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At the April members' night, we were provided an excellent session on Lakes fishing by our resident guru, Ross Bailey. It is these nights where we all gain some great tips and tricks to ensure our fishing exploits are that bit more successful. All handy advice for when those rivers are closed to fishing trout and salmonids from 12.01am on Tuesday 11 June – end of Queen's birthday weekend.

Even though the summer is well and truly over, we have had quite a mix of weather recently. Our members have been fishing far and wide, with some venturing to Tasmania, New Zealand and even Hawaii. Then there are the members who have been very active here in Victoria and we have heard some great reports at the club nights, and on Facebook, with the usual suspects posting their evidence, proof to all that there a fish to be caught in some of our rivers and streams. We have a couple of trips to make the most of what is left with a weekender at Big River on the 18th and 19th and squeezing in before the Queen's Birthday weekend we have a day on the Goulburn planned on the 2nd June. Then we move into the lakes during the closed season so put your names on the board so we can make the appropriate arrangements. For new members, these trips are the best way to enjoy the fantastic experience of fly fishing. Also, please remember that you don't have to be on the Committee to run a trip, and if you are interested in assisting with trip planning then please contact Peter Suzic.

With the colder months closing in, it is also a great opportunity to borrow books or DVD's from the library. Graeme has been doing some sorting and tidying so make sure you make the most of this great resource, and its free...

The casting season is also underway, and our club rooms will be hosting many of the events over the next few months. I encourage all members to come along either participate or support our Southern members. This is also a great way to perfect your casting accuracy skills using a range of techniques. This is one of the great 'cooler months' activities the club provides to help you further develop your skills, so when you are out there, you can place that fly on the fish's nose – the difference between catching fish, and not catching fish. Check out the dates of the Casting events over the next few months in this edition of the Southern Fly Fisher.

Last month we welcomed new members Bernard Evans, Ben Marshall, Bryan McPherson and Barry Carter to the club. I'm know you will all make them feel welcome and I'm sure they have their own stories to share.

And finally, if you are interested in joining the committee for the 2019 / 2020 period, then please consider nominating when the notification comes out. Please come and see me, or one of the committee members, for information on the roles. The roles are not time consuming, nor demanding, but are a great way to meet new members and help this great club continue to grow.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2018-2019

President	John Mennen	president@southernflyfishers.org.au	0408 145 463
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Committee	Allan Russell		0437 240 323

Club Caps For Sale

SFF Club Caps for Sale

\$ 10.00 ea.

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



Calendar – Coming Events

	May	
Wed	22 nd	General Meeting
Sat – Sun	18 th – 19 th	Big River Weekend
	June	
Sat	1 st	Thornton
Wed	12 th	Members Night
Wed	26 th	General Meeting
	July	
Wed	10 th	Members Night
Sat	20 th	Stony Creek Reservoir
Wed	24 th	General Meeting
	August	
Sat	10 th	Eildon Pondage
Wed	14 th	Members Night
Wed	28 th	General Meeting
	September	
Wed	11 th	Members Night
Sun	22 nd	Max Kept Cup
Wed	25 th	General Meeting

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.

With abundant Australian wildlife, a private fly fishery (catch-and-release only) and walks on over 200 acres of natural bushland it is perfect for fly fishermen, birdwatchers, bushwalkers, bike riders, photographers, nature lovers, horse riders (own horses) and international guests. For hire to those who are willing to share with the native flora and fauna by leaving the pristine premises as found, with kangaroos on site and a spectacular wedge-tailed eagle's nest. Tariff \$300 per weekend (Please confirm). For information call Allan Roberts on 0412 560 452.



General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday 24th April 2019

CHAIRMAN: John Mennen

APOLOGIES: John McIntyre, Garry Mulvray

GUEST : Barry Carter

MINUTES:

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:

Moved: Les Pratt Seconded: Tony Hyett

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Bernard Evans
- Ben Marshall

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Confirmation of Placement of Cover Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc
- VFFA: Upcoming Events: The May Meeting – Our Annual Auction – May 16th
- VFFA newsletter April 2019

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letter to Council donation \$1,306
- Letter to VFA re : funding WIFF
- Briner Signs thank you letter
- WTFN Filming request

Moved: Chris McMahon Seconded: Ross Bailey

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC

Library

ATF

Combined Clubs

GENERAL BUSINESS

- SFFA hosted a TV crew from The Great Weekend for several hours this week. Ben McMahon was filmed teaching the presenter to fly fish whilst fly tying was also filmed. The show will be aired in July. We will send out an email when the date is confirmed. We will also receive a copy of the TV show.

- Insurance Fees for next financial year will increase by \$5 across all categories from \$10 to \$15
- LXRA Update - Submission lodged – no update

TRIP REPORTS

- Peter S fished the Tanjil, fish were very spookily, 5-7 caught on dry fly and simulator
- Sandy F fished for bone fish in Hawaii, had success with several caught
- Chris Mc fished Omeo region, 3 landed, two on dry & one on nymph. Lot of fish around Cobungra
- Peter G fished Little Pine (Tas) using wet fly landed 2 fish (about 2 -3lb)
- Ross B fished Steavenson, slow day all fish caught on nymphs
- Another Peter G fished the Merri river in Noosa Heads in a canoe, Caught grunter and cod
- John w fished the North Island NZ Lake Brunner caught several fish each day

KEN BALLS

\$20 tonight won by Ray Boast

SPEAKERS

May	Scott Xanthoulakis	Fishing the Snowy Mountains
June	Tim Curni	Native Fish Australia
September	Brenda Galey	Galey MisGuided Fly Fishing

CLUB CALENDAR

MAY

18th 19th Big River Weekend

JUNE

1st Thornton

JULY

20th Stony Creek Reservoir

AUGUST

10th Eildon Pondage

SEPTEMBER

22nd Max Kepert Cup Location TBA

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

1st – 6th Tassie Tony Hyett

ACF 2019 Syllabus

Month	Day	Event	Location	Start Time
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	9:00am
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

**BRUNN SHIELD
ROUND 1
SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019
Yarra Bend Casting Pool**

CLUB	CASTER	Dry Fly	ACA Skish	Wet Fly	Total
Southern	Bruce Ratcliffe	49	96	45	190
Ballarat	Shane Stevens	45	95	44	184
Red Tag	Lef Andropof	48	95	40	183
Ballarat	Gary McKay	45	91	47	183
Ballarat	Mick McKay	41	96	45	182
Ballarat	Mark Cuthbert	41	95	44	180
Sunshine	Ken Lucas	40	97	40	177
Sunshine	Ron Heath	46	88	42	176
Sunshine	Brian Cocks	47	88	37	172
Ballarat	Jim Bainbridge	42	85	42	169
Sunshine	Ted Whittam	43	80	44	167
Ballarat	Phil Smith	38	87	42	167
Ballarat	John Close	41	88	34	163
Ballarat	Steve Lock	36	85	36	157
Southern	Richard Scrivins	42	77	36	155
Ballarat	Craig Colman	34	86	34	154
Ballarat	Russell Wilson	40	76	37	153
Ballarat	Keven Pearce	37	81	34	152
Red Tag	Geoff Newman	38	72	38	148
Ballarat	Brian Johnson	33	79	32	144
Southern	John McIntyre	41	66	32	139
Sunshine	Keith Howden	38	64	33	135
Ballarat	Chris Doody	40	62	33	135

Dry Fly	ACA Skish	Wet Fly
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BALLARAT

45	96	47	
45	95	45	
42	95	44	
41	91	44	
173	377	180	730

SUNSHINE

40	97	40	
47	88	37	
43	80	44	
46	88	42	
176	353	163	692

SOUTHERN

49	96	45	
41	66	32	
42	77	36	
0	0	0	
132	239	113	484

RED TAG

RED TAG			
38	72	38	
48	95	40	
0	0	0	
0	0	0	
86	167	78	
			331

Fishing Lakes:

Why? Streams close Queens Birthday weekend. Keeps up the fishing skills over Winter.
Chance of catching a bigger fish than found in streams. Development of new skills.

Where?

West of Melbourne: Toolondo, Wartook, Greenhill, Fyans. Too far for day trips but potentially some of the best lakes in Victoria.

Wendouree, Newlyn, Hepburn, Bostock, Wombat, Moorabool, Dean, Stoney Creek. All within easy day trip distance. Some of these lakes have the best dun hatches available.

Tullaroop, Harcourt, Cairn Curran. Within LONG day trip distance but sensational fishing at times. Tullaroop in Spring; Harcourt Spring/Autumn duns.

Eildon Pondage, Blue Rock, Devil Bend. Chance of a really big stocked fish at Pondage and diversified fishing at Blue Rock and Devil Bend.

Purrumbete, Bullen Merri, Tooliarook, Wurdi Buloc.

Gear:

Rods - #5 - #7. 9' or 10' – Switch and Spey Rods for longer, easier casting.

Reels to suit rods – capable of 100m backing.

Lines – Floating & Intermediate or Sink Tip Intermediate

Leaders – Long if fishing nymphs, dries or midges. (12' – 18') Tapered
Short if fishing wets especially Woolly Buggers. Level if using sink tip line

Stripping basket

Polaroid sunglasses

Fish:

Depending on lake – Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Redfin, Bass, Carp.

Food:

Mayfly, midge, leeches, snails, scud, caddis, damselflies, dragonflies, yabbies, water boatmen, backswimmers, beetles, jassids, grasshoppers, crickets, ants and “smelt”, galaxias, redfin fry, gudgeon.

Finding fish:

Be observant – when you arrive at a lake LOOK first. Take into account:

Water level

Weather conditions – bright & sunny, overcast & dull, raining etc

Wind direction – how long has it blown from there? Work with the wind!!

Weed growth – weed beds are fish food factories & provide cover for fish.

Features of the water – inflows, soaks, logs, rocks, holes, channels, river beds, points, bays etc.

Insect activity – what is visible in the air, on the water, blown onto shore etc.

Evidence of fish – rising, swirling, tailing, crashing through bait schools. Riseforms provide a clue to what the fish is feeding on.

Topography – look at the slope of the surrounding area to get an idea of the water depth. Long, gentle slope probably means shallows. Steep shoreline entry shows deeper water.

Transition areas – shallow to deep, shallow with depression or channel, deep hole, drop offs. All may be holding areas for food and fish.

Birds – actively working insects (midge, duns, flying ants etc) Swallows, swifts, terns and ducks are good indicators of a hatch.

When you commence fishing there are three things that should be taken into account:

- Depth : LET the fly sink!! Too many people do not allow the fly to get down far enough. Use a count down & vary the count to find depth fish are feeding.
- Retrieve : There are two basic styles of retrieve:
Stripping – Slow/fast, long/short, stop/start, ultra slow “pinch” – midges
Hand retrieve – Figure of Eight – Slow/fast

There are three variables when retrieving:

Length of retrieve action

Speed of retrieve action

Pace of the overall movement

- Pattern of fly: There are three basic pattern types

Suggestive – May represent a number of different food sources. Tom Jones

Realistic – Close in appearance to the natural food source. Midge pupa, stick caddis, mud-eye.

Attractor - Usually, bright, garish, mobile. Works on fact that trout are aggressive predators. May work even when fish are not in feeding mode. Woolly Bugger

General list of flies for lake fishing:

Magoo style (olive, black, brown), Humungous (gold), Woolly Buggers (live, black, brown, pink), Tom Jones, Burnt Stick Caddis, Midge Pupa, Bloodworm, Midge Ball, Brown nymphs, Claret Nymphs, Possum Emerger, Barry Lodge Emerger, Shaving Brush, Brown/Grey Parachete Duns, Klinkhammer, Glo Bugs, Orange Blob, Mallard & Claret, Claret Emerger.

Leaders:

Tapered leaders between 9' & 18' for dries, nymphs and midges.

Short – around 4' – 6' for wet flies especially if using a sink tip or sinking line.

Generally not under 8lb/bs for wet flies.

I use either 9.5lb, 10lb or 12.5lb breaking strain leaders in good fluorocarbon for fishing wet flies. Even using 10lb/bs I have been broken off on the strike in Wendouree and Purumbete.

Learn to tie good knots for attaching droppers to fish two or three flies:

Suggested knots are – Double Uni Knot, Double Blood Knot, Two or three turn Surgeons Knot and the Figure of Eight knot.

The double uni and double blood knots have the leader at right angle to the main line and the other two have the dropper running parallel to the main line.

Wet flies can have more movement if tied on a loop knot so knowing a good loop knot is an advantage.

Learn to cast:

Learn or practise hauling (single or double) to achieve a longer cast. Longer casts mean more water covered and potentially more fish encountered.

Practise casting over your opposite shoulder, casting parallel to the ground and reverse casting.

When on the water:

Fan cast

Cast Parallel to the shore

“Hang” flies at the end of each retrieve

Use crosswind to “skate” flies to the surface and “wake” across surface.

Members Photos

Graeme Renfrey getting up close and personal with some of the locals on the Toorongu, early April.



Event 17th March 2019

Karen Brooks a guide from Tasmania came to Southern Fly Fishers to do a talk on drift boat fishing and women in fly fishing. A few of us in the club have always had an interest in promoting women in fly fishing and would have liked to see more female members in our clubs. This was the beginning of a venture to see if we could encourage women's interest and involvement.



Judy Camero, Julia Williams, Peter Te Henepe and myself were the selected few to be the subcommittee of Southern members to organize the event. We started eight months prior to the event understanding the massive task ahead of us and ran with it.

I had run three open day events for Southern over the previous ten years without a subcommittee. All of us on the subcommittee sporting strong personalities and our own ideas proved to be a challenge in itself. Never the less we at no time lost the sight of objectives and forged ahead to the same goal.

I knew very little about marketing and needed plenty of input from Julia to control this sector. Well, she sure did, putting in a huge amount of time and energy to get things together on the marketing side. Web site, Facebook, radio, pamphlets, cards, show bags, freebees from outside establishments to name a few.

The huge work load was spread over the subcommittee all putting in massive amounts of time and energy and roping in members from Southern to handle different items particularly on the event day.

The raffle with proceeds going to The Cancer Council of Victoria netting approx. \$1,300 for a fantastic cause was a great success with varying types of prizes going to people all over Victoria. Special thanks to all who purchased a ticket.

The event day itself proved to be a great success with all stands and displays working well together. The speakers all put on a fantastic and interesting performance, fisheries van and the three girls were great to have on sight.



Red Tag's stand was appreciated giving me the compliment on the day of "what a great set up and extremely well run."

Gavin Hurley's display was extensive and much appreciated.



The BBQ went off well often being the hub of events.

There was a large number of individuals involved, I am afraid too many to list, whose work was of great importance to the success of this event including Southern members input. So a very special thank you to all involved prior and during event day.

These events usually do not produce outstanding results although Southern did get a number of new members and interested people.

One thing clubs do need to keep up is exposure. this is an intangible commodity but a very necessary one if we are to attract interest in our beloved sport and bring new members to our club.

Once again well done to all involved

Thank Heaps

“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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Phone: (03) 9532 1583

Trading Hours

Monday	9.00am-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am-5.00pm
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: _____

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	\$15	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$55	\$35
P	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25
C	Concession (Note 1)	\$60	\$15	\$75	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30
J	Junior (under 18 yrs)	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25
S	FT student (under 25 yrs)	\$50	\$15	\$65	\$65	\$53	\$40	\$28
CT	Country (Note 2)	\$50	\$15	\$65	\$65	\$53	\$40	\$28
F	Family Special (Note 3)	\$120	\$15	\$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)

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 | - Competitive casting & fishing events |
| - Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes | - Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets. |
| - 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 |

Membership enquiries to: membership@southernflyfishers.org.au

Website: southernflyfishers.org.au

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