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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



PRESIDENTS LINE

Greetings Fellow Fly Flickers

Well, it's that time again. Ian has been on the phone wanting "words of wisdom" - still can't work out why he keeps ringing me? Its amazing how quickly the brain goes blank when asked to respond.

I hope everyone is saving up for the Annual Dinner as it is just around the corner. Now guys here is a chance to take your partner out to the signature night of the club's year.

If anyone has contacts for raffle prizes for the Annual Dinner and Presentation evening could you let one of the committee know so we can act on it. Donations are always very welcome.

Anyway, there is better reading inside the newsletter, so I'm on my bike.

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

Regards,

Russ Johnson.



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Sunday June 7th CANCELLED
Clashes with Queens B'day w/e

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 11th June 2015

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 28th May @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Jim Baumgurtel—FLYFINZ

FOR YOUR DIARIES

CLUB TRIP—

May 29th/31st—Eildon

June 26th/28th—Purrumbete

Saturday 18th July—Annual Dinner

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Doug's NZ Lake "O" Brown

NEXT MEETING



We are pleased to welcome back Jim Baumgurtel to our Club Meeting. Jim carries an extensive range of Fly fishing material.

"Flyfinz continues to grow and new products are added regularly as anglers inquire about new items and items that they would like to use.

One of my principles in starting Flyfinz back in 2007 was to provide a customer service to fellow anglers, providing quality products they required at sensible prices.

Coupled with this goal, I appreciate the value of prompt service and interaction with anglers and suppliers, and I have tried to ensure Flyfinz provides the personalised service that I would value and appreciate." Jim Baumgurtel

BRING YOUR WALLET TO THIS MEETING!!

FROM OUR TASSIE CORRESPONDENT now in Melb



Thought the members would like to see that Penstock still produces good fish this late in the Tasmanian season. These two beauties were caught on a Black Shrek using a D3 line in about 1.3 Mtrs of water today **26th April**. All 7 fish caught were released for members to try and catch next season!

See you all next meeting in May Dave

Editor's note:

Something we all wish to emulate next year!!

MAY CLUB TRIP—EILDON

This month's Club Trip is May 29th—31st to Eildon with accommodation at Eildon Caravan Park.



There are lots of possibilities for fly fishing using Eildon as a base.

For trout fishers the Eildon Pondage has the advantage that it's close to Melbourne and it's heavily stocked with trout. Most fly fishers target the top Pondage, with favourite spots being the cemetery, out from the cricket oval and in towards the drains and the bay on the opposite side. All these areas offer great wading opportunities when the levels are lower. On clear days these areas also become great polaroiding possibilities with some very large fish cruising the shallower water. An area on the bottom Pondage worth a try is the bank parallel with the road from the bridge heading back towards the island. The bay towards the island and the road out to the island also produce some great fishing. There are large expanses of weed beds providing a smorgasbord of food for cruising trout.



Below the pondage the Goulburn River is also a prolific source of fish, whilst further afield the rivers feeding the Eildon dam including Big River are very fishable.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the John McKay Memorial Award for Club Member of the Year 2015.



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
- 2014— Ian Herron

INTERESTED IN ROD BUILDING??

A few members have built their own rods using blanks purchased from various sources. A bit like fly tying there is great pleasure derived in catching fish on a rod you have constructed yourself. Andrew participated in the last workshop and found on Ebay a very good blank made in Japan and sold by a Scottish company called **Bloke**. Andrew owns a **Bloke "Riverbugger" XL50** 3wt 11ft Czech nymphing rod and says graphite quality is excellent. The good part is that blanks are very affordable, around \$A150 and **Bloke** can also supply complete kits to build. The price is very dependent on components chosen (type and quality of rod grip, seat and guides), however all up kits should cost between \$A200 -



\$A250. **Bloke** rods are fast medium action so very easy to cast and give a nice bend when a fish is on. The choice of blanks is also extensive from 3wt and 4wt 8ft, 5wt and 6wt 9ft, to spey rod blanks.

Obviously some may choose other blanks if they wish. Doug can get some Sage blanks at good prices. If you are interested in participating in making your own rod under supervision of an experienced member then let Andrew know at the next meeting. The more participants, the greater the discount on prices listed.

Everyone needs a back up rod.

LOOKING AHEAD — 2015 ONE FLY

Following extensive discussion the committee decided that the arrangements for this years One Fly would be: ***MPFF One Fly 2015 to be held at Newlyn Reservoir on Saturday 19th September followed by a BBQ lunch and presentation.***

Located about 11 kms from Creswick on the road to Daylesford; follow the signs just past the Newlyn Hotel on the right.

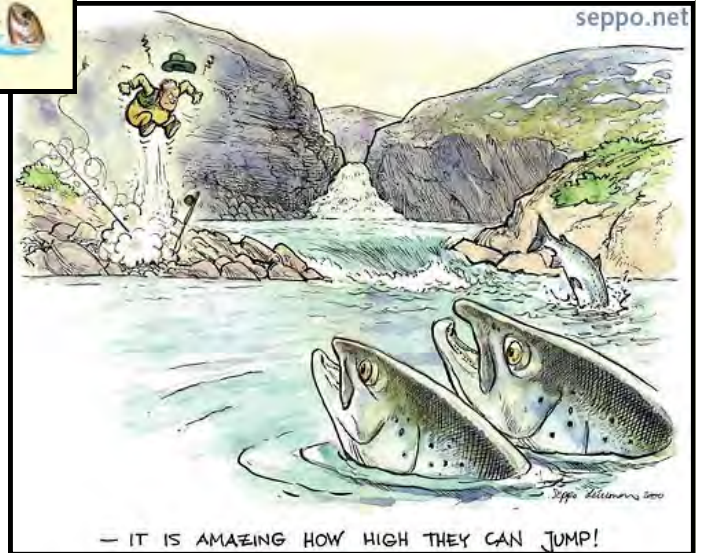


For members wishing to make the event a weekend trip—accommodation will be at Creswick Caravan Park.

***Creswick
Calembeen Lake
Caravan Park***



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JUNE CLUB TRIP - PURRUMBETE

Lake Purrumbete is a volcanic lake located in the Western District of Victoria. It is in a shallow volcanic crater and the water is crystal clear most times of the year as the lake relies totally on its own catchment.

Lake Purrumbete is a prime destination for anglers chasing chinook salmon and rainbow and brown trout. The banks are heavily weeded at places. It is ideal for both land based and boat fishing

The Lake Purrumbete Caravan Park is just off the Highway between Camperdown (15 kms west) and Colac (45kms east) and is situated on Purrumbete Estate Road on the south side of the lake. The area has mobile service and Telstra Broadband.



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<i>Please ring to book cabins for weekend stays.</i>		
<i>Please provide your own bedding</i>		

It has ensuite cabins, camp kitchen, BBQ areas, kiosk with ice, LPG, icecreams, bait and tackle available. There are mooring facilities, jetties, fish cleaning facilities, day parking and a dual lane concrete boat ramp.

UNDERSTANDING LEADERS and TIPPETS



I probably shouldn't admit this, but leaders and tippets confused the heck out of me when I first started fly fishing. After all, if you were a spin fisherman, as I was back in the mid 80's, your terminal end tended to be pretty basic. You either tied your lure directly to your line, or, if you wanted to get fancy, you used a snap swivel to add flexibility to your rig. By comparison, fly fishing was rocket science. Not only did you have to understand the complicated terminology, but you were supposed to construct your leaders from scratch, using archaic formulas developed by physics professors masquerading as anglers.

For example, in *A. J. McClane's The Practical Fly Fisherman*, there were 9 different tapered leader formulas on page 72. The very first was: 40" of .018, 36" of .017, 7" of .016, 7" of .014, 7" of .013, 7" of .012, and 28" of .010.

In this formula, the .018s, etc., refer to the diameter of the material, while the 40"s, etc., give the length of the individual sections. Then, of course, there's the question of whether to use hard nylon, soft nylon or both; or whether you should go old school and build your leaders from gut (or bat wing, or eye of newt). Heck, even if you knew how to handle a fly rod and tie a blood knot, leader construction was daunting.

So let's try to simplify things by starting out with a few basics. When I refer to a "leader," I'm talking about a length of material (or materials) that connects your fly line to your fly. Some leaders are tapered, others are level. Some are one piece, others are created by knotting together a number of shorter sections. Some are solid, others are braided or furled. But they're all leaders, and their object is simple - to connect your fly to your fly line in a way that helps you catch fish.

The "tippet" is the very end of the leader, the part that attaches to the fly. On a tapered leader, the tippet is always the thinnest section.

"Tippet material" (as opposed to a "tippet") comes on spools, and it's the stuff we use to build leaders from scratch, or to repair or adjust the one we're using at the moment. Tippet material is measured in Xs, as in 3X, 4X, 5X, etc. Most store-bought leaders also come with X designations. For tapered leaders, the X tells you the diameter of the narrowest part of the leader.

Please keep in mind that Xs correspond to diameter, not breaking strength. For example, every manufacturer's 5X material is supposed to be .006" in diameter, while every 3X is supposed to be .008" in diameter. This has a couple ramifications. The first is that 3X is thicker (and has greater strength) than 4X, which is in turn thicker and stronger than 5X. A simple rule of thumb is the higher the number, the thinner the diameter.

At the same time, 4X material from Company A may well have a different breaking strength than 4X material from Company B. Just because the diameter is the same doesn't mean that the strength is equal. After all, different companies use different chemical formulations when they create their leaders and tippets, and their products have different characteristics.

So how does all this translate to the trout stream? Well, if you're fishing dry flies on the surface or dead drifting nymphs below a floating line, you'll want to use a relatively long, tapered leader. For big fish, big flies or fast, choppy water, you'll go heavier, somewhere in the 3X to 4X range. For smaller flies or smoother water, 5X or 6X is probably more appropriate.

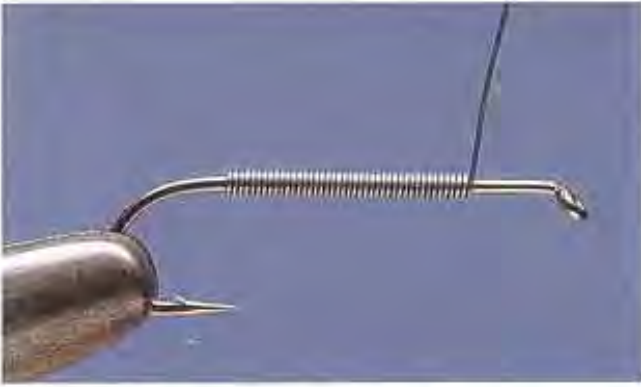
If you're fishing streamers, nymphs or wets with a sink-tip or a full sinking line, you'll need a shorter, stouter leader. How short and how stout? Well, that depends on the size of the fly, the clarity of the water, and the size of the fish that you're after. To give you a general idea, many anglers prefer 9', 5X leaders for floating lines, but they'll drop down to 6', 2x leaders (or even a 4' hunk of 0X tippet material) for sinking lines. But please keep in mind that these are only general guidelines, and that there are any number of exceptions you'll run across on the water.

Then decide on the type of material you want. If I'm going to fish streamers, wets or nymphs, I like fluorocarbon leaders and tippets. They offer improved knot strength, excellent abrasion resistance and they practically disappear in the water, allowing you to hook finicky fish on heavier tippets. The only major problem with the newer fluorocarbon material is that, unlike nylon, it won't break down out and disintegrate in nature. Consequently, you want to make sure you collect all your clipping and worn-out leaders and dispose of them in the trash.

If I'm going to fish dry flies, I still use old-fashioned monofilament, as it doesn't sink like the fluorocarbon and I don't have to be quite as fussy with my knots.

Now this next statement might surprise you, but I don't carry a whole bunch of leaders in various sizes. Rather, I'll throw a handful of 9', 4X and 7 1/2', 3X tapered leaders in my vest, along with spools of tippet material ranging from 0X all the way down to 7X. With a little judicious clipping, or with a few additional pieces of tippet, I can fashion anything from a 13', 6X dry fly leader to a 4', 0X leader that would be perfect for salmon on a sinking line.

FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK—WOOLY BUGGER



1 Secure the hook in the vise. Starting just after the bend, wind on close turns of lead wire to form the weighted underbody. Apply a coat of strong glue, then remove the hook from the vise and leave to dry, securing the hook upright in a piece of foam.



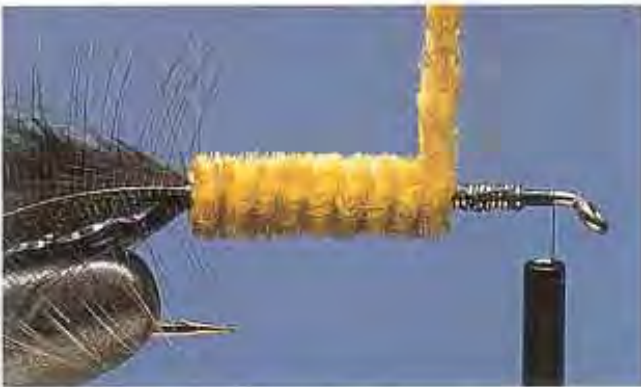
2 Replace the hook in the vise. Run the tying thread on at the eye and carry it down to the bend, past the end of the lead. Catch in a short bunch of black turkey marabou.



3 Secure the marabou with tight thread wraps, allowing the waste ends to fill the gap left at the rear of the lead wire. Take a strand of pearl Crystal Hair twice the length of the tail. Fold it in half and catch in at the tail base.



4 Prepare a black saddle hackle by stroking the fibers back from the tip, then catch it in at the base of the tail. Take 3 inches (7.5cm) of olive chenille and remove a section to leave a bare core. Use this core to catch the chenille in at the tail base.



5 Take the tying thread to the eye and wind the chenille on in touching turns to a point just short of the eye.



6 Secure the loose end of the chenille with tying thread and remove the excess. Wind the hackle up to the eye in evenly spaced turns. At the eye, make three close turns to form a collar. Secure and remove the excess. Cast off the thread.

SHOT OF THE MONTH



Doug took this brown and others on one of his regular NZ trips.

He usually stays at Turangi on the North Island and this fish was taken on Lake Otamangakau

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