

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.

Introduction:-

A dozen newsletters down, Christmas been and gone, fishing hitting peak season. Could things get any finer. To all our readers I wish you a prosperous and safe Christmas and New Years festivities.

Thanks.....Ed.

Presidents Report:-

Hi everyone and welcome to summer!

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our new members and sponsors for 2016-17. It was fantastic to see a good turnout at the end of year party this week and we would love to see more members coming down on Tuesday evenings each week.

You as members are the heart of the club and active members mean an active club. Please make yourself known to us when you are down at the club and if you want to join us in any upcoming fishing activities but you don't have a ride, please put your hand up – I'm sure we can accommodate you.

I would like to thank those members who have put in extra efforts over the last couple of months. The painting of the club rooms is complete, thank you very much to David Clark for the great transformation. Thanks to Dave, the clubrooms were also looking festive for the end of year Christmas party.

The newly installed air conditioner will make the summer months more comfortable and are a great asset in combination with the roller doors that open to expose our beautiful view.

In January 2017 during the first couple of weeks at the club, we will be performing a long

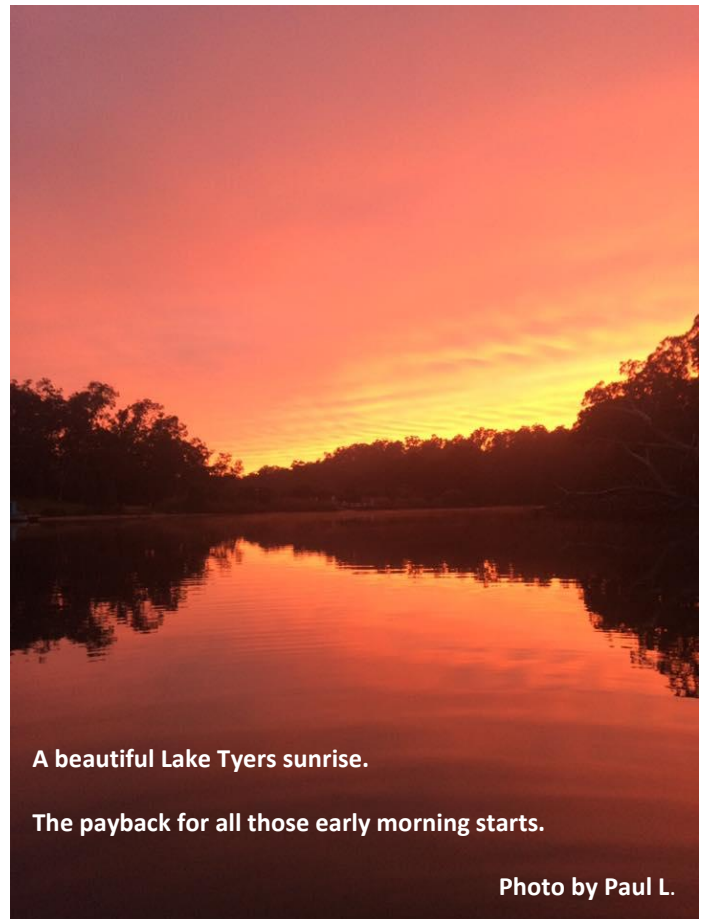
overdue transformation to both restrooms. The renovation will provide new toilets, vanity units, tiling and mirrors and along with the new paint job should leave these areas looking well refreshed. There is still plenty to do and we can all help in some way, so please help out where you can.

It is also encouraging to see the fishing comps being well attended and plenty of great fish being weighed in.

Finally, I would like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Tight Lines,

Craig Waller
President



A beautiful Lake Tyers sunrise.

The payback for all those early morning starts.

Photo by Paul L.

– Catch the trip report in this issue.

Sandringham Anglers' Club



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Committee:-

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

President:	Craig Waller
Vice President:	Sandy Saunders
Secretary:	Greg Stephens
Assistant Secretary	Garry Meehan
Treasurer:	Jim Kavanagh
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Assistant Boat Captain	Jim Kavanagh
Membership Officer	Mark Hocking
Social Officer	TBD
General Committee:	Dave Oates Alistair Fairley

New Record Fish Captures:-

Interstate member Scott Boothey has taken the opportunity to use our photo "weigh in" rules to claim a record fish. He landed a nice Dusky flathead up in Sunny Queensland, and proceeded to make all of us southerners jealous by posting it on our Facebook page.

Sadly for club members if we want to better this record we will have to drive a sizeable distance just to get onto a dusky. Could this just be the motivation to get someone to book in for the upcoming Mallacoota social trip this March.

For the record Scotts' fish measured in at 82cm and is a new club interstate "length" record.



Congratulations Scott on a great fish and we look forward to seeing some more photos of some great Queensland captures.

Closer to home Jimmy also managed to get into the length records. He managed an impressive redfin, at Blue Rock Lake. His fish would have also qualified as a club record based on weight, but sadly his kitchen scales were not suitably registered and we did not have the club scales there on the day so his fish was not eligible. Catch the photos and additional details in the trip report section.

So with club members starting to register fish as records based on length it is a timely reminder to members that we also have the ability to "weigh in" fish during competition based on length.

As a reminder here are the club rules.....

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Competition Rules: Photo Weigh-In

Rules for members wishing to submit images of released fish for competition points.

(Updated November 2014.)

Member must personally attend at weigh-in and present images to weigh-master. Alternatively, another member may personally present the images he/she has taken on behalf of the member. Images sent to the weigh-master or to another person by the member are not acceptable for competition points.

Images of released fish must clearly identify the type of fish and the length of the fish to the satisfaction of the weigh-master. The onus is on the angler to provide a suitable ruler and image of the fish caught. It is preferable that each image will include the date. There is no limit on the number of images that may be presented to identify that member's catch.

There will be no calculation/estimation of the weight of eligible fish images for competition points. Images of each fish will be counted as "a fish" and ranked behind all fish that are physically weighed on the scales. Examples:

Where 3 anglers capture 1 fish each but only one angler weighs in, that angler will receive the higher points and be deemed to have caught the heaviest fish, regardless that the images of the other anglers' fish may show they are longer (or appear heavier). This applies also where members capture 2 fish, 3 fish etc., those member/s who submit images, rather than weighing in, will always be considered to have a lesser "bag weight" and therefore receive the lower points.

Where 2 or more anglers submit images at the weigh-in and capture the same number of fish, the weigh master will give the higher points to the angler with the greatest combined length of fish. Eg.*

Angler A two fish total weight =1.24 Kg. Points 25

Angler B two fish total length = 59 cm Points 20*

Angler C two fish total length =56 cm Points 17*

Rules for members wishing to submit images of released fish for Gunboat or Kayaking points.

As Kayaking points only apply to the individual kayak angler the points are awarded as they apply for Competition points with points for images of captured fish always having a lesser value than weighed fish.

For Gunboat Skipper points, where all crew are club members, points will be awarded exactly as they apply for Competition points with points for images of captured fish always having a lesser value than weighed fish.

However where there is a crew member/s who is not a club member and that crew member submits images of captured and released fish for Gunboat Skipper points, the weigh master will reallocate points treating non-members as members for Gunboat skipper points with images of captured fish always having a lesser value than weighed fish. Eg. All weighed fish will be allocated points in declining order based on heaviest to lightest bag, following which points will be allocated in declining order based on longest to shortest total length of fish.

So next time you catch an "eligible" fish that you feel is too "small" and would not normally keep it, or alternatively catch a thumper that you want to experience the pleasure of seeing swim away then remember take a photo and bring it to the weigh in.

Club Awards:-Scott Nelson Memorial

This edition I am focusing on a very special club trophy. It is the Scott Nelson Memorial shield, and it is awarded every year to the freshwater aggregate champion.

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This trophy is in remembrance of Scott Nelson, a young man that was a keen angler, and in particular loved his freshwater fishing. In his keenness for angling he dragged his parents down to the club and they joined as a family.



His great passion was freshwater fishing and by all accounts was a very able angler. To see one of his captures have a look at the thumping great rainbow trout that currently hangs on the clubroom wall. It was then and is still, the club record for a rainbow trout. It weighs 4.36 kg and most impressively was caught on 2kg line in the Goulburn river.

Not long after this capture Scott again travelled to the Goulburn leaving at an extremely early hour to be on the river for sunrise. Sadly on his way home the car he was travelling in veered off the road and collided with a tree. Scott passed away in July 1991 at just 19 years of age. His ashes were scattered in the waters off Sandi where he caught his first snapper.



Shortly after his passing, Scotts' parents donated the mounted fish and also the shield as a memorial. The shield hosts a long illustrious list of some of the clubs best freshwater anglers.

In the 90's the winners were:-

Year	Winner
1991/92	R Simpson
1992/93	S Greenwood
1993/94	D Davis
1994/95	D Davis
1995/96	B Stockton
1996/97	B Stockton
1997/98	A Paice
1998/99/00	No recorded Winner

In more recent times we have the following winners, with current life member JB's name prominent amongst the winners.

Year	Winner
2000/01	P Lidholm
2001/02	P Lidholm
2002/03	T Stastny
2003/04	D Buckingham
2004/05	P Quinton
2005/06	A Paice
2006/07	A Paice
2007/08	J Bentley
2008/09	J Bentley & A Paice
2009/10	No recorded Winner
2010/11	J Kavanagh
2011/12	D Clark
2012/13	J Bentley
2013/14	J Bentley
2014/15	P Brown
2015/16	J Bentley

After Scott' passing, his parents became more involved in the angling club and his father

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became Club President in 1992/93. Shortly after the family moved back to South Australia.



The club currently sponsors the "Scott Nelson Memorial shield and there is one last spot available. So if you want to get your name on this shield make sure you attend our freshwater competitions. And when you are next at Eildon on the fresh water spare a thought for Scott and his passion for fishing.

So I will end this article with a reminder to always enjoy your fishing but always remember to be safe on the roads.

P.S Thanks to Dave for the Photos & Dave and Ron for supplying the history.

Club Sponsors:-

The club would like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support through 2016 and into 2017.



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Trip Reports:-

16- 17 July 2106.

Holland's Landing

(Estuary 1)



The new syllabus usually kicks off with a trip down to Hollands Landing. Given there are no accommodation options in Hollands' itself, members (and some friends) opted to stay in Stratford, where electricity, heating in the rooms and a Pub that serves counter meals makes a far cry from some of the earlier visits down to these parts.



Fishing tight up against the banks at Hollands

As for the fishing, our initial fears proved to be correct in that large amounts of rainfall in the preceding weeks meant fishing in the McLellan Straits itself was problematic, and the returns in Toms Creek were minimal (with one exception) given the amounts of fresh water coming through the respective systems. On the positive side, we enjoyed calm, sunny



Matt admires his thumping Bream

but cold conditions for the entire weekend, which was in stark contrast to the very windy and wet conditions the weekend before and the weekend after.

Michael Holland was the

only Club member to weigh in a fish that was caught in Toms Creek, and that was enough to give him second place on the podium. Yours truly and Bucko ventured across the lake to Loch Sport and fished around the jetty, which produced quite a bit of action and enabled Bucko to weigh in 2 fish and gave him 1stplace on the podium! Well done Bucko.



Sadly, no other members were able to catch a fish of legal size to weigh in, although former Club member and Hollands Landing regular, Matt Bailey, surprised everyone when he presented a bag of 8 fish, including one which, had he have been a member, would have established a new Club record for bream. Interestingly, all fish were caught on sandworm. Still, it was an enjoyable weekend!



The Hollands Landing Crew

Trip Report by Phil Staindl
Photos borrowed from Facebook contributors

Trip Reports:-

06 August 2016

Wollamai Beach

(Surf 1)

A superb day greeted the anglers who where there to brave the first surf comp.

A break in the bleak wet and windy weather was welcomed and made the fishing off the beach extremely pleasant. I even decided to take my family and watched as my son frolicked by the shoreline. Ah kids, to not feel the biting cold would on winter days like this would certainly be advantageous.



Kids and the cold.

We had all sorts of angling styles on show at Woolamai, attempting to catch those elusive Salmon.

For some it was the casual approach as deck chairs provided considerable comfort on the sand. For others all thoughts of comfort were dismissed as they were decked out in full body neoprene and waded out to their nipples to launch their casts as far as possible. Then there were the more traditionalists content to only get their wader ankles wet as they cast out their baits or metal slugs.

The fishing today was all about location and for those that did not hit the beach early enough, they were forced wide onto the edge

of the best gutter. Unfortunately today the fish were certainly in the gutters

Andrew with his full body immersion technique proved it to be very successful and caught 4 fish (1.692kg) and took out the competition. A worthy first competition victory for Andrew.

Michael S, who took the more casual deck chair approach, showed that it too could be extremely successful. He managed 2 fish (0.716kg) for 3rd place.

Special mention goes out to Dave O. Having been forced to fish wide to one side of a gutter he spent an unsuccessful day casting metal slugs. As he was walking back to the weigh in he passed Ron who was also packing up. In the true fishermans spirit there is always time for one last cast and frustratingly Ron watched Dave proceed to drag out three respectable salmon in as many casts, from the very spot that Ron had been fishing. This last minute haul (1.512kg) was good enough to nab Dave 2nd place.

Another great winter day out in the sun and surf.



Look closely and you'll see the neoprene and deck chairs.

Trip Report and photos by Andres V.

Trip Reports:-

20 August 2016

Gunnamatta Beach

(Surf 2)

Oh what a difference a fortnight makes. Many people nominated for the second surf competition but predictions of strong winds, rain and big seas certainly dampened the spirits of the Sandi Anglers.

And so it was that only the truly committed or maybe slightly crazed remained. That was how I found myself with Dave and JB as the only anglers at Gunnamatta beach for surf competition number two.



All smiles to start the day, shame there were no winning smiles at the end.

Certainly competition for the best gutters was not going to be a problem today. Even the surfers were few and far between.

Unfortunately the predicted weather did eventuate with the wind gusts being strong enough to blow away a deck chair. Maybe that's why Michael was not able to make this competition.

The strong winds whipped up the dreaded sand and drove it across the beach making life extremely uncomfortable. Even worse it left a fine covering over all the gear.

And for all our efforts and hardiness the only thing our adventurous anglers had to show for it was one crab. Sometimes as anglers you truly don't get the returns you truly deserve for your efforts.



No competition for spots at the gutter on this day.

Thankfully at least the rain held off for most of the day. The downpour eventually caught us whilst we were enjoying our traditional Guest Street, take away lunch stop.



Don't be fooled by the blue sky. The empty beach says it all.

*Trip Report by Andres V
Photos by Andres V.*

Trip Reports:-

28 August 2016

Blue Rock Lake

(Try a new place)

An unofficial club trip to Bemm river saw most of our regular anglers away during the running of the annual “try a new place social comp”.

This unfortunately kept the turn out low, and even caused mutterings of potential cancellation. I was still keen to try this lake as it is one of the few lakes in Victoria that gives you chance at finding and landing an elusive Australian Bass.



It was a lovely drive out to the lake. Once you turned off the Monash/Princes Highway the road passed through rolling hills with farmland and

forest. The lake itself was also picturesque. Sadly I spent many hours and many kilometers walking the banks and casting plastics, celtas, wobblers and hardbody lures with not a single nibble to show for it.

One other angler similarly tried off the bank and one club member fished out of his yak. Both similarly had no returns.

For all the lack of fish action, I was still extremely impressed with the scope for the land based fisherman, Kilometres of shore line, rocky points, flats and submerged timber all gave the angler encouragement to walk just that little bit further.

Jim trolling Tassie devils with Marco, early in the day landed a respectable trout. Then passing one point thought he was snagged and it turned out to be a fish. Original thoughts were that Jim had landed a lovely bass. Instead it turned out to be a thumping Redfin which tipped out on the measuring mat at 44cm. This made it one of the bigger redfin caught at a club competition in a very long time and is now the length record for Victorian redfin. Congratulations on another successful “try a new place” competition for Jimmy who has certainly developed a knack of winning this particular competition.



Trip Report and Photos by Andres V.

Trip Reports:-

10-11 Sept 2016 Gippsland Rivers (Estuary 2)



It had been some good number of years since the Club held a comp at the Gippsland Rivers as the returns had diminished to virtually nothing and people grew tired of returning to the same location repeatedly without any fish to show for their efforts. So it was with some trepidation that we returned, with good numbers booking into the Camping Ground at Nicholson and enjoying catching up with some past Club members at the local Pub in the evening. The weather forecast was not looking good, and the Saturday certainly produced some strong winds and, in some parts, some very heavy localised showers. However, everyone managed to get out for a fish, and the results were quite stunning.

Of the 8 members at the weigh in, 7 presented fish for weighing (Michael Holland enjoys catching them, but nobly releases them again!). The tough weather conditions on the Saturday were offset but the numbers weighed in, as conversely, the weather on the Sunday was glorious, but virtually no additional fish weighed in.



The results saw a total of 24 fish weighed in for a combined weight of 16.434kgs, with Willow fishing on Hatystac presenting a nice

bag of 7 fish to give him 1st place. New Club President, Craig Waller, whilst only weighing in 4 fish, was a mere 300grams behind Ron and took out 2nd place. The reason for such a heavy bag was because Craig weighed in a beautiful bream that tipped the scales at 1.874kgs, and finally surpassed the long standing bream record set by the maestro, Ralph Doderill, many years ago. Congratulations Craig – a great result and a great fish, and the beaming smile on your face was a sight to behold. Michael Shakik earnt himself a second podium finish for the new season, with a couple of regulars such as Blackie and Dave C getting amongst the points as well.



However, the happy and sad tale of the weekend goes to John Matheson, who fished with Craig Waller for the weekend. John had set his sights on catching a record breaking fish, and thought his prayers had been answered when he pulled in a monster bream. After an unofficial weight check on Craig's scales, which show the fish nudging the magical 2kg mark, John asked for a photo to which Craig duly obliged. However, a fish doesn't get to be that size without having a trick or two in its armoury, and just as John was holding the fish up for Craig to photograph, the wily bream perfected a double backward somersault with a twisted pike at the end, and not only slipped out of John's hands but managed to clear the side of the boat and return itself to the safety of the Nicholson River. Now as caring and

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empathetic fellow club members, we could but commiserate with John over his near record catch. But then at the Pub that night after a few beers, the story certainly yielded plenty of laughs and jocularity!

Commiserations John, but thanks for a fishing trip story that will be told through the ages! (And also for a great early favourite for the Paddle Award!).



Smiles for the winners, frowns for those that came so close.

*Trip Report by Phil Staindl.
Photo borrowed from Facebook*

New Club Record.....

The Gippsland Rivers Trip was an extremely successful one for Craig whom now has added the black bream to his growing list of Victorian Club records. For the record books his fish weighed in at 1.874kg



.....Congratulations Craig.

25 September 2016

Northern Port Phillip Bay

(Trailer Boat 1)

Unfortunately a strong wind forecast on the scheduled day of this competition resulted in the cancellation of the comp in the early hours of the morning. And for the 1 or 2 brave souls who ventured out, their experience only confirmed the wisdom of the decision to cancel!

8-9 Oct 2016

Lake Tyers (Estuary 3)



The decision to move the Lake Tyers competition

from the depths of Winter to early Spring proved to be a masterstroke on the part of the Angling Secretary, with a very healthy 17 members making the long journey to East Gippsland, and 12 of those members weighing in fish over the course of the 2 days.

Although conditions were a little breezy at times, most of us fishing were able to tuck into coves and inlets to get out of the wind and fish in the process. There was a good mix of fish caught as well, with bream, dusky flatheads, tailor and even a luderick weighed in. Ron and Craig both weighed in 7 fish, with Ron's bag slightly heavier by a margin of 500 grams or thereabouts, and a new face on the podium, Paul Lagwa, came in 3rd with a good sized luderick which tipped the 1kg mark on the scales.

Special mentions also for individual fish catches to Dave C, with a bream at 912 grams,

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and Bill de Voss with a Dusky that tipped the 1 kg mark.



Lovely Stretch of river at Cherry Tree

All in all, a very good comp and one that will be etched into the same time in the calendar in the years to come! Oh, and anyone whose game, ask the President about his encounter with the local water police!!



Another Week End Trip another pub meal

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

Photos by Dave C and Greg S

21 -23 October 2016

Jeff Worle Trophy

(Snapper 1)

Disappointment is really the only word that can sum up this particular competition. The fickleness of the weather transferred itself to the fickleness of the fish, and although we had 14 people fish over the course of the weekend, only 2 fish were weighed in.

Oh, and in case you haven't worked out who weighed those fish in, it was Ron and Craig. Nothing spectacular, but they were legal!! Well done guys – another 1st place for Ron and another 2nd for Craig!

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

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12 - 13 Nov 2016

Lake Eildon

(Freshwater 1)

The Eildon comp suffered a little this time round as the date had to be shifted so as to avoid a clash with the Cup Day extended weekend, where the sage advice was to avoid the water at all costs unless you have a love of jetskis and loud boats. As a consequence, numbers were down a little, although we still managed to have 11 people fish, with the Yak boys camped out at Fraser National Park and the rest ensconced in the comforts of a house in Eildon. Conditions were tough. It was windy, at times rainy, cool temperatures and the fishing was slow. We were hoping to land some of the mighty Murray cod or at the very least, some yellow belly natives, but sadly, and in spite of some serious targeting of these species, it turned out to be only trout that were weighed in.



Jon Bentley had the heaviest brown trout, weighing in at .704 grams, but Ron with his 2 fish (picked up on the troll late in the day on the Saturday) saw his offering being enough to take yet another first place on the podium. JB came in second with Craig relegated to 3rd place. A special mention to John Matheson who weighed in the only rainbow for the weekend and also to Marco Rizzi, who fished on the Friday and had a

fantastic session. It was just a pity it was before the comp officially started. Oh, and there is one other thing I suppose I have to mention. Your scribe managed to set what I think is a new record for breaking rods in a weekend. Not 1, not 2, but 3 – yes that's right – 3 rods were damaged throughout the course of the weekend by yours truly. However, I'm denying reports that there were the occasional sobs emanating from my room on the Saturday night!!'

Trip Report by Phil S.

Photo by Craig W

18 - 20 November 2016

Club Memorial Trophy

(Snapper 3)

Good numbers tried their collective luck across Westernport and Port Phillip in the 2nd snapper comp held over the weekend of 18th-20th November, and with good conditions prevailing, hopes were high that some decent catches would finally be weighed in. Alas, this wasn't to be the case, with only 4 fish for a combined weight just shy of 10kgs presented to the weigh master.

I was out on Westernport with Bucko, and as we didn't have any fish for the weigh in, we didn't make it back to the Clubrooms to hear the trials and tribulations of the weekend's fishing. All I can report is that it was another 1st place for Ron with 2 fish, Steve Wilson picked up a nice size snapper from his yak, and Craig filled out the placings with a nice snapper to snare 3rd spot.

Trip Report by Phil S.

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4 - 6 November 2016

80th Anniversary Comp

(Snapper 2)

Challenging conditions kept participation in the 3rd and final snapper comp for the season to the desperate and foolhardy. I fished with Craig out of Corinella early on the Saturday morning and in very trying conditions for a zero return, and decided to leave it at that. But one thing cannot be disputed and that is the resolve of Craig, for he was back out on Port Phillip early on the Sunday morning and this time managed to land a couple of fish of sufficient weight to give him a competition win.

Jim Kavanagh came in 2nd with a slightly smaller bag of 2 fish whilst Mark Osborne landed a fish to be the only other SAC member to weigh in a fish. Early season leader, Ron W may live to rue the day he decided to stay in bed that Sunday morning under the notion that conditions were not conducive to fishing, for the win by Craig made the standings at the top of the table extremely close.

Trip Report by Phil S

11 December 2016

Southern Port Phillip Bay - Sorrento

(Trailer Boat 2)

The final event prior to Xmas was the second trailer boat comp in Southern Port Phillip Bay, and a healthy contingent of 12 ventured down to Sorrento to enjoy light to moderate winds and a variety of different species of fish on offer.

There was a wide variety of fish weighed in, ranging from salmon, squid, whiting, flathead and trevally, and the good news was that nearly everyone fishing managed to land something to present to the weighmaster!

After going the entire snapper season without turning a reel, your faithful scribe – fishing with wily JB on Redgum, managed to land 2 very nice gummies, the heaviest of which tipped the scales at almost 11.5 kgs, and with a combined bag weight of over 18kgs, ensured first place on the day.



David Oates was one of the yak contingent who got amongst the action, and managed to bag out on a school of salmon to ensure he took out 2nd place for the day, and a new face on the podium was enjoyed by Michael Schilson-Josling, who also bagged out on the salmon, and weighed in a healthy bag of 10 fish.



Phil with one of his nice gummies

So we now take a pause in the competitive fishing, which will allow our two runaway leaders in Craig and Ron to regroup and plan their respective tactics for the New Year. We resume with the 3 whiting comps from early January, and with plenty of competitions to go in the 2nd half of the season, it is still anyone's to win. In the meantime, have a safe and happy Xmas to you all, and may you enjoy tight lines wherever you are fishing.

Trip Report by Phil S

Championship Ladders



Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (Mid Season Result 2016)

1 st	Craig W	153
2 nd	Ron W	146
3 rd	Dave O	61
4 th	Phil S	59
5 th	Caroline T	49
6 th	Michael S	46
=7 th	Jon B	38
=7 th	Terry B	38
=7 th	David B	38
10 th	David C	36
11 th	Michael H	35
12 th	John M	34
13 th	Andres V	30
14 th	Andrew K	27
15 th	Greg S	27

Club Championship:-

A tight race has developed at the head of the championship ladder. Our new Club President has nosed to the lead with an excellent final round competition at Southern Port Phillip. He's had a consistent year in all the disciplines, whether it is in the surf, the fresh or out of his boat on the estuaries. The question is can he continue his form or will the usual burden of the presidency catch up with him as it has for our past presidents. His main competition will come from Willow who is equally having a fantastic season. He has won an impressive 5 competitions this year. Unfortunately a couple of Zero fish days has cost him, but he is still only 7 points behind. Sadly the rest of the field is well behind. But a couple of competition victories and some bad days for Craig or Ron could see that lead narrow quite quickly. Dave Oates in third is leading the chasing pack

And our reigning angling champ, Phil is in fourth. He must have set himself the additional challenge of a come-back victory this year as he missed most of the first half of this year. His recent big catches show that he hasn't lost some of that winning touch from last year.

Good luck to all our anglers and we look forward to seeing you on the water next year.

Gunboat Award:-

Craig on Walleroo has a much more comfortable lead in the gunboat championship. Willow will have a tough task to bridge the 52 point lead. It's encouraging to see a new contender in 6th Place. Club Boat has made a dash up the ladder. It is very pleasing to see the boat get some use and more importantly be successful in catching fish. Hopefully if enough people use it we may be privileged one day to see it take out the Boat Captains award.

Boat Captains Ladder (Mid Season Results 2016)		
1 st	Walleroo	193
2 nd	Willow	141
3 rd	Haystack	107
4 th	Slapper	57
5 th	Blacky	49
6 th	Club Boat	37
7 th	YakkitiYak*	35
8 th	Redgum	25
9 th	Sandyak*	20
=10 th	PaulYak* & Physiyak	17

Kayak Championship:-

Kayak King Ladder (Mid Season Results 2016)		
1 st	YakkitiYak	35
2 nd	SandyYak	20
=3 rd	PaulYak	17
=3 rd	Physiyak	17
5 th	CraddyYak	15

Plenty of yakkers have been fishing in this years competition, but few of them have been fortunate enough to have repeated success on the water. This means that there is a bunch of 5 Kayaks all within one god competition win of the top. Hopefully the weather is kind next year and we see them all on the water to make it an exciting race to the end.

Upcoming Competitions:-

With another windy snapper season behind us, it's time to look forward 2017 and hopefully get amongst some whiting, and as the weather cools some trout. And if you are not the competitive type then don't forget the clubs yearly social trip to paradise – Mallacoota will be coming up quickly in March.

Upcoming Competitions (January 2016– June 2016).

Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
January 15	Westernport	Whiting 1	Weigh In Hastings/Corinella 3PM, Lo/Tide 09:45am, H/bag of 10
January 28	Westernport	Whiting 2	Weigh In Hastings/Corinella 3PM, HI/Tide 13:45pm, H/bag of 10
February 12	Port Philip	Whiting 3	Weigh In SAC Club rooms 4PM, Lo/Tide 11:00pm, H/ Bag of 10
Feb 18 & 19	Port Albert/ Welshpool	Trailer Boat 3	Weigh in Port Albert Ramp Sat 5pm, Sun Noon, H/bag of 10
March 4 - 11	Mallacoota Inlet	Social Week	Club Social trip – Surf and Estuary and Ocean – No Points
March 25 & 26	Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy. (West Coast TBD)	Trailer Boat 4	Weigh in 5pm Sat & 12noon Sunday Weigh in location (TBD), H/bag of 10
April 9	Port Phillip	Trailer Boat 5	Weigh In SAC Club rooms 4PM, Lo/Tide 08:15am(SP), H/ Bag of 10
April 29	Western Port & Outside	Trailer Boat 6	Weigh In Stony Point/Corinella 3PM, HI/Tide 13:45pm, H/bag of 10
May 13 & 14	Roger Clarke Memorial Trophy. (Lake Dartmouth)	Freshwater 2	Weigh in 4pm Sat & 12noon Sunday H/bag per day
May 28	TBD	Surf 3	Weigh In 3:30 PM, Hi/Tide 14:00pm, H/bag of 10 (Fish to be cleaned)
June 17 & 18	Lake Eildon / Pondage	Freshwater 3	Weigh in 4pm Sat & 12noon Sunday H/bag of 10

Social Calender:-

Fishing Instructional Lake Tyers:-

We were fortunate to have in Early October David Bell come to the clubrooms to give us a presentation on fishing Lake Tyers. David has many years of experience fishing the lake. This was excellent timing as the club was heading down for its regular week end estuary trip shortly after the presentation.



He generously shared with us a host of fishing spots from the lower lakes to up the narrow arms of the various rivers. He also shared with us his fishing tips which included:-

- ✚ Anchoring by using two poles in the shallows to keep the boat from swinging in the wind.
- ✚ Alternatively park your boat up on the mud banks and fish the drop offs.
- ✚ Using fresh local prawns for bait
- ✚ Fish as light a sinker as possible with some loose line and watch for the line to move off, then strike.
- ✚ If you are not getting bites for a while then reel line in a few turns, and wait a few minutes. Then bring in bait on a slow wind. A good technique for enticing flathead bites.

For myself never having been to Lake Tyers it was an informative and useful session especially the advice on good shore based fishing spots. So if you are interested in learning about new areas and fishing tips keep your eyes on Facebook, the website or the

social calendar for upcoming presentations and events and come along and support the club.

80th Anniversary Dinner.

To celebrate the Club's 80th Anniversary, a group of members and friends attended the Sandringham Hotel on Saturday, 17th September.



The Sandringham Hotel is a club sponsor and we were provided with our own room, which created a nice atmosphere for a pleasant evening.

We were honoured to have our longest serving members, Fred and Mavis Bouyer present. Also a number of newer members created a good mix.



Perhaps the club could have more social outings which allow all attendees to relax.

Report by David Clark

Social Calender:-

Club Fund Raiser – Bunnings BBQ

The club recently held its fundraising Bunnings BBQ.

A big thank to all those that volunteered their time and helped on the day and organising the food and equipment prior to the day.



Paddle Nominations:-

It appears that the paddle nominees will receive a small reprieve in this edition of the newsletter. This is mainly due to work commitments and general busy pace of life I have not been attending Club nights or fishing competitions as regularly as I would like. The reprieve is only temporary as those that have been caught doing those forgetful, painful or costly deeds will have been recorded into the book and no doubt all will be revealed later in the season during presentation night.

Of the events I have been privy too Phil has already alluded to them in his reports. But I guess they are worth elaborating on.

Last year there was a spate of costly rod breakages and losses (and I believe I managed to contribute one to that sad total). This year was progressing nice and quietly until Phil

came along to Eildon. As he confessed he managed to break three rods that weekend. Two were in the line of fire whilst trolling and one in the dreaded car door. Apparently that last one all happened in slow motion and he could do nothing to stop the inevitable crunch. Anyway if it's any consolation we thank Phil for his honesty in outing himself.

Also with a small mention on that Eildon Trip is JB and our president. Apparently Craig managed to lose some fish whilst trolling. A poorly set drag saw a very quick bust off. Their day also ended poorly when copping a bit of a buffeting trying to retrieve their boat in the afternoon. In their defence, most people that afternoon found the boat retrieving difficult as the wind was howling and pushing all the boats onto the rocky shoreline. Its a shame that the launching facilities at such a popular and busy boating area is so poor.

The final nomination is again our president. During the Tyers trip he received a random inspection by the water police. He nearly passed with flying colours except that he was not wearing his life jacket at the time. As they say in the classics he was "Let of with a warning". Unfortunately for Craig the Water police also inspected several other club boats (whom were also I'm glad to say were all ok). But on hearing that they were from the angling club the police went on to recount the tale on how they had come across our president earlier in the day.

To all those members whom have received nominations, I look forward to telling your story in the next edition.

Social Calender:-

It's Christmas time and with the festive season comes the usual conundrum of what to get that special person something both meaningful and useful. If their passion is fishing then here are some ideas for you.



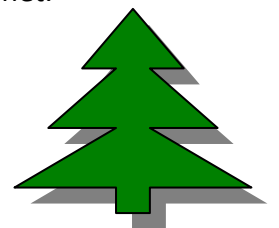
Or if you were the type that dreaded those personal presents, in particular those knitted by a loved one, then how about getting in early with a fishing themed pattern.



If you like any of these gifts then you know where you can get them.

-----On the net.

Alternatively if you are just looking to score some brownie points with a significant other (which if done correctly will get you a leave pass for a week end on the water), then how about something that says I love you.



Social Calender:-

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Angling club then please drop us a note on email. Our email address is info@sandringhamanglersclub.com

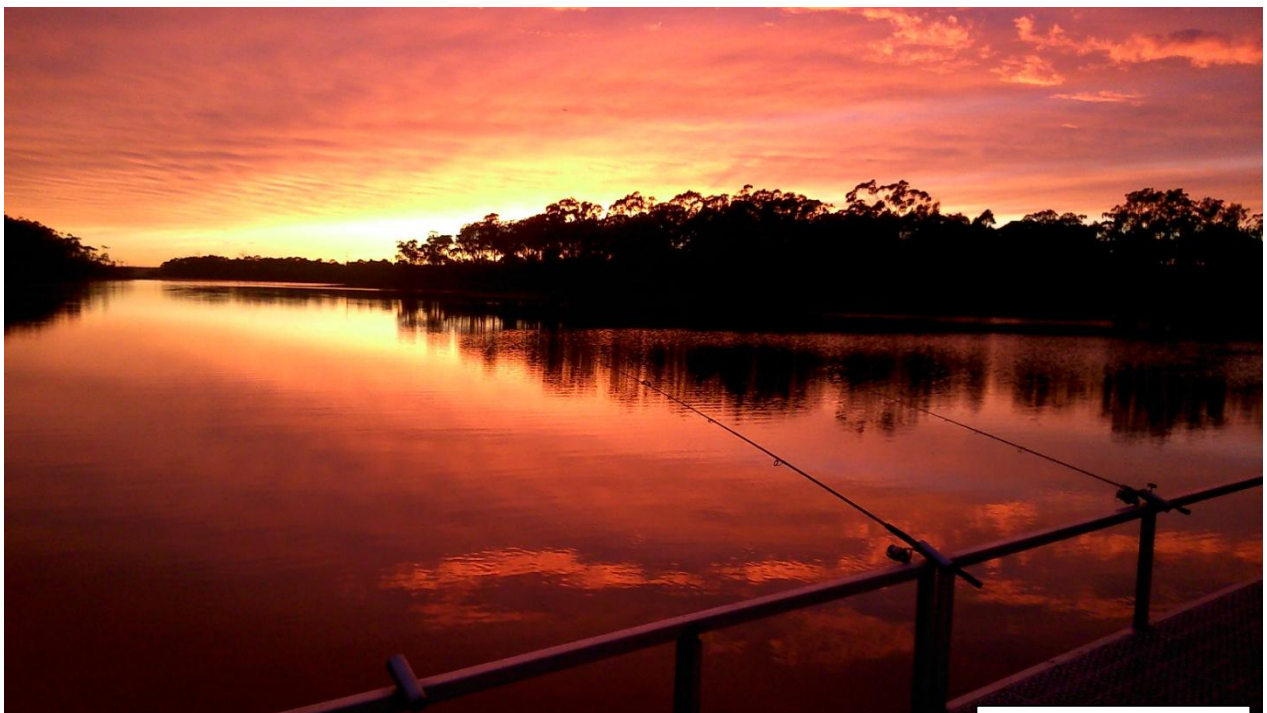
Alternatively come down to club night on Tuesdays from 8pm and have a chat.
(Just follow the dotted line)



Surf 1 -

I would like to end this edition of the newsletter by wishing all club members and their families the best of the season's wishes and a prosperous New Year. We hope to see you all safe on the water or down at the clubrooms in 2017.

Thanks.....Ed (Andres).



Lake Tyers