



November & December 2023 Newsletter

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Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at:-

Beresfield Bowling Club
Anderson Drive, Beresfield

Next Meeting:
7pm Wednesday 7th Feb 2024

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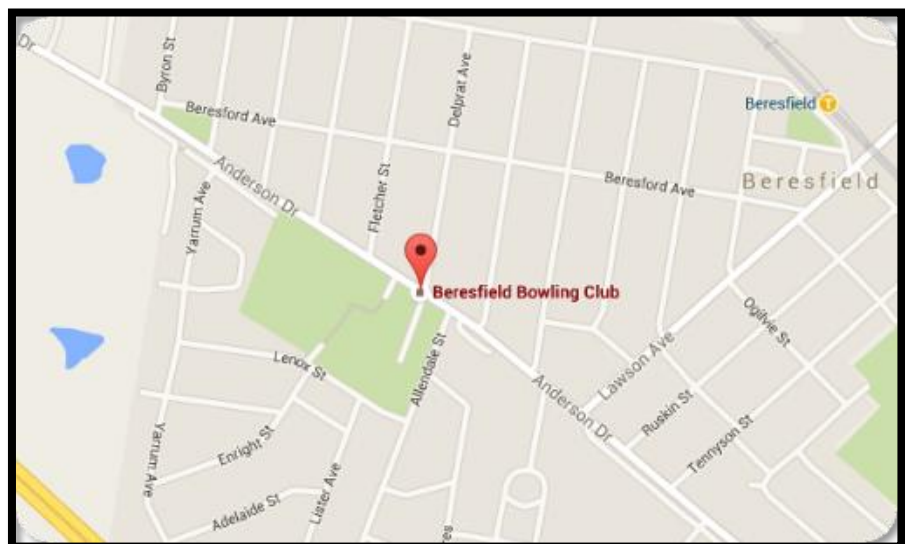
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Ramblings from the Elf Wrangler

Well, here we are again at the end of yet another year. The craziness leading up to Christmas is in full swing. At home we've committed, again, to the nightly activity of posing three bloody elves in different scenarios which has the two fold effect of both ruining the last 15 minutes before you go to bed and also ensuring that both the kids are up with the sun so they can see "what the elves have done after they've been back to report to Santa". I s'pose we have a whole year to forget how painful setting up 24 different scenarios can be. We'll only know if we've learnt our lesson this time next year, watch this space!



Find yourself somewhere comfortable to sit, grab a cuppa and settle in for an absolute ripper of a Newsletter. We have had such a wonderful array of articles submitted, I'm a little blown away. Thank you everyone for making this job of mine so easy.

See below a photo of some true Christmas cheer, thanks for the pic Pete.

'Til next time (year).

Cheers,

Tom



President's Report

Christmas greetings to all my fellow fly fishing o-fish-ionados!

This will be the last HVFFC Newsletter until next year. I know you're disappointed, as am I. Sadly, there won't be any more until 2024. Luckily that isn't too far away!

I'm sure many of you are, or will be going, away for the holidays. I hope that wherever you are, that you have a pleasant and safe time. More importantly I hope everyone gets a chance to flick some flies and fight some fish! I look forward with great anticipation to hearing everyone's fishing reports at our next meeting on the 7th February 2024.



2023 has been quite a successful year for the club, with plenty of club trips and events throughout, and our members making several outings, many local, national and some international! Several raffles throughout the year also added excitement to club meetings and events, along with some additional revenue into the club's piggy bank. My personal highlight for the year was definitely the Salmon Classic. It was my first time seeing the salmon run in person, and was caught off guard by the number of fish that had schooled in the lake. A poor country lad like myself, so used to trying to spot individual or small schools of fish in rivers and streams, actually thought the darker area of the sand flats was just the bottom, and not a massive school of fish!

To ensure 2024 goes just as well (if not better) we have already started making plans for some of our events. Our next club trip will be in February 2024 for flathead in the Myall River area. Trip master Tony Ward will provide more details at a later date, but that gives everyone at least a month to brush up on their casting and to restock their fly boxes. No excuses! ;D

Wishing you all tight lines, a Merry Fish-mas and a Happy New Year!

Adam Griffith

Nibbles and Bytes



- NSW Angler Access map (created by DPI)
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/angler-access>
- Fish stocking sites map (created by NSW DPI)
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- River levels (created by WaterNSW)
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- Boat ramps map (created by NSW RMS)
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- Travelling stock reserve map (created by NSW Local Land Services)
<https://trade.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dd585551cd5c4320bfcd2d671d8f2364>
- Gavin Hurley's (Stalker's) series exclusively about fly fishing in Australia and New Zealand
<https://7plus.com.au/on-the-fly>
- Freshwater angler access: The Fisheries Management Act 1994 permits boating on or wading in a river or creek, providing you stay within the bed of the river, including parts which are covered and left bare with the increase of flows, other than at times of flood. This does not apply to lakes.

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The Sharp End

(Things with fangs, jaws and other bits.)
Mark Schmidt

Leeches

I was with a mate recently at Ourimbah Creek. In a walk of 100 metres, we picked up 17 leeches. Little bastards. We ended up standing in the middle of the hot road in our socks trying to fend the aggressive blighters off. Whilst no leeches in Australia are super dangerous, some people can have an allergic response. If you're naturally an atopic/allergic/anaphylactic type person, you should be monitored closely. They can be removed with a fingernail or credit card, or left to gorge themselves on your well-earned blood and fall off naturally. Leeches that attach themselves to an eye, nose, mouth or ear canal can be popped with a sharp point. This kills the beast and makes it easier to remove. If it's in your mouth, you can rinse with alcohol and spit both the alcohol and the leech out. It isn't recommended to use salt, salt water or fire as these can make the leech vomit blood into your wound and increase the risk of infection.

Snakes

A snake bandage applies exact pressure to the limb being bound. It has geometric shapes printed on it, which when applied at the correct pressure, form squares. Very clever. If you are struck by a snake, and you're fumbling around for a bandage with a rush of adrenaline and the fear of death, let the bandage take control. Make squares, use the whole bandage both up and down the limb, and wait for help. You're not trying to restrict blood flow, you're trying to slow lymph flow.

As a generality, snake bites bleed and spider bites weep. Usually they'll be two punctures from a snake, but often it's not possible to see two individual punctures with a spider bite.

Spiders

Treat spiders in much the same way as snakes. There aren't very many spiders in the bush which are deadly to adults, so you can relax just a bit.

Bush ticks, scrub ticks, brown dog ticks, wallaby ticks, bandicoot ticks

Paralysis ticks are east of the great divide, all the way from Cairns to Melbourne, with a different species in northern and eastern Tasmania.

If you're known to be allergic to tick bites, you need to get to medical help. Anaphylaxis in remote rivers isn't going to be pretty.

If you're not known to be allergic, DO NOT remove the mite. Just freeze with ether-based spray like Tick Off or apply scabies cream twice within one minute, without squeezing the tick in any way. Don't use alcohol sprays like hand sanitiser, as it makes the tick burrow deeper. If you don't have tick spray or scabies cream (and let's face it, who does?), don't use a match, metho, kero or tweezers...they all make the tick go deeper. Tiny ticks can wait until the fishing's finished. Paralysis ticks should be treated with medical attention without delay.

When I picked up a bush tick on the back of my neck and had no-one to help, the local hospital applied a swipe of scabies cream. They said "it'll be dead in five hours and fall off in six". Almost to the minute that's what happened.

Personal Locator Beacon

When I'm on my own, anywhere in the bush or outback, EVERY time I leave the car I grab a bumbag which has my snake bandage, my waterproof, floating PLB and personal information including medications and allergies on a card with my image. Even if it's for a photo or a pee. There's no point having your bandage in the car if you're 200 metres away. The bumbag is small and I know that if anything goes wrong, satellites will

save me. The emergency information is updated every two years and the device lasts quite a number of years. Mine is now six years old, and with any luck will die a virgin. At \$300, it's cheap life insurance. Your medical information must be on the same card as your photo and DATED, as emergency services cannot use the information if they cannot be certain that the card belongs to you, and is current. For those of you with chronic conditions and/or age, I recommend you do the same in your wallet: name, date of birth, photo, 'card updated' date, medications and schedule. Every six months or so, write a new date on the card but don't scrub out the old ones, as this tells medical personnel how long the medication regime has been in force, and that the information is reasonably current.

St Clair Trip Report

13/9/23 - Kevin Croft

Four nights at St Clair, weather looks good, now that's something to look forward to. Two nights with Janice and myself and then the club outing on the weekend, well so I thought.

Jump online to start the booking process and find that I can't book due to unavailability of a site. So, I shortened the booking to Wed and Thurs night, that will do it I thought, Nah. Ended up only being able to book Wed night, so from four nights down to one grrrrr better than none.

Arrived at St Clair to find Bass Boats everywhere and the camp almost full, luckily, they were pulling out and the comp was finished. So why couldn't I book a site I thought. Talking to the caretaker another comp was starting on Friday with everyone arriving on Thursday. Talk about a small window of opportunity.

Tip :- If you want to fish St Clair this time of the year book early and expect comps to be happening.

So, we set up camp to have a relaxing lunch and a cuppa while watching the Bass Boats file out the gate waiting for the sun to lower.

At 4pm I was off to twin soaks area, sun very bright, not a breath of wind, it's going to be hard. Well, I fished for an hour with nothing, so I sat down for a rest waiting for the shadows to lengthen. The sun is almost at the horizon now, time to make it happen. Working back over where I had previously fished and wasn't too long before I hooked up to a good one.

Now I don't measure any of my fish, they all rate as good ones to me. (Good size small, medium, large and extra-large)



Good size Small one on a smelt pattern

I walk another 50 meters, now the sun has hit the horizon and I hooked up two fish in two casts. Prime time you bet.



Good Size Medium on a smelt Pattern



Good Size Medium plus on a smelt pattern

The time has come to for the surface bite so keep your eyes peeled, what's that noise, Wind. Well, it turned from a millpond to very rough in no time so off back to camp and have some dinner and a camp fire.

After a nice dinner and a great fire, the wind has now dropped and nearly time for bed, well maybe a quick cast or two down at the boat ramp.



Fishing with some of the flies I won at the Salmon Classic I hooked up again with a surface fly.



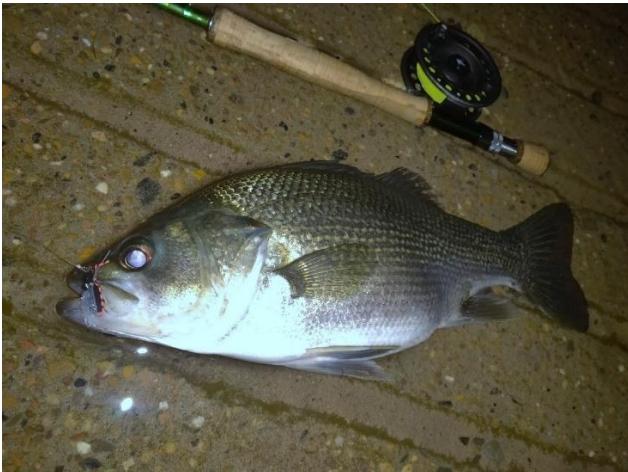
Good Size Medium on surface fly



Good Size Medium plus on surface fly

Well, that was good off to bed to get ready for sparrow fart (old English term). With the shortage of sparrows around I will have to rely on the Old Magpie Warble for my alarm clock.

Next morning, was that a sparrow I just heard, I must be dreaming. Here we go there is the first Magpie so out of bed and down to the boat ramp, perfect. Out goes a cast then another few before getting a beautiful take on the surface again, different fly from Salmon Classic raffle. Thanks to Fedeles Flies



Good Size Large on surface fly.

Time to head over the other side before the sun gets up, unfortunately no more action with very still clear conditions.



Maybe someone can teach me how to catch them through the day when conditions are like this.



Carpe cipridae

Matt Jordan

What is it that makes for a good fly target? Is it fighting ability? Culinary value? Appearance? Habitat appeal? Willingness to take a fly? Sight fishing potential?

The weighting of each of these categories is largely dependent on the angler. As such, if you ask a room full of people what the epitome of fly fishing is you might get answers as variable as speeding bonefish, technical brown trout, bruising GTs, wild river bass, or tiny mountain brook trout. The context of a fish can also change the experience of targeting them on fly. You can catch rainbow trout by bouncing a dry down a riffle, polaroiding silty shallows, fishing a team of wets in a windlane, or dredging a full sinking line in the depths of a lake. All the same species, but very different experiences.

Which brings me to carp. My first successful experience of carp on fly was fishing the bread soup of Lake Liddell at the club's now defunct carp-bash. As a total novice it was a lot of fun feeling the power of these fish and seeing just how big of a behemoth would surface from the murk, but to be honest after one outing I'd had my fill. As a style of fly fishing it just didn't do it for me. As such, I didn't really bother with carp for a while, they were a species that I'd ticked off and I set my sights elsewhere. That was until a few years ago, at the end of the last drought, when they caught my attention again. This time the carp were in shallow, clear water. They were mobile and moody, spooky and selective, and you had to make each cast count. What's more, they would often spook without overtly changing their behaviour, still cruising the pool, but resolutely ignoring anything you put in their path. Despite being the same species, this was worlds apart from the experience at Liddell, presentations (mostly) had to be fast and accurate, delicately delivering small streamers in the path of the fish so that they would happen upon it and "find" the fly themselves. Strikes had to be well-timed, or your fly would disappear and reappear in the blink of an eye, the fish moving on unbothered. For me, the same fish now offered so much more as a fly-fishing target.

While I don't think anyone is pleased that carp were introduced to Australia, now that they're here, they can offer real sport for fly anglers. As well as being accessible to the majority of the Australian population, under the right conditions they tick a lot of boxes outlined at the opening of this article:

Fighting ability – pound-for-pound a bass or bream would pull a carp backwards, however the sheer size these fish can reach will put a bend well into the cork of your fly rod. The fact that they generally fight pretty clean also means that a 3 or 4wt isn't out of the question.

Culinary value – Hugely popular overseas, not many locals will come at carp. I think a lot depends on water quality (after all, they're bottom feeders that will live in wretched conditions) but if you cut out the bloodline and can get past the bones, clean-water carp make for a decent curry.

Appearance – Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but in this beholder's opinion, they don't score high for looks. Or smell...

Habitat appeal – This one is hugely variable. Carp can survive everywhere from an open sewer to a pristine brook. Some of the places I target them would pass for mountain trout streams if the water was 5 degrees cooler.

Willingness to take a fly – This is a double edged sword. For some fish the appeal is in the challenge (think permit). On their day carp can be incredibly picky, particularly in clear water, but because they're generally so much more prevalent than something like permit, you can afford to stuff up a few shots. The other end of the scale is drifting a bread or corn fly down a berley trail. I reckon you still get a quite a few rejections, but the sheer number of fish swings the odds in your favour. Same fish, different fishing.

Sight fishing – Here is the major appeal for me. Seeing your quarry mooching along in clear water, judging its direction and speed, delivering your fly to an area the size of a dinnerplate without a splash, then watching as it slowly sinks into the fish's view and disappears, is about as good as fly fishing gets.

They're not glamorous, and I wish they weren't here, but in the right location carp can offer some of the best shallow water fishing you're likely to experience at this latitude. Open your mind and seize the carp.



Catching up and catching fish

Mark Underwood

As a complete novice I took the sport up about 25 years ago when I was living in Canberra. Back then I found the willingness of others to share and help me learn the sport second to none. Sure, every fisho has their secret spot, fly or technique but there is an overwhelming intent amongst those that fly fish to share and foster the sport. I spent days at Jindabyne and loved trying to find my way around the high-country streams. Younger and fitter, I have to say it was persistence and luck that gave me an occasional fish, regardless I enjoyed every minute of it. The army moved me on I packed my fly rod and tying kit away and as I travelled around and took on other methods of fishing.

Fortunately, during a recent but long overdue a catch up with an old army mate and after a couple of beverages our conversation shifted to flyfishing, "geez I haven't done that for years" was my response, Brad simply replied with "well we should plan a trip". A non-committed "Yep for sure" ended the chat and we moved on. A couple of weeks later Brad was back in touch he had found a place in Tumut for us to go fly fishing. Well, I guess this is actually happening!!

The following day I found my gear buried deep in the shed and started to dust it off (Brad what have you done). I tied a fly, nothing specific just practicing the skills and immediately wanted to tie another but hang on the eyes are not what they used to be and need to find my glasses. I took the rod out on the lawn and made some casts bit rusty, but it feels OK. I am starting to get excited about the trip. Let the online research begin, with a sudden realisation how much this sport has changed, the basics are all the same but technology in equipment and materials, wow – a lot to learn! How do I find out more, do I get a guide to help me hone my skills? Is there a club?

That is when I found the HVFFC and through the online link on the website I reached out. Tom got back to me and soon after I was lined up to attend my first meeting. Flyfishing like no other form of fishing brings people together and for the past 20 years I have missed this. Everyone made to feel welcome from the start. By the conversation in the room and on zoom it was clear, I can learn a lot from these folks – So I'm in! I signed up by the next meeting and was ready to go but still with no story to tell just that I had a trip planned for Tumut – no idea how this will turn out, these guys and gals can fish and at this point I've caught nothing, and I am not sure if I can still catch anything on fly

Brad and I, with our wives, headed off for our week in Tumut, we caught up with the team at Tom's Outdoors to get some local intel and headed to our lodgings. Not wanting to waste any time we grabbed our rods and headed down to the river (Goobarragandra River "The Goob") to test the waters. A half hour in and we both had fish very health little rainbows – this was going to be a cracking trip!!

What an ideal place to get back into the sport, the Goob was at good levels, flowing swiftly in places and a bit murky but was holding fish. It kept our interest with a few fish every day, our success mostly on streamers and nymphs of various patterns. My most satisfying afternoon was to tie a fly at lunch and catch a couple of fish with it that afternoon. All fish caught and released were rainbows in the small to medium range, each one as exciting to catch as any other regardless of size.

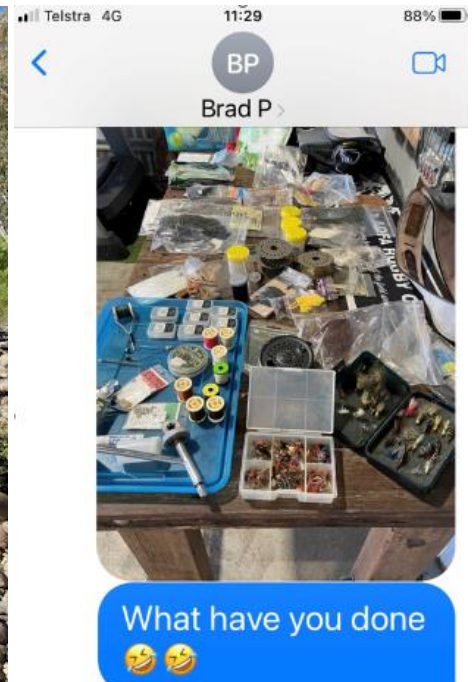
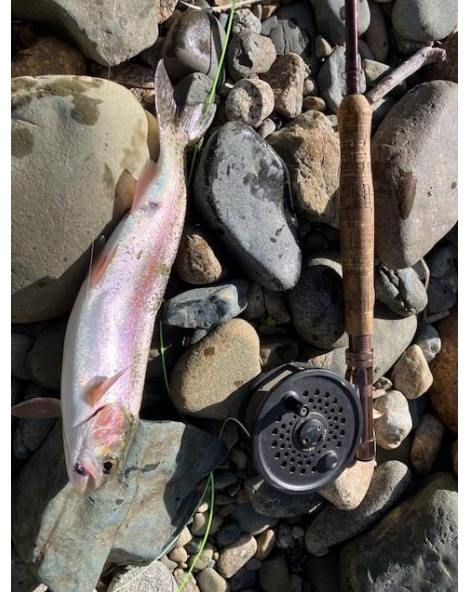
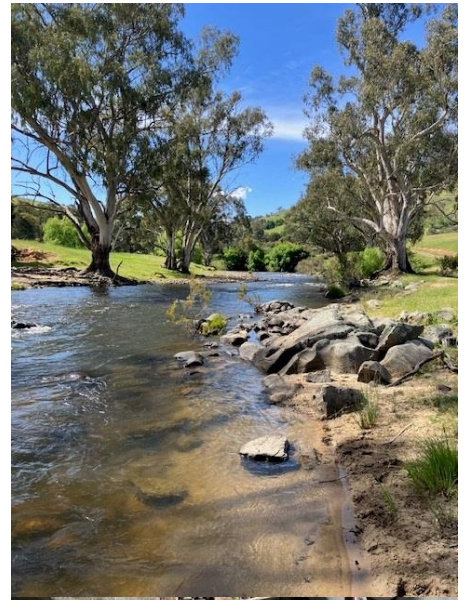
Fishing was punctuated with catching up and exploring the local area. Great company, good food and fine wine. Our last night was spent planning how we can do it all again. For me the most immediate thing is to learn the local area and get out and about taking advantage of what we have here in the Hunter and meeting more of you in person.

I look forward to catching up and catching fish.

Mark

P.S I see some gear upgrades in my future 😊

P.P.S lots of pics on the next page



Swampy Plains River

Brent Blackwell

The Fox's, Dillon's, Mark Schmidt and myself went to camp on the Swampy Plains River at Geehi Flats campground. The campground is in Kosciusko National Park. This means park fees and a site booking fee.

The campground is extensive. To access the further reaches of the camping area, 4wd is required.

The campground is relatively flat. The parks have provided some long drop toilets. You need to bring everything else. It is so remote that mobile phones don't work.



The river runs fast over a stony bottom, leading to occasional long slow pools. To fish you need to wade. This is interesting as the bottom is water rounded river stones and pebbles. It makes for unsteady footing.

When we were there in November there was little or no terrestrial activity, so nymph fishing was the way to go. Even in water crystal clear, trout can be impossible to see. Recommend 4 to 6 weight rods.

I stayed a week, fished the river twice, one day without a fish and another with a nice little rainbow. Foxy and Mark also caught a couple of nice fish. Note there is plenty of access, so the water is fished pretty hard.

For a day out we went to Khancoban and fished below the dam. This is much bigger water. It can be difficult to fish. If you wade out, then your opportunities are better.

I will go back and fish here again. The campground was basic, however the location is excellent.

New England Trout Opening 23/24

Paul and Julie.

As the new trout season approached there were a number of reports filtering in about significant sightings of fish feeding and moving about in several streams. The general comments from grazier friends in the area seemed to indicate the forth-coming season could/should be one to remember, even more so if we are lucky enough to get some pre-season rain.

Friday prior to opening day gave rise to an opportunity to go for a drive and check out some of the nearby streams and talk to a couple of local property owners. Clearly, the forecast drought conditions had begun to have an effect on pastures, the number of trucks freighting stock feed bore testament to what we were observing on our travels.

Both streams we visited were running clear but with reduced flow, the normal stream height marks on the banks indicated they were about 25 to 30 cm below what we had come to know as normal over the years.

Opening morning rolled around and we were on the road for a 6AM meet-up with two other grazier friends, all keen fly fishers at a nearby stream, there was some spirited conversation on what fly/s should interest the trout, the general consensus was black nymph variations based on previous experience should do well.

Two of us headed up stream, the mate had spotted a nice fish rising in the second pool and was keen to open his account for day one. As he walked past the run into the pool I was about to fish there was an incredible explosion in the run as a huge fish bolted back into the main pool sending sizable bow wave through the pool, no point trying here I thought to myself as I pressed on to the next pool.

The mate fishing the run into the pool was having a ball, he had three quality fish before I had made a cast, a major tackle failure had me sitting on the bank re-building my terminal tackle, the braided loop parted company with the fly line while trying to straighten the leader.

In the meantime the fifth member of our fishing party had turned up and had started to fish the pool where the large fish was spooked in the run, he would have only made a couple of casts when all hell broke loose, clearly it seemed a sizable fish had taken his offering and was giving him a hard time rolling and jumping and taking a fair bit of line. About five or six minutes later a beautifully coloured jack rainbow was netted weighing in at two Kg, a great start to the season.

While all of this action was going on I managed to open my start to the season with two well-conditioned rainbows. As the morning moved on the fishing just continued to improve, virtually every run with a reasonable flow contained fish all keen to take our flies. The larger pools, some a hundred or more metres in length and a long cast in width were a bit more of a challenge in that it took some time to cover them with some degree efficiency, blackberry bushes provided some shaded water and the fish were holding close in to that cover, blackberries too claimed the odd misplaced cast which was quite annoying when there was a hot bite going on.

Most of the better fish were taken from the larger pools and on one occasion one almost ran me to the backing with a spirited charge down the pool, the general quality of the fish in the section of the stream we fished was quite good with most being in fairly good condition considering their numbers and the declining water level. A couple of interesting aspect to the season was the number of large jack rainbows sporting their vivid red spawning colours and squirting milt when handled firmly, also the number of males far outnumbered the females landed.

By mid-morning we were all we satisfied and very happy with our results, the season opener was an absolute cracker, in fact the locals claimed it was the best for forty or more years and I had to agree with them having been fishing the area since I was a teenager, the five of us landed an astonishing 71 legal fish for the opening morning the bulk of them released save for a few kept for the table.

Our experiences on opening morning pretty much set the scene for the remainder of our twenty day trip to the New England chasing trout; we fished three different streams targeting different sections of each. The black nymph variants proved very popular with fisherman and the trout, luckily I had packed a selection of fly tying gear which came in handy when a particular pattern ran out, there are a few riverside trees in that part of the world that will grab a fly if casting is a bit lacking in accuracy.

Given the number of fish being caught and released it soon became obvious that flattening the barbs on the flies made easier work of removing the flies and returning the trout to the water with minimum stress. Fishing two flies proved interesting on a number of occasions, double hook-ups made landing two fish on the leader and dropper a tad difficult.

The last few evenings of the trip were reasonably warm for that part of the world and wind free, these conditions gave rise to some great dry fly fishing based on the significant black spinner hatches, again the runs at the top of the larger pools were the locations to try, it was not uncommon to see a good number of fish rising to the spinners as they hatched and drifted into the runs and the slower water beyond, looking back down some of the pools you could see what resembled a micro regatta, dozens of tiny black yachts punctuated with solid boils as the trout harvested them, a great sight to watch and fish too, Julie thrives on this type of fishing and had no trouble keeping up with the boys and held her own with the nymph fishing too.

Sadly the outlook going forward will be pretty grim if the area does not see significant rain, soon, declining water levels will lead to higher water temperatures, oxygen deprivation and an increase in the weed problem that already renders a lot of formally fishable sections of the streams unfishable.

Back home and the fish reports and photos from the area turn up on a fairly regular basis, with a bit of luck we might be able to get back up there for another session prior to Christmas.



Two kg of angry jack rainbow.



Julie's favourite pool.



A version of the black nymphs that proved effective.



A well conditioned jack rainbow to start day two of the new season.



It paid to watch where you were putting your feet.



A number of trout moving at the head of a large pool.



Paul with a solid rainbow.



One of the grazier friends landing a nice rainbow.



Julie landing another trout with others rising in the background.



A self- propelled black nymph variant.



A pair of top male rainbows sporting their vivid spawning colours.



Weed clogging a once productive run.



Julie tied into a solid creek rainbow.

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- the requested information in the following table must be supplied in respect of all people proposed to be covered by a Family Membership:

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Members' Directory

The club operates an opt-in members' directory. It allows members to contact each other for advice and fishing trips. If you choose to participate, you will be added to the current directory, and you'll receive the current copy, and your own details will be available to other members upon the next mailout (usually twice a year). The directory is STRICTLY paper only and does not include addresses. Only members who are in the directory receive a copy. We ask for your partner's name so we can address them with courtesy. All fields are optional.

I wish to participate in the members' directory ☐

Spouse/partner's first name

General locality (eg Sydney, Newcastle, upper or lower Hunter, Central Coast etc)

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Fly fishing interests (particular species, techniques, places...anything that you may be able to contribute to another member, and you don't have to be an expert. This is about connecting members with members.)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club Incorporated (the "Association")
(Incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*)

I,
[full name]
of
[address]
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[email]
.....
[contact number(s)]

☐ \$50 Full member ☐ \$20 Junior member ☐ \$60 Family membership (✓)

I hereby apply to join the Association. I agree to comply with and be bound by the constitution of the Association for the time being in force.

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Signature of applicant

Date:

Fees:

For applications dated between 1st July and 31st December, please pay the full fee.

For applications dated between 1st January and 31st March, please pay HALF the full fee.

For applications dated between 1st April and 30th June, please pay the full fee, but your membership will extend to the end of the NEXT financial year. That is, up to 15 months' membership.

Fee paid \$ _____

Application for Family Membership

To be eligible for Family Membership, and have the Association's insurance cover extend to include all applicable family members, the following conditions apply:

- Family Membership is available for a member and their immediate family only (i.e. wife/husband/partner and children under 18 years of age as at 1st July) and does not include grandparents, members' siblings or other relations, etc.
- members' children 18 years or older will be required to join as a full member
- each family membership is entitled to one vote at club meetings.
- the information in the following table must be supplied in respect of all people covered by a Family Membership:

Full name	Date of birth	Relationship to member

Lodgement and Payment

Once completed, please sign, scan and email to president@huntervalleyflyfishingclub.com.au, headstarting@bigpond.com and treasurer@huntervalleyflyfishingclub.com.au.

Membership fees can be paid by cash, cheque or via bank transfer.

If paying by bank transfer, please use your name as a reference for payment so your payment can be easily identified.

Bank transfer should be paid to the following account:

Name: Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club

BSB: 637 000

Account No: 780 089 059

Please make cheques payable to **Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club**

Communications

All members participate in a group email for communications about meetings, outings and general fly fishing chat. Separately, we operate a members' directory.

Members' Directory

The club operates an opt-in members' directory. It allows members to contact each other for advice and fishing trips. If you choose to participate, you will be added to the current directory, and you'll receive the current copy, and your own details will be available to other members upon the next mailout (usually twice a year). The directory is STRICTLY paper only and does not include addresses. Only members who choose to participate in the directory receive a copy. We ask for your partner's name so we can address them with courtesy. All fields are optional.

I wish to participate in the members' directory ☐

Spouse/partner's first name

General locality (eg Sydney, Newcastle, upper or lower Hunter, Central Coast etc)

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Fly fishing interests (particular species, techniques, places...anything that you may be able to contribute to another member, and you don't have to be an expert. This is about connecting members with members.)

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