 Shades of Grey

Four guys have been going to the same fishing trip for many years.

Two days before the group is to leave, Ron's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Ron's mates are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do. Two days later the three get to the camping site to find Ron sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire, sitting having a cold beer.

"Geez Ron, how long you been here, and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last night.

Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my living room chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and asked, 'Guess who?'

I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a nightie.

She took my hand and pulled me into our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over.

Well she's been reading 50 Shades of Grey.....On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes!

She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did.

And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

So, Here I am!

Sam S.

MPFF 2013 ONE FLY

Seventeen members took up the competition challenge and headed to the Alpine Trout Farm at Noojee on Saturday, September 21st for the annual club One Fly. The competition took place in two sessions with half the group fishing whilst the other half acted as stewards to measure the catch.



There were plenty of fish in the pond and members were soon practising their “take” technique and landing all varieties of fish (including browns, rainbows and brook trout) to be measured by the stewards.

The recorder was kept busy with some members taking over 15 fish in the 90 min session

After the morning session the group gathered for a delicious BBQ lunch and a few convivial drinks.

The afternoon session was just as action packed – especially when some of the anglers discovered the outlet drain from the shop where a large number of fish were pooling to feed.

The eventual winner after a “gentleman’s agreement” was declared to be Peter Cattermole who landed a 48cm fish, runner-up was Mark Scheimer also with a 48 cm fish and Jon Klarenbeek came in third place with a 47 cm fish.

The placegetters were presented with prizes sponsored and supplied by Gavin and the ProAngler team. These were a 1-2 wt rod, 4 wt reel, and a roll of fly line.

All present commented on what a great fun day it was – blessed with warm sunny weather, fantastic fellowship, a picturesque venue and scrumptious food. All present are looking forward to a return bout next year albeit with some modified rules.



FLYTYING



Half a dozen members gathered at Bob’s on Sunday September 15th for a “*pleasant Sunday afternoon*” tying flies. Glen was in charge of the novice group whilst Bob offered assistance to those wishing to tackle something a little more complex.



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CASTING TIPS

Capt. Pat Damico

FFF Master Casting Instructor

Casting Tip 23: False casting, making a forward and back cast without delivering the fly to the target, is an excellent way to develop good casting skills. Using a bright line that can easily be seen, position your casting side foot rearward enough to allow you to observe your whole cast. A poor backcast is one of the faults most frequently observed.

Using only the rod hand, start your false casting exercise with only 5 or 6 feet of line plus a 7 or 8 foot leader and concentrate on making narrow loops that are the same size on both forward and backcast. If you are getting nice consistent narrow loops, add a couple feet of line and continue the exercise.

Start horizontally then cast more vertically. Add line in 2 foot increments. Small adjustments of the fundamentals we first discussed will give you consistent results and more confidence to carry more line.

This is an excellent exercise to use each time you begin a practice session.

Taken from *Suncoast Fly Fishers*
St. Petersburg, FL with permission



SHOT OF THE MONTH



FISHING TIPS

Ten things that no flyfisher should ever “Leave home without”

1. **WHISTLE:** A loud river can drown out yells for help, but the shrill sound of a whistle travels much further than shouting and you can keep doing it much longer. A survival type whistle like the *Fox 40* has no moving parts.
2. **BIC TYPE LIGHTER AND/OR MATCHES:** If you get seriously wet and cold you will quickly get hypothermic. Heat in the form of a fire can be life saving. A lighter is the single most important thing I carry in my fishing vest.
3. **FLASHLIGHT:** For finding the right trail home after dark, a flashlight is an absolute essential item to carry with you on every outing.
4. **DUCK TAPE:** It can repair all sorts of things like; wader rips, rod guides, eyeglass frames, nets and even used as a bandaid.
5. **SUN BLOCK:** We should all apply it every day. At elevation, the harmful rays of the sun are even more intense and damaging to the skin.
6. **TOILET PAPER:** You *will* eventually need it. BABY WIPES come in almost water proof containers and thus are even more likely to be in useful condition when you really need them.
7. **KNIFE:** There is no end of uses for a sharp blade. From making toothpicks for your corkies to firewood.
8. **RAIN JACKET:** You will get caught in a down pour sooner or later. In an extreme situation a jacket could serve as a water carrier, a pillow or even sun protection.
9. **MISQUITOE REPELLENT:** Keep it off your fly lines but cover exposed skin.
10. **LIP BALM:** Apply it every few hours when you are out.

James Shively, MD

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Community Weeding Day

If you want to make a difference and leave a positive environmental footprint, come along and be a part in the newest natural features reserve and largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsula.



This is a great chance for the club to make an impact with other Devil Bend supporters and Parks personnel by demonstrating our commitment to the reserve and its development.

So let's all "badge-up" in our MPFF shirts and turn –up on the day and thus *make a statement!*

When: Sunday 27th October 2013

Where: Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Picnic Ground (Melways map 152 J3)

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

What to bring: Leather gloves, loppers or pruning handsaw and sunglasses or clear protective glasses.

BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE after the weeding

CONTRIBUTIONS

Devil Bend Reserve

Many are enjoying Devil Bend, the public appreciation is very pleasing with old and young families, pushers and prams; and many conversations on history and wildlife as visitors walk around the paths.

I've found all the fishing shops in the city are very aware of our efforts as a club and the strong liaison with Parks Victoria.

I would like to see printed on a sign, a message of conservation and appreciation from Mornington Peninsula Fly Fishers.

Greg R

Green Thing works on lots of redfin and trout or tie with dumbbell to go upside hook avoided weed



Official opening
(at last!!)

Fishcare Victoria

Spring has sprung and the Fishcare Fish Right Workshop season is warming up around the state. Fishcare groups from East Gippsland all the way to Warrnambool have made many preparations throughout the winter months to continue their work in educating the next generation of recreational anglers in safe, sustainable and responsible fishing practices.

There has been big news for Fishcare Victoria over the last few weeks with the announcement by the Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh announcing funding of \$200,000 per year to be allocated to the group from the sale of recreational fishing licences. The funding will allow Fishcare Victoria and all affiliated Fishcare groups around the state to plan and continue to grow knowing there is some security for the future of the program.

With secured funding Fishcare Victoria will be able to focus on increasing its outputs and further engaging junior anglers and the broader community through Fishcare's learn to fish clinics, school holiday programs, "Get Hooked" schools program, Catch a Carp events, Family Fishing days, Catch and Release competitions and working with other "care" groups on local environmental projects.

Just recently Fishcare Victoria has attended the National 4 x 4 show in Melbourne and the Goulburn Fish Festival at Eildon with both events great successes in raising the profile of Fishcare and signing up new volunteers. All groups across the state are always looking to recruit new members so interested persons should please have a look at our website www.fishcare.org.au or look us up on Facebook at Fishcare Victoria Inc. Teaching children the basics of fishing and watching them catch their first fish, falling in love with the sport we all love is a very rewarding experience.

As the weather improves and Term 4 gets underway around our state's schools our Fishcare Volunteers will be running Fish Right Workshops at safe fishing destinations to teach our participants the basics of catching fish but also the importance of looking after our waterways and aquatic environments so that they are conserved into the future. If you would like to be a part of the Fishcare program or your school is interested in getting involved please don't hesitate to contact us through our website.

Dave Cleeland

State Coordinator

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Elysia Gustafson our State Secretary doing her bit and removing a few Northern Pacific Sea Stars from the Williamstown foreshore.

5 Trout Fishing Tips for Victorian Rivers

Trout Fishing Tip 1 – Fish Upstream

Trout will almost always face upstream into the current, so by fishing upstream we are always coming up from behind the fish and bringing the lure or fly back past them like natural food in a river will do. Trout also have a bit of blind spot right behind them, so they will find it a lot harder to see you and your movements by doing this. But be prepared to change tactics if any back eddy's are encountered along the river, as the flow will change direction and head back upstream, which means the fish will be facing downstream into the flow, and will see you coming!

Trout Fishing Tip 2 – Polarised Sunglasses and a Hat

The use of good polarising sunglasses are a must on sunny days, it cuts the glare off the water and makes seeing trout and your fly or lure so much easier. A hat or cap will also keep the glare off your glasses or eyes helping even more. By being able to see through into the water we are able to better see fish holding structure, the fish themselves or any follows we may have on our lures or fly's.



Polarised sunnies and hat

Trout Fishing Tip 3 – Wade the Rivers

Wading into the rivers will help by being able to access so many more places where the fish are holding. Also it gives better casting angles and allows to cover the river much more efficiently. 95% of our fishing is done standing in the river itself. Waders are also much more affordable than they were, and for shorter trips you do not need really good gortex waders like simms etc, but a \$50 pair of rubber waders will work fine.



Waders make it easier

Trout Fishing Tip 4 – Stealth

Fish have remarkably good eyesight, and will see movement from quite a distance. So stealth is a must, wear dull coloured clothing, keep low, make slow deliberate movements and try and stay to the shadows as much as possible. This especially rings true in smaller rivers where the fishing is close and the fish may only be a few meters in front of you.



Stay to shadows

Trout Fishing Tip 5 – Choice of Location

While most of our rivers hold trout, they will all fish totally different dependent on angling pressure. Try and find rivers or sections of rivers that do not get too much attention and your catch rates will definitely increase. The old saying "Either fish where the fish are, or where the fishermen aren't" sums it up.

[Backcountry Fishing Blog](#), by Darren

CLUB REMINDERS



SUNSHINE FLY CASTING CLUB

38th

Lake Fyans "FLY – IN"
11, 12 and 13th October 2013

FLY IN RULES

1. The Fly In is to be held on the second full weekend of October each year.
2. All participants must pay the current fees before commencing fishing.
3. All persons over the age of eighteen are required to pay the current registration fee.
4. Fishing is to start at 6pm Friday.
5. Any fish found to be caught before then shall be disqualified.
6. All Trout must be 25cm in length to be eligible.
7. All fishing is to be done to the rules set out by the Fly In Committee.
8. All competitors must hold a current Victorian License if required to do so.
9. All fish to be weighed in must be caught on a fly with the exception of Ladies and Juniors.
10. Ladies and Juniors may weigh in any fish caught by legal means.
11. The Fly In Committee shall not be held responsible for any damage to persons or property whilst attending the Fly In.
12. The Fly In Committee shall attempt to resolve any disputes to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.
13. Fishing will only be at Lake Fyans, Lake Bellfield and Lake Wartook.

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CLUB FEE'S



BALLARAT FLY FISHERS CLUB

Victor H. Wastell Trophy
Dates- 19th & 20th October 2013

Venues- Cairn Curran, Tullaroop & Harcourt
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NEWS UPDATE

Fulling Mill Limited World Class Flies and Accessories

At the recent AFTA trade show Mayfly Tackle Pty Ltd released a range of flies both freshwater and saltwater which impressed all retailers who dropped past their stand. Fulling Mill Limited have a pedigree which dates back to the early 1930's, that probably explains why this company has tied over 200,000,000 flies to date.



Fulling Mill is recognised as Europe's leading quality fly manufacturer offering exceptional value and service.

Mayfly Tackle recognised that the percentage of commercial flies reaching Australian shores were tied for price rather than quality and felt that a high percentage of fly anglers who had precious spare time to tie their own patterns were more than will to pay a premium for flies tied on quality hooks with quality materials.



Viewing the range at the recent trade show left you wondering if Mayfly had sub contracted some local custom fly tiers as the sample flies on view were off a superb quality never seen before at commercial scale. Mayfly Tackle has added the popular whistler patterns to their range and plan on adding Australian patterns to the range over time.

The Fulling Mill brand is worth chasing down at your local tackle store as the expensive fly rod, reel and fly line are pretty much useless if you have a poor quality fly tied on the end that does not sit on the surface or swim correctly.



To view the range and list of stockists visit www.mayflytackle.com.au

FISHING ARTICLE

Taking good photos of your trophy fish

A recent article in the Fish and Game magazine provided pointers to taking good fish shots. They are repeated here for those that haven't read the article.

- Talk about the format of the desired photo to include the fish and angler before the fish is photographed.
- This is best done while the fish is still in the net. Trout will survive well if kept in the net in the water until you get organised with the camera, the angler and the photo shot desired.
- Get the angler to kneel with the fish – better than stooping over the fish and this adds perspective to the fish and keeps the anglers face normal.
- Take off sunglasses and straighten your hat.
- Keep the rod in the picture and the fly in the fish's mouth.
- Position yourself at a low angle.
- Click when ready after advising the angler to lift the fish out of the net, hopefully dripping water.
- Get the angler to angle the fish so that the head is closer to the camera rather than the body (a better optical trick than extending the fish at arm's length).
- Snap off a few shots, return the fish to the net and check your photos.
- Let the fish go once you are happy with the snaps.

Happy snapping.

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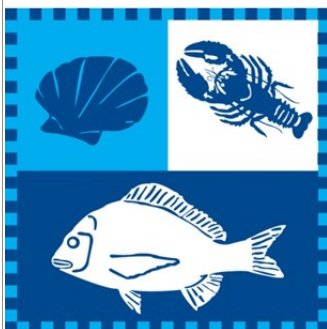
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THE TYIERS BENCH

No-25

By Mark Scheimer

Mark's Bloodworm



Materials:

Hook:	Maruto #8 Long S/S
Thread:	Red & Black Flat Wax
Tail:	Red Feather Tuff
Body:	Red Lava Lace
Hackle:	Ginger Grizzly Cock Saddle
Flash:	Red Krystal Flash
Head:	Peacock Herl

Tying Instructions:

Step 1 – Start the Red thread about one-third of a shank length along the shank and build up a smooth base to a spot just before the bend, then return the thread back to the point of the hook.

Step 2 – Measure a tuff of Red feather against the shank so it's about one-third of a shank length long and tie in at the bend of the hook with several tight wraps.

Step 3 – Cut three strands of red Krystal flash, then double over, around the thread and tie this in on top.

Step 4 – Take the thread back to where you started the red thread and tie in 4" of Red Lava Lace keeping the Lace on top of the hook, rap back to the bend of the hook.

Step 5 – Wind the thread to the eye and whip finish off, Change to the Black thread.

Step 6 – Wrap the Lava Lace forward, making the vinyl wraps butt up next to each other, continue to just before the eye and secure it.

Step 7 – Select a Grizzly Cock Saddle hackle that has long, webby barbs. Trim the fluff from the butt end of the feather and strip a few fibers from the quill. Tie the hackle feather in by its butt and with the inside of the feather toward the hook. Wrap 2-3 times and tie off.

Step 8 – Take 1 or 2 peacock herls and trim off the fragile tips. Tie in the herl by the butt directly behind the hackle.

Step 9 – Wrap the herl around the hook shank 2-3 times so that you have a nice full collar. Tie off the herl and trim the excess. Whip finish off.

Step 10 – Give the hook a bit of a bend in the middle of the shank.

