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NEWSLETTER



SEAFOOD NIGHT
Saturday 31 January
\$10 per head

Commences at 5:30pm
Booking with Gwen is essential, close Wed 28th Jan

Staffing of Street Stalls
27 and 28 Feb and 5 March
Contact Bob Wilcox

Working Bee in preparation for the annual
fishing competition
Saturday 28 February

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.

JANUARY



Fish of the month
 SLIMY MACKEREL

Major 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

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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



HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL

A look around the caravan parks and the town centre over the holiday period suggests that this has been a very good one in terms of visitors for the town and we certainly hope that this has resulted in an injection of cash into the local economy.

There have been well over a hundred boats launching at Quarantine Bay on the good days but it is possible to beat the rush going early and returning early providing the weather doesn't blow up. It will soon be over for another year anyway.

There have been no functions since our last newsletter but members have been active in and around the clubhouse and launching ramp areas prior to the busy holiday period. The banner has been raised, the grass mowed, the ramp itself treated to remove slippery algal growth and a leaking pipe at the cleaning tables repaired. Christmas decorations are packed away and a rather large fridge has appeared in the clubhouse as the first step in kitchen improvements.

The Annual Fishing Competition: Preparations for the competition also advanced through the production and distribution of posters to many of the business houses in town. After a few days of reduced effort over the festive season it is now time to shake off the lethargy and get cracking as we are behind where we should be with some things.

Some of the tasks to be tackled are listed below and the assistance of members is required:

- There are over a hundred sponsors still to be approached and very few volunteers for this most essential of jobs. We need help!
- Staffing our street stalls to sell entries and raffle tickets etc. Dates are to be confirmed but likely to be Fri Feb 27th, Sat Feb 28th and Thur Mar 5th.
- Working bee at clubhouse and launching ramp Sat Feb 28th.
- Staffing the clubhouse for weigh station duties plus selling entries & raffle tickets etc. from Friday March 6th until Saturday March 14th.

We will be trying to fill rosters for some of the above in the coming weeks, clubhouse duties over the competition week are an extremely important part of the competition and we need more volunteers especially for the first few days.

Seafood night & gender role reversal: This will happen on Saturday evening January the 31st beginning at 5:30 pm for fellowship, sit down to eat at around 6:45. The meal will start with Prawns followed by Calamari and fish and chips with salads. **Bookings with Gwen are essential and close off on Wednesday, 28 January.**

Gentlemen of the committee have decided that the ladies, who month after month spend most of the night in the kitchen at our functions, should be allowed a night free to relax and be looked after for a change. The ladies have accepted the offer and so it will be a motley looking bunch of blokes manning the kitchen on this occasion, some of whom will not until now; be aware of this development. So be prepared guys, Some of you may find an object that's foreign to you in your hand, a dish cloth or a thing called a tea towel.

We should be able to manage the prawns OK but the labour intensive task of preparing and cooking the other stuff will test us mere males. Egos could clash and tempers could fray. Come along and see what happens. Seafood and a tossed salad will be supplied but contributions of your special salads will be very much appreciated, and of course those fabulous sweets. But don't forget girls, it is your partners turn to prepare these things. **IMPORTANT**, please inform Gwen of your intention to attend, 64962134 is her number and there is a charge of \$10 per adult for this one, kids free.

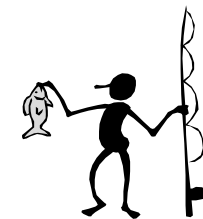
Fish of the Month: Prizes for the December Whiting and January Slimy mackerel will be presented on the night, you still have time until then to get a Slimy.

Sand Flathead is the target fish for the month of February, plenty about at present and not too far from home.

New members: The committee would like to welcome regular visitors Ron and Helen Cameron from Heyfield and Vic and Mark, Patricia and Emily Coates of Eden into the club. We are always happy to see new members at our functions so don't hesitate to come along. We just ask that you advise through our catering officer Gwen that you will be coming. Most of our end of month functions are free but there is a charge of \$10 for the seafood night.

Sausage sizzles: Saturday of the Australia Day weekend has been chosen for a sizzle at Coles, those who have indicated willingness to help out will be contacted if it goes ahead.

Fishing report: Reports are few but there are Plenty of Flathead about, most of the visiting boats are coming in with a feed. A good few Mowies have been seen on the cleaning tables also but Snapper seem to be scarce. Still hearing of mostly rat Kingies with the odd legal sized fish to keep enthusiasts enthused. Grumbling about Leatherjackets is increasing suggesting that the little buggers are back. Not hearing much from the estuaries but they should be fishing well. Wonboyn is producing good numbers of Yellowfin Bream and some nice whiting.



On that note I bid you happy fishing and

See you at the seafood night

BOBNALONG

CATCH AND RELEASE COMPETITION

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.



Wayne Welch's entry in the Bream Catch and Release. The fish is around 450mm in length (unofficial editors reading)

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NEW RECREATIONAL FISHING RULES NOW COMMENCED

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has reminded recreational anglers that changes to NSW recreational fishing rules have commenced this week.

Ms Hodgkinson said the changes are now in place, after taking into account feedback from thousands of recreational fishers.

“These changes, supported by a majority of people who made submissions, include modified bag and size limits and gear usage rules,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government remains committed to ensuring rules reflect the recreational fishing community’s needs and expectations, while maintaining quality recreational fishing for the future.”

Key changes include:

☑ bag limit reduced from 20 to 10 for Flathead species (other than Dusky Flathead), Bream and Tarwhine, Tailor, Blue Swimmer Crab, Trevallies and Luderick. The possession limit of 20 will remain for these species;

This is an excerpt from a Media release by the minister on 4 November 2014.

See:

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/533792/media_release_141104_new_recreational_fishing_rules.pdf

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

To December 2015

SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	G.RUGG	1.655	J.RUGG	1.350
DRUMMER	R.LEEDING	3.025	B.LEEDING	3.570
FLATHEAD, RIVER	D.WHELAN	1.152	H.WELSH	1.700
FLATHEAD, SAND	T.MITCHELL	1.635	P.SAMMUT	0.736
FLATHEAD, TIGER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.682	J.RUGG	1.784
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH	T.CARSON	12.230		
LATCHET GURNARD	F.DRENKHAHN	1.126		
LEATHERJACKET	B.WILCOX	1.318	P.SAMMUT	1.252
LUDEKICK	G.RUGG	1.270	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	0.504
SALMON	F.DRENKHAHN	0.224	B.LEEDING	1.515
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY	P.VDWATERBEEMD	4.332	P.EMMERSON	2.396
SNAPPER	T.CARSON	2.220	A.PATERSON	0.635
TAILOR	T.CARSON	3.675	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	W.WELSH	0.706		

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SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	H.WALKER	0.495	AM.PATERSON	1.035
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD SAND	N.MASHADO	0.432	E.INGE	0.585
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				
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	N.MASHADO	1.230	AM.PATERSON	1.130
NANNYGAI	N.MASHADO	0.316	AM.PATERSON	0.326
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	B.FARRELL	0.648
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
WHITING				

WEIGHMASTER Rod Paterson

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHDOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY.

