



Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club

Editorial

I was reading the paper a couple of weekends ago and stumbled across an interesting article on the loss of social interaction as a result of "social media". The author lamented that because people weren't seeking information from others they were sourcing it from "social media" we were losing the ability to talk to each other and pass on acquired skills. I couldn't agree with him more.

Social media is so unsociable. Don't get me wrong, there is some great websites and videos out there that can provide you with some great information on fly fishing and casting. Our own Brynn is a great example of what you can achieve from the net. However, look how great this young man turned out after he joined the Club and some personal contact with Australia's best casters.

We have a wealth of knowledge walking the corridors of this great Club that goes untapped and some great people that don't get the acknowledgement they deserve. From Daryl who has spent years on the Goulburn and is our local guru on Czech nymphing. Our world class casting instructors, Wet and Phil, Nick who is our own Tenkara expert and let's not forget the quality of our fly tyers. So why aren't you there every Thursday night talking to real people and finding out what really works.

Maybe I'll see you at the Club in the near future and more often.

The Secret Editor

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President's page

With Winter is fast approaching, and with the streams closing soon to allow for spawning, the lakes will become our destination of choice in the coming months.

There are a number of Club events to be held in June, so please visit the web site to keep yourself informed.

The AGM is not too far away, and there a number of positions will need to be filled. We would ask that our members consider joining the committee, and keep this great club of ours strong. So please, if you are considering stepping forward, please feel free to approach myself, or any of the other committee members for a chat about it.

The Annual Dinner and Presentation Night is to be held on 19th August, at the Clubrooms, and ask all members to make the effort to attend the night.

The more, the merrier! On the night, don't forget to bring along a gift for the raffle table. The other main event coming up for the Club, is the annual One Fly

Fishing trip, which will be held at Tranquil Rises on the 27th August this year. Cost for the day is \$35 including a BBQ lunch. This is always a great day for members

of all skill levels to enjoy....

The Royal Coachman Trip was held over the weekend of 20/21 May, with a number of members attending the event. Some came up and fished either day, while a few of us stayed overnight, where we were joined by the largest contingent from Red Tag to fish this event for a number of years.

Many tall tales of fish caught and lost were told around the campfire, with the stories typically becoming more exaggerated, as more drinks were consumed...

It was a great evening, where the Red Tag members really enjoyed letting us know that they caught the biggest fish of day! Alas, it was all in jest, and we gave as good as we got! Overall, a great weekend away, and one many will be back for next year....

Look forward to seeing you around the clubrooms.

Keep Calm, and Flyfish

Domenic Bono - President NSFFC

What's On

June 2017

Thur	1	General Meeting
Thur	8	Club Fly Tying
Sat	10	SW Lakes Australian Casting Championships
Sun	11	SW Lakes Australian Casting Championships
Mon	12	Queens Birthday SW Lakes
Thu	15	Committee Meeting
Thur	22	Club Fly Tying
Thur	29	Film Night

July 2017

Sun	2	Brunn Shield
Thu	6	AGM
Sat	8	Lake Wendouree
Sun	9	Lake Wendouree
Sun	16	Ron Callaghan Casting
Thu	20	Committee Meeting
Sun	23	Southern Open
Sat	29	Vic Fly Casting Championship (Dist)
Sun	30	Vic Fly Casting Championship (Acc)

June General Meeting Speaker

It's been a while but Jim from FlyFinz will be in attendance at the General Meeting on Thursday 1 June. So make sure you rock along and pick up some of the great bargains that will be on offer.

Greg Liner, fly tyer, will also be in attendance to pass on some words of wisdom.

Casting News

Well what a great result for the Club for the first round of the Brunn Shield. A good lead to take into the second round this Sunday. Let's stick it to them again.

Congratulations to Phillip Matthews on winning the Cock of the Walk.

From last count I don't think the Club has won every trophy on offer so far this year.



Advanced Fly Tyers Course 20 Jul - 17 Aug

Are you ready to take your fly tying to the next level? Do you want to pick up techniques from some of Australia's best tyers?

The Advanced Fly Tyers Course is for you. For course details talk to either Pat Sheridan or John Smith.

Cost: Member \$100, Non-member \$180 (incl 12 months membership)

Wanted to Buy

Do you have some *FlyLife* magazines at home?
Phillip Matthews is looking for Issues
72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 84.

If you can help him out, Phillip is usually at the club every Thursday night.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget that the AGM will be held on **6 Jul 2017** commencing at 1930.

All positions will become available and there are a number positions that will need to be filled.

Just remember, Clubs don't run themselves,

CALL FOR ENTRIES AUSTRALIAN FLY FISHERS' ART & CRAFT SHOW

Closing date 31 July 2017



Organised by the
Victorian Fly Fishers'
Association (VFFA)

\$5,000 first prize
Entry information:

www.vffa.org.au/vffa-art-craft-show

Show date: 13-16 September 2017
Steps Gallery, 62 Lygon Street, Carlton Vic

Trout see more than humans, but anglers who know what trout see have the advantage

by
John Hayes

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Sometimes it's easy to see trout, easy to image they see the bait the way the angler intends it to be seen.

Not so. For decades it's been known that trout eyes contain the same type of rod and cone structures that enable humans to distinguish among colors and shades of light. During periods of a trout's life, it sees a broader spectrum of color than humans can perceive, and new research suggests that some colors, unseen by older fish, can be used to attract young hatchery trout.

Understanding what trout actually see in and out of the water can give anglers a practical advantage.

"Trout eyes are somewhat similar to human eyes," said Mike Depew, a fisheries biologist for the state Fish and Boat Commission and fly angler. "But there are differences in what they see that you should take into consideration when choosing a bait or moving around near the water."

Human eyes have three types of color receptors. Specialized cones responding to light frequencies of 565 nanometers allow us to see reds. Other cones set for 535 let us see greens, and blues are detected at 440 nanometers.

Trout have four color receptors. They see the reds, greens and blues seen by humans but with some differences -- what an angler sees as a dark red lure is perceived as bright red by the trout. But with the fourth set of color receptors, trout can sometimes detect ultra-violet frequencies as low as 355 nanometers, below the spectrum visible to humans.

"Those ultra-violet cones are only active when the trout is young and during spawning runs. Science doesn't quite understand that," said Depew. "Maybe it helps them track really small prey when they're young, up to about 2 years old. It reappears when trout mature. It's unclear if that occurs [throughout the trout family], but it seems to be there in salmon, steelhead and possibly rainbow trout."



Pennsylvania stocked trout grow quickly, leaving the hatcheries when they're 1 year old. Depew said it's believed that stocked trout still possess the ultra-violet cones enabling them to see low color frequencies, while older hatchery-raised trophy trout, holdovers and pre-spawn native trout of the same size do not see those colors.

With that in mind, color selection can be crucial to anglers. Colors that seem unnaturally bright to native and older trout can spook them, both in and out of the water -- a big yellow lure, an orange hat. But the new research suggests that flecks of vivid colors in the fluorescent range can pique a young trout's interest.

"Small bits of fluorescent color don't imitate anything natural," said Depew, "but they can create a hot spot. A bit of fluorescent orange, yellow or pink absorbs UV rays and projects that back into the visible spectrum. It's not really visible to them on the surface or just under the water, but it gets more visible the deeper you get."

Sparkle materials in flies, and gold or silver spinner blades, can have a similar effect, sending glimmers of hot light through the water, often triggering an instinctive strike response among stocked trout.

With the optical rod structures, trout are believed to see degrees of light about the same as humans. A broad change in light at dusk and dawn, or even cloud cover, can trigger feeding. A narrow change of brightness -- a shadow passing overhead -- can send a trout scurrying. Trout have both monocular and binocular vision. With eyes on each side of its head it can look out to one side with a single eye, or focus both eyes on a single point above or in front. Optimal focus is at about 2 inches, which might explain why they mistake hooks for legs.

"Essentially, the fish can be facing forward in the current and still see slightly behind and to the side," said Depew. "They see through the surface of the water in a sort of inverted cone-shaped area, with the point of the cone at the fish's eyes. The deeper it is in the water, the broader the base of the cone and the more they can see above the surface."

Anglers can take advantage of a 30 degree blind spot behind the fish. But when a trout breaks its forward-facing position and turns slightly, it may be looking back at you.

Conditions change what trout can see. When cloudy water obscures vision, larger whiter presentations can help the fish to notice the bait. A choppy surface from wind or ripples refracts light, altering colors, brightness and even the lure's position. If possible, go deep beneath the chop to give the trout a better opportunity to size up the bait.

Some lures stimulate multiple trout senses. Sparkle materials in paste baits can trigger visual and smell responses. Flies and spinners of particular colors and shapes can cause vibrations in the water that pique a trout's visual and lateral-line senses, which detect vibration.

Dress to blend into the surroundings, and move slowly and quietly. Be aware of the position of the sun relative to you and the spot where you're fishing -- don't be conspicuous on the horizon. Avoid casting a shadow across the water -- sometimes even the passing of a fly line can spook fish.

And when you see a trout well enough that you're looking at its head and eyes, you're busted -- it's probably looking right back at you.

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From the Web Monster

When was the last time you visited the web site? When was the last time you **logged** into the website? Come on, answer this honestly. Well actually the majority of you haven't ever done so.

Did you know that there is information on the website that only members can see? Just to give you an idea here is the menu of items on offer.

The first item allows you to edit your login information.

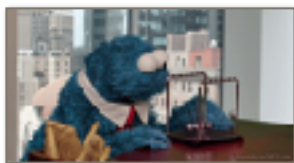
The next item allows you to let members know where you have been fishing and what worked (or not). This is a great tool for planning that next trip. Well it will be once you lot start putting reporting some of your trips.

The next item is a work in progress but we're starting to get all the Club trip reports on line. This and the member's trip reports will hopefully give you a really great tool for trip planning.

The Member Contact List is a bit out of date but we're working on it.

And finally, here is the library. Keep an eye on this. We now have a complete set of the FlyLife magazines and we'll slowly get the index online and some reviews of books in the library.

And, if you can't remember your login name or password, drop me a line at webmaster@flyfishing.org.au and I'll reset your



MEMBERS MENU

YOUR PROFILE

MEMBERS FISHING REPORTS

CLUB TRIP REPORTS

MEMBER CONTACT LIST

CLUB RULES AND BY LAWS

LIBRARY

• Search the Library



Victorian Fisheries Authority To Cast Jobs Net 17th May 2017

Minister for Agriculture, Jaala Pulford, today joined commercial and recreational fishers in Queenscliff to kick off the establishment of the new Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA).

The new VFA will drive jobs growth and export in Victoria's commercial fishing and aquaculture sectors.

It will continue delivery of the Andrews Labor Government's recreational *Target One Million* initiative, aimed at getting more people fishing, more often.

Gail Owen, Order of Australia Medal recipient, was named as Chair of the new Authority, which will ensure the sustainable management of Victoria's fisheries resources into the future.

Ms Owen has previously been an inaugural member of two boards and will provide strong leadership to establish the Authority.

Ms Pulford joined the Chair of the Authority to also reveal the organisation's new logo.

Minister for Agriculture Jaala Pulford said *"This is an exciting time for fisheries in Victoria. The Victorian Fisheries Authority delivers on another election commitment and will create a strong driver for the creation of jobs across the commercial and recreational fishing sectors."* *"Our Target One Million initiative has stocked fish across the state and significantly improved facilities for recreational fishers."* *"We have released new aquaculture sites in Port Phillip Bay, improved Wrasse fishing license transferability and will continue working on options for commercial sales direct from fishing boats."*

Victorian Fisheries Authority Chair Gail Owen OAM said "I am delighted to be the inaugural Chair of the VFA, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders and the community to ensure the sustainability of our precious fisheries resources."

Annual Dinner and Presentation Night

19th August 2017

*All Members are invited to the Annual Dinner to be held at the
Club Rooms from 1900.*

*Cost is \$35.00 per person and can be paid on the night with
cash, EFTPOS or credit card.*

You can also pay your membership fees on the night.

Don't forget to RSVP to the President or the Social Member.

*This is VERY important as we need to know numbers early for
catering.*

*As usual, it will be BYO Drinks and a superb 3 course meal will
be served up.*

Annual Fly Tying Competition

Here are the flies for the annual fly tying competition. Remember, flies must be handed to the President at the AGM on 6 July 17

Beginner		
Brown Nymph Hook: #12 nymph Thread: brown 6/0 Body: brown dubbing Rib: copper wire Tail: brown cock fibres Wingcase: partridge Thorax: brown dubbing	Red Tag Hook: #12 dry Thread: Black Uni-8/0 Tail: Red Wool Body: peacock herl Rib: Gold Wire Hackle: Cock Natural Red (Brown)	Tyers Choice Hook: #10 - #14
Intermediate		
Pheasant Tail Nymph Hook: #14 nymph Thread: brown 6/0 Tail: Pheasant Tail Thorax: Peacock Herl Body: Pheasant Tail Body Rib: Copper wire Legs: Pheasant Tail	Adams Dry Hook: #14 dry Thread: Black 8/0 Tail: Brown and grizzle cock Body: Gray Wings: Grizzly tips Hackle: Grizzle and brown cock	Tyers Choice Hook: #14 - #18
Advanced		
Prince Nymph Hook: #16 Nymph Bead: Gold Thread: Red Tail: Brown Goose Biots Ribbing: Silver wire Body: Peacock Herl Collar: Natural Partridge Wings: White Goose Biots	Wickhams Fancy Dry Hook: #16 dry. Thread: brown Tail: Ginger hackle. Body: Gold tinsel. Wing: Slate grey mallard	Tyers Choice Hook: #18

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

4th May 2017

7:45 pm – 8:25 pm

Apologies:

Visitor:

Minutes

Minutes of the previous months General Meeting were presented and accepted..

Business Arising

- Nil

Treasurer's Report

- Approximately \$9230.59 in bank account
- Outgoings – PO Box renewal, Casting certificates
- The Term Deposits was carried over with an interest rate of 2.6%.
- Treasurer's Report read on a motion by the Treasurer and seconded by Phillip Matthews - Carried

Business Arising

- Nil.

Correspondence

As per correspondence register

Syllabus

- Royal Coachman – 20/21 May
- Brunn Shield Rd 2 – 7th May
- S/W Lakes 10-12 Jun – John Smith
- Australian Casting Championships – 10-11 Jun
- Brunn Shield Rd 3 – 2 Jul - NSFFC
- AGM – 6thJul
- Lake Wendouree – 8/9 Jul

Fishing Reports

- John Smith and Jeff Lane from Canada fished the Toorong and Locke for disappointing returns.
- Rubicon Trip was successful with fish being caught
- Dominic Bono caught bream near the Atherton Rd pedestrian bridge on the Marybinong.

Other Business

- ACF – Northern Open- P Matthews & W Jones tied in 1st Place in Accuracy
- CVFFC –
- Club history – Writers from Swinburne Univ. have made contact to compile and write our history.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

18th May 2017

7:50 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: Dominic Bono, Pat Sheridan, Anne Hern, , Darren Percy, Chris Dabal, Pat Thomson, Pat Parisienne

Apologies: John Smith, Phillip Matthews, Bill Jones

Minutes

Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting of April 2017 were presented and accepted, on a motion from the Secretary, seconded by Darren Percy.

Business arising – NIL.

Correspondence

- As per correspondence register.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance of the cheque account is currently \$6,705.16. Income NIL.
- Treasurer's Report read on a motion from the Treasurer, seconded by Anne Hern.

Business Arising

- Nil

Agenda Items

Syllabus

AER

Kiewa River Trip – 22-26 Apr – Numbers were down.

May Gen Meeting- ATF Guest Speaker- Tony George. Well received and informative

Royal Coachman Trip – 21 – 22 May

- Intermediate Fly tying Course- May. No expressions of interest thus far
 - June Gen Meeting – Jim from Fly Finz confirmed.
 - SW Lakes -10-12 Jun- Trip Co ordinator to organise Trip info sheet.
 - Bamboo Rod Makers Day – 17 Jun
 - Brunn Shield – Rd 3 – 2 Jul
 - AGM – 7 Jul
 - Nominations
 - Reports
 - Families in Fly Fishing Day- 5 Aug
 - Organise list of sponsors to approach. Dominic to organise poster, distribution, and PR
 - Initial look at event shirts was conducted. Pat Sheridan to follow up. To co ordinate banners to match.
 - Secretary to chase whether State Govt branding is required.
 - Annual Dinner – 19 Aug 17
 - Booking - DVA Secretary to organise
 - Invitations
 - A ring around will be conducted.
- Business
 - August Visit –David Anderson – Twigwater website
 - September Visit- Eddie Tsyrlin- Entomology
 - Response from ACF regarding apology resulting from derogatory remarks. ACF meeting is tonight. Awaiting report back from club delegates and correspondence.

- 4 John Waters- Conflict of Interest. The committee has decided that initial stance was in the best interests of the NSFFC. Multiple emails have been sent to try and settle issue amicably. The club has decided that further correspondence will not be entered into. Secretary to email J. waters.
- 5 Member Reports:
 - a Editor –.Position Vacant
 - b Librarian – Nothing to report
 - c CVFFC – Nothing to Report
 - d ACF – As per syllabus.
- 6 General Business:
- 7 Meeting Closed 21:00 pm