

SANDI ANGLING NEWS:-

NEWSLETTER OF THE SANDRINGHAM ANGLERS' CLUB:-



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Club meetings are held every Tuesday from 8:00pm, visitors are always welcome and new members are encouraged.

The club rooms are located at the end of Jetty Road, Sandringham and are licensed for the responsible serving of alcohol.

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Editors Introduction:-

Welcome to edition eleven of the Sandi Angling News. The winter blues have truly set in, and the cold wet weather, too many demands at work and general procrastination have all meant this newsletter is out a bit later than I had hoped. (I have slapped myself on the wrist and promise to be more punctual for the next edition).

Presentation night has been and gone, the new fishing season is well and truly underway, and we have a new committee. It has certainly been a busy time at the clubrooms.

Once again I would like to thank those people that take the photos that end up in these pages. I regularly trawl the clubs Facebook page and our website and “borrow” these. Without these photos I could not create a newsletter that is both informative and pleasing to look at. So thanks Craig and Jim whom I regularly see with camera in hand at our club functions. My apologies to those whose images I have used and not credited.

Thanks.....Ed

Presidents AGM Report:-

Welcome everyone to the AGM for 2016.

It has been an honour to have been President over the past year and your committee has had a very busy and productive year.

I would like to thank the committee for their help and support over the past year, it is they that keep everything running smoothly and keep the clubrooms in good shape.

Some achievements include; new carpet laid; new roller doors on the balcony; re-organising the location of trophies; created electronic document storage system to improve security and access; painting of roof trusses and spare room. The number of kayak members has increased along with storage facilities. We have also improved our engagement with existing tenant - Bayside Triathletes, and welcomed a new tenant – St John's Ambulance. The fishing syllabus has been revised to improve our fishing outcomes and enjoyment. A cleaning roster was developed and is currently being trialled.

We have had input into the Sandringham Foreshore Masterplan and a Lease Sub Committee has been established to prepare documentation for the upcoming lease negotiations with Parks Victoria.

The fishing competition this year has been very even with many anglers in contention for Club Champion. Congratulations to Phil Staindl on winning the Club Championship. The comps have been very well attended and good fun had by all.

Thanks to all who helped make the Presentation night a great success. Congratulations again to Ron Wilson on being awarded a Lifetime Membership, well deserved.

Sandringham Anglers' Club



I would like to especially thank our sponsors for their support over the past year. They have helped keep community clubs such as ours alive and well. I recommend that our members patronise their businesses in return. Our sponsors can be found on our website. Thanks to Craig Waller for his hard work developing our sponsorship program.

Our club is well placed for the future and I urge members to actively engage with their club. There are a small number of members doing the bulk of the work, so more input from members would be greatly appreciated, in whatever capacity they can. An active club is a healthy club.

I wish the incoming committee all the best for the coming year and great fishing for all members. I will be continuing to provide support to the next committee and will continue to be a part of the New Lease Sub-Committee.

Thanks again

David Oates

Outgoing 2016 Club President



Glorious Mallacoota—So many Jetties, so little time

— Catch the trip report in this issue.

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AGM and Committee Reports:-

With a busy and productive year over, it was time for the elected office bearers to present to the memberships their thoughts on the year just past. Here are their tabled reports:-

Secretary's Report - 2015/2016

Firstly, thank you to all my colleagues on the Committee for your support over the season.

This past season has seen a tremendous increase in the Club's new membership applications, up by 125% with 18 new membership applications approved this season compared to only 8 in each of the past two seasons.

Hopefully some of these new members will nominate for roles on the next Committee to help strengthen the Committee's position.

Finally, I continue to look forward to seeing the Club continue to grow over the next year and beyond.

Greg Stephens,

Secretary

Treasurers Report:- - 2015/2016

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and advice over the last year, didn't realize how big a job this was going to be and I thank them for their patience.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Shellie for all the work and guidance she has given to the role – She has pulled us into the 21st century and sincerely believe the club and future treasurers will be thankful for what she has done for us.

The last year has been extremely busy for the club with the most new members joining in a

single year that I can remember, a multitude of improvements around the club including new carpet, roller shutters and the repainting of the interior. Look forward to the improvements planned for next year and hope all the members assist where they can on these.

Financially we are still in a reasonable condition, mainly due to the diligence of the committee raising funds in many different ways – including the renting of the club rooms to the St Johns People and the great work in the expansion of our sponsors – please support them as they are crucial to keep our club going.

The other main highlights for the year is to finally have a electrical smart meter installed – this will save the incoming treasurer many hours of frustrating phone calls to A.G.L.

Also the transfer of our funds to the Bendigo Bank Sandringham whom I am sure we can develop a long and mutually beneficial relationship with.

We have set up a \$10,000 term deposit with them as well as two other accounts, one for our normal trading account and one to start putting aside rent money(\$2250) that we are no longer paying to Bayside Council.

In regard to this year's financial report you may notice there was no Bunnings BBQ so our income was down on this side.

There is \$1335 sitting in unapplied cash payment income – this is how the computerized system reports subs paid in advance. (2016-2017 season).

There is also \$92 we are holding for Football tipping fees.

Highlights are extra income from raffles due to our sponsors, extra money from our renters (St Johns) and extra money from

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private functions – hope this trend continues.

Regards.....Jim Kavanagh

AGM and New Committee:-

The AGM for the angling club was held in August. It was a chance for the general membership to thank those that have freely and generously given of their time on the last committee, some whom are now standing down, and it was also an opportunity for new people to elect to join the committee and help have a say on how the club is run.

The following year will see some changes as Dave steps down from the top role and Craig takes over and new member Sandy steps into the 2IC role.

The newly elected Sandringham Anglers Club Committee for 2016/2017 is:-

President:	Craig Waller
Vice President:	Sandy Saunders
Secretary:	Greg Stephens
Assistant Seretary	Garry Meehan
Treasurer:	Jim Kavanagh
Angling Secretary:	Ron Wilson
Property Officer:	Michael Shakik
Publicity Officer:	Craig Waller
Boat Captain	Garry Meehan
Assistant Boat Captain	Jim Kavanagh
Membership Officer	Mark Hocking
Social Officer	TBD
General Committee:	Dave Oates Alistair Fairley

One of the final changes from the outgoing committee is changing our Tuesday committee meetings so they will now be held once per month (not fortnightly). This will be replaced with a quick update from our angling secretary on previous and upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday nights at the Club rooms.

Boat Hire

During a recent blustery wintery day I had the opportunity to fish one of the competitions out of the club boat with our president Dave.

A challenging session due to the poor weather limiting where we could fish it was still a relatively successful trip, where we both managed to weigh fish in.

One of the benefits of fishing with a club is the access to information, friendship and sometimes equipment such as a club boat.

This is a great asset for a club in that it allows members who have neither the means, storage or inclination to own their own boat ready access to one. The process for hiring the boat is easy, just speak to Garry our boat captain and he will book you in and advise you on the hire conditions and costs.

You don't even have to hire the boat to fish in an angling club competition. So next time you are considering an extended trip to the seaside, then consider taking along the club boat.

For the club to own and maintain such an asset carries a degree of cost, so if members do not take advantage of the opportunity to use the boat then we run the risk that it will no longer be viable to keep it.



Trip Reports:

17 January 2016

Hastings/Corinella, Westernport Bay
(Whiting 1)

Still, hot conditions provided near perfect boating conditions for the first whiting comp of the year, and we had 15 members fish all parts of the Port for a modest to reasonable return of 32 fish. A couple of members got onto decent numbers of fish, but that meant there were a number of members who only weighed in very small numbers of fish whilst a few were unlucky to miss out altogether. I know that Bucko and I fished the Coronet Bay, an area that Bucko knows like the back of his hand, and despite being on the water well before the sun was up, we still only managed a very modest return of 1 fish each.



Beautiful Conditions for Westernport Whiting

Willow was fishing around the Middle Spit, and numbers-wise topped the list with a bag of 8 fish. However, that was only enough to snag second place, as Craig Waller, fishing

out from Corinella, weighed in some much bigger fish, and his bag of 6 KG's was enough to scoop first place for the day. Well done Craig! Andre was not far behind in third place, and Terry Black came in 4th with a bag of 5 fish.

Still, it was a very pleasant day to be out on the water!

Trip Report by Phil S.

I think I will start my first addendum to Phil's trip report with a joke.

"How many Sandi Anglers does it take to get the club scales working?....."

Answer: - more than 8, because with the 8 members present for the weigh-in at Corinella none could quite manage to get that troublesome device working. Thankfully Craig came to the rescue with his own portable weighing device (and with the winning fish on board I bet you Craig was glad he had packed his own scales).

Thankfully those at the alternate weigh in location had no such problems. A repeat of this scenario will hopefully be minimised as all members will be glad to hear that the club has purchase one brand new 0 -40 kg capacity bench scale. All we need now is for club members to stress test them with some big fish.

Addendum by Andres V.



A bit of scale funny business at Corinella

Trip Reports:

31 January 2016

Hastings / Corinella Westernport Bay

(Whiting 2)

The 2nd Westernport whiting comp was a very different affair in terms of the conditions, and by and large, proved to be a much tougher day at the office than when compared to two weeks earlier. Once again, there were 15 members who turned out to fish, including Michael Shakik who fished his first ever comp with the Club. But in threatening conditions and a constant 15 knot Northerly wind blowing most of the day, it was not easy conditions to fish in, as the results showed. Only 19 fish were weighed in for the day, and given that 10 of those fish were caught on the one boat, you can imagine the sparse returns from everyone else.

The successful boat in question was none other than White Lightning, and just to show his performance at Lake Eildon some months earlier was no fluke, young Bradley Hocking out-fished his Dad to weigh in a total of 7 fish for a total bag weight of 1.41kgs. A superb effort Bradley. Mark did ensure, though, that he got to weigh in, and came in 2nd with 3 nice fish, so well done Mark. Amongst the points were a couple of people who rarely get out to fish, so it was great to see Gary Meehan weigh in enough fish to gain a podium placing, and Alex Pansow (Ax) managed to weigh in a couple of fish as well, so well done to all.



Is this a SAC Member run aground?



Bradley – So young but he's learnt the pose, hold your fish out as far as possible, it makes it look bigger?

Trip report by Phil S

There are certain advantages to pier fishing, and not being on a boat in windy and choppy weather is one. There are also disadvantages and not being able to move far or quickly is the biggest.

Unfortunately for myself I was shore bound for this competition and used it as a good opportunity to try a few piers around Westernport. My session started just after sun up down at Warneet. Never before had I had a fishing session so hot for so long. Every cast within seconds was ravenously scooped down. Unfortunately for me the culprits were a marauding school of toadies. My only moment of joy was when my bait managed to get through the school to finally hook a passing whiting. Happily it was legal size, but sadly 1cm shy of the weigh in mark. With disgust I drove off and stopped around the corner to the next set of piers. A quick chat with a fisho on that pier showed he was also having toadie issues.

So I drove the long way to Hastings jetty. The toadies weren't as ravenous here, but by late afternoon maybe they had had their fill of fishos bait. I have heard whispers that some people use live toadies as snapper bait, so let that be a warning to your toadies, you better not be there next time I'm down at Warneet during snapper season.

Addendum by Andres V.

Trip Reports:

14 February 2016

Port Phillip Bay

(Whiting 3)

The early forecast for the PPB whiting comp looked really promising, but as the actual day drew closer, the forecast worsened, and we ended up with quite a strong westerly blowing for the best part of the day, and as we all know, a westerly makes fishing out of the Black Rock-Beaumaris area somewhat problematic. Accordingly, the “Yak” boys found the conditions too tough to get out in, and anyone planning to launch locally also erred on the side of safety and comfort and decided not to put their boat in. There were a few desperados though, who headed south, and fished around the moorings in the Sorrento-Portsea area. This not only proved to be relatively comfortable being out of the wind, but also yielded some decent returns on the fishing front, and certainly meant that we had some fish to weigh in back at the Clubhouse. The only comment I would make is that for those of us planning this journey again, make sure we leave enough time to get back to the Clubhouse!

So there were 4 members who weighed in a total of 13 fish, with Ax, who was fishing on Haystac, coming up trumps with 4 nice fish, with the heaviest coming in at over half a kilo being caught a few minutes before stumps were pulled and thus giving him maximum points. Haystac skipper, Phil, also weighed in 4 fish but they were not quite as heavy Alex’s, whilst Sandy and Ron filled out the other positions between them. Poor Craig and Caroline put in the hard yards and made the long journey before sunrise, but couldn’t jag one of the elusive KGs despite multiple shift on location and different techniques being tried.

Trip report by Phil S

20 – 21 February 2016

Port Albert

(Trailer Boat 2)



The Port Albert comp is unique in the SAC’s fishing calendar. It’s not so much the fishing itself, but the “before and after” experiences. Nowhere else do we have up to 20 members (usually guys), who occupy dormitory type arrangements, with row upon row of bunk bed being the only obstacle in an otherwise large room. And at night, when the lights are dimmed, that is when the fun begins. The farting and burping, well, that’s to be expected. Some modest snoring – well – you could probably live with that. But when you have what seems to be a team of timber millers with the biggest Stihl chainsaws money can buy, that is when one’s patience can be tested. (and we won’t name names, will we AL! ☺) Still, the wonderful BBQ, the banter, the swapping of fishing tales, the sharing of knowledge and the wonderful camaraderie is what makes a Club a special place, and that’s why Port Albert is so special.

As for the fishing, returns were really good, with a total of 91 fish being weighed in over the 2 days from the 15 club members who fish the comp.



Hazards of boating, Not just limited to the water.

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I think it was a couple of years ago when after a highly successful Port Albert competition by Mark Hocking, I dubbed him (Gummy”) Well, Mark “Gummy” Hocking showed everyone again, and weighed in multiple gummies over the 2 days with the heaviest being well in excess of 6kgs. This, combined with his total bag of 15 fish over the 2 days gave him a comfortable victory in what seems to fast be becoming his favourite comp.



All Smiles for Michael

Michael Shalik weighed in for his first time at a comp, and left nothing to chance by producing the 2nd heaviest bag of a good variety of fish to claim 2nd place. Chris Plant filled out the podium places with a good haul of 13 fish to finish third, whilst Clem Robins, who fished on the Saturday, also weighed in for the first time in a SAC comp. Ron and Craig both caught good numbers of fish, and there were some very small margins between the lower placegetters. Interestingly, of the 15 who fished the comp, 14 weighed in over the two days, which is a

pretty impressive effort. (And no, I'm not going to reveal the identity of the unlucky member!!).



The traditional Port Albert Saturday Night Meal & drinks

Trip report by Phil S

5-12 March 2016

Mallacoota Inlet

(Social Week)

My fourth year at Mallacoota. For many at the club including myself, this social week away has become a holiday tradition and is something I look forward to every year

And once you establish traditions, you tend to become very structured in the way you act. This is also true for my trip reports. Looking back at



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all my previous Mallacoota trip reports there is a common theme. Here's how they usually go.

the flathead. For the boaties, the anglers that fished off the Goodwin Sands had some fantastic sessions with good catches of bream in both quantity and size.

Another Year, Another Jetty, Another Sunrise



First I talk about the long drive to get there, then a spiel about the fantastic fishing, followed by some commentary on Dave's Pealla, fleshed out with Dave Clarks fishing report summary from our fisheries diaries. I then usually end the report with someone's car difficulties on the trip home.

So not to deviate from the traditional approach here goes.....

The now familiar long road trip, more than ever has me wondering when they will bypass Sale and all those other small Gippsland towns. It would make this trip much more pleasant and speedier. The highlight of the drive was petrol at under a dollar in Bairnsdale and the usual stop for fresh local prawns in Lakes Entrance.

This year the fishing for most was exceptional. It covered both the bream and

Ron, Terry and Phil and Bucko had exceptional luck at the "sands" over many day trips.

For myself fishing the whole week shore based the flathead fishing was similarly exceptional. Going back through my previous diaries showed I caught more and bigger Flathead this year than ever before. My most memorable session was 9 legal sized fish in under 45 minutes.

The most memorable achievement this year was when "Willow" and "Redgum" had a nice calm day which provided them the opportunity to fish the ocean side of Mallacoota. Pete and JB onboard Redgum had the fortune and pleasure of having a school of Kingfish circling under their boat. They also had the displeasure of not being able to entice any of them to take a bait. Being a social week with no points up for grabs they graciously called Ron on Willow with Dave on board, inviting them over to also have a crack. Fortunately they had poppers and larger Plastic

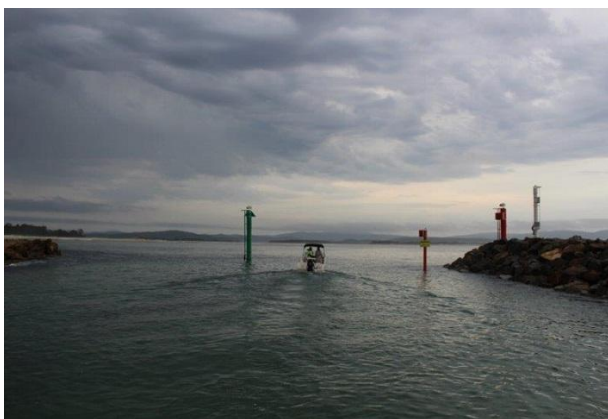
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lures in their arsenal and the kingies were a bit more enthusiastic to bite. A little bit of fun ensued as they each bagged some Rat kings. Unfortunately most not legal except for 1 that Dave massaged beyond the 60cm mark. This proved to be a special treat on the BBQ back at the holiday house.

Along with the tasty bb-queued kingfish starter Dave also dazzled with his traditional Paella and just like the tradition at the conclusion of the Olympic games it was declared the “.....best ever”



Dave proudly presents his Paella



The guys head out Oceanside for some kingfish action

Now we get to item 4, Dave's fishing report from our fisheries diaries.....

Dave's Trip Report..... “On our annual social trip to Mallacoota this year, 11 members completed 7 survey diaries for the DPI. This report is a record of those diaries.

A minimum of three trips of two hours was required. This is a record only of the diaries. The members who kept diaries, and other members, may have fished on more occasions without keeping a record.

Sixteen members fished; there were six boats, four kayaks and some members fished from shore.

As bream were measured from nose to fork of tail, approximately 2cm can be added for total length. When estimating legal size fish, all bream 26cm and longer were considered legal. Flathead were measured overall.

Species	Year (2016)	Year (2015)	Year (2014)
	QTY Average Size(cm)	QTY Average Size(cm)	QTY Average Size(cm)
Bream (All Sizes)	264 (30.34cm)	111 (28.03cm)	95 (25.81cm)
Bream (Legal Size)	238 (29.42cm)	84 (29.83cm)	63 (27.63cm)
Flathead (All Sizes)	95 (35.03cm)	49 (31.77cm)	59 (35.23cm)
Flathead (Legal Size)	86 (35.47cm)	30 (36.0cm)	56 (42.57cm)

Other species caught: Tailor, pinky snapper, trevally, flounder, mullet, sweep, herring, salmon, leather jacket, garden eel, rays and octopus.

🚩 Largest Flathead was 72 cm, caught by Ron Wilson.

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- ✚ Largest Bream was 40 cm, caught by David Oates.
- ✚ Smallest capture recorded: Andres - 12 cm sweep.

Weather was warm and boats were launched every day. Most days were fine, rain only one occasion and the wind was usually moderate. Temperatures mid to high 20s.

More flathead were caught this year and they were larger than last year.

More bream were caught this year and they were larger than last year.

Once again Andres excelled with his descriptions and diagrams. Thank you to all who kept diaries.

.....Thanks Dave



Relaxation time at the Adobe Mud Brick Flats

And finally it's time to say goodbye to Mallacoota and unfortunately the yearly car problems that have constantly plagued members struck again. . Sadly, the issues this year were more significant than previous years.

The long drive home presents its own particular risks and the windy road out of Mallacoota proved too much for Phil who ran off the road and managed to clip an oncoming caravan. Thankfully no one was hurt, which unfortunately couldn't be said for his car which was written off. It is a stark

reminder of the real dangers we face when tackling those longer fishing trips to far flung locations.

With a boat to somehow get home Phils' good mate Bucko, stepped up and volunteered to drive him and his boat back to Melbourne. A trip of over 8 hours, and then Bucko turned around and came back to Mallacoota. How good must this place be if he was willing to drive all the way back to finish his holiday. Sadly his act of "Good Samaritanship" was unrewarded. The long hours behind the wheel and the super special petrol prices at Bairnsdale saw him unwittingly splash a few litres of diesel into his petrol engine. He spotted his error and finish the top up with the right fuel. He thankfully did manage to get back to Mallacoota township, for a meal. Getting back in the car to get to the flats, his engine failed to start. Thankfully the next day they managed to drain the tank and get his car going again.

Another Mallacoota trip done and dusted and once again I have parked my dream of landing that Croc. Just another excuse to plan to return next year.



The traditional last night pub meal

Trip Reports:

If you would like to get amongst the action at Mallacoota next year, then speak to Ron Wilson and book your spot for March next year.



Daves' successful Kingfish capture.



Ron all smiles with his Croc-



Bucko with a nice Mallacoota Dusky



Terry



The ever reliable Bream, it rarely disappoints

See you there next year.....

Trip Report by Andres and David Clark



(Its not just all about the fishing, you can't forget the wildlife).
Dave O, gladly proves the mythical monitor lizard in the compost is real.

Trip Reports:

10 April 2016

Westernport & Outside (Trailer Boat 3)

With the Portland comp cancelled due to lack of numbers, the only other comp in recent times for points was the one day Westernport comp. Conditions were tough on the day, with a strong NW wind blowing for the best part of the day, which in turn resulted in a number of late withdrawals from the comp. In fact, on the Corinella side, trying to launch a Yak would have been all but impossible, so it gives you some idea of the roughness of the conditions. We had 10 people fish all up with 21 fish being weighed in. Congratulations go to Craig Waller for winning this comp, as his bag of 5 fish, including a couple of nice trevally, landed him first place. Ron Wilson decided not to expend unnecessary energy, and weighed in only the single fish, but it was a good size elephant fish – in excess of 2.5kgs, and big enough to get him 2nd place. Sandy had the most fish to weigh in, with 7 KG whiting, and that, as it turned out, was enough to get him third place, so well done sandy. As for the others, the less said the better. My Demons went down by 5 points to the rampaging Kangaroos, and in the face of that, fishing seemed unimportant! Still, it was nice being out. (I think!!)

So there you have it. I have deliberately not mentioned Paddle nominations in these reports, as I am leaving that to others to do through other forums. (and no, it's not because I will be the subject of multiple nominations!! ☺). The one thing I can assure you is that there are plenty of wonderful tales of misfortune, forgetfulness and bad luck that will make you laugh when conveyed to a wider group. So wait until Presentation Night to hear them all.

Until then, tight lines!

Trip Report by Phil S

16 - 17 April 2016

Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy Portland (Trailer Boat 4)

Once again lack of available anglers curtailed running of the Portland competition. Southern Blue Fin tuna can breathe a sigh of relief for another year.

14 – 15 May 2016

R Clarke Memorial Trophy. Lake Dartmouth (Freshwater 3)



For the superstitious amongst us, one could be forgiven for thinking we were challenging the fishing gods by having a competition commence on Friday the 13th. And given how the event transpired, there is probably more than enough evidence to suggest that this was the case. It just seemed that at every turn, there was a little issue or problem that caused a change to normal proceedings or made life (in a fishing sense) that touch more difficult.

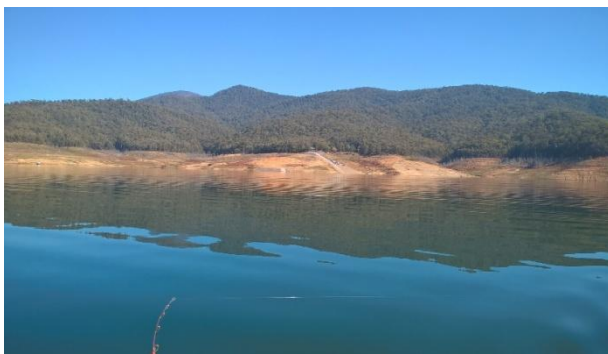


Sun and smiles at Lake Dartmouth

Now don't get me wrong - the annual sojourn to Dartmouth was yet again a wonderful experience, and at least the weather gods were with us on the Friday and Saturday. But let's go back to the very beginning. The annual trip to

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Lake Dartmouth usually occurs on the third weekend of May, meaning this year's trip would have taken place on Friday, 13th May through to Sunday the 15th. However, for the first time in two decades, all accommodation was booked on the weekend in question, meaning that we were forced into a change, and so brought the competition forward by a week. Now all of us love our mothers, but it's obvious some love them a little more than others, because the change in dates resulted in a clash with mother's day, and this in turn meant our normally high numbers were reduced somewhat by some who, quite understandably, chose to tend to those obligations that will keep them in sweet with their wives and/or mothers next time they want to go away fishing.



Typical Lake Dartmouth scenery

So, with eight members and two guests, we aimed to assemble at Dartmouth for a few days of sublime fishing. But the fishing gods weren't done with us yet. And there was virtually no-one left untouched amongst the diehards still committed to going to Dartmouth. Firstly, a couple of members in Dave C and JB paid their final respects at the funeral of a long-time and much liked member in Chooky, meaning their departure was much later than planned. And just to make matters worse, they managed to have a blowout on the boat trailer, necessitating repairs along the way. Ben S and his mate Stuart went one better. They managed to have a boat trailer have a blowout whilst crossing the Black Spur - probably the least

desirous place of any you could think of to have to change a tyre.



Trolling the Dartmouth edges

But wait! There's more!! Peter Brown with son Warwick in tow nearly came to grief just out of Wodonga, when they realised their boat trailer was on the verge of collapse following a slightly dodgy welding job. (A good repair job was undertaken in Wodonga). And poor Craig had his crew withdraw the morning of his departure, meaning he had to travel solo and fish by himself on the Saturday. And then because of the change in dates, yours truly had to travel from Canberra and rendezvous with Ben and Stuart in Wodonga.

It must be said, though, that all of these issues disappear when one succumbs to the remote beauty that is Lake Dartmouth. The weather conditions were well and truly in our favour on the Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, where a cool early morning breeze with low cloud cover gave way to a day of brilliant sunshine. Only problem was, the fish also gave way, for after the cloud cover disappeared, trying to land a fish proved problematic, so much so that of those who weighed in, no one had more than a single fish to trouble the weigh master. On this score, Peter Brown had a very nice Rainbow that was nudging 1kg, and JB's Brown was not far behind. For the rest of us, we were happy with some pan-sized Trout!

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The forecast for Sunday was for rain, more rain, and then some more rain. For those up early on the Sunday, it appeared for a while that the forecasters may have been in error, but then from about 7am onwards, the rain started - minus any strong wind - and didn't stop. However, such is the unbridled determination of Craig to fish, he set up his boat and persuaded Dave C to join him on the water for another session. Everyone else rested on their laurels and were happy having a leisurely start to the day before packing up and heading home. For Craig and Dave, the news was good. Although raining, conditions on the lake were good, and both members weighed in another fish. This put Craig into some points and lifted Dave C into second spot on the results.

So all in all, it was a challenging time but yet again, a great time. For those of us who regularly make the trip, it's more than just the fish caught. It's the setting, the pub, the counter meals, the locals, and even the opportunity to stop and have a BBQ lunch cooked on a campfire (by the Haystac crew at least) which all combine to make it such a wonderful and enjoyable experience.



And for those who are perhaps thinking they wouldn't mind venturing to this paradise, some of us are talking about organising a social competition there in late September, so watch this space.

Until next time, tight lines.

Trip report by Phil S

4 June 2016

(Surf #3)

WOOLAMAI



The first competition was the final of 3 surf comps for the year and was held at Woolamai. Conditions were actually really good with calm seas and light winds making conditions very pleasant to fish in for the 10 or so members who made the journey down to the Island. Sadly, the fish were not so obliging, with only a total of three fish caught for the entire session. Ron Wilson took out first place with two fish and yours truly managed a modest offering with the third of the trio.



Calm Woolamai Surf Conditions

I don't want to steal Ron's thunder on presentation night so will provide no insights into points, which is probably just as well, because Ron would also not like attention drawn to one of his extremely rare errors on the syllabus whereby he had the wrong tide time listed, meaning most of us missed the optimum fishing window. (Damn – I said I wasn't going to mention that!!)

Whether or not it would have made a difference, who knows, as reports were very poor right along the beach. So be it!

Trip Report by Phil S

Trip Reports:

18–19 June 2016

Lake Tyers

(Estuary 3)



The journey to Lake Tyers has often produced good catches, but in recent years the returns have diminished considerably, resulting in a change in the next syllabus from this being a winter comp to a spring comp. And as if to ram home the fact, this trip was no exception, with very few fish weighed in. We had 12 members and a visitor fish for most of the weekend, and conditions by a large were pretty good. Although we had some drizzle patches for extended periods, especially on the Saturday, the wind stayed away and it wasn't too cold, so all in all it was pleasant being out on the lake. Craig Waller (who won the comp incidentally) and Dave Clark (who took out 3rd spot) both did something which hasn't been done for quite some time, and that is weigh in a nice tailor each. Both anglers said that catching them on light gear was a lot of fun. A couple of others landed some bream, with Willow weighing in 2 fish to sneak into 2nd spot, and Dave Oates managed to awaken a

modest sized dusky flathead to get on the board.



For those of you who want to hear about Willow's latest effort to take out the Paddle Award, you're going to have to wait until the Presentation Night. But any independent observation would have to conclude that there is a certain pattern of behaviour developing here.....! Other than that, the social aspects of a weekend away are first rate, notwithstanding, the snoring, scratching and farting when everyone should be asleep. It's all in the name of fun though!

Tight lines.

*Trip Report by Phil S
Photos by Craig Waller*



Major Sponsors

Last edition we welcomed onboard, Terry, Moose and Dave from Regal marine as sponsors. They have now formalised a sponsorship agreement with the club that makes them our clubs major PLATINUM sponsor.

Regal Marine provide a range of services which includes boat sales, servicing and a retail outlet with all boating and fishing accessories.

They are now the sponsors for our Gunboat champions trophy and provide the club financial support through donations of cash and goods for prizes.



The angling club would like to thank Regal Marine for their sponsorship. Our best support will come from members using, promoting and endorsing our sponsors services. So if you are looking for a new boat, engine servicing or boating accessories then please drop in and say hi to the guys at Regal Marine.



The club also welcomes **Fun Haven Domain** as GOLD sponsors. They trade as Fun Haven Domain and DCI (Direct imports).

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Alternatively check out their webpage:-

www.funhavensdomain.com

NEW SILVER SPONSOR

ACM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

SAC is pleased to advise we have a new sponsor for the Club - ACM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd (ACM).

The Club recently reviewed its own insurance policies and ACM was able provide competitive coverage and also offered a sponsorship arrangement for our collective benefit.

ACM is a general insurance broker who utilise all insurance markets, worldwide and they are available to provide assistance, advice and alternate quotations to our members. Should any member appoint ACM, then the Club will receive an additional fee.

The principal of ACM is Peter Mitchell who has more than 40 years' experience as an insurance broker and Peter is available to take any enquiry you may have relating to general insurance. By offering his services, Peter can assure all members of:

- Confidentiality
- Professional and experienced general insurance advice and service
- Access to most general Insurers in Australia and directly into Lloyds
- No obligation or cost to accept any quotes or recommendations

We welcome ACM and encourage all members to contact Peter on 0407561091 with any insurance issues you may have. For further reference, ACM's website address is

www.acmib.com.au

Club Championship Winners

Club Champion:-

It turned out to be one of our tightest competitions in a very long time. Phil and Craig and Ron slugged it out comp by comp and the championship was in the balance nearly all the way until the last few rounds. Unfortunately for Craig, Phil just managed to keep his lead and finished on the gold medal podium position.

Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (Season 2015/2016)		
1 st	Phil S	207
2 nd	Ron W	200
3 rd	Craig W	193
4 th	Dave C	139
5 th	Andres V	103
6 th	Jim K	99
7 th	Terry B	84
8 th	JB	74
9 th	Dave O	72
10 th	Dave B	58
11 th	Peter B	52
12 th	Bradley H	50
13 th	Mark H	47
14 th	Al F	46
=15 th	John M & Alex P	41

A fantastic achievement for Phil. The club has witnessed his transformation from when he first joined all those years ago. In those early days all that he could consistently catch was paddle nominations. He has improved his angling across all fields from the fresh to estuary and even surf comps and this year it all came together for him. A big congratulations to Phil from all at the club and as they say in sport its now



“game on” for next season.

You’ve seen the photos of those that climbed the podium, but what about all those that also competed. Well here is a list of the top 15 in this year’s fishing championship.

Gunboat Championship:-



Gunboat Award Winner **Phil Staindl**,
(Last Seasons Winner: Ron Wilson)
Trophy Sponsored by **Regal Marine**

If the margin was tight in the club champions race it turned out to be even closer for the gunboat award. With the two frontrunners Willow and Haystack slugging it out for the top position. Phil prevailed for a clean sweep of the top awards with a 2 point victory. This makes his choice to fish some of the competitions three up in his boat very fortuitous as this was enough to get him to the top of the ladder

Congratulations Phil

Boat Captains Ladder (Season 2015/2016)		
1 st	Haystack	308
2 nd	Willow	306
3 rd	Walleroo	236
4 th	Slapper	160
5 th	White Lightning	112
6 th	WrapperYak*	51
7 th	Fishinator	50
=8 th	Marko	45
=8 th	Redgum	45
10 th	Shack	44

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Yak King Competition:-

Jim, got a taste for winning kayak fishing competitions last year when he had a great year and strode ahead on to win his first shield. This year, he was not as successful racking up the points, but did enough, scoring high points in three competitions, which was enough to take out his second shield. This years field was smaller than previous and maybe that has a lot to do with the poorer weather. Jim has now set himself up to become the first club member to be a three time yakking winner.



Kayak King Ladder (Seasons End 2015)		
1 st	WrapperYak	51
2 nd	Yakittiyak	23
3 rd	Alyak	18
4 th	SandyYak	17
5 th	CaddyYak	8

Congratulations Jim

Kayak Award Winner Jim Kavanagh,
(Last Seasons Winner: Jim Kavanagh)
Trophy Sponsored by Jim & Shellie Kavanagh

Junior Champion:-

To prove that last year's victory was not a fluke, young Bradley did a "repeat" to win his second consecutive Junior Champion Shield.

This year he proved that he can fish both the fresh and the salt. He even managed to outshine many of our more seasoned anglers to in his own right win two competitions this year, one the Eildon trout and the second a whiting comp. The question that we ask ourselves is, will there be a three-peat?



Junior Champion Bradley

Club Category Winners

Category Winners:-

With the end of the 2016 competition season year here are our respective category winners.

<p>Jeff Worle Trophy- Winner:- –Craig Waller Last Seasons Winner :- Peter Quinton</p> 	<p>Memorial Shield Winner:- Terry Black Last Seasons Winner :- Dave Clark</p> 
<p>Chris Bouyer Memorial (Port Albert) Winner Mark Hocking Last Seasons Winner:- Rob Kaldor</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Jon Bentley</p>	<p>Heaviest Flathead Winner:- Jim Kavanagh (Yank – 1.006kg) Last Seasons Winner: Michael Holland</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Dave Buckingham.</p>
<p>Heaviest Snapper Winner Craig Waller (5.376kg) Last Seasons Winner: Peter Quinton</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by:- Dave Buckingham</p>	<p>Heaviest Whiting Winner:- Alex Pansow (0.544kg) Last Seasons Winner: Dave Oates</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by the Staindl family</p>

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<p>Most Memorable Capture Winner Craig Waller (Tailor 1.294 kg) Last Seasons Winner: Peter Brown</p> 	<p>Most Improved Angler Winner Alistair Fairley</p> 
<p>Surf Aggregate Champion Winner Ron Wilson Last Seasons Winner:- Craig Waller</p> 	<p>Estuary Champion "Charlie Webb Memorial Shield" Winner:- Dave Clark Last Seasons Winner :- Jim Kavanagh</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Steven Wilson</p>
<p>Snapper Aggregate Champion Winner:- Craig Waller Last Seasons Winner:- Dave Oates</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Phil Staindl & Family</p>	<p>Trailer boat Aggregate Champion Winner:- Craig Waller Last Seasons Winner: Craig Waller</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Mark Hocking</p>

Club Championship Winners

<p>Whiting Aggregate:- Winner Phil Staindl Last Seasons Winner: Craig Waller</p>  <p>Trophy Sponsored by Ron Wilson</p>	<p>The following winners were absent on the Night:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heaviest Trout Winner:- Peter Brown (Brown – 0.946 kg) Last Seasons Winner: Phil Staindl Trophy Sponsored by Steve Anderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freshwater Aggregate Champion “Scott Nelson Shield” Winner:-John Bentley Last Seasons Winner: Peter Brown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R Clarke Memorial Trophy (Lake Dartmouth) Winner:- Peter Brown Last Seasons Winner:- Marco Rizzi Trophy Sponsored by Jon Bentley</p>
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Upcoming Competitions:-

Are you keen to win the bragging rights for this year by becoming club champion? Are you more interested the social aspect of gathering with a like minded group of people to enjoy some healthy outdoor activities? Thankfully our club championship can cater for any approach. It's open to all members, and visitors, so as the weather improves and the saltwater fishing fires up we look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming competitions.

Upcoming Competitions (September– December 2016).

Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
Sep 25	Trailer Boat 1	Northern Port Phillip Bay	Weigh In 1 pm at SAC High Tide 09.25 Heaviest Bag up to 10
Oct 8 & 9	Estuary 3	Lake Tyers	Weigh In Sat 17:00 Sun : noon H/bag
Oct 21 -23	Snapper 1 Jeff Worle Trophy	Westernport & Port Phillip Bay	Weigh In (SAC) Saturday 13:00 Sun 13:00 Heaviest bag of 3 (min length 40cm)
Oct 29 -30	Freshwater 1	Lake Eildon/Pondage	Weigh In Saturday 17:00 Sun 12:00 Heaviest bag of up to 10/day
Nov 4 - 6	Snapper 2 (80 th Anniversary)	Westernport & Port Phillip Bay	Weigh In (SAC) Saturday 13:00 Sun 13:00 Heaviest bag of 3 (min length 40cm)
Nov 18 - 20	Snapper 3 Club Memorial Trophy	Westernport & Port Phillip Bay	Weigh In (SAC) Saturday 13:00 Sun 13:00 Heaviest bag of 3 (min length 40cm)
Dec 11	Trailer Boat 2	Southern Port Phillip	Weigh in Sorrento 14:00 Heaviest Bag 10

Fishing Comp: Year's Largest Species:-



If you missed out on getting your name on one of the clubs shields, or winning a patch then don't despair. There's always the opportunity to get your name on one of the winners boards for the heaviest of species competition.

Here are this year's honorable mentions:-

Freshwater Species:-

Name	Species	Weight(kg)
Peter Brown	Rainbow Trout	0.946
Phil Staindl	Brown trout	0.866
Peter Brown	Chinook Salmon	1.512
Dave Oates	Golden Perch	1.296

Peter "All smiles" Brown catches the years biggest trout - again



Ron success at Eildon again

Saltwater Species:-

Name	Species	Weight (Kg)
Craig Waller	Snapper	5.376
Alex Pansow	KG Whiting	0.544
Craig Waller	Flathead - Sand	0.552
Jim Kavanagh	Flathead - Yank	1.006
Dave Oates	Flathead - Dusky	0.152
Dave Clark	Flathead - Rock	0.462
Dave Oates	Gummy Shark	6.340
Andres Vidovic	Snook	1.240
Craig Waller	Barracouta	0.388
Alistair Fairley	Luderick	0.438
Craig Waller	Whiting - Grass	0.232
Craig Waller	Trevally - Silver	1.152
Ron Wilson	Mullet	0.536
Ron Wilson	Leatherjacket	0.304
Phil Staindl	Black Bream	0.762
Dave Clark	Salmon	0.606
Ron Wilson	Elephant Fish	2.694
Craig Waller	Tailor	1.294 ^{*1}

*1 Denotes a new Club Record

Club Angling Championship Winners



Mark "Gummy" Hocking



Craigs' successful snapper Season



Andres Long Fin Pike aka snook

As a recap, if you want to qualify to win one of the "Largest of the Species" for the next season all you have to do is weigh in your fish during any competition day or Sandringham Anglers club social competition.

You can weigh your fish in at ANY competition, so even if you catch a leatherjacket during a "whiting only competition" it is still eligible for that year's size record.

And you never know, if your fish is big enough then you might be fortunate enough to be a new club record holder.

New Club Record:-

Congratulations to Craig Waller whom landed a club record Tailor. As species more synonymous with the surf off Fraser Island, it is not a species we see very often in Melbourne waters, and even less so at this size.



The fish weighed in at 0.752 kg and was captured during the Estuary competition at Lake Tyers.

Well done Craig.

Social Calender:-

Presentation Night:-

For many the most anticipated social event on the angling clubs social calendar is presentation night. A great night out where we get to celebrate some of the more memorable fishing trips and Individual angling achievements. We also share some of the more humorous situations where our members go out of their way to do something embarrassing, funny or sometimes silly. All this in an atmosphere of friendship, with a delicious dinner and dessert to top it off.



This year the event was made even better as we got to appreciate all the club room improvements such as the new carpet and paintwork.

As always a lot of personal time by many members goes into organising and running presentation night, so I would like to extend a big thank you for all those involved including Ron whom as far as I can recall has hosted the evening. We cannot forget all those people that prepared the rooms both before and after the event, the wonderful catering and the many raffle draws that were held throughout the night.

Social Activities:-

One of the committee's most important legacies in the past year has been a concerted effort to present interesting, informative and fun social activities during Tuesday club nights. This past season we have had some of the following:-

- ✚ A presentation by "Fishcare", highlighting some of the organisations community programs and calling for volunteers:-
- ✚ A Soft plastics fishing presentation to help the beginner and experience get more out of their lure angling
- ✚ A presentation from some Port Albert locals (my apology to these gentlemen as I cannot recall their names). They quite generously shared their tips and some locations for fishing Port Albert. This may have been the reason the club had such a successful trip there this year.
- ✚ Moose, from our major sponsor Regal Marine, generously shared his expertise on getting the best out of you sounder.
- ✚ Swap and buy fishing nights.

If you have any ideas on an event or presentation the club can run during the coming season, or are happy to give the members a presentation yourself then have a chat to the committee and pass on your ideas. It doesn't have to be a formal presentation, even a round table session to discuss and exchange ideas would be sufficient.

If you feel really passionate and motivated to see the social calendar stay strong, fun and informative then how about considering nominating yourself for the vacant social officer position on the committee.

Trivia Night:-

One of my personal favourite social activities that was held during the year was the now annual Trivia night. (Well I am hoping it will become an annual function)

A fantastic night of frivolity, and underlying competitive tensions, which bring out all those

Social Calender:-

sneaky tricks and psychological tactics and banter that is also associated with our fishing competitions.



A big thanks to Bob Shovelar who ran and organised the night and did the hard yards compiling the questions, and adjudicating any controversial issues. Also thanks to Bob's support crew (his sons), who helped tally the results, and we can't forget those who helped set up the rooms and served behind the bar.

For the record the winning team (assisted by some generous bonus points), who can now claim bragging rights for the rest of the year was the Blue Rings, comprising of:-

- Ron Wilson,
- Sandy Saunders
- Andrew Kinsella
- Michael S.



Paddle Nominations:-

The prestige of winning a paddle award can never be understated. It is such an important award that it is usually presented towards the end of the night, just before the new champions are crowned.

This year the field of contenders was strong, in fact I think the quality of our club members omissions, missteps and miscalculations was much greater than I can recall in recent history.

Here is a selection of some of these moments throughout the season:-

Chris P bolted out of the gates at the start of the year with his first ever nominations. Learning about the bitterness of Victorian winter weather by turning up at a surf comp in shorts was a good start. He made his next nomination more painful by dropping a large piece of wood on his foot at the Eildon trip camp site and lost a days fishing because of it.

Then we get into some of the compulsory boat antics. Dave C, whom has form for boat nominations managed to drive his boat home, without it being properly centred. Highly inconvenient as he had to jack it up at home to get it aligned properly. He then had the misfortune to blow a tyre at 10pm at night 20kms from Dartmouth. The take home lesson is make sure you check your spare tyres before you leave home on long trips.

Then there is the usual club banter as the anglers natural competitive instinct takes over. Craig took it a step further by sending his rival Phil a photo of a big snapper he had caught. The attempt to intimidate Phil worked as he was a bit shocked that Craig brought no fish to weigh in. The fish sadly had been caught the week earlier.

This year saw the trends change from losing rods and being spooled to breaking rods. Craig and Andres on one trip managed to each snap their rods. Ahhh graphite, so unforgiving,

Then we ran into the dominant stand out category for this years competition, strandings.

Social Calender:-



One of our Kayakers shot to the lead in this category by leaving himself high and dry on Westernport's mud. Stripping to his jocks he waded through the black sticky mud to get back to the ramp.

Ron took it one step further and left Willow stuck on a sand bank also at Westernport. Thankfully and ironically good mate Phil and usual paddle nominee was able to go to his rescue and tow him free. Phil did manage to find a spare moment to video the whole affair and posted it on you tube. Sadly with the internet age, no longer are your embarrassing moments safe and private. Ron experienced some dejavu at the Nowa Nowa arm as Haysatc again came to his assistance.

Even though Phil's fishing prowess has greatly improved his ability to gather paddle nominations has also stayed strong. This year he focused on boat and trailer issues. On 2 occasions he suffered battery failures, with long waits to have them replaced. Phil also managed to ground his boat in the mud. He was more fortunate than Willow, as his boat was still on the trailer in the car park at Port Albert.

Maybe the pressure of the competition is getting to Ron. Attempting to keep his club championship title may have seen him commit an extraordinary amount of indiscretions. We won't talk about the little indiscretions such as getting the tides wrong for the surf comp and so everyone missing the most productive fishing times, or the flat batteries in the club scales. Not even his determination to fish closer to the structure meant he gathered a heap of pier fisherman's lines. Then there is the costlier loses that can occur when you wrap your anchor around a buoy and lose it.

But as they quote in the movie Highlander, there can be only one. This year the award went to a new name. A person who has been a member with the club for a very long time. In all those years he has shown restraint, common sense and care. Sadly, this year he made one public mistake and the nominating committee was ready to pounce. So, Terry unfortunately the

award goes to you this year. You may wonder how could such a small, insignificant and innocuous act such as bending over in a boat lead to such financial loss and a reputation that can never be erased. If Terry (and all us fellow anglers) can take some learning's from his misfortune it would be the following:-

When bending down in a boat do the following:-

- Buy a shirt with a button on the front pocket (and do that button up).
- Don't store your phone and glasses in your front pocket.
- Never bend at the waist in a boat or anywhere near the water.
- Tie lanyards onto any valuables that may fall out of your pockets
- Buy one of those floating key-ring holders and attach that to your glasses/valuables.
- Keep your phone in a waterproof pouch



Terry is awarded his first ever Paddle Award

So remember anglers, if you are going to have an incident do it in the privacy of your own home or away from prying club eyes. That way you will escape the paddle.

Social Calender:-



Life Member:- Ron Wilson

It was with pleasure that at presentation night Dave Oates (our outgoing president) inducted Ron Wilson into the Sandringham Anglers Club as a Life Member.



It is a worthy recognition of his many years of service, freely providing of his time and energies to help make the club what it is today.

Ever since I have joined the club Ron has been tireless in his role as Angling Secretary, ensuring that every year we have interesting and challenging fishing syllabus. He manages all the competitions in terms of confirming entries, organising accommodation and conducting the weigh-ins. He also has managed the task of maintaining all the copious quantities of club competition statistics and records.

For your time and efforts over the many years the members of the club thank you Ron.



Vale

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of Henry Houben, known to all as Chooky.

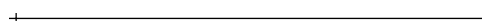
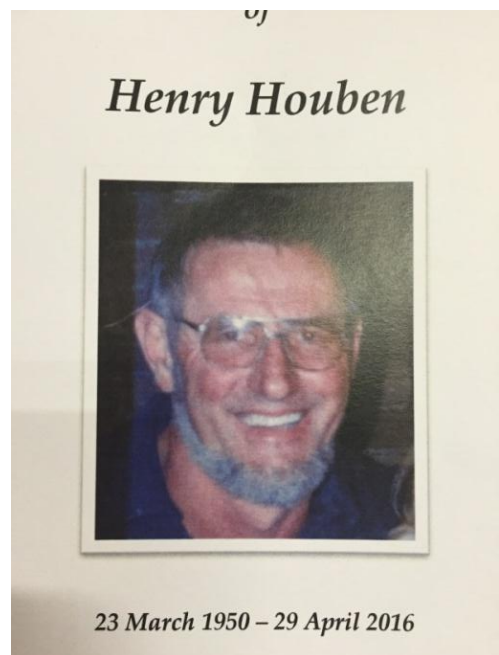
Longer term members will remember Henry with affection.

For newer members who did not know him, he was a big genial man who was always ready to offer a hand. He has towed a few members over the years when they had motor trouble.

Some of the club features were Henry's work, including the upstairs bar and the Chooky Bar downstairs.

Henry has had a number of ailments over the past years, but fought bravely and was always cheerful.

Our thoughts are with Anne and the Houben family.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sandringham Angling club then please drop us a note or email.

Alternatively come down to club night on Tuesdays from 8pm for a chat and a drink.

