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I would like to welcome you all back to another exciting year ahead. I trust most of you have all had a very enjoyable break, managed to get in some great fishing. There have certainly been the usual suspects out there doing quite well, if the entries on the Southern Fly Fishers Facebook group page is anything to go by. I am looking forward to hearing more fishing reports on our first members night.

We have certainly had extremes in weather with record high temperatures being recorded, no doubt making it difficult for some of our streams. Fortunately, we have been spared the disastrous conditions in NSW with major fish kills in the Darling basin. Yes, it's been another classic Aussie summer with fires and floods all over the country and we feel for those living in and working in areas and industries affected by the drought.

We have some good trips lined up over the next few months, so I encourage you all to take advantage of some of these. Check out the trips in the fly fisher and put your name on the board at the club rooms.

For those new members, and old, who would like to know more about, or get into casting, please read the section in this Fly Fisher edition. You can contact or catch up with Tom Galloway, or come along to some of the events listed, especially the ones at Highett club rooms.

Southern Fly Fishers Women in Fly Fishing open day is guaranteed to be an informative and fun day at our clubrooms and casting pool. Mark the diary come along and bring a friend 17th March 2019 between 10-4pm. All are welcome!

We have some great speakers lined up for the next few meetings commencing on 13 Feb with Stan Norton who graced us with his talk last year on fishing in the US. So, I am looking forward to hearing what he has been up to since last we caught up. This Members night is also PIE NIGHT so make sure you have empty bellies when you arrive this Wednesday.



Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

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Club Caps For Sale

SFF Club Caps for Sale

\$ 10.00 ea.

**Available for purchase at the
regular Wednesday club
meetings.**



Calendar – Coming Events

	February	
Thu	7 th	Mid-Week Noojee Trip
Sun	10 th	Noojee Trip
Wed	13 th	Member's Night
Fri – Sun	15 th – 17 th	Mitta Mitta Weekend Trip. Leader: Chris McMahon
Wed	27 th	General Meeting
	March	
Sat / Sun	9 th / 10 th	Rocky Valley Trip
Wed	13 th	Member's Night
Thu	21 st	Mid-Week Goulburn River Trip
Sun	24 th	Goulburn River Trip
Wed	27 th	General Meeting

Accommodation Offer

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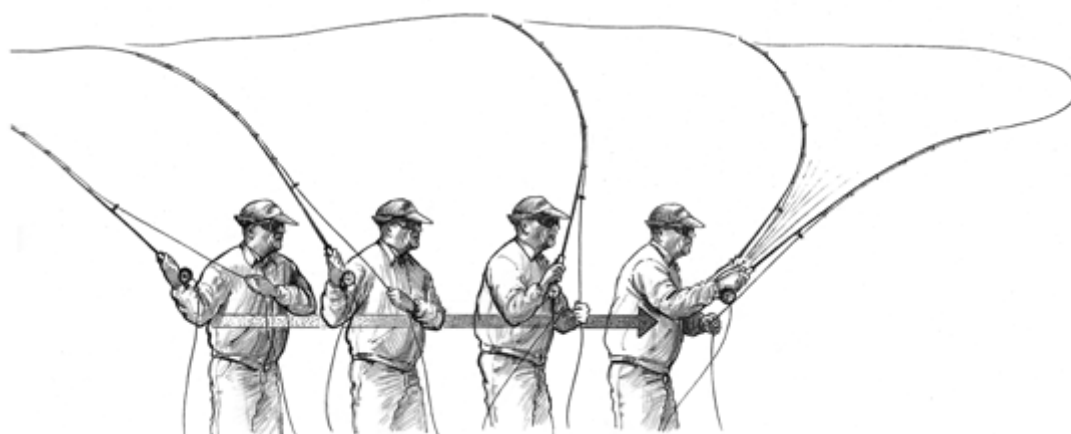
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ACF 2019 Syllabus

Month	Day	Event	Location	Start Time
Feb-21	Thur	AGM	Sunshine	7:30pm
Feb-23	Sat	Southern Lights	Highett	6:00pm
Apr-07	Sun	Accuracy and Distance Training Day	Ballarat	10:00am
Apr-14	Sun	Cock o' the Walk	Fairfield	9:30am
		ACF & PHWFFA meeting	Fairfield	2:30pm
Apr-21	Sun	Easter		
April 26 - 28	Fri	PHWFFA - Casting for Recovery	Thornton	
Apr-28	Sun	Brunn Shield Red Tag	Fairfield	9:30am
May-05	Sun	ACF Public Casting Academy Day	Highett	9:00am
May-11	Sat	Accuracy and Distance Training Day	Highett	10:00am
May-12	Sun	Brunn Shield Sunshine	Fairfield	9:30am
May-18	Sat	ACF Public Casting Academy Day	Highett	9:00:am
May-19	Sun	Red Tag Open	Fairfield	9:30am
May-26	Sun	Southern Open	Highett	9:30am
		ACF & PHWFFA meeting	Highett	2:30pm
Jun-02	Sun	Brunn Shield Sunshine	Fairfield	9:30am
Jun-09	Sat	Vic Chps Fly Distance	Highett	9:30am
Jun-10	Sun	Vic Chps Fly Accuracy	Highett	9:30am
Jun-30	Sun	Sunshine Open	Fairfield	9:30am
Jul-07	Sun	Brunn Shield Southern	Highett	9:30am
Jul-20	Sat	Aust Chps Fly Distance	Highett	9:30am
Jul-21	Sun	Aust Chps Fly Accuracy	Highett	9:30am
Aug-04	Sun	Brunn Shield Final	Highett	9:30am
Aug-17	Sat	Southern Cross Challenge	Highett	9:30am
Aug-25	Sun	Turville Shield	Fairfield	9:30am
Sep-01	Sun	Sunday Fun Day	Highett	10:00am
Sep-08	Sun	Ballarat Open TBD	Ball	10:00am
Oct		Vic & Aus Plug Chps	TBD	
Oct-24	Thur	ACF & PHWFFA meeting	Sun	7:30 PM



The Southern's South West Tassie adventure is highly recommended. You're never too old to try something new, you can teach old dogs new tricks. One of the many reasons I re-joined the Southern fly fishers after nearly 40 years of living in Gippsland was that they have some really good club trips and I thought it would be good to go along with them and try new places and new ways of fishing. I have been to Tassie every year for the last 30 or so and I rarely get past the central highlands. You have endless choices of lake fishing and my camp at Jonah bay is a place I love and I get to catch up mates.

I am sitting in my mates caravan at Jonah bay on Arthur's lake writing this and it is at least a barmy -2 degrees, blowing a gale and my mate just said "it is bitterly painfully cold outside". It is tough fishing, there is a severe wind warning for the central highland lakes and we are right in the heart of it. I have just got back from a week with 6 blokes from the Southern fly fishers staying at an old but very comfortable single man's logging camp called The Giants Table in Maydena on the mighty Tyenna river in South-West Tasmania. What a place, on the edge of the huge South West wilderness it is surrounded by huge forests, high mountains, beautiful rivers, waterfalls, the biggest wildest lakes in Australia and mighty trout fishing. What more could you want?

When I arrived after the long and very windy road trip from the central highlands, I was met by a couple of the boys fishing near a bridge in the middle of Maydena to a big evening rise late in the day. We threw every fly in the book at these picky little buggers and got nothing but rejects. Right when I was ready to throw my rod at the fish along came our guide for the week the legendary Dave Dick or Tyenna Dave as he is known. Dave told us to lengthen our leaders, put on a tiny nymph and drag it past the noses of the fish. Right on time a beautiful feisty little brown grabbed the fly and I was on the board. We then went off to make dinner and Dave went for a quick fish with Christopher Bissano who was training for the world championships just down the road. They landed 12 before dark. Later that night I was told I was lucky enough to be picked to fish with Dave and Allan from Southern the next day on the mighty Gordon River Dam! I had trouble sleeping with stories of 10, 20 and even 30 pound wild Browns on my mind.

The next day after a big breaky, the three of us headed off with a boat to one of the wildest places I've ever been. The Gordon has hardly any access points and what it does have are difficult and often blocked with huge trees. As a consequence it is the biggest freshwater lake in Australia but hardly ever fished. We made our way down a narrow track stopping to remove trees along the way, obviously the track was hardly ever used. We launched the boat off an old road and carefully picked our way through a forest of dead trees and after a short while we noticed that there was an increasing current in the lake as the valley we moved up narrowed. The lake turned into a powerful stream with swirling currents, logjams and rapids. Dave used the powerful electric motor to manoeuvre upstream and soon we were casting our sinking lines down and across the current. We took it in turns casting and it didn't take long and we were into fish ranging from a pound to 3 pound.



Dave was disappointed with the size and number of fish but after a storm passed over us and we were well and truly soaked, Allan hooked into what was an epic fish. At first we thought it was a good fish but as time went by we started to realise it was huge. Allan stayed very cool when the fish took big powerful runs, and Dave manoeuvred the boat to keep us out of harm's way. After a long fight the fish finally showed itself and we were presented with a solid wild Brown of around 10 pounds. After netting it and putting it in the live well to recover it was high fives, handshakes and man hugs all round.

We continued to catch fish late into the day, but were unable to catch another big one. It was a fantastic introduction to the sort of wild fishing that can be had in the Southwest especially when guided by a man of Dave's vast skill and experience. A Sea Eagle had been watching us from the top of a huge tree and Dave told us he had been feeding it a fish each time he came there. I caught a small fish, killed it and held it up for the Eagle to see. He was straight away excited and when he leapt from the tree Dave said wait until it was close before I threw it. I did what I was told and the magnificent bird took the fish from what seemed a rod length away.

The next day it was others turn to fish with Dave and I went to fish the Tyenna River near where we were staying with the boys from Southern. The river is magnificent with good hatches and rises throughout the day and although the fish were smallish river fish, they were very beautiful and full of fight. There was always the chance of a trophy in all the local rivers including the Stix, the Florentine, and the upper Derwent. It helps if you know how to Czech Nymph as the big fish often hug the bottom.

Dave had breakfast and dinner with us each day and was happy to answer questions and draw us maps of places to fish. If you were young and fit he would send you to some difficult to get to places where your chances of a trophy were increased.

The week went far too quickly for my liking and unfortunately Dave was not willing to take us back to the wilder parts of the Gordon Dam and lake Pedder on some days as the wind was strong and he was avoiding fallen trees. One day they travelled 26kms down a track to Pedder only to be turned back by a huge fallen tree just before the lake. I have to say Dave was not only amazing in his intimate knowledge of the area, they don't call him Tyenna Dave for nothing, but he was very reasonably priced for a guide with a big reputation for trophy fish and a very comfy boat. I can't wait to have another trip to the area either with Southern or with a group from the LVFF, but I am also very keen to fish the sea runners with Dave or depending on the rain at the end of the season the Spawning run which must be simply amazing. I recommend you check Dave out on you tube and see Rob Paxivarnise catch a 20+ pounder in the river with Dave. They didn't film all the small 10 Pounders they caught or the even bigger than 20 pound fish Dave caught that day!



I ended my trip with a few days on Lake Arthurs with my old mate and although we copped high winds, torrential rain, sleet, storms and snow, we still got a few fish to bring home from both the shore and the boat. I hope to join Southern next year on the same trip and would gladly extend it if any of the LVFF would like to give it a try. It was all new to me and despite a bit of dodgy weather, which you must expect in Tassie, it was well worth the drive down those windy mountain roads.



Member's Photo's

Photo of the Month is Les Pratt!

Apparently he dropped a fly into his bottle of Gink and it took 4 hours to get it out!



Here's a trip report from our trip to Mt Beauty over the Xmas break. Went with the family so there was a lot of fishing to be had. I was granted half a day to have a look at the West Kiewa river. I believe it is a well-known piece of water above the diversion dam. Discarded fishing line and flies and lures hanging from various parts of the countryside would support this. Never the less I went exploring. The water was up higher than I would have expected and running cold. First impressions were good as I managed a rainbow from the first pool. Catching was a bit sporadic after that. A couple of fish from a pool then nothing for a while. There are some deeper and faster pools that probably would have produced for those use Euro nymphing technics. After a dozen rainbows and breaking the tip of my second section of rod it was time to head back. On return met a couple of blokes who were both surprised and disappointed to see me. They also landed some fish behind me so must hold a reasonable head of fish.

On our second last day took my youngest on a canoe trip from the caravan park to the Tawonga bridge. After passing the easily accessible area we began to fish. Though not under the best of condition with an impatient child in tow, we (I) caught a couple of rainbows. Again with some deep nymphing it may have been more productive as I am sure they were holding deep as it was hot and bright. I was using some weighted streamers. Did see some reasonable browns from the boat but was unable to entice them with my offerings.

Would like to run a club trip up there as there numerous options and a more dedicated approach would surely prove more productive.

“Charles Bradley” Flies for Sale

You may have noticed the new fly boxes on top of the fridge in the clubrooms? Fly boxes is a bit of an understatement, you will understand if you have seen them recently. These new display cabinets contain a vast array of flies that the club managed to secure at a preferential rate.

The usual donated flies will also be located in these display cabinets, so will still be able to get yourself a genuine Max Keper fly.

The flies are for sale at \$1.50 each. Please see Judy Cameron for payment on the night.

Member's Bargain Table

At each General Meeting Night (4th Wednesday), there will be a table set up for Members to offer items for sale/auction.

Only 2 people at a time will be allocated space on the Member's Bargain Table, so if you are interested in selling your goods you need to be allocated a date, and must register your interest and items with the Secretary, Peter Cairns prior to the night on 0413 420 044 or email secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au





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Thursday	9.00am-5.00pm
Friday	9.00am-5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am-3.00pm
Sunday	Closed for fishing!

Membership Nomination Form

Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.

PO Box 388 Moorabbin 3192

Nomination Date: ____/____/____

Nominee's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone Contact(s) Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email (Please Print): _____

Occupation: _____

Proposer: _____ Signature: _____

Second: _____ Signature: _____

**** Membership category and applicable fee for 2018-2019**

Cat **	Membership Types	Existing Members			New Members Joining (pro rata)			
		Annual Subs+	Ins per person	Total p.a.	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
M	Member	\$80	\$10	\$90	\$90	\$70	\$50	\$30
P	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
C	Concession (Note 1)	\$60	\$10	\$70	\$70	\$55	\$40	\$25
J	Junior (under 18 yrs)	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
S	FT student (under 25 yrs)	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
CT	Country (Note 2)	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
F	Family Special (Note 3)	\$120	\$10	\$120*	\$120*	\$100*	\$70*	\$40*
L	Life Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note 1 Govt. Pensions and Seniors Card holders

Note 2 Permanently residing over 60km from Club

Note 3 At least 3 adults, junior and students, of the same immediate family ***(+ insurance each person)**

Cheques should be made payable to **Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.** or alternatively direct to:

SOUTHERN FLY FISHERS bank account **BSB 063-118, Account No 1000-6744.** (Include name as reference)

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Register Number

***** Membership is subject to confirmation by the Committee of Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc. *****

We invite you to join and participate in the Club's activities. Our aim is to support members in the enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing, the environment and the social camaraderie.

Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the

Southern Fly Fishing Clubroom and Casting Pool

located in **Highett Reserve**,

Cnr Chesterville and Turner Roads, Highett. Melways 77 J 9

(Look for the "Combined Clubrooms" entrance at N° 33 Turner Road)

Membership Benefits:

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| - Beginners' & advanced casting tuition | - Competitive casting & fishing events |
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| - Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques | - Specialist guest speakers |
| - Monthly fly fishing discussion group | - Regular day & weekend fishing trips |
| - Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips | - Saltwater fly fishing activities |
| - Regular newsletter | - Public liability insurance for club activities |

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