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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.

Greetings fellow fly flickers.

Just back from a Club Trip and one question asked was—"how come we don't get more members to Club outings?" Your committee is trying to meet all of your needs in fly fishing if it is possible.

So Ian will be circulating a questionnaire soon seeking feedback about whether we are moving along the right track.

What do we need? - More Day Trips, Fly Tying, Knot tying, fishing movies...???? You tell us and we will try and put it in the program!

Hope to see you on the water, some time soon somewhere.

Regards,

Russ Johnson

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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

2014 Dates & Venue to be advised

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 10th April @ Wranglers Club. 6.30 pm

CASTING DAY

Sunday 11th May @ Devilbend. 10.30 am

CLUB TRIP

25th—27th April @ Creswick / Ballarat region

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 27th March @ Wranglers. 7.00pm

AT THE MEETING

News from Eildon Club Trip

Jim Baumgurtel from *Flyfinz Tackle and Books*

FOR YOUR DIARIES

NO APRIL CLUB MEETING

Anzac weekend Club Trip

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Andrew's Lake Fergus catch

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Nothing grows faster than a fish from when it bites until it gets away."~ *Anonymous*

"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses."~ *Anonymous*

"Only an extraordinary person would purposely risk being outsmarted by a creature often less than twelve inches long, over and over again."~ *Janna Bialek*

"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish."~ *John H. Bradley*

"If fishing is like religion, then fly-fishing is high church."~ *Tom Brokaw*

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."~ *Chuck Clark*

"Fly-fishing may well be considered the most beautiful of all rural sports."~ *Frank Forester*

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Jim Baumgurtel from *Flyfinz Tackle and Books* will be attending our March meeting.

Jim carries a wide range of unusual and different fly fishing supplies.

His range will especially interest all fly tiers as it includes a wide variety of materials.

DEVILBEND CASTING DAY

In windy but otherwise pleasant conditions fourteen members attended our first casting day at Devilbend Reserve on Sunday February 16th.



All members assisted in providing tuition to approximately 15 people including a number of juniors. Sam set up a casting area with hoops to cast at and was particularly patient with a number of juniors who were present at family BBQ's and found their way to our display. Bob tied a number of indicators for use on members rods and we were glad he brought fly tying equipment to make some more after we had exhausted his initial supply of a dozen.

There was great interest from a select group of people who had been specifically invited as a result of website enquiries and hopefully we will pick up between 4 – 6 new members for our efforts.

The day concluded around 1.00 pm with everybody partaking of a BBQ sausage sizzle and cool drink.

Overall members unanimously rated the day as successful both from a club promotion perspective as well as the enjoyment and camaraderie of getting together for the first club event for the year.

Looking forward to the next one in May!



EILDON WEEKEND REPORT

The weather was great as five intrepid MPFF'rs headed up to the Eildon Pondage all arriving about midday on Friday 14th. There was much cursing as our group of campers tried to drive pegs into soil the consistency of dried concrete. After setting up camp everyone headed off in all directions to find some fishy water. What a “bummer” - the pondage at its peak and the Goulburn running a banker—never been seen that high before, by any of the team! We made a few attempts to fish the pondage and then retired to camp to formulate a battle plan for Saturday accompanied by a cold beverage.



Saturday dawned another beautiful day and it was off to Big River. Sam, Terry, Frank and Pete were first to arrive—Steve and Russ tail end charlies so they moved on down river and the battle began. Terry caught 3 on the Taponga, Steve caught 3 on Big River whilst Russ caught one and dropped one—all before lunch. After lunch not a fish was sighted anywhere!

Saturday night “huey” turned on a thunder and lightning show to be believed and to finish it off torrents of rain and a huge water run-off through the campsite. As luck would have it our small group had gathered in the camp kitchen undercover with ample provisions to wait out the flood.

Sunday saw most rivers on the rise and dirty water was abundant. Steve and Russ fished the Steavenson after looking at a number of spots on the return home—but in the end coffee and a pie at Marysville seemed the best option.



The good, the bad and the elderly!

FOR THE FLY TIERS

The Olive Kossie Spinner as designed by Mick Hall

Hook: Partridge Dry Fly

Size: 10

Tail: A bunch of Whiting Farms Coq de Leon Cock hackle fibres

Body: Cream knitting yarn that has a clear Antron type fleck running through it and dyed Olive with a marking pen.

Post: Cream Enrico Puglisi Silky Fibres

Hackle: Tied Parachute fashion, Whiting Farms Golden Badger Saddle Hackle.

Notes:

1. The pattern listed is largely untried but I suppose we have to start somewhere.
2. The knitting yarn was purchased from our local haberdashery. I chopped a handful up into one-centimetre pieces and put them through a \$20.00 coffee grinder that was purchased at K-Mart. The clear flecks, even when stained with the olive marking pen, helped in obtaining a translucency to the dubbing. As a substitute, clear or cream Antron would do the job if you can't find a suitable olive.

The dun is so similar to *C.haleuticus*, just a little lighter and I believe Mike's pattern would suffice. However I would tend to tie it with a Parachute hackle. I have listed below a few of my favourite patterns, including a Para-Kossie.



SHOT OF THE MONTH



Andrew's Lake Fergus catch — Tassie 2014

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ARE YOU A "FLY FISHING FANATIC"?

I have heard the term "fly fishing fanatic" bandied about quite a bit. Heck on occasion, I might have even been called one. However, I am not sure that I know exactly what one is. I took it upon myself to investigate this term. I travelled to the various places where fly fishing fanatic's congregate. I went fishing on the Goulburn, Eildon, Big River, Devil Bend, Lake Purrumbete, Tasmania and even NZ as well as every other trout stream where I thought I might learn something useful on the subject. I attended One Fly, Fly-In, The Wastell Trophy, and the Pro Angler Club Night. I visited clubs, fly shops, pubs and fishing cabins. I have talked to countless fly fishers. Sadly, I am unable to find a succinct definition. What I was able to identify from all of this learned research is that there are certain indicative behaviours that can predict whether you are a fly fish fanatic. The more of these that you exhibit the more likely it is that you are one. I have listed a few of these indicators below.

- If your cat is named Sage and your dog is called Loomis, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If your family had to eat Christmas dinner on TV trays because your dining room table is set aside for fly tying, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you believe Stalker is not a criminal offence, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you missed the birth of your first child because it coincided with the trout season opening, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If your fly tying vise and fly tying material cost more than your TV, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If one or more of your children were conceived on the back seat of a drift boat during a lull in the red spinner hatch at Brumby's weir, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If your wedding reception was held in a fly shop, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If your wife wants to do something romantic on your anniversary and you take her night fishing, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If she thinks you finally hit a home run with that idea, she might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you have ever worn a fishing shirt to a funeral, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If E-bay makes more than three deliveries a week to your home, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you can identify every insect you encounter on the river with its complete scientific name (in Latin) but can't remember your children's names, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If the only time anyone has seen you cry was when you broke the tip on your 7 wt rod, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If your greatest fear in life is that when you die your wife will sell your fishing tackle for what you told her you paid for it, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you honestly believe that you can save money by tying your own flies, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.
- If you own more fly boxes (all completely filled with flies) than your wife has pairs of shoes, you might be a fly fishing fanatic.

This list is by no means complete. I would not be concerned unless I exhibited more than five indicators!

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