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NEWSLETTER



Club BBQ Night
Saturday
August 30
5:30 pm

Bookings for Mallacoota Trip
On 17 October - See Bob

AUGUST



Fish of the month –
MORWONG

Committee meeting –
 Thursday 7th at 6pm

Event – 30th August BBQ
 5.30 pm

SEPTEMBER



Fish of the month -
TREVALLY

Committee meeting –
 Thursday 4th at 6pm

Event –
 The 'Gender Bender' is on!
 Saturday 27th, 7 am start
 and Sunday 28th until 3 pm
 followed by a BBQ

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please note that members are welcome to attend committee meetings as observers.

CLUB CATERING

The wonderful volunteers who cater for club dinners and BBQs try valiantly to provide food enough for everyone. Please help them out by advising beforehand that you are attending.

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FISH WEIGHT COMPETITIONS

If you are a member and "have caught the big one" have it weighed! The club has competitions running throughout the year. To enter the competitions, weigh tickets must be presented to the Weigh master.

Our major competition is for the **Heaviest Fish**. The weight of the heaviest fish in a nominated list of species is recorded for the period from 1 July to 30 June. There are four categories in this competition: Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls. The angler who catches the heaviest fish in a species in each category during the year receives a trophy at our presentation night.

The angler from any category who catches the largest number of heaviest fish is awarded the **Club Champion** trophy.

Also from within this competition, one fish is selected by the committee in each of the categories (Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls) each year for the **Most Meritorious Fish** award.

The second competition is our **Fish of the Month** competition. This competition has three categories, Men, Ladies and Juniors. At the beginning of the year, a nominated species of fish is chosen for each month as the Fish of the Month. The list is published in the Newsletter and on the Website. In any month, the angler submitting a weigh ticket for the heaviest nominated fish in a category is awarded a cash prize.

The angler with the heaviest fish is also awarded 3 points, the angler with the next heaviest fish receives 2 points, and all anglers submitting a weigh ticket for the species of the month receive 1 point. Points are tallied throughout the year and an **All Rounder Award** is presented to the angler scoring the highest number of points by the end of the year, for Seniors (from Men and Ladies) and for Juniors (from Boys and Girls).

EAFC weigh stations include:

- Eden Amateur Fishing Club Inc clubhouse at Quarantine Bay, Eden.
- Eden Outdoor and Marine - in the main shopping centre in Eden.
- Matildas Shop n Go - at the top of the hill as you head south out of Eden.
- Kiah General Store - on the highway 12 minutes drive south of Eden.
- Wonboyn General Store - 33kms south of Eden in the beautiful village of Wonboyn.
- Shell Bait & Fuel Service Station - Betka Road, Mallacoota, Victoria.
- Alpine Angler - Snowy Mountains Highway, Cooma.

It is the responsibility of every angler to make sure their fish receipt is correct when weigh in occurs.
All weighdockets are valid for two months only.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings once again Members,

Like it or not, I am back, for another term.

Catch and release for Bream:

The Proposal to introduce a catch and release system for Bream resulted in an amended motion being passed and a new competition will be introduced on trial for the 2014 - 2015 year with all Bream treated as the one species. The longest catch and release Bream caught for the year wins the prize, one category only for all members. In the event that fish of the same length are caught, as in all of our competitions the fish first on the board is the one to beat. Large Bream are magnificent looking creatures and many anglers, including myself, prefer to release them. This competition will allow anglers to do that and still have their achievement recognized. No other competition is changed in any way so this one will not impact at all on those who wish to keep their catch, however they are not eligible for this competition. The club does encourage sustainable fishing practices including catch and release and it's to be hoped that this competition is embraced in the intended spirit and all fish entered are released unharmed.

Recreational Bream Fishing practices Victoria : East Gippsland lakes and estuaries are famous for their Bream fishing. Surveys of recreational fishers reveal that 66% of fish caught are released for one reason (undersize) or another. In some waters the figure is as high as 90%

New Life Member Award: Debbie Cummings is the latest recipient of the honour of life membership of the EAFC . After six or so years of membership, Debbie volunteered to take on the important position of Secretary at the 2005 AGM, a role that she served with distinction until stepping down in March this year. During this period, a tad short of nine years, Debbie filled additional roles including that of Publicity Officer and was responsible for building and up maintaining our web-site.

Debbie and Ron rarely missed a meeting or social function and their leading role at the Whale Festival for the last three years is particularly appreciated. So thank you Debbie and Ron and congratulations Debbie on your Life Membership.

Executive and Committee Elections:

When the committee for the 2014 - 2015 year sits for the first meeting of the new term there will be three other faces missing from the table at the same sitting last year.

Standing down was Geoff Mc Mahon after five years as President followed by a further four years of service as Vice President and committee member.

We will as well miss Fritz Drenkhahn who has decided to make way for new blood after four years as Vice President and fixer of things that stopped working.

Also missing will be Ron Cummings who served two years as a committee member followed by one as Vice President and another handy man to have around.

These have all been very valuable contributions to a successful period in the history of the club and their skills will be hard to replace.

It is unfortunate that the committee is to lose so much experience at one time and it is sincerely hoped that this wealth of knowledge is not altogether lost to the club.

New Committee: Coming onto the committee are Carole Edwards and Rod Paterson. Wayne Holding and Eddy Evans are the new Vice Presidents. A full list of the 2014-2015 committee appears inside the cover page of this newsletter.

Annual awards presentations:

Juniors Girls Category: First up were the young ladies of the club headed by the most successful angler. This was April Paterson with an amazing seven heaviest of species. Emma Inge was next, her five heaviest of species also an excellent effort. Caitlin Schofield picked up two best fish and Bridie Farrell caught the heaviest Morwong which was also judged to be the most meritorious Girl's fish.

Juniors Boys Category: Here the most successful angler was Lockie Smith with four heaviest of species from Flynn Carson with three, and Jamie Boulter with two heaviest fish. These three boys were not present to collect their trophies, however Blake Janson was present and he caught two heaviest of species. James Janson and Daniel Cummings also came forward to pick up their trophies for their heaviest of species. Flynn Carson's 1.888 kg Tailor was considered to be the most meritorious catch by a Boy.

Senior awards: Ladies: It was fairer sex up first and this saw Jenny Rugg back on top of the winners list recording five heaviest of species. Next with three fish each were Gloria Sebley, no surprise there, and Deb Cummings having by far her best year. Faye McFarlane and Pat Emmerson both caught doubles while Alison Paterson, Pat Bowden, Myra Eygenraam, Janny Lucas, Lynn Carson and Linda Holding were also the recipients of an engraved wine glass for catching a good Fish. The most meritorious catch by a lady was awarded to Faye McFarlane for her 1.530 kg Bream, the best in any category.

Gents awards: Terry Mitchell and Terry Carson were the most successful anglers for the year, sharing the coveted **Club Championship** award by each catching four of the heaviest of species for the year over all categories. Others to do well in the men's section were Geoff McMahan and Gordon Rugg claiming three winners, and Trevor Chippindale with two. Don Hayne, Chris Edwards, Mitch Farrell, Corey Walker, Fritz Drenkhahn, Phillip Rugg, Ben Holt and Bob Wilcox all managed one winner.

Ben Holt with his club record 6.735 kg Striped Tuna was awarded the most meritorious catch.

Congratulations to all of the above winners, it was wonderful to see some of the younger ones receive their trophies.

Perpetual trophies: If you won an award in any of the above categories your name may well appear on one of the many perpetuals adorning the walls of the clubhouse, have look when you are next there.

President's Award: At this time Bob announced the winner of his club person of the year award. This went to Junior member April Paterson in recognition of her work in producing the poster and her help selling tickets at the Whale Festival and in the main street in February. Keep up the good work April.

Junior All rounder: This was a new competition for the young members this year and we had dual winners in a couple of the girls, April and Emma who both tallied twelve points. Well done!.

All Rounder Trophy : This event has been running about eleven years and only two names appear on the perpetual trophy, those are Gordon Rugg and Bob Wilcox. Nothing changed this year as Bob amassed the most points with 17.5. Gordon had won it for the previous 3 years.

So how do you win the All Rounder Trophy? . You need to tally around 20 points by catching at least one of as many of the monthly target fish as you can for one point each and score extra points by catching the biggest or second biggest of several of them. If you have the gear to fish the ocean and estuary you will be able to catch all target species except perhaps the Drummer. So why not give it a go. You will learn to catch more species and you may find that you enjoy the challenge. Drummer are not that hard to catch either.

The Harry Award: The final award for the night was one that nobody would want to win as it means that he or she has been sprung by other members (dobbers) in one or more embarrassing situations.

This year's deserved winner was unlucky enough to be seen to:

- (1) Drag his boat trailer over his snapper rods at the wash bay, smashing one rod and two good reels;
- (2) Park his tinny high and almost dry on a rock bar in the Tuross River through watching Wayne Welsh play a fish instead of what was in front of him; and
- (3) An incident that his wife doesn't know about (not until she reads this anyway) in reversing her new car into the ditch alongside Fritz's driveway and having to suffer the indignity of being towed out by a couple of good Samaritans in none other than Wayne Holding and Darren Hulm from Maritime, who just happened to be driving by. Just as well they were or the award winner may have been late getting the car home and he was in enough strife as it was for almost being late.

This person could possibly be considered a menace to society except that, to date, only his own property and his pride has been damaged. Congratulations on your win Bob (Ed.).

In signing of for 2013-2014, I would like to sincerely thank all of the committee and all of members for helping to make it a successful year.

MOVING ON TO 2014-2015

Fish of the month for July: The winning **Drummer** was caught by Bobnalong with a fair fish of 1.456kg. Chris Edwards gained two points for a slightly smaller pig caught on the same outing. It was quite a good session off the rocks producing eight Black Drummer and a couple of good sized Blue Groper that despite their good eating qualities were returned to the water along with six of the Drummer which are also quality table fare. A large number of Wrasse and assorted other annoyances were also thrown back.

Morwong is the target fish for the current month and from reports received they are plentiful at the moment. Looking further ahead, Trevally is the fish for the month for September. Try for these in the estuaries and lakes.

2014-2015 Calendar of Events: This is included in this issue and the first function will be a BBQ on Sat the 30th of August beginning at 5:30 pm.

Mallacoota trip: This has been slotted in for the weekend starting on October 17th. Please collect your thoughts on this as we will need to organize accommodation soon. Karbeethong Lodge is an option if available, Shady Gully caravan park has a range of cabins and is also under consideration. We can discuss this and take numbers at the August BBQ but if you won't be at the BBQ, let me know by phone if you will be coming with us to Mallacoota.

Tuross head visit: The dates for this are not confirmed but there is good interest from their members so it looks like they will certainly be coming and we will have confirmation soon.

Launching ramp lighting: Council has at last yielded to months and years of lobbying by various stakeholders and has installed lights at the ramp. Temporary at this stage, but quite adequate with an upgrade to come.

Fishing Report: Most fisho's are happy to report good catches but less inclined to reveal the location of the catch. That is the case with Mowies at the moment, plenty being caught but you will have to find them, but this should not be hard. Reports are in also of bag limits of good sized flathead from Saltwater so other grounds should be firing as well. There are also a few Snapper about, had one report of a good catch to 2.5 kg from the Lennards Island area but none next day, same spot. Heard also that the Kingies fired up at South Head a few days ago with fish to 15 kg taking livies. Still hearing of large Bluefin Tuna if you carry enough fuel for a 140 nautical mile return trip. Only one report from the estuaries, that was of a good catch of Bream, Luderick and some large Trevally. These came from Kiah Inlet if the source can be trusted.

This is a bit long winded this time but there was a lot to cover.

Enjoy your fishing and see you at the BBQ.



BOBNALONG

NEW CATCH AND RELEASE

Catch and Release for Bream

A new competition will be introduced on trial for the 2014 - 2015 year and has now begun under the following rules.

Rules of the Catch And Release Bream Challenge :

Bream of either the Yellowfin or Southern Black species are to be measured on a NSW DPI brag mat and photographed to clearly show the total length of the fish from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail and the date and time that the fish was photographed.

A printed photo must then be presented to the weigh master who will record the length to the nearest millimetre and the date of capture and will issue a receipt showing these details. The onus is always on the member to provide clear proof of their catch.

There is only one category for all members, male or female, senior or junior in this competition. The current competition leader will be printed in the newsletter and a trophy or a perpetual shield will be presented at the AGM.

Short description of the competition: The longest catch and release Bream caught for the year wins the prize, one category only for all members, all Bream are treated as the one species. In the event that fish of the same length are caught, as in all of our competitions, the fish first on the board is the one to beat.

These are a couple of Bream caught and released October and November 2013, both 41 cm total length but note the 1.5 cm difference in length to fork of tail and the poorer condition of the fish on the right.



Actual weight 1.274 kg
Southern Black Bream 41 cm total length
38 cm to fork. Female fish near spawning.



Estimated weight at time of capture < 1 kg
Not sure of species, 41cm total length
36.5 cm to fork

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Photos from the March Competition



2014 – 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST



Fish of the month - MORWONG
 Committee meeting – Thursday 7th at 6pm
 Event – 30th August BBQ 5.30 pm

SEPTEMBER



Fish of the month - TREVALLY
 Committee meeting – Thursday 4th at 6pm
 Event – The 'Gender Bender' is on!
 Saturday 27th, 7 am start and Sunday 28th
 until 3 pm followed by a BBQ

OCTOBER



Fish of the month – BREAM
 Committee meeting – Thursday 2nd at 6pm
 Event – 17th, 18th & 19th Mallacoota weekend trip
 away. Mark it on your calendar.
 Event – Saturday 25th BBQ 5.30 pm

NOVEMBER



Fish of the month - LUDERICK
 Committee meeting – Thursday 6th at 6pm
 Events – Saturday 1st – Whale Festival
 Friday 21st- Saturday 23rd – Tuross Fishing Club visit. Plus a
 mini-comp

DECEMBER



Fish of the month – WHITING
 Committee meeting - Thursday 4th at 6pm
 6th December –Christmas Party –
 Book for this!

JANUARY



Fish of the month – SLIMY MACKEREL
 Committee meeting – Thursday 8th at 6pm
 Event – Saturday 31st Seafood Night. 5.30 pm start. \$10 per
 head. Children free, Bookings essential. Girl's night off!! Men
 cooking and cleaning

FEBRUARY



Fish of the month – SAND FLATHEAD
 Committee meeting – Thursday 5th at 6pm
 Event – Saturday 28th Working Bee 9am start.
 1.30 pm BBQ for all, and Fish of the Month
 presentation

MARCH



Fish of the month – KINGFISH
 Committee Meeting – Thursday 5th at 6pm
 Friday 6th Annual Competition Briefing, 5.30pm start
 Events – Saturday 7th – Competition begins
 Saturday 14th Competition ends at midday.
 BBQ and presentations begin.
 Sunday 29th – Wine & Cheese Afternoon.
 BYO Drinks, 1.30 pm start and Fish of the Month.

APRIL



Fish of the month - SALMON
 Committee meeting – Thursday 2nd at 6pm
 Event – Sunday 26th Mini comp at Wonboyn. Why not
 stay the 25th at the Wonboyn Cabins & Caravan Park
 and make a weekend of it!! Fish of the month
 presentation.

MAY



Fish of the month - SNAPPER
 Committee meeting – Thursday 7th at 6pm
 Interclub grudge match – 15th 16th & 17th
 BBQ lunch 1pm start at Pambula Club Rooms.
 Event - 30th May – To be addressed

JUNE



Fish of the month - LEATHERJACKET
 Committee meeting – Thursday 4th at 6pm
 Event – Saturday 27th. Roast Dinner Night
 \$10 per head. Children free. Bookings essential

JULY



Fish of the month - DRUMMER
 Committee meeting – Thursday 2nd at 6pm
 Event – Saturday 25th. Presentation night & AGM. Casserole
 Night. 5.30 pm start.

E.A.F.C. INC. FISH WEIGHTS 2014 - 2015

SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM				
DRUMMER	R.LEEDING	3.025	B.LEEDING	3.570
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD, SAND	C.EDWARDS	1.060	P.SAMMUT	0.736
FLATHEAD, TIGER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.682	A.PATERSON	0.315
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH				
LATCHET GURNARD	F.DRENKHAHN	1.126		
LEATHERJACKET	M.SAMMUT	1.136	P.SAMMUT	1.252
LUDERICK				
MACKEREL, SLIMY	F.DRENKHAHN	0.592	D.CUMMINGS	0.140
MARLIN				
MORWONG, JACKASS	F.DRENKHAHN	0.900		
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	F.DRENKHAHN	1.628		
NANNYGAI	F.DRENKHAHN	0.756		
SALMON				
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY	P.v.d.WATERBEEMD	4.332		
SNAPPER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.092	A.PATERSON	0.635
TAILOR				
TREVALLY				
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN				
WHITING				

	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM				
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD SAND			AM.PATERSON	0.355
FLATHEAD, TIGER			AM.PATERSON	0.475
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET				
LUDERICK				
MACKEREL, SLIMY			AM.PATERSON	0.090
MORWONG, JACKASS				
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP				
NANNYGAI				
SALMON				
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER				
SWEEP				
TAILOR				
TREVALLY				
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
WHITING				

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHDOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY.

WEIGHMASTER Rod Paterson

