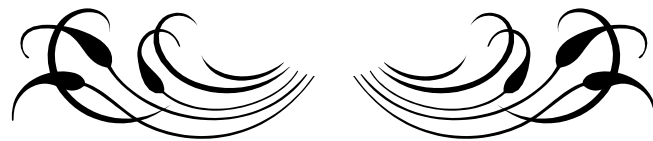
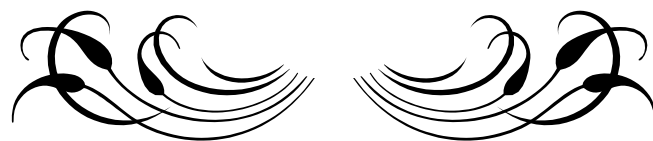


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Reminders.....



There will be a BBQ before the August AGM—starting at 6,30 pm.

Brunn Shield—August 1st—contact Barry Whelan or vern Barby for more details. Competition is in Melbourne

Committee meeting— August 5th @ 7.30pm

RISE film night—August 7th—7.30 pm—invite your friends—\$15.00 food and film

Annual General Meeting— August 12th @ 8.00pm

Monthly Meeting—August 12th @ 9.00 pm

Casting practice—Sunday August 15th in Victoria Park at 9.30 am

Fly tying—August 16th @ 7.30 pm in Clubhouse. Details on webpage

Yambuk trip—August 20-22nd—staying at local backpackers—contact Robert Haines

Friday September 10th—BFFC Fish gear auction—gear to be auction can be left with Bill Reddick or Royce Baxter

Wastell Trophy competition is on
October 16-17th
2010 at Lake Fyans—book accommodation to-day

Ballarat Fly Fishers' Club Inc.

Minutes of the Members' Monthly Meeting, Thursday 8 July 2010

Opening

President Jim Bambridge opened the meeting at 8:05 pm, welcomed members and guests and called for additional items of General Business.

Attendance

Apologies: J. Aringo, L. Barby, R. Bolton, C. Doody, M. Gibson, R. Haines, M. Harlock, D. Hearne, D. Kimberley, A. Lowne, Barry Nygaard, N. Phillips, J. Rothe, K. Tatt, A. Taylor, J. Troup, G. Watt, G. Watts.

Guests and visitors: Gerard Richmond , Keith Boast

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 June 2010 were tabled. There a correction that the monies allocation for the BBQ for the Wacca McKay Lodge was \$500 not \$5000 as indicated in the June minutes. With this correction the minutes were approved on a motion from G. Ferguson, seconded J. Porteous.

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Correspondence

(* = for discussion)

Inward

Member Geoff Gibson Subscription cheque \$45.00

Dept. Of Primary Industries "Clean a Stream" Day – Grants available for organizations to develop a works program to rehabilitate a stretch of river bank.

M.V. Night Crossing Positions available on charter trip commencing 7 August

Ballarat Cancer Research Thanks for use of our Club-house during bike ride fundraiser

Outward

Nil

Inward correspondence was received on the motion of A. Townsend seconded by Brian Nygaard.

Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence

None

Journals Received

Greenwells FFC; VFFA; Southern Flyfishers; Red Tag

Reports

Fishing Reports - Brian Hughes reported that a few members attended the Club fishing day at Lake Purrumbeet. Fishing was mixed success. Ian Penberthy and Kevin Howard had a successful weekend fishing for Bream at Nelson. They took Bream, Estuary Perch and Russell Lacey (from Camperdown) took mullaway. Best fly was chatreuse coloured. Bream were to 35 cm.

BDAA - no meeting

Aquatic Association – no meeting

Other reports – Keith Ridsdale reported that he had assisted in stocking Lake Esmond, Victoria Park, Lake Jubilee, Lake Calibeen, St Georges Lake, Newlyn Reservoir, Hadden Reservoir and Wombat Lake. Many of these waters were stocked as part of DSE's program to encourage fishing for children. Geoff Cramer reported that Newlyn stocking was up to 2000 Brown and Rainbow trout.

Casting – Brunn Shield – about 12 casters attended. BFFC is at the bottom of the ladder. August 1st is the Brunn event for 2010. Contact Vern Barby to arrange transport as casting is in Melbourne. Mark Cuthbert cast well in the Australian Dry Fly Casting Championships.

Reports were received on the motion of R. Fisher seconded by G.McKay. **Carried**

Membership

The following nomination has been received:

Gerard Richmond, nominated by Noel Phillips.

Sean Purcell, nominated by Russell Fisher.

Keith Boast, nominated by Ian Penberthy.



Coming Events

Wartook Trip: Greg Armstrong reported that he had contacted Bill Kemp (0419137717) from Horsham FFC about the trip to Wartook for the 16,17&18th July. Bill has informed BFFC that there is no key available for entry to club-rooms – it is coded entry. If the hut is not open when members arrive they will need to ring Bill for the correct code to be able to let themselves in. The following costs are applicable. It is \$15 per night plus \$10 membership of the Horsham Club for adults and children (under 16) its \$5 per night and \$2 for membership.

Mates Day Saturday 10 July — Gary McKay asked if there was any interest contact for a fishing day.

Season Opening - 4th & 5th September at Lake Fyans — Brian Nygaard to organize. Scout camp is booked and costs are \$10 pp/pn.

Winery Trip Sunday 25 July — Alan Townsend to organize. Cost is \$25 payable on the day.

RISE Film Festival: Saturday 7 August at 7.00 PM. Cost: \$15 for the show + snack food. Chris Doody/Alan Townsend to organize.

Fly Tying - Monday 12 July 7.30 PM – see webpage for details.

Fly Fishing gear auction - Friday 10 September — Bill Reddick to organize. All fishing gear to clubrooms so that it can be detailed for the auction. Jason Rothe will be auctioneer. 20% of purchase price will go to BFFC.

General Business

Officers and Committee for 2010–2011: nominations are invited. Contact Gary McKay for more details. Nominations close after July meeting.

Library – Steve Lock asked that books be returned so that an audit can be arranged.

Old Photos – Steve Lock asked for any old photos of club members.

BBQ – there will be a BBQ before the August meeting commencing at 6.30 pm

Hats – Vern Barby has Fly Fish Australia hats for sale.

Wastell trophy – Andrew Borg reported that he had added another disk to the bottom of the trophy. Andrew also asked for number of the mini trophies to be purchased by past Wastell winners.

Close

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:55 pm

Social

Craig Coltman gave an informative presentation on the World and Commonwealth fly fishing championships in Poland and Wales respectively. Craig outlined the importance of French and Czech nymphing and how these methods of fishing were invaluable to Australia's success in the Commonwealth FF Championships. Craig demonstrated these techniques and the flies that were used



Difficulties with casting

Are you having difficulties with perfecting those casts. If so have a look at the following webpages...

www.sexyloops.com/flycasting/contents.shtml

www.flyfishsaltwaters.com/fly_casting_less_effort.htm

www.midcurrent.com/articles/tips/tips_casting.asp

[theflyfishjunkie.com/clubportal/clubstatic.cfm?](http://theflyfishjunkie.com/clubportal/clubstatic.cfm?clubID=2387)

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Ants: Family Formicidae

Ants are one of the most successful and ecologically important groups of terrestrial insects. They have colonised all terrestrial habitats throughout the world except the polar regions and highest mountaintops.

Ants can be found anywhere from coastal mangroves to urban backyards and inside our homes. Their success, in part, is because of their ability to communicate with each other. They have the most complex form of chemical communication in the animal kingdom and together they accomplish tasks beyond any individual insect.

Ants are formidable opponents and defend their foraging area from other animals. They can overwhelm by sheer weight of numbers and have offensive armoury that may include fierce jaws and potent stings.

Features of ants:

- Ants are social insects. They exist in colonies that work together to gather food, rear young and defend the nest.
- Nests contain eggs, larvae and pupae and different types (or castes) of ants.
- Colony sizes range from a few individuals to tens of thousands. Each colony is made up of a queen, different-sized workers and a number of other castes at different stages of the colony cycle.
- The most commonly seen caste are workers.
- Winged ants leave the nest to mate and found new colonies in late summer and spring, often after rain. Many are eaten by birds and other predators.
- Ants are probably the most common insects encountered by humans.

- There are around 15,000 different species of ants worldwide.
- There are 1,275 Australian ant species described, but this could double with further research.
- Most species of Australian ants are found only in Australia.
- Many plants and other insects have evolved relationships with ants, even to the point where ants are a necessary part of their life cycle.
- Some birds place ants on their bodies to remove parasites. This is known as anting

Source <http://australianmuseum.net.au/Ants-family-formicidae>

Ants belong to the family Formicidae, which forms part of the order Hymenoptera. This order of insects also includes bees and wasps.

Ants are ubiquitous. In fact around 15 000 species and subspecies of ants have been described world wide, with just over 1 300 known from Australia so far. Most Australians are familiar with ants be they:

- bulldog or bull ants (*Myrmecia* sp.)
-
- jack-jumper or jumper ants (*Myrmecia pilosula* species group)
-
- green-headed or metallic pony ants (*Rhytidoponera metallica*)
-
- meat ants (*Iridomyrmex* sp.)
-
- sugar ants (*Camponotus* sp.)
-
- green tree ants (*Oecophylla smaragdina*).
-

Life history

Ants are social insects and form colonies. These vary in size (depending on species) from a dozen or so individuals to many thousands.

In a colony, there are three castes or social levels:

- the wingless and usually sterile female workers
-
- fertile females or queens
-
- males.

The workers, all sterile females, are most commonly seen, as they forage for food. They are usually similar in appearance to the queen but smaller. Males are often wasp like in appearance.

Ants vary in length from about 1 to 30 mm and are typically black, brown, red, yellow or a combination of these colours.

Habits, behaviour and nest sites vary widely between species.

Many are scavengers and have varied diets, while others are specialist seed-eaters or predators.

Winged males and queens are produced at certain times of the year and, when conditions are right, leave the nest on mating flights. After mating, the queen bites off her wings and establishes a new colony. She will not come to the surface again but will stay underground and lay eggs. The male dies after mating



Are they pests?

Some ants, such as bulldog or bullants, are troublesome because they give painful stings, while the venom of jack-jumper or jumper ants can cause severe allergic reactions. Unlike bees that can only sting once, ants can sting multiple times.

Others, such as meat ants and green tree ants, don't sting but bite and then spray formic acid into the wound.

Some ants are nuisance pests when they make mounds, disturb paving or invade buildings.

Some introduced species are both nuisance and environmental pests, including:

- Argentine ant (*Linepithema humile*)
-
- red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*)
-
- crazy ant (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*)
-
- electric ant (*Wasmannia auropunctatata*)
-
- big headed ant or coastal brown ant (*Pheidole megacephala*).
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It is important to remember that native ant species play an important part in natural food webs.



Ant Fly Pattern

The ant is pretty much a "marginal" pattern. While terrestrials in general fall into this category for many fly fishers, the ant is one that deserves a bit more attention. From a tying standpoint, there are few flies that are easier than the ant. It requires no exotic materials, color and size can be changed to suit, wings can be added, can be tied parachute style, floating or sinking etc. etc. I consider ants to be a valuable fly to have at all times, but tend to fish them on breezy summer days, usually on small streams.

A note on proportion: What makes an ant fly "look" like an ant is the distinct head and abdomen separated by a skinny, leggy thorax. Be sure to create the abdomen and head as "ball-shaped" and keep the wraps of hackle tight together. I tie mine with a few wraps of thread ahead of the abdomen, and before the head to accentuate the separation effect

Tying The Ant Fly Pattern

Hook:Tiemco #101 (or any standard dry fly hook)

Thread:Black (or color to suit)

Body:Fine black dry fly dubbing

Hackle:Black (or color to suit)

Start thread, and wrap back to the bend. Begin dubbing the abdomen



Advance the thread as shown, tie in the hackle.



Wrap the hackle approx. 4 times (for a size#18 fly) and tie off.



Advance the thread as before and dub the head, almost half the size of the abdomen.



Make a few tight wraps of thread behind the eye and tie off. Add a drop of head cement to the final wraps



Final product - just needs to be cast across the water!!!

Source <http://hipwader.com/2003/ant-fly-pattern>

Chernobyl Ant Pattern

Tying The Chernobyl Ant Fly Pattern

Hook: #8 3Xlong nymph hook

Thread: Black 3/0

Underbody: Pearl Black Estaz

Overbody: Black closed cell foam~cylinders (sheet foam can be substituted)

Legs: Black, round rubber

Indicator: Red closed cell foam (from a pool toy)

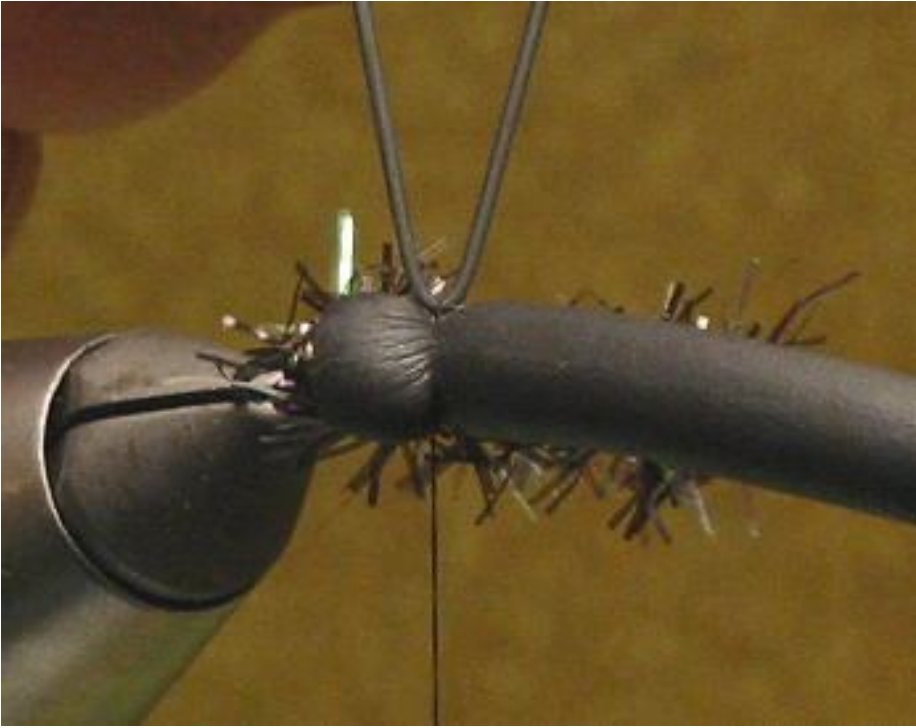
Tie in the Estaz at the bend of the hook



Cut the foam cylinder at an angle as shown, tie in compressing the foam. Advance the thread to the eye of the hook.



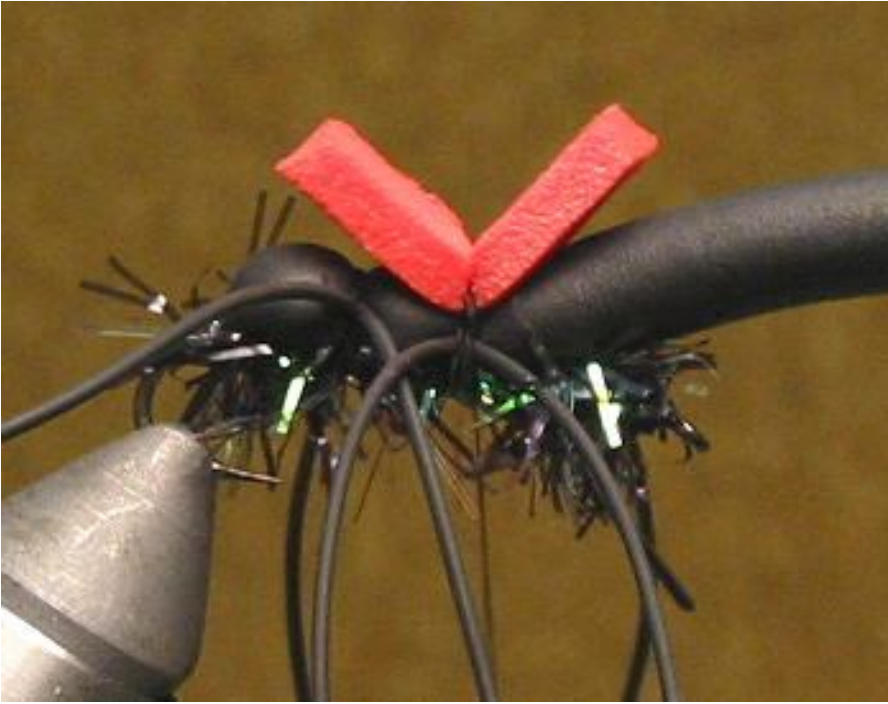
Fold the foam forward, keeping it tight. Make 4-5 tight wraps of thread. being careful not to cut the foam. On the far side of the hook, loop a 5 cm piece of rubber leg material around the thread and secure it as shown. Repeat on the near side of the hook.



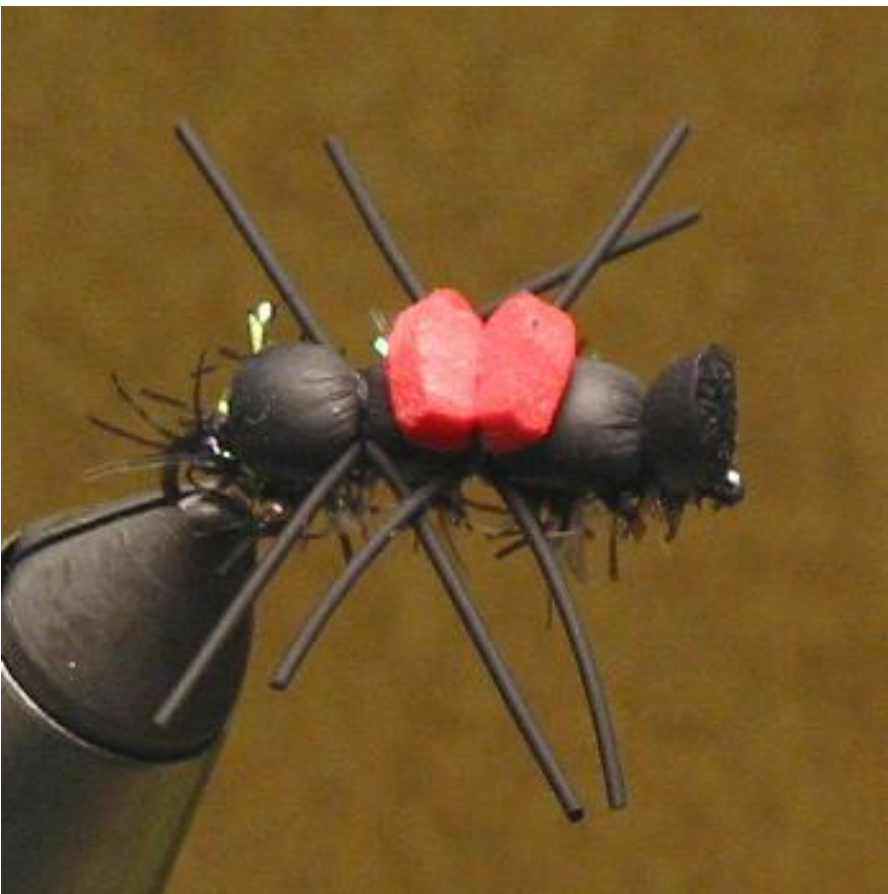
Stroke the foam and legs back and advance the thread towards the eye, approximately to the middle of the hook shank.



Pull the foam forward and bind down. Add legs to both sides of the hook in the same manner as in step 4. Cut a strip of red foam approximately 3-5 mm and tie it to the top of the shank at the same point. Advance the thread forward almost to the eye. Be careful not to crowd the eye of the hook. Bind the foam down once more.



To finish, stroke the legs down evenly and cut them to just under 4 mm long. Pinch the two halves of the indicator together and cut them short



No floatant required—known to work well on the Great Lake (Tassie). See www.peakfishing.com

Ants jokes....[I didn't write Them!]

Question	Answer
How many ants are needed to fill an apartment?	Tenants
What do you call an ant who likes to be alone?	Independant
What is the biggest ant in the world?	Elephant
What ant is even bigger than that?	Giant
What do you call a 100 year old ant?	Antique
What game do ants play with elephants?	Squash
Why don't anteaters get sick?	Because they are full of antibodies
What do you call an ant from overseas?	Important
What do you call an ant with frogs legs?	Antphibian
What's the difference between writing your will and owning an ant farm?	One is a legacy and the other is a sea of legs.
Why did the ant race along the boxtop?	Because the box said: "Tear Along Dotted Line."
What do you call an ant who misses school?	Truant
What kind of ant is good at adding things up?	Accountant

<http://www.antsalive.com/antjokes.htm>

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August

Sunday 1 Brunn Shield Casting Competition

Thursday 5 Committee Meeting

Saturday 7 RISE film—food and film—\$15.00—starts 7.00 pm

Thursday 12 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 12 Monthly Meeting

Sunday 15 Casting in Victoria Park, Ballarat—9.30 am

Monday 16 Fly-Tying 7.30 PM in Clubhouse

Weekend 20/22 Yambuk Trip

September

Thursday 2 Committee Meeting

Saturday 4 Season Opening—Lake Fyans

Thursday 9 Monthly Meeting

Friday 10 Fly fishing gear auction

Monday 13—Fly tying

Sunday 19 McAdam Trophy

Sunday 19 BDAA Kid's day—Victoria Park

Sat 25-Sunday 26 Lake Kononwotong trip

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