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I trust quite a few of you have been out there fishing in this classic Australian weather we have had the last few weeks. It was clear at the February Members' Meeting that many have been very active in making the most of the summer fishing, with some even managing a trip to NZ. Once again, we have had a dry summer with many of our mountain areas in Victoria being affected by multiple large fires for the last few weeks, and these are expected to burn for a few more weeks yet, so we need to plan our expeditions carefully as fire burnt areas carry many hazards including the risk of fallen trees well after the fire has passed. There are a few of us who have had to change plans of where to fish but several members have managed to find those rivers and streams and produce some good catches. And, as most will know, Tasmania was affected too by significant fires which impacted much of the popular areas, including wilderness areas - even one of our own member's holiday homes was perilously close to the fires, escaping by only a couple of hundred metres. However, I'm sure that some of these small communities who rely on fishing and tourism in the back-blocks will still need our support.

Hopefully we can get some reprieve from fires and heat and start some great autumn fishing. Check out the club trips coming up in this edition of the fly fisher. And if you want to keep track on members' activities in a more timely fashion, the Southern Flyfishers Facebook entries certainly give you some insight as to what is happening out there almost in real time. The Facebook site is open to all SFF members and a great way to share your fun with other likeminded people.

We do have a couple of great trips lined up in the next few months with usual array of day and weekend trips. These include the Goulburn, Millbrook, the Ovens and the Howqua. If you haven't been fishing for a while, these should be great trips to get involved.

At the February meeting, we had the privilege of a special guest in Stan Norton from Tennessee who last year gave us an impromptu talk about his passion for bamboo rod fishing in some of the most picturesque places in the USA. This year, he provided us with some stories and photos of Tennessee, Montana and here in Victoria. It was quite amazing how similar some of his photos in the US were compared to some of the photos he took when fishing with some of our club members when he visited the Marysville area. We might have to book him in for next year as I am certain he will have more to share.

And we have our big open day this Sunday 17th March 2019 at the club rooms between 10am and 4pm. The Women in Fly Fishing (WIFF) Open Day is a significant event for our 2019 calendar and I encourage you all to attend and bring your partners, wives, girlfriends, daughters, neighbours, cousins, mothers, grandmothers, nieces, aunties, friends - everybody is welcome on the day. It is an action-packed day, with all day fly tying, casting practice/demonstrations, guest speakers and lots more.

The WIFF committee have been working for months on this project which we hope to be a great success. You can even listen to Julia on <https://www.southernfm.com.au/show/newsman/come-fly-fishing-with-me-podcast/> about the day. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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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

	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	
	April		
Sat / Sun	6 th / 7 th	ATF/NFA Ovens River Myrtleford	Peter Suzic
Wed	10 th	Member's Night	
Wed	24 th	General Meeting	
Fri-Sun	26 th - 28 th	Millbrook	Tony Hyett
	May		
Wed	8 th	Member's Night	
Sat / Sun	11 th / 12 th	Howqua/Goughs Bay \$25 pp accommodation	Peter Suzic
	November		
Sat – Fri	9 th – 15 th	Hurley's NZ Trip	Peter Suzic

Accommodation Offer

Myrica Cottage, self-contained with beautiful décor and all amenities, is located in Bellbrae, Victoria 5.5 km from Anglesea. Solar powered, environmentally friendly and accommodating up to five people, it has two bedrooms, a superb lounge and dining area, self-equipped kitchen and bathroom.

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submission. VRFish placed an application. CVFFC is still waiting for feedback from VRFish regarding this issue.

- Fish Stocking Register for VFA submission in 2019. VRFish sent a request to CVFFC to provide a collated request sheet of all our members to VFA Stocking meetings. CVFFC plan to update stocking requests every quarter to ensure all members requests are presented in a timely manner. Members to forward stocking requests to CVFFC secretary or direct to VFA.

Library: Nil report

ATF: ATF\NFA Ovens River Fishing Challenge April 6th & 7th

Combined Clubs: Will update next meeting

NEW MEMBER: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND WOMEN IN FLY FISHING DAY MARCH 17TH PLEASE LIKE ON FACEBOOK AND SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS**
- Chemist Warehouse selling Snake Bandages – only online \$7.99 (beware of freight cost !!) get some fellow fishers together and buy in bulk to save on freight

TRIP REPORTS

- IK fished the Taggerty for some good results water was 13 degrees, similar reports around Noojee and Torrongo river
- RC fished Central Plateau Tas with cicad patterns fort good results
- GM fished upper Goulburn – very low flow, Delatite Ok higher up

KEN BALLS Jackpot \$40 Chris McMahon – no good fishing mate, should have been at the meeting !!

SPEAKERS

March Allan Russell

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH

9th – 10th Rocky Valley
21st Goulburn River (mid-week)
24th Goulburn River

APRIL

6th – 7th ATF/NFA Ovens River Myrtleford Peter Suzic
26th – 28th Millbrook Tony Hyett

MAY

11th – 12th Howqua/Goughs Bay
\$25 pp accommodation Peter Suzic

NOVEMBER

9th – 15th Hurley's NZ Trip Peter Suzic

DECEMBER

1st – 6th Tassie Tony Hyett

WOMEN IN FLY FISHING



OPEN DAY

Fly fishing gets you out in the sunshine, reconnects you with the outdoors and lets you relax and recharge.

You know you deserve it... Get in touch with nature and back in touch with yourself.

**FUN FOR EVERYONE
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**SUNDAY
MAR 17**

10AM - 4PM

Southern Fly Fishers (Australia Inc)
Combined clubrooms, Highett Reserve
33 Turner Rd, Highett

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- hands on casting
- fly tying
- guest speakers
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ACF 2019 Syllabus

Month	Day	Event	Location	Start Time
Feb-21	Thur	AGM	Sunshine clubrooms	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'â€™ 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

Southern Lights Casting Tournament Results

Date 23/02/2019

Weather Mild with gusting winds

Caster	Club	Dry Fly	ACF Skish	Wet Fly	TOTAL	
Bruce Ratcliffe	Southern	42	44	25	111	1st
Mark Cuthbert	Ballarat	48	52	8	108	2nd
John Waters	Calder	48	23	0	71	3rd
Ted Whitam	Calder	34	35	0	69	
Tracy Phelan	Sunshine	22	46	0	68	
Richard Scrivens	Southern	27	25	13	65	
Cory Heath	Healing Waters	10	45	8	63	
Ron Heath	Healing Waters	20	29	0	49	
Tony Hyatt	Southern	5	17	7	29	
Brett Jones	Red Tag	tba	tba	tba	0	

Ten intrepid souls braved the elements and all that the Noojee township had to offer on a glorious morning in Feb. Excitement, anticipation and many an aspiration for some good stream sport aplenty abounded amongst this elite group of piscatorial enthusiasts. With detailed maps of the area, courtesy of Chris Mastwyk, the original courtesy of Ray Boast's email, many thanks to you both. The group eagerly set about dividing themselves up into pairs for the day Les Pratt gave a superb geographical overview of the respective beats to fish and with the prospect of a hearty lunch forthcoming the intrepid group sped away in a myriad of directions.

Conditions were bright but overnight rain had coloured both the La Trobe and the Tanjil. Lunchtime came and reports of fish numbers landed seen or spooked were very scant indeed Ray Goddard-The clubs flamboyant "bon viveur" added extra spice with his bottle of St Hallets Faith a discerning drop for the educated palate.

Lunch over and it was back to the rivers with high expectations especially for the 'evening rise'.

Again fishing was tough but Les and Mick had a reasonable session on the campsite beat of the Toorongu All in all a splendid day well done and THANK YOU to all who supported the trip on the day.

I have added Dave Reid's unique perspective of the day from Facebook, Dave Reid writes as follows:

Just returned from the latest club trip to Noojee. First on the rivers for me . Entertaining, informative experience was looked forward to , expensive wasn't on the cards . starts with me getting car ready , check tyre pressures all are ok check ! Best do the spare too . Where is the spare ? Underslung spare gone without a trace! Alan to the rescue offered me a lift . Fantastic. Pick up was late and after a nice journey we find about 8 club members and coloured water in most of the vicinity of Noojee. Everyone picked a spot and sped off. Al and I got beaten to our preferred beat so did Coffee and a pie to deliberate. Eventually picking the picnic beat beside the car park. Landed 2 on the nymph. Tried dries with no success. Lost a small brown fly box of dries on that section . Bugger !

Most folks returned for lunch and a chat with varying tales of success. Ray provided the Dutch courage for those accepting the afternoons challenge. And it was a challenge. Gary , Allan and I headed to the Tanjil. It was coloured so didn't bode we'll although Gary was confident there would be fish. A lot of fishing was done and 2 very small specimens were all we had to show . Was a good day up to the point Allan asked me where my net was ? I discovered I had left my fishpond nomad net on the river somewhere . Not happy !

Too late to go back so we headed to the pub . A challenging day in oh so many ways. Thanks to Allan for leading the trip and Gary for his advice this afternoon. Looking after your gear when you're on a trip should be a basic and I failed miserably. So annoying If anyone fishing up there can keep an eye out for my net or box of flies that would be great 😊





OK, I'm glad at least one person was photographed fishing! (ed.)



This outfit belongs to Bruce Sidebottom of Ballarat Fly Fishers

Back in 2009 Lake Wendouree at Ballarat was bone dry; the big drought had seriously taken its toll on this once great Western district lake. Finally the rains came and the lake filled and in 2011 it again reached its full capacity. Between the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society and Fisheries Victoria the lake was duly stocked with both Brown and Rainbow trout. As with any reborn water, the fish thrived feeding on whatever was around and slowly nature rebounded; aquatic food life such as snails, midge, baitfish, dragon fly larva, as well as damsel flies and caddis, all came back big time.

To a degree everyone was happy but the talk amongst the fly flickers was where were the duns. At first none were seen for at least a couple of years, then slowly but surely the odd one started to emerge and the numbers grew.

As early as last year the discussion at the Ballarat Fly Fishers club rooms during our Friday night happy hour, was will the duns come back like it was before the drought, with duns coming off in good numbers nearly all day long; well, from around 10am to around three pm, then they fade. It was called “gentlemen’s hours” and big browns would be seen sipping away at those hapless little critters. The species is *Atalophlebia australis* or the Lambda Dun, as originally named. Today most would know it as a March Brown.

Jim Bambridge told me that those that emerge early in the season are normally larger than those that appear around March. To be honest this is not an uncommon occurrence. It happened with mayflies that emerged in my old haunt, along the banks of the Goulburn and I have read that it also happens on the rivers of America; all interesting stuff.

But the big news is the duns are back; they started to show in the latter half of October and they are coming off in big numbers, if the conditions are right. The hatch starts around midday if not a little earlier and peaks around 2 pm. What is needed for a top dun hatch is a dull, overcast day with a gentle breeze. You have to realise that these bugs do not have eyelids and are sensitive to harsh sunlight; that is why they prefer overcast weather. How often do we get these days? The simple answer is not enough but we live in hope.

Finding them is another problem. It is a big lake and they do not come off all over at the same time, so watch for the seagulls; they can easily be seen swooping down picking up newly emerged duns as if it was their last feed. Sometimes you can see as many as fifty seagulls swarming over an area the size of a football ground and you don't have to be too experienced to realise what they are up to.

A call from Robert Haines, another member of Ballarat Fly Fishers, back in October alerted me to a couple of bits of information that was good news to me. Firstly that the duns were coming off big time and that there was two types, a small one and one larger and darker. Well I couldn't get out of the house quick enough; fishing rod, flies, camera and all the other stuff needed to make a day of it.

Robert was right, there was in fact two different duns of the same species *A. australis* but one was lighter in colour and smaller than the other.



A. australis the light version I named for simplicity "Milk Chocolate" because of its light mottled brown tonings and stumpy features. Hook Size 14.



This is the darker version of the two duns. The colouration is closer to the common version found all over Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the lower regions of New South Wales. However the wings are a little narrower than the “Milk Chocolate”, the body is skinnier and overall this “Dark Chocolate” version is a hook larger, being a good size 12.



This pic of *A. australis* was taken at Eildon and its colouration is different again, which to me just goes to prove that you need to know your water and the insect life that lives in it to be able to match any hatch you may come across. What is interesting is that like all animals, including people, there are variances in size, shape and colour. Ever since shifting to Ballarat I have been waiting for the chance to get some pics of the local duns to compare with what I have found and photographed elsewhere. What a surprise to find and confirm what can only be local colouration and size variations of what seems to be the same species. From a fly tyer's perspective, I find this intriguing and it just goes to prove the importance of Angling Entomology.

Another interesting aspect to this saga is that all I can find during the daylight hours is samples of the female duns, be it the milk chocolate or the dark chocolate variants, which would suggest that the males are coming off on evening or during the night. Again, I

checked back with the other pics in my collection that include species from Tasmania, Eildon and Woodend. All were daytime shots and again, all were females.

This sort of activity is not unknown; take for example the Highland Dun in Tasmania (*Tasmanophlebia lacustris*), there are again different colourations, being dark and light and as with *A. australis*, the females emerge during the day and the male on evening. This was recorded by the great Australian entomologist, R J Tillyard way back in 1921. There is so much we don't know. The answer may be that in some species this is a common occurrence.

The job at hand was to make up some patterns to match what was coming off. The patterns that I put together have a proven past and they work well; all that was need was to match the colours at hand.

First was the Wendouree Milk Chocolate Dun and to match the colour of the body I blended together some Golden Stone Spirit River dubbing with some Brown stonefly dubbing, again from Spirit River. The mix was 50/50 of each colour and it was a good match.



The Wendouree Milk Chocolate Dun

The Pattern as designed by Mick Hall is as follows

Milk Chocolate Dun

Hook: Partridge Klinkhamer extreme

Size: 14

Tail: Light Pardo Cock de Leon saddle hackle fibres

Ribbing: Stripped Peacock Herl 4 turns

Body: Dubbing blend as explained

Wing/Post: March Brown EP Triggerpoint fibres

Hackle: Golden Badger tied parachute fashion 4 turns only

Notes: The new Partridge Klinkhamer extreme has been adjusted in size to match standard shank lengths, as the original, as designed by Hans van Klinken, was much longer in the shank.

I know that Hans would possibly disagree but for this purpose it matches beautifully.



Wendouree Dark Chocolate Dun as designed by Mick Hall

The Dark Chocolate Dun

Hook: Partridge Klinkhamer extreme Size: 12

Tail: Dark Pardo Cock de Leon saddle hackle fibres

Ribbing: Stripped Peacock Herl 4 turns

Wing/Post: E P Triggerpoint March Brown blended with Black EP Triggerpoint fibres

Hackle: Whiting Farms Dark Brassy Dun or Dark Brown Dun tied as a parachute hackle 4 turns only.

Notes: To tie the pattern in reverse use a standard Partridge Klinkhamer hook and tie your post in first on the bend as shown below. The rest is as above.

Robert Haines got into four fish the first time he used this pattern and he said one was huge, he felt its weight and it was gone. I also witnessed Geoff Hetherington catch and release a magnificent brown that weighed 5.5 pounds (2.5 kilo) and what a great looking fish, almost as deep as it was long and it was not his first on the day. He caught it on a dark reversed parachute emerger that I designed; in reality it is the Dark Chocolate Dun tied in reverse and is being sold through Clarkson Imports in Melbourne and is freely available in most tackle shops.



Dark Chocolate Dun tied reversed

“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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Wednesday	9.00am-5.00pm
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: _____

Seconder: _____ 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 3adults, 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)

Club Use Only

Membership Category Code **

Date Submitted to Committee: ___/___/_____

Approved by Committee: Yes / No

Applicable Fee Paid: Yes / No

Notify: Secretary Communications Treasurer 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:

- Beginners' & advanced casting tuition
- Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes
- Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques
- Monthly fly fishing discussion group
- Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips
- Regular newsletter
- Competitive casting & fishing events
- Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets.
- Specialist guest speakers
- Regular day & weekend fishing trips
- Saltwater fly fishing activities
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