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NEWSLETTER



Tuross Fishing Club visit November

Fri 21st Meet and Greet our visitors at the clubhouse followed by finger food and rules for the event

Sat 22nd Fishing from 6:00 am and must finish at 5:00 pm with socializing and a BBQ to follow from 6:00 pm



Christmas Party At clubhouse 6 December



Please book this with Gwen

NOVEMBER



Fish of the month – LUDERICK

Committee meeting – Thursday 6th at 6pm

Events – Saturday 1st – Whale Festival

Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd – 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!

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. Phone Gwen on 02 6496 2134.

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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 members,

Mallacoota 2014: Laughter is generally an indication of people having a good time, if so, there were a lot of people having a very good time at Karbeethong Lodge on the Mallacoota trip last month.

There is usually someone on these trips who draws attention to themselves by their antics, more often than not one of the ladies. It was no exception this time either, Linda kept us entertained late into Saturday night and put in a strong claim for the weekend prize by falling out of bed in the wee small hours of Sunday morning cracking her head on the furniture in doing so. Some members of the camp were awakened by the thud and the cursing. Linda emerged next morning wearing a sheepish look and a puffed and blackening and slightly bloodied eye. Wayne thought it was a huge joke as did we all.

The gents were represented by Eddy who was in such a hurry to get down there and get on the water that he left his clothes behind and had to spend the weekend in the somewhat dilapidated fishing apparel that he arrived in. Eddy had also prepared a special but very delicate desert that destroyed itself during the hurried trip over the winding road into Mallacoota. On arrival it was inspected by Mike and Eddy who decided that it looked crook and should be flushed down the loo. Eddy also needs to work on his one handed egg cracking technique it looks a bit rusty.

Whilst we are on Eddy's case, it has been reported that his boat was recently seen parked on the launching ramp discharging a large volume of water through the bung holes. The observer concluded that Eddy may have been guilty of neglecting to insert the bungs before launching. If this can be confirmed we will have an early favourite for 2014-2015 Harry Award.

The mini comp: Saturday dawned in spectacular fashion and the wind held off until very late in the afternoon allowing many hours of fishing in lovely conditions. The fishing was patchy though, possibly because of a large volume of fresh water coming down from the heavy rain a few days earlier.

Still, some good bream were caught including 41.5 cm specimens by April and Bob, and a few Trevally and small tailor. Flathead were scarce but Terry Carson guided a very large one boatside before it spat his tasteless hard body out and sank to the bottom nearby. Wayne Holding caught a stick while Linda and quite a few others caught nothing at all.

The Mini comp winners was team Terry, with Mathew and Rod Paterson Blake Janson and Bob.

The unlucky angler of the day was Jackie Allen who caught a heap of fish while the rest of her team didn't raise a scale.

The Lodge itself was the real star of the weekend though, the view from the veranda is stunning and the facilities perfect for the event. It is a unique venue but unfortunately bed numbers are limited.

Fish of the month: As the October BBQ was cancelled and there is none in November, the presentation for these two months will be at the Christmas Party. The target fish for November is the Luderick and for December the tasty little Whiting.

The Whale Festival: The weather forecast was watched carefully with a view to cancelling our involvement but with considerable effort in preparation we went ahead while praying for the change to arrive late. Unfortunately Mother Nature had other ideas and at about 12:45 the rain and wind arrived and the large crowd rapidly dispersed. Despite poor ticket sales we drew our raffle and 100s club and Ron Cummings was called to collect the raffle prize, an ice box full of tackle worth over \$700 and lucky Gwen Bobbin collected the \$100. Will we do it again next year ???, some things would need to change.

Tuross Head club visit: This is our next event, it takes place on Friday night the 21st and Saturday the 22nd of November (disregard the calendar) and it is a big one. Following is an agenda.

Friday 21st from 6:00 pm Meet & greet our visitors at the clubhouse.

Food consisting of finger foods sausages or rissoles on bread or roles and some salads will be provided. An important part of the evening is to make up teams and rules for the following day's mini comp so you need to attend if possible. It would be really helpful to organising the weekend if you let us know in advance of your intention to participate. This applies also if you are unable come out on Friday but wish to fish the mini comp, please let me know prior to Friday night. **Phone 64963585**

Saturday 22nd Fishing can start from 6:00 am and must finish at 5:00 pm with socializing and a BBQ to follow from 6:00 pm

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Working bee: There will be a working bee on Saturday morning the 15th starting at about 9.30 to prepare the clubhouse and surrounds for the Tuross Head visit. Most work to be done is inside the building, the grounds are good at the moment thanks to Chris Edwards and Mike Stebbings. It will need a touch up and we need to spread the stockpiled soil. This will also be an opportunity to discuss catering arrangements, it is important that we look after our visitors as well as they look after us. Any assistance will be very much appreciated.

Christmas Party: This takes place on Sat Dec 4th only about 3 weeks away and our Christmas Hamper is looking pretty sad. There is only the Tuross weekend to left to build it up so keep that in mind. Alternatively items can be left with any committee member. For the information of new members we ask that all who will be attending the party donate items to include in the hamper which will be won by somebody on the night.

The meal of traditional Christmas; cold meats, ham pork and chicken with salads to be provided, please bring along a sweet to share if you like sweets, no alcoholic drinks are supplied by the club.

Bookings are required please ring Gwen on 962134 **no later than Wednesday Dec 3rd**.

New members: The committee wish to welcome new members Rodney and Lisa O`Connell and their sons Jack and William into the club. Also Murray, Annette and Josh Blyton who are back after a short break away from us. We hope to see you all soon.

Weighing of fish: For the information of new members and as a reminder to old ones, fish can be weighed for our competitions at the clubhouse by arrangement with a committee member or at our other official weigh stations as listed on page 2 of this Newsletter. If you use one of these weigh stations please be mindful that this is an important service carried out for our convenience, be patient if they appear busy and be careful not to drip fishy water in their establishment. Before you enter put your fish in a plastic bag, preferably a clear one so they can see the species.

It was discussed at a recent meeting and agreed that the catcher of the fish should be present when it is weighed. This is not being made a rule at this stage but the committee would like this practice to be adopted as widely as possible.

Fishing Report: Its still quiet outside by all reports and some of these come from good fisho`s.

A few flatties and a Snapper and a Mowie or two and a bit of other stuff seems to be the average catch.

Fishing the estuaries is providing better results, there are some nice Whiting, Bream and Luderick around with a few Trevally and Tailor for a bit of fun. Tailor and Salmon are providing good sport from the usual beaches. Schools of Kingfish have been sighted in several location but are reportedly feeding on an abundance of small bait fish and are not interested in anglers offerings. With luck this may soon change.

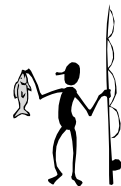
Young photographers : Finally this month the committee would like to congratulate a couple of our young members on winning first prize in their divisions of the Whale Festival photography competition.

April Paterson won the young adults section with her photo of the Young Endeavour and Emma Inge took out the under fifteen years section with her entry titled Sailing In The Bay.

Very well done girls !

Cheers for now and happy fishing!

BOBNALONG



CATCH AND RELEASE COMPETITION



Current Leader: Bob Wilcox. **Length:** 42.7cm **Date caught:** September 1st 2014

Catch and Release for Bream

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.

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. 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.



The club's annual Mallacoota trip

Where does one start for this annual event. Can I start by saying to all club members that if you haven't shared this weekend away with your fellow members, then I suggest you put it in your calendar for next year. This was my first time and it won't be my last and I look forward to next year's trip.

The comradery with the group that has just had spent this weekend away was excellent to say the least. Everyone jumped in to assist with meals and clean ups in some fashion or other. It was a credit to all concerned and to all who attended.

The meals provided by the club were first class and with Wayne Holding firing up the BBQ and doing a great job on the steaks. Everyone commented on his cooking skills. The sweets

were up to standard as if it were at the club house. April's salads and coleslaw hit the right note as well. A chef in the making!

As for the fishing side of things that was a completely different situation. The area had received over 100mls of rain on the prior Monday so the water clarity appeared to have the bottom on top and the top on the bottom so in other words very dirty. Apart from that all participants took to the muddy waters like a duck first up Saturday morning. The ramp was busy with locals plus our members all eager to wet a line.

After the day's activities all paper work had been handed in for the days results. I can't say my paper work helped our team with 4 species and all under size at that. Sorry Lyn. But there were some good fish caught by some members on the day. I'll let Bobnalong pass on all the results in his report.

To finish a huge thank you to everyone from the committee for their input to make this weekend a success and to all the members that attended and assisted with clean ups and washing ups. Look forward to next year's event.

Eddy Evans (Publicity Officer)

All Anglers be Aware:

Changes to recreational fishing rules commencing 3 November 2014

A total of 16 changes to the recreational fishing rules will apply to fishers from 3 November 2014. This includes a number of changes to bag limits, one size limit and other rule changes. Five of the changes are minor adjustments to streamline fishing rules, and will have little or no impact on recreational fishing activities.

These changes will ensure the current rules reflect the recreational fishing community's needs and expectations, while maintaining quality recreational fishing for the future.

A discussion paper on recreational saltwater and freshwater fishing rules was released for public comment between May and August 2013. The NSW Government has listened to the feedback and issues raised as part of this comprehensive consultation process which attracted strong interest from fishers and resulted in 5,440 submissions on 43 proposals.

Source: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/changes-to-recreational-fishing-rules-commencing-3-november-2014>

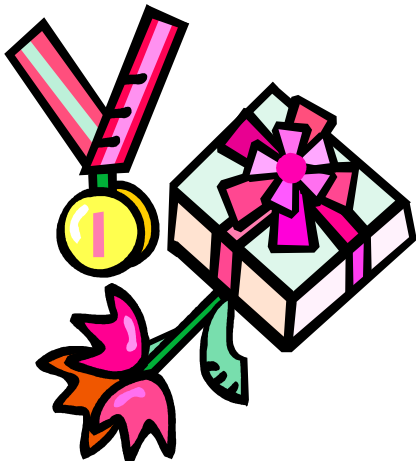
Now that you know what your license fees are being used for – perhaps we need to bring the old **"I Fish and I Vote"** campaign back. -Ed.

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Christmas Hamper:

Christmas is coming in a hurry so its time to start building a monster hamper to be drawn at the Christmas party set down for December 6th.

Please consider bringing along suitable items to add to the hamper at functions in the lead up to the date.

FOR SALE

Bimini to suit tinny 1.75 m wide, never been used
New price around \$275, asking \$175

Marine Carpet, good quality, rubber backed, 5m long x 2m wide
Dark Grey in colour, never been used paid, \$290 asking \$180
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Have something to sell ???, Contact us, no charge for Members

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

To October 2014

SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	W.WELSH	1.445	J.RUGG	1.185
DRUMMER	R.LEEDING	3.025	B.LEEDING	3.570
FLATHEAD, RIVER	B.WILCOX	0.950	A.PATERSON	0.700
FLATHEAD, SAND	T.MITCHELL	1.635	P.SAMMUT	0.736
FLATHEAD, TIGER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.682	J.RUGG	0.784
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH				
LATCHET GURNARD	F.DRENKHAHN	1.126		
LEATHERJACKET	B.WILCOX	1.318	P.SAMMUT	1.252
LUDEKICK	G.RUGG	0.755	J.RUGG	0.770
MACKEREL, SLIMY	T.MITCHELL	0.705	D.CUMMINGS	0.140
MARLIN				
MORWONG, JACKASS	T.MITCHELL	1.295		
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	K.NEATH	3.428		
NANNYGAI	G.MCMAHON	1.446	P.EMMERSON	
SALMON	F.DRENKHAHN	0.224	B.LEEDING	0.590
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY	P.VDWATERBEEMD	4.332	P.EMMERSON	
SNAPPER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.092	A.PATERSON	0.635
TAILOR	G.RUGG	1.250	J.RUGG	1.545
TREVALLY	P.RUGG	2.105	A.WILCOX	1.094
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	S.PENTIN	47.500		
WHITING	B.WILCOX	0.492		

	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	H.WALKER	0.495		
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD SAND			AM.PATERSON	0.356
FLATHEAD, TIGER			AM.PATERSON	0.475
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET			AM.PATERSON	0.342
LUDEKICK	L.SMITH	0.815	AM.PATERSON	0.090
MACKEREL, SLIMY				
MORWONG, JACKASS			AM.PATERSON	1.130
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP			AM.PATERSON	0.326
NANNYGAI				
SALMON				
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER				
SWEEP			AM.PATERSON	0.198
TAILOR	J.COCHRANE	0.560	AM.PATERSON	0.445
TREVALLY	D.ANDERSON	0.400		
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
WHITING				

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHDOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY.

WEIGHMASTER

Rod Paterson

