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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

Hi fellow fly flickers.

Just back home after a pleasant Sunday morning with Peter Wilson who ran a very informative morning of casting instruction at Mt Eliza Regional Park. Boy he makes it look easy!

All those in attendance I'm sure took home little pearls of wisdom that they can use the next time they are on the water—I know I have and I can't wait to try them next weekend on the Club Trip to Eildon. (further info in this newsletter).

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

Regards,

Russ Johnson



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Sunday 6th July, 1.30—3 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 12th June @ Wranglers Club. 6.30 pm

CASTING DAY

Sunday 13th July, 10.30 am

Venue to be confirmed

CLUB TRIP

16th—18th May @ Eildon

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 22nd May @ Wranglers. 7.00pm

AT THE MEETING

Members Fishing reports

Knot Tying night

FOR YOUR DIARIES

ANNUAL DINNER—19TH JULY

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Sandy's Gippsland Brown

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the John McKay Memorial Award for Club Member of the Year 2014.



Forms will be circulated at the next two meetings and members are asked to nominate a member for this prestigious Club Award. Previous winners

- 2006 – Robert Fisher
- 2007 – David Barry
- 2008 – Mark Scheimer
- 2009 – Tom Camp
- 2010 – David Johnson
- 2011 – Sam Stott
- 2012 – Robert Fisher
- 2013 – Andrew Pastuszka

Members are also hereby given notice that the Annual General Meeting of MPFF Inc will take place on Thursday 24th July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Wranglers Clubrooms.

MAY MEETING PROGRAMME

If this looks like you, then our next meeting should help sort you out!

Yes, by popular request we are having a knot night.

Plenty of opportunity to practice the old knots and an opportunity to try out some “new” variations.

Many of us rely on the knots we were taught when we first started fishing—so this is an opportunity to check whether we are still tying them correctly.

Also, why not try some others that may even prove to be easier to tie and be more effective in our pursuit of the elusive trout..

Practice makes perfect!

All materials supplied.



CASTING DAY—MAY 11TH—Mt ELIZA

Our Casting Day was held at Mt Eliza Regional Park which is located off Two Bays Rd near the Moorooduc Coolstores complex. Twelve members joined our special guest Peter Wilson for a pleasant Sunday morning at the well known venue.

Your committee had felt that a return to this venue would enable some more options to practice roll casting on the pond—unfortunately it must have a hole because water levels were roughly the same as in the past.



The morning commenced around 10.30 am with a brief run down by Peter in the simple basics of casting and we then broke off and each received individual tuition in putting theory into practice. We also got to try out the latest Sage “Method” rods that Peter brought with him. He says that the rod quality makes little difference to the cast—but from personal observation I’d have to say that these rods certainly made me look fantastic.

Around 12 noon we gathered for a BBQ sausage sizzle and great camaraderie amongst all present swapping fishing stories. Thanks to Sam for bringing the hot water for the morning cuppa and Ian for the food.



The day concluded with a small presentation from President Russ to Peter on behalf of all present who responded by indicating his willingness to attend our next Casting Day if we want. Given the outstanding quality of the individual tuition on offer I’m sure we will be accepting his offer. Overall, another great Club Day with apologies to all the Mum’s for our poor scheduling of the event.

During the lunch break a number of the group got a head start on the next meeting’s program when there was an exchange of ideas and demonstrations of some new knots. You will all have a chance to try these out so don’t miss it.

UPCOMING EILDON CLUB TRIP

Our next Club Trip is set down for Eildon - May 16th—18th

Fish the Eildon pondage and the Goulburn River or venture out and try the Big River and the Taponga.

Fishing options include bank fishing, wading and float tubing as well as boating.



As usual members should make their own accommodation arrangements at the suggested venue—

EILDON CARAVAN PARK

By the pondage



Situated amongst 30 acres of well shaded areas and nestled beneath Lake Eildon, the park is on the banks of the picturesque pondage, a natural habitat for native birds and fauna as well as a fishermans paradise.

Accommodation options include: Cabins and Tent Sites

Excellent fishing from within the park grounds.

Tel: 5774 2105 Email: info@eildoncp.com

Steve Darnell is coordinating the trip so contact him if you intend to go — 0425813731

BBQ FOR SALE (BEST OFFER)

This was purchased for Jeannie and I to use in the caravan but I have since come across a far smaller one. I used it once to try it out it works perfectly. It has a hot plate and grill.

*If anyone is interested I will take a fair offer. **Harry Hayes***



PEOPLE WE NEED TO SUPPORT



Beadhead Pheasant Tail Flashback

Hook: Tiemco TMC 3761 # 12 - 18 **Weight:** Lead Wire

Thread: Dark Brown 8/0 Uni Thread

Rib: Copper Wire **Thorax:** Peacock Herl

Wingcase: Several strips of pearl Flashabou/Shimmerflash

Body and Tail: Pheasant Tail **Beadhead:** 2mm Gold Bead



1/ Firstly slide the bead onto the hook. The bead should have a hole drilled through it the hole being larger in diameter on one side. This enables it to be attached easily and the narrow end which goes on first stops it from sliding over the eye of the hook and coming off.



2/ Now add some lead wire to the hook to help it get down quickly. With this particular fly, sinking it right down is very important so all the extra weight we can incorporate into it will be to our benefit. I usually double wrap say .15mm or .20 mm lead wire under the thorax of the this fly. Feel to add no extra weight if it is to be fished in very shallow water.



3/ With the lead in place wrap a layer of thread to hold it securely and then continue towards the rear of the hook stopping above the hook barb. Once this is done take a bunch of pheasant tail fibres and tie in a tail roughly equal to the length of the hook shank.



4/ Next step is to tie in the copper wire which we will use to rib the flies body with. Use any colour copper wire you like but traditional copper and also red/purple copper works especially well when tying this pattern. Now take the thread forward to where the lead is positioned (where the thorax will be located).



5/ You can then take the excess pheasant tail fibres that were left over from tying in the tail and wrap them forward towards the front of the hook. I wind them away from me or in a clockwise direction then wrapping the rib (next step) in the opposite direction to add more strength.



6/ Once the pheasant tail has been wound forward to the rear of the lead and tied off it's time to add the ribbing. Take the copper wire and wind forward, binding the pheasant tail body, in an anti clockwise direction. When you reach the thread tie off and trim the excess wire. This then completes the abdomen or body of the fly.



7/ Next comes the material for the flashback. Take the Flashabou or Shimmerflash, only a few pieces and tie in. make sure to tie it in so that it points to the rear of the fly and is therefore out of the way of the next lot of materials to be added. When this is done trim the excess stubs of flash material from where the thorax is to be tied in.



8/ Now tie in one piece of thick peacock herl. Any more that this is pretty much overkill on such a small pattern. Use the primo sections located at the bottom of the strand. Tie this in with the thicker part of the herl on the outer side of the direction you intend to wrap. This will cause the herl to flare when wrapped against the hook shank.



9/ Wind the thread to the rear of the gold bead. Then carefully wrap the herl forward to behind the bead where you have left the thread. Make sure each successive wrap is in front of the last so as to not crush any of the previous wraps of herl. Once you have reached the rear of the bead and have created a nice thorax, tie off and trim excess.



10/ Now to add the flashback and finish the fly. Gently pull the flash material back over the herl thorax and to the front of the fly. Feel free to give it a bit of slack and thereby increase the hump of flashback making it more prominent. I just pull it back and let it sink into the herl most of the time. When you are happy with it's appearance tie it off and trim the excess.

SHOT OF THE MONTH



A Gippsland Brown caught by Sandy

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