



## Editorial

Dada-dada-dum, Dada-dada-dum, Dada-dada-dum, Spring is in the air, every where I look around...

It's the smell of cut grass, the sting in the sun, the longer days, footy finals and the extra spring in your step. This year, there's even more reason to get excited about Spring. This year, if things go to plan, we get to go back in time to experience what dunn hatches on Wendouree were like. It'll be like busting the dam on the Shannon to see what fishing the Shannon rise was like.

In the year I joined the club, almost 9 years ago, dunn hatches at Wendouree were spoken about with reverence. I didn't get to get out that year and unfortunately due to drought conditions, opportunities literally dried up. However, with consecutive good winter rains and restocking, a cohort of club members may experience the fruits of Wendouree for the first time. If you don't know what I'm talking about, ask a member who's been in the club for 10 years or more.

For those of you who completed the club's float tube course, you'll be well placed to make the most of Wendouree with the club float tubes. No doubt in the weeks to come, reports will start rolling-in, and if they're good, they'll be talk to make room in the syllabus for a trip to Wendouree. So are you ready? Got your waders in order? What shape is your fly box in?

mmmmm, MMMMM, MMMMM, MMMMM, ... Spring is in the air. *Cain*

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## Presidents Page

*John Smith*

Another busy month has come and gone. I trust all those who could attend the Annual Dinner enjoyed themselves, I for one did (see below for photos and results). Any feedback on the evening would be appreciated, positive or otherwise, format, menu, timings etc please let the committee know if you have any comments. Congratulations to all the trophy winners, and those upon whom lady luck smiled in the raffle draw. To those of you who won major raffle prizes, Rods, Lines, Reels, Shirt, Sunnies etc. could I ask you to drop a short thank-you note to the particular sponsor, see the committee if you need a hand.

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for this month was to be Mr Mick Hall. Unfortunately Mick is ill and can't make it. Our thoughts are with Mick and his wife Elaine and we hope for a speedy recovery. We've contacted Chris Collins who can make it for the evening, Chris is from VR Fish and will speak on the recent development with trout regulations.

## Casting Success

The casting team have been very successful in winning the Brunn Shield inter club competition again this year, a great effort from the team to win back to back titles. Next year promises to be even tougher with the other clubs all out to knock us off the perch!!

The Turville Shield Teams Event was scheduled for Sunday 21 Aug, the casting team may have been a little worst for wear after the Annual Dinner, 100 points in the skish from John Kruska and a perfect 50 in the wet from Leff Andropov still wasn't enough to

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beat Sunshine Fly Casters, still we ran a strong second which is a great effort. We need more members to join the casting team; currently we have no casters in D Grade. If you'd like more details catch up with Daryl Wallis, John Kruska, or one of the committee members.

### *Rise Film Festival*

I attended this film night with a number of club members and Flylife forumites. What a great evening we had. Fantastic footage of exotic fishing from all over the world, shame I can't afford to get to these places. It's on again next year; check out the web site [www.gin-clear.com](http://www.gin-clear.com) or the Flylife forum for details.

### *40th Anniversary Celebrations*

On the back page of the newsletter you'll find your invitation to the 40th. It's important we get your reply by the RSVP date or sooner. This will save the committee from phoning around to chase up attendees so please let us know if you're coming or not.

### *Fund Raising*

We have secured three dates to run BBQs at Bunning's Eltham Store. The dates are Friday 16 Sep, Friday 21 Oct and Friday 18 Nov 2011. We had to take Fridays as there are no Saturday dates

available this year and it's a lucky dip to secure a Saturday next year. We haven't fund raised for a while now and it's vitally important we take advantage of the opportunities as they arise. I appreciate it may be difficult for those of you with full time jobs to get time off, but could I ask every body to make an effort to put in a couple of hours on our designated days. There are nomination sheets on the club notice board, so please, if you can, come along and help the club raise a few dollars to help off set the cost of club activities and finance improvements such as the lights at the casting pool.

### *Kids Come And Try Day, October 16*

I apologise if this edition seems to be doing nothing but calling for volunteers, but please don't forget the Kids Come And Try Day coming up in October. This is a great event for the club and goes from strength to strength each year. We need as many helpers on the day as we can to assist with distributing rods and reels, handing out bait and helping put it on hooks, untangling the inevitable "birds nests", cooking a BBQ to name a few. If you can help, please put your name on the sheet on the Club

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Notice board or let Cain Poladano know.

### *Social Secretary*

We still need to fill this committee position, if you're sick and tired of me harping on the issue please consider volunteering for the job. It's not that onerous and there are people on the committee and in the club who will readily lend you a hand when needed.

As this newsletter goes to print the rivers are just about to re-open, I must admit the time has caught me on the hop...trying to get flies tied, new leaders on lines, reels checked and greased, so much to do and so little time, hope to share some time on a river with you this season.

### *Vic Fly-fishing Championships*

The Victorian Fly-fishing Championships will be held at Lake Fyans on the last weekend of September. Interested anglers please contact Rob Flower (0408387527) and come along to the September general meeting.

### *Club auction night, September 29*

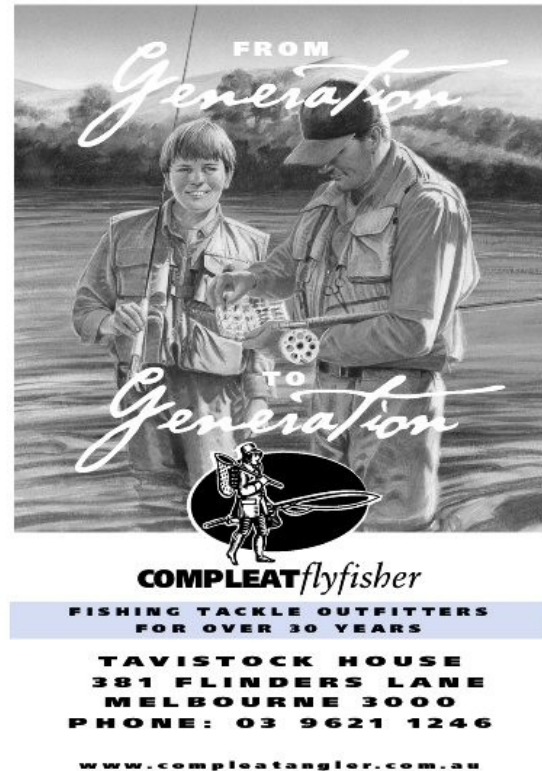
The club auction night is scheduled for September 29. It's a great opportunity to get yourself a bargain or cash-in your old gear in time to upgrade for the new season. The night is also an important fund raiser for the club, with the club pocketing 10% of all goods sold (paid by the vendor). Donations are also most welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

### *Freeburgh family trip October 29-Nov. 1 (Melbourne Cup Day long weekend)*

A reminder that if you haven't already done so, you should book your accommodation at the Freeburgh Cabins and Caravan Park (see advertisement above). For those new to the club, Freeburgh is the most popular trip of the year. Besides the reliable fishing (centred mainly on the Ovens River), it is a great social event for members and their families. More information will be published in the October newsletter.

### *Supporting sponsors*

As mentioned at the Annual Dinner, we have a great group of loyal sponsors who have year in year out have contributed goods to help us in our fundraising efforts. Due to difficult economic times, many of our sponsors are doing it tough and more than ever, we need to support them. One sponsor doing it particularly tough is Ocean Wetsuits. If you're looking for new waders, read Glen's excellent article from the September 2010 newsletter about the quality and value for money of Ocean Wetsuit's neoprenes (or send me an email for a copy if you don't have it).



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## *Pick of the pods*

*Cain Polidano*

The last 2 months on 'Pick of the pods', I introduced members to 2 of my favourite podcast, the Orvis fly-fishing podcast hosted by guide and author Tom Rosenbauer and the Fly-fishing consultant hosted by Rob Snowwhite. This month, my pick is "Ask About Fly-fishing .com". It's a different format to the previous two previewed podcasts. Instead of having one host, this program has a different expert each show who talks about different aspects of fly-fishing. For those of you who are interested in natural history, you'll love the June podcast, 'An Entirely Synthetic Fish'. It's a discussion with a biologist/fly-fisher who's spent extensive time researching the rise of rainbow trout as a sport fish and in particular, how it became to be the most widely stocked sporting fish in the United States and the damage caused on the east coast of the USA to the endemic Brooke trout.

Unlike the last two reviewed podcasts that are produced weekly, this one is only produced once a month. You can download Ask About Fly-fishing .com from...

<http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/podcasts/>

If you're a fellow poddie, blogger or surfer, please consider sharing your favourites with other members by sending me a review. By sharing our experiences, we can help make the most of electronic fly-fishing resources.

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## *2011 Annual Dinner award winners*

*John Smith*

### *Casting*

#### *Cox -Connell Trophy*

The Cox Connell is a 7wt comp of one Dry Fly event and is run as an introduction for members to have a go at competitive casting.

3rd place	Daryl Wallis (33)
2nd place	Leff Andropov (40)
Winner	Boyd Wilson (43)

#### *Presidents Shield*

This is a Club casting Trophy made up of the normal 3 accuracy events, Dry Fly, Skish & Wet Fly rounds.

3rd place	Glen Cox (157)
2nd place	Daryl Wallis (171)
Winner	John Kruska (180)

#### *John Rumpf Trophy*

John Rumpf is a founding member of the club, Champion Angler and Champion caster, hopefully we'll all get to meet John at the 40th Anniversary function. The John Rumpf Trophy is a Club casting trophy consisting of the 3 accuracy events and a distance event.

**3rd place Andrew Connell (207)**  
**2nd place John Kruska (209)**  
**Winner Daryl Wallis (216)**

### *Club Champion Caster*

This trophy is awarded to the caster who has amassed the highest aggregate score in the following events; The Cox Connell Trophy, The Northern Open, The Presidents Shield, The John Rumpf Trophy and each round of the four Brunn Shield rounds.

**3rd place Andrew Connell (505 points)**  
**2nd place John Kruska (973 points)**  
**Winner Daryl Wallace (1184 points)**

### *Fly Tying Trophies*

This year we have entrants for all three levels in the fly tying competition.

<b>Novice won by</b>	<b>Patrick Thompson</b>
<b>Intermediate won by</b>	<b>Cain Polidano</b>
<b>Advanced won by</b>	<b>John Smith</b>

### *Fishing Trophies*

It was very pleasing to see some good fish weighed in this season, and now that the drought is broken we should have a great season in the coming yr, hopefully each trip will result in some great catches. I'd like to mention that a number of Club Members have joined Rob Flower in entering competition fishing events this year, I wish you luck and hope to see Northern Members on the podium at Vic Aus and maybe international events.

Jul 2010 One Fly Comp GVFFC 4.5lb rainbow no length recoded **Ray Toohy**.  
Aug 2010 Lake Pyans - 17in Rainbow - **Alex Gavric** (woolly bugger)  
Sep 2010 Lake Purumbete - 39cm rainbow - **Daryl Wallis**  
Oct 2010 Goulburn River - 42cm Brown - **Jeremy Skues** (woolly bugger)  
Nov 2010 Freeburgh - 37cm Brown - **Peter Cogden**  
Apr 2011 Hepburn Lagoon - 37cm Rainbow - **John Smith** - (woolly bugger).  
May 2011 Dog Hill (Goulburn River) 32cm Brown - **Alex Gavric** - (PT Nymph).

### *Other awards*

#### *Literary award*

The literary award is presented to the best article published in the newsletter over the last 12 months and is judged on two criteria - interest to members and style. This year, as last, we have had many excellent contributions. The 5 best were:

The Rubicon and Acheron trip report by John Smith  
Strike indicators by Glen Cox  
Hopper Time by Glen Cox (Winner)  
Neoprenes by Glen Cox  
The River with the beautiful name Tony Lipatora

### *Clubman Award*

This award is for the member who in the opinion of the committee has been the best Club Person for the past 12 months. The committee has a secret ballot 3-2-1 just like the Brownlow.

**Winner: Leff Andropov** (Leff did a great job arranging grants and organising club uniforms and clothing, which help to raise the profile of Northern at casting and fishing events).

### *President's Award*

This is awarded to the member who in the view of the Club President has made a particular contribution to the Club. Bill was away when it came time to decide who should win this award. I called him to ask who he'd decided upon. He asked me did I have anyone in mind. I said I had one person, and Bill said so have I, who have you got, I replied its your award you tell me first....and on it went back and forth any how it turned out we both considered the same person for the award. The winner for 2011 is...

**Winner: John Kingsford.** (John has done a great job as social sec, helping to organise and run fund raisers for the club).



This one's going straight to the pool room! Jeremy with his Goulburn river prize.



Back-to-back Literary Awards for Glen



John takes out the Advanced Fly-tying for 2011



## An August afternoon

Glen Cox

I had been hearing of good reports from some of our lakes for a couple of months but with casting comps and a trip to WA to prepare for, I had only found the time to get out on the water on one occasion this winter.

A couple of weeks ago I decided on the Thursday night that I would get up early on Saturday and do the big drive down to Bullen Merri as from all reports it was really firing. Come Friday night my plans had changed as my eldest daughter asked if there were any fishing books I would like for Fathers Day.

Her reasoning was as Jen and I were heading off on a holiday before Fathers Day, I would be able to take it with me to read while we were away.

It just so happened, that Phillip Weigall was going to be in Aussie Angler on Saturday morning signing his new book 'Fishing Sense'. So I decided I would grab one of his books and head off fishing after that, with Harcourt the new destination for the day.

Having a chat to Phillip on Saturday changed my plans yet again. I mentioned that I was heading off fishing straight from the shop and intended to go to Harcourt. Phillip thought that sounded like a good plan, but suggested I might like to try a different lake he knew was fishing well. I know I am a bit slow on the uptake sometimes, but I'm switched on enough to know that when one of Victoria's leading trout gurus suggests you try such and such water then, you would be silly to go anywhere else.

Greg Roberts was in the shop by now and I asked if he would like to come along. With a look of agony on his face he declared that it would be impossible for him to get out of the day's commitments. I was not surprised given the somewhat short notice.



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So, it was with supreme confidence that I set off to the suggested lake. It was almost like having a guide for the day, at least in spirit. The day was probably about perfect for shore-based lake fishing, with almost no breeze but just enough for a very slight ripple, the sky was dull with the occasional misty drizzle, the sort of weather that ABC cricket commentators describe as 'mizzle', wet but not enough to stop play.

I was still confident on approaching the water as there was a few sporadic rises within a hundred metres or so either side of where I stood. Then there was a rise immediately out in front of me maybe 20 metres out. I quietly entered the water to put a bit of distance between myself and the reeds on my





back-cast. I was surprised to find that the lake bottom shelved out for quite a way and I was only in knee deep water 10 metres from the shore. Rises continued every few minutes and it was just a matter of having one come close enough to cast to.

After about 10 minutes the rise I was waiting for occurred to my left, it was duly covered and the fish obliged. It was about now I realised that I hadn't packed a net, so it was brought to hand.

At only 25cm or so this was no real problem, and it was brought to hand and then sent on its way with a 'Thank you Phillip'. Another 10 minute wait and another fish brought to hand perhaps a little larger than the first but not by much. This was shaping up to be a good day's fishing.

I knew Andrew Connell would be in Rick's shop by now so I gave him a call. "Tell Phillip thanks for the heads up. I've got two already." Next thing I know Phillip is on the phone. He wanted to know all about the conditions and exactly where I was fishing etc, all the info required to store in his knowledge bank.

45 minutes after speaking to Phillip, I was beginning to wonder if my enthusiasm was a bit over hyped. Things had gone a bit quiet and my legs were getting rather cold from the knees down. It was time for a walk along the bank.

It was at least thirty minutes before the feeling came back to the legs and for the first time that day my confidence that this was going to be a stellar day was starting to wane. A couple of casts later the line was just about tugged out of my hand by a much larger fish than the previous two.

After sliding it up on the bank, I admired the brown that was nearly but not quite 2 lb by my estimation. All three fish had taken the dropper fly so far but this one had made a bit of a tangle during the fight.

It took a few minutes to get organised, and after moving along the bank about ten metres I again put out a fairly long cast (for me anyway). Lo and behold another fish intercepted the fly on the retrieve. 2 fish in 2 casts! This one was a bit smaller than the previous one but

### *What's on...*

#### **September**

Thurs	1	General meeting
Thurs	8	Fly-tying
Sat-Sun	10-11	Lake Purrumbete with Yarra Valley
Thurs	15	Committee meeting
Sat.	17	Trip to Yarrambat Park Lake (BBQ)
Thurs	22	Fly-tying
Sat-Sun	24-25	Victorian Fly-fishing championships
Thurs	29	Club auction

#### **October**

Thurs	6	General meeting
Fri-Sun	7-9	Fyans Fly-in
Thurs	13	Fly-tying
Sun	16	Kids Come'n Try Day
Thurs	20	Committee meeting
Thurs	27	Fly-tying
Friday	28	NSFFC 40th anniversary
Thurs	22	Fly-tying
Sat-Tues	29-1	Freeburgh family trip

still a good 1 ½ lbs, I resisted the temptation of making any more phone calls, but I was having a ball.

By now I had walked along the bank a fair distance and decided to it was time to start to make for the car. About half way back there was a serious disturbance only 2 metres out from the bank about 20 metres away. I hurried within casting distance and put a cast two metres on the lake side of where I saw the commotion. As I was stripping back I saw a flash of gold swim under my line.

“Bugger I’m too late”, I thought to myself, but as I was thinking this, the line straightened between my rod and another good fish, there were two fish chasing each other into the shallows or perhaps smelting together? I don’t think I have ever seen or heard of trout co-operating together to catch smelt so the former is probably more likely. Two redfin were snagged along the bank on the way back to the car to complete a ripper afternoon’s fishing. Thanks Phillip

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## *Extending the Survival of Stocked Rainbow Trout: Experimental trial of genetic strains from Snobs Creek and Tasmania*



*Fisheries Victoria, Department of Primary Industries*

An experimental trial of the performance of two different hatchery strains of rainbow trout was undertaken to assess Fisheries Victoria’s stocking practises. The trial tested the performance of:

- A Victorian strain produced from the Department of Primary Industries Fish Production Facility located at Snobs Creek (hereafter the Snobs Creek strain)
- A Tasmanian strain sourced from Tasmania’s Great Lake population at Liawenee (the Tasmanian strain).

The two genetic strains were stocked simultaneously, at similar densities, sizes and ages. The trial was designed so that the anglers did not know the origin of the fish they were catching.

The trial was undertaken in a privately-managed small lake fishery where only catch-and-release fishing is permitted. This facility provided ideal circumstances for monitoring longevity, growth and catchability for both trout strains, because it eliminated recreational harvest as a potential confounding source of mortality.

Both the Tasmanian and Victorian strain of rainbow trout demonstrated:

- similar longevity
- similar growth rate
- similar catchability.

Both the Tasmanian and Snobs Creek strain of rainbow trout survived in catchable numbers until they were 3–4 years old, when the trial ceased.

This study showed no evidence that the Snobs Creek strain of rainbow trout were genetically compromised. The apparent lack of rainbow trout older than 2 years in many open waters in Victoria is not due the strain of fish stocked into those waters.

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## Fly-tying

Brian Aberne

### The Pink Thing



The Pink Thing is a great all round fly. Originally made for fishing the barramundi waterways of Australia's far north this fly in the appropriate sizes will work on a variety of fish all over Australia.

#### Where and Why?

The Pink Thing was designed by Graham White to fish in a way that matched a rubber-tailed jig that was very successful on barramundi at the time. A cross between Ed Givens fly, The Black and Barred and Lefty Kreh's fly, Lefty's Deciever.

#### Ingredients

Hook – Gamakatsu SL12

Tail #1 – White bucktail

Tail #2 – three white saddle feathers either side of the bucktail

Tail #3 – Collar of white bucktail and flashabou veiling the saddle feathers

Tail #4 - two more white and one grizzle saddle feather either side of bucktail

Body – Sparkle chenille

Eyes – Dumbell or bead chain to suit

Hackle – Pinnk schalppen(very webby) hackle

#### What for?

Tie the pink thing in sizes to suit the species you are chasing. Even down south species from flathead and aussie salmon to mullo way will eat this fly. Trout, redfin and carp will eat one in the right sizes and nearly all our aussie natives will give them a go. Vary the colours for dirty water and the weight of the eyes for different water depths and a stronger up and down jigging action. Have fun with them and you might be surprised what you next find ripping line off your reel.

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## Minutes of the General Meeting, 4th August 2011

7.49pm – 8:40pm

Apologies:



Dale Johnson, Bill Ogilvie, Peter Cogden, Ray Cresp

*Visitors: -*

*Nominations: -*

*General Meeting Minutes:*

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were accepted as read, on a motion from the Secretary and seconded by Boyd Wilson.

*Business Arising:*

Proposal for the lights has been delayed as further information is garnered.

*Treasurers Report:*

Currently \$8 728 in the Cheque account

*Correspondence In and Out*

As per the Correspondence Register

*Fishing reports:*

J. Kruska – Hepburn fishing well. Lauriston back road is closed.

*General business:*

One Fly awards presented

D. Bowman – Biggest fish

Most Fish – Individual – L. Fish

Most Fish – Team – L. Fish and D. Jenkins

Best Fly – D. Jenkins

Reminder for all about paying for Annual Dinner and Membership fees.

Millbrook Trip - \$365 – Talk to Alex G – Trip Coordinator

Thanks to Alan Stratton for donating a number of clamps.

Discussion on Master Plan Presentation

Canvassing for Beginners Fly Tying Course – approximately 4 at this stage

Lauriston Trip on Sat

Still looking for a Social Secretary

Support provided for Chill Out Tuesday – Trip Coord to organize

Geoff Newman advised that there will be some casting on 'Cox's Big Break'



Cox casting a fly... give us a break!