

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:-

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Sandringham Angling News. With lots of foul wintery weather and work commitments that have taken me away from home for some of this season, I have unfortunately not been on hand as often as I'd like to witness and report on the goings on around the club and at our fishing competitions.

I would like to thank those that have filled the treasury brief whilst I was away and all those members that have contributed with fishing reports and photos to make sure that the newsletter continues to provide interesting and informative information.

And remember the presses are never silent for long so please keep the photos, rumours and news coming so that it can be published in the next newsletter.

Thanks.....Ed.

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Presidents Report:-

Welcome everyone to the spring newsletter. We are already well into the new season and it is pleasing to see some new names on the leader boards.

Your committee has been working hard behind the scenes and we hope to have some great new ideas happening around the club, including new catch and release rules , guest speaker nights , more raffles and more ideas to enhance Tuesday nights.

We would love to see some of the members who have been in hibernation again , and as we are heading quickly towards the next snapper season now is the time to get back down to the club and catch up on all the latest .

Hope to see you all soon.

Tight Lines

Jim Kavanagh



Ahhhhh the Serenity.

Mallacoota

– Catch the trip report in this issue.

Sandringham Anglers' Club



Club Information:-



Committee:-

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 17th July 2014 and the newly elected Sandringham Anglers Club Committee for 2014/2015 is:-

President:	Jim Kavanagh
Vice President:	David Oates
Secretary:	Greg Stephens
Treasurer:	Andre Vidovic
Angling Secretary:	Ron Wilson
Property Officer:	Mark Hocking
Publicity Officer:	Peter Brown
Social Officer:	Rod Kaldor
Boat Captain	Garry Meehan
General Committee:	Dave Clark John Matheson Craig Waller

Congratulation to all those members elected to continue in their nominated positions. I would also like to extend a welcome to the new committee members whom have elected to give willingly of their time to ensure the club continues to grow and succeed. If you have any suggestions or just want to find out the direction that the committee is taking the club in then feel free to have a chat with someone from the committee:-

Thanks to Steve W who is stepping down from the committee but will continue in is role organising our most important fund raising event, the Bunnings BBQ.

AGM REPORTS

The following Reports were tabled by the executive of the previous year's' committee at the recent AGM.

AGM Presidents Report

Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their support this year, once again it has been an honour and a pleasure to represent all of you as president.

I will be standing for President again this season and look forward to any challenges the new season throws at us.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members who have worked together to make this season successful , once again the amount of work you all do always amazes me.

Also all the other members who have contributed around the club. It's hard to single out individuals as the list is too long, your contributions are very much appreciated though.

I would also like to thank all the members who have attended our working bees and club events, it's great to have the numbers we are getting to our weekends away and special events.

In closing I hope the members embrace the direction the club is going, we hope to bring in a few new ideas for getting people down the club and increasing membership this year, and if you have any suggestions to make the club better please share them with us - it's your club and we are always open to your suggestions.

Thanks
Jim.

AGM Secretary's Report

Firstly, a big thank you to all my colleagues on the Committee for all their support throughout my first year as Secretary, especially Dave Clark for his mentoring

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advice and Garry Meehan for all the administrative tasks he performs behind the scenes.

This past year has seen the Club's position strengthen with the influx of 9 new financial members along with 10 new family members raising our total membership numbers to 97.

Encouragingly, some of these new members have even nominated for roles on the next Committee which can only strengthen the Committee's position as well.

This past year also saw us vote unanimously to adopt the Consumer Affairs Victoria's new Model Rules to replace and simplify our Constitution and enable us to comply with the new Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. These new rules, and subsequent new forms and processes, were all implemented in a seamless fashion.

And finally, on a personal level, I've enjoyed the learning experience of the past year and look forward to seeing the Club continue to grow over the next year and beyond.

Greg Stephens,
Secretary

AGM Treasurers Report

I am pleased to report that the club has ended the 2014 financial year in a strong position. The club finished with a net profit of \$1415 and when adjusted on a purely cash flow basis equates to a gain of \$677.31.

The good profit result was assisted by several major factors.

- The most successful Bunnings BBQ in the clubs History. The final profit was \$2274. This is the clubs largest fundraising event so it is vitally important that all club members pitch in and help. I would like to expend my thanks all who helped in making this fundraising event such a

success especially Steve Wilson for once again organising the BBQ.

- Subscriptions are high, exceeding the strong result from last year.
- Strong presentation night takings and recording last year's presentation nights takings in this FY accounts.

The club currently has \$20,820 either in bank accounts or as cash in its float. Even though the club is in good financial position, there have been some issues resulting in reductions in revenue and increasing expenses. These should provide a focus for next year's committee to allow some improvement so that it continues to be financially strong. These issues include:-

- Revenue decrease of over \$2500 from hiring out the club rooms for private functions.
- Increase of Cost of Bar Sales, major factor being rising beer costs.
- Rising costs of utilities such as electricity, water and council rates.

Next year should hopefully see the club maintain its strong financial position as long as we maintain the momentum of increasing memberships and participating in another successful Bunnings fund raising BBQ.

I would like to thank the assistance of my fellow committee members in handling payments, purchasing of club consumables and the prompt and efficient handling of receipts, especially since I have been absent for some periods of time throughout the year. It is these things that make the role of treasurer easier to execute.

Andre Vidovic

Club Information:-

Overdue Membership Subscriptions:-

With the start of the new fishing season also comes the time to renew your membership. If you are not currently financial then payment can be made by one of three methods.

1. Cheque made payable to the Sandringham Anglers Club and mailed to:-
PO Box 98 Hampton Vic 3188
2. Direct credit. (Send an Email to the club at info@sandringhamanglersclub.com and we will forward our account details. Don't forget to put you name down on the bank transaction so we know who has made the payment.
3. Come down to club night on Tuesdays and pay by cheque or cash.

Boat Ramp Closure:

We all felt the force of this seasons' extreme weather and I suspect we will be living with its effects well into snapper season. Here is a report provided by Craig on the damages caused by the storms.....

Tuesday 24th June wasn't just another run of the mill day for weather. The Bureau of Meteorology Senior Forecaster Gary Messen said chilly winds swept the state making the mercury plummet from an actual 11.8 degrees to an apparent temperature of minus 3.3 degrees in Melbourne.

Across Victoria, wild winds caused havoc, with South Channel Fort experiencing gusts of up to 122km/h, closely followed by Fawkner Beacon with gales of 103km/h.

Melbourne's recent major storm event has forced the closure of Bayside boat ramps at Half Moon Bay in Black Rock and North Road in Brighton until further notice.

A risk assessment, undertaken by Bayside City Council, has determined that due to the destruction of the catwalk at Half Moon Bay and damage to the North Road jetty, anyone launching or retrieving a vessel is exposed to unacceptable risk.

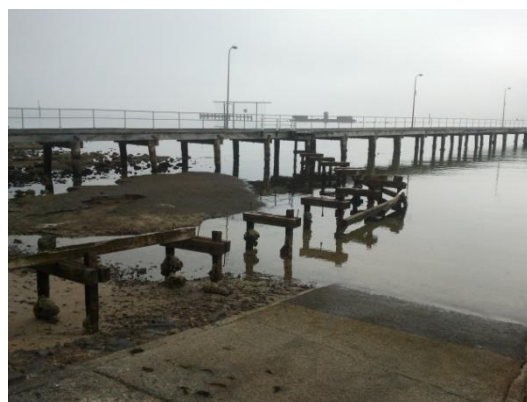
Council is currently undertaking an assessment of the damage and working on the repair and replacement of these popular facilities. Mariners are advised that the nearest boat ramps to these facilities are located at Mordialloc to the south and St. Kilda to the north.



Black Rock before the storms



PPB during the storms



Black Rock after the storms

01 - 02 February 2014

Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy

Portland (Trailer Boat 3)

Competition cancelled rescheduled, then cancelled, rescheduled then cancelled and finally awarded during the Port Albert trip. See report that follows. Ahhh! Winter, so fickle.

22 – 23 February
2014

Port Albert

(Trailer Boat 4)



(Report by Greg Stephens).

Ten members made the trek south to Port Albert, the town with no beer after the local historic pub burnt down earlier in the week. Fortunately, the Victoria Hotel in Alberton provided a courtesy bus to allow the intrepid travellers some time to relax with a pre-comp Counter meal and a few beverages.



Home Sweet Home

Awaking on Saturday morning, the eager fishos were greeted with a howling wind. Not to be dismayed, 4 boats and 2 kayaks ventured out and fished for the best part of the day, although restricted to the inlet due to the winds.

After Day 1, Mark Hocking led the charge despite a banana being spotted on his boat the night before. Plenty of nice sized Yank Flatties and some mullet were weighed in with the overnight leaders being Mark, David Oates, and new member Robert Kaldor competing in his first comp.

After another Counter meal and few more beverages at the Victoria, the lads retired to bed early and awoke to glorious conditions on the Sunday.

Once again the 4 boats headed out but the kayakers decided to pack up early and have a quick fish from the jetty instead. Once again it was a day of Yank Flatties, mullet, and even an undersized Salmon from AI on the jetty. The final results saw little change in the overnight leaderboard with only one change - Ron nudging out Robert for 3rd place.

Final results: 1st Mark Hocking with 10 Yank Flathead for a combined weight of 3.20kg, 2nd David Oates with a 7 fish combination of Yank Flathead and Mullet weighing in at 2.93kg, and 3rd Ron Wilson with 4 Yank Flathead weighing in at just under 2kg. Special mentions to Robert for an impressive 4th place in his first comp, to Terry for the heaviest fish (a 0.89kg Yank Flathead), and to AI and his 'pedal' kayak after leaving his pedals at home!



Rob, almost his first ever weigh in

15 March 2014

Hastings, Westernport Bay

(Whiting 2)

Strong Northerly winds to 20 knots dampened the spirits of anglers and only 10 members turned up for this whiting competition.

Surprisingly four members braved the conditions in their yaks. Unfortunately none of the yakkers managed to land a weighable fish.

Of the remaining anglers only 4 weighed in. Steve showed the way bagging out with his 10 for a combined weight of 2.71 kg. His father Willow came in second with 7 for 1.618 kg and Phil landed 5 for a distant third (1.18kg).

22-29 March 2014

Mallacoota Inlet

(Social Week)



For me this is the most anticipated trip for the calendar year. Not only is Mallacoota a fantastic fishery where even on a bad day you can still catch some fish. It also has some magnificent scenery and lots to keep an active family entertained just a short drive, walk or bike ride away.

It appears the many other club members feel the same way as we had a large turn out making the long trip this year. Sixteen members, several families and one visitor fished. Eight members were fishing from boats, the rest from kayaks or shore. Some keen fishos, (namely Phil and Bucko) even made the long journey just to fish for a few days.

The club booked out the usual digs, two units and the large house at the usual Adobe mud brick units.



Paella Night. A new tradition is born

Unfortunately for myself and the family we had left it too late and could not get a booking so ended up staying in town. This meant I missed the usual evening banter and rumours recounting the days fishing exploits. The one advantage in staying somewhere different is that I had a chance to fish new areas that I had not visited during last year's trip.

One member, Willow had the worst of luck. A back injury sustained on the eve of the trip meant he was unable to fish for most of the week. This must have been torture looking out of the unit windows at the expanse of fishy waters and knowing that he couldn't get amongst it. Oh well thankfully in Mallacoota there is always next year.

My two goals for this Mallacoota week were simple, trying to catch a big blue nose bream and a big crocodile of a flathead.

On three occasions, I was fishing at night from shore, I had that momentary excitement of believing I'd hooked a croc. A strong bite with the drag starting to peel off line always puts the heart in the throat. Unfortunately the joy was short lived as the "big" run ended in a dead weight which took a locked up drag to shift. Two stingrays, two lost rigs. The third run was more positive, heavy with thumping head shakes. End result about a metre and a half of thick eel. Oh well no crocodile this year but at least I ticked off on the big bream. My only one for the trip

but a beauty. The good thing is that it gives me further incentive to come back next year.

Terry also got into some nice bream as did JB whom managed the equal largest for the trip.



Terrys' daytime Blue Nose Andres' night Blue Nose

The good thing this year was as I ranged far and wide fishing the various jetties and shore based spots, I had the fortune to continually run into other club members frequenting the same jetties. This included John M, Ronny R and Jim. They seemed to be catching their fair share of fish land based and were thoroughly enjoying themselves. If you don't have access to a boat and want to participate in some of the most varied and potentially successful land based fishing then I thoroughly recommend you make the trip next year.



Just Love those Jetties

The fishing this year was definitely tougher than last year, as was the weather. Eight members again participated in the DPI survey log book

programme. Dave Clark, once again generously organised the log books and compiled the results. They show that the fish in both quantity and size were down on last year.

A comparison of the two year's fishing is shown below.

(Results are based on the following):-

- 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

Species	Qty Caught & Ave Size(cm) 2014	Qty Caught & Ave Size 2013
Bream (All Sizes)	95 (25.81)	131 (26.9)
Bream (Legal Size)	63 (27.63)	74 (28.65)
Flathead (All Sizes)	59 (35.23)	98(32.9)
Flathead (Legal Size)	56 (42.57)	69 (35.39)

- Largest Flathead was 46cm caught by Andres.
- Largest Bream 40cm was shared with JB and Andres.
- Smallest capture recorded: Dave Clark – snapper 9 cm.
- Other species caught Tailor, pinky snapper, trevally, flounder, leather jacket, salmon, mullet and Eel.

The now traditional Paella Night, once again cooked by David Oates, was another roaring success. Hopefully next year I will get to stay closer to the group and enjoy some of this mythical fare.

One last club tradition was also completed on the final night of the trip, a meal at the local pub. This year entertainment was provided by a travelling sporting club that was having an end of season dress

up. This provided much amusement amongst the other pub patrons. So that's it for another 12 months. For many it means a long wait before we can do it all again. I know that I am certainly counting the days down.

The biggest down side to Mallacoota is that it is such a long way away. JB had an unexpectedly longer trip home thanks to a trailer malfunction. A punctured tyre along with a seized wheel nut led to a long delay. Some assistance from other club members including our president saw him back on his way. A gentle reminder that regular maintenance on your trailers is always recommended. Even more so if you are planning on doing those long trips away



Family friendly fishing spots

13 April 2014

Hastings, Westernport

(Whiting 3)

The third and final whiting competition for the season was held at Westernport. Once again a dual weigh in location was trialled. The first was

at Stony Point and the second at Coronet bay, which is a favourite for the kayak Contingent.

It proved to be a very tough day on the whiting. 11 members fished and their locations ranged from the Middle Spit, Coronet Bay and Sa Remo.

Plenty of fish species were caught but not many of them were whiting. Dave made the best choice fishing San Remo in his Kayak. This led to a productive session catching 13 Whiting of which his heaviest 10 went for 2.045 kg. On a slow day Craigs' 1



Dave shows us how its done -Bags out on Whiting.

fish (0.182kg) was good enough for second place. Congratulations to Craig who takes out a placing in his first competition.

27 April 2014

Woolamai to Wonthaggi

(Surf 3)

A difficult day in the surf. The day itself was a pleasant one for fishing with some sunshine and light winds. There was however, some side current and heavy swells after a windy week beforehand.

Five Sandi Anglers fished this competition and there were many other anglers on the beach but little action. The beaches that were fished included the Powlett river mouth and Anzacs.

After a slow day only 1 fish was weighed in. That was a salmon of 860 grams. Congratulations go out to John Matheson, a new member who has now won his first surf competition.

17 - 18 May 2014

R Clarke Memorial Trophy.

Lake Dartmouth

(Freshwater 3)



The traditional Dartmouth weekend for some members is almost as popular and compulsory as the Mallacoota social week. One thing's for sure it is almost as far in travel terms.

Most anglers brace for the frigid mornings when they fish the lake. This year was a pleasant surprise with some mild weather and the chill not as bad as expected.

Nine members made the trip to Dartmouth with most in boats, our president trying his luck fishing off the banks and Greg as always with his trusty kayak in tow. The exceptionally clear weather with little wind certainly made ideal weather for kayaking.



The chill winter scenery at the SAC house Dartmouth

It was maybe this clear weather that made the fish a little hook shy and harder to find than in previous year's.

Phil with his son Ben on board spent the two days trolling and managed to catch 4 fish

between them for the week end. This was good enough for fourth and third place respectively.

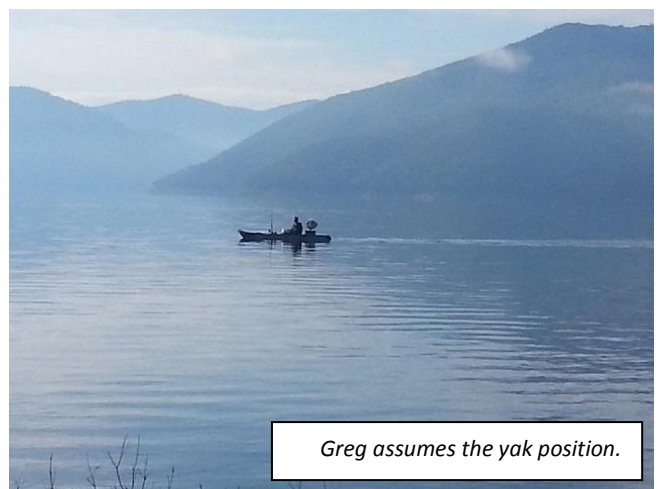
JB trolled his way around the lake and only managed to catch 2 weighable fish for the trip. One was a brown and the second a small rainbow which was the only one weighed in that week end. This bag was good enough to win second position.

Peter backing up from last year's successful trout season managed a solid 4 fish (all browns) which took him to another freshwater competition victory. Peter fished with his brother who also managed to catch a couple of smaller browns.



Jimmy tries the banks.

Showing his dedication to catching trout Peter took some time out of fishing to show everyone how not to troll, especially when it results in backing your boat up and cutting all your own fishing lines. Surely an effort worthy of a paddle award?



Greg assumes the yak position.

1 June 2014

Port Phillip Bay.

(Trailer Boat 5)

The winter weather I feel has put off many of our fishos' from attending recent competitions. Only 8 members and 2 guests fished this competition that was held on our door step. Even though the day was cold thankfully it was calm and only spoilt by some early mist (oh and the lack of fish).

By all reports there were plenty of fish caught, in particular pinkies but unfortunately none of these were large enough to exceed the 30cm club limit.

Paul used the occasion to fish with his family (brother and father). Unfortunately they did not trouble the weigh master.



In fact it proved a frustrating day for the boaters all round as Willow was the only one who managed to weigh in a fish. This was a Yank flathead of 380 grams and on a slow day was good enough for third.

The yakkers who spent the day fishing out the front of the clubrooms had the most success. In fact for Jim and Greg the 7 flathead they caught between them proved to be good enough for first and second place. This proved to be a historic day for the Sandringham Angling club as

it was the first time ever that kayakers had taken out first and second place in a competition.



Greg's winning Bag.

For the record Greg took out the victory on the day with his four yank flathead totalling 1.24 Kgs.

Jimmy was very close behind weighing in 3 flathead for a total of 0.97 kg

14–15 June 2014

**Lake Tyers
(Estuary 2)**



Ahhhh. Lake Tyers.

A location reintroduced to the fishing syllabus two year's ago. It tempted us with one seasons' fantastic bream fishing that had club members enthusiastic to return. Since then it's given us nothing but doughnuts.

Lake Tyers before the foul weather rolled in



Twelve members made the trip to Lake Tyers and SAC were the only boats on the lake. It started raining Saturday mid-morning and steadily got worse and worse.



But finishes BIG. -

Only three members weighed in fish for the trip, with Dave in his kayak taking out first place, Bucko 2nd and Ron rounding out the places.



Bucko Starts off Small -

There were very few fish around during the whole week end, and the locals had advised that there had recently been a fish kill in the area. The conditions got worse on Sunday with steady rain being followed up by wind. This saw many members pack up and head for home early.



Dave - Singing in the rain -

To make a bad trip worse, some members experienced some bad luck. Terry had the misfortune of holing his boat during the trip and we need to give an honourable mention to new member Ian. He made the common rookie mistake of forgetting his sleeping bag on a week end trip. Although he gained no points for the trip at least it puts him in the running for a paddle nomination.

Championship Competition Winners

Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (Seasons End 2014)

1 st	Ron W	220
2 nd	Peter B	116
3 rd	Jon B	82
4 th	Greg S	79
=5 th	Mark H	78
=5 th	Dave O	78
7 th	Steve W	74
8 th	Phil S	73
9 th	Andre V	66
10 th	Jim K	65
11 th	Dave C	63
12 th	Terry B	49
13 th	Glen H	46
14 th	John M	35
15 th	Alex P	34

Club Championship:-

The Championship year is over and with that feeling of Déjà Vu we can announce that Willow has once again stormed to Victory. This is now his fifth Club championship in a row and truly cements his spot as the current gun angler at the club.

Peter Brown in his second year of fishing with the club finished a credible 2nd. His successful techniques fishing the fresh water and also now starting to get the hang of snapper fishing he may prove a solid challenger for next season's competition.

Perennial podium winner JB again put in a solid year's worth of fishing to finish in third place. I have listed the top 15

finishers in this year's angling competition. If you want to get your name onto the leader board then I encourage you all to attend our fishing comps next year.



Club Championship:-

Willows solid personal fishing success carried over into the gunboat points where he also managed a solid first place. This follows up his narrow victory last year. Peter in Fishinator also managed second place in the gunboat. Mark on White Lightning did not fish all that many competitions but his success in the ones that he did meant he narrowly squeezed into the last podium position.



Gunboat – trophy winner Ron W
(Trophy sponsored by Colin Grenfell)

Boat Captains Ladder (Seasons End 2014)

1 st	Willow	280
2 nd	Fishinator	188
3 rd	White Lightning	127
4 th	Haystac	119
5 th	Slapper	102
6 th	Craddy Yak	53
7 th	Mullumbimbi	52
8 th	Yakittiyak	50
9 th	WrapperYak	31
10 th	Wrapper Man	26

Championship Competition Winners

Yakkers Competition:-

The second running of the yakkers' competition saw a very tightly contested season. Of the 5 members in the club who regularly fish out of kayaks three of them went on to regularly weigh in fish during competitions. In fact kayak fishing has proved so successful that for several competitions we had kayakers take out the overall victory. Greg had a solid finish to the year with a win and a third placing leap frogging him into first place for the year.



Kayak King Ladder (Seasons End 2014)		
1 st	Craddy Yak	53
2 nd	Yakittiyak	50
3 rd	WrapperYak	31
4 th	Alyak	10

Kayak Award Winner Greg Stephens,
(Last Seasons Winner: Steve Wilson)
Trophy Sponsored by Jim & Shellie K

Category Winners:-

With the end of the competition we had many winners of the various categories throughout the year.



Jeff Worle Trophy-
Winner:- Andre Vidovic-
Last Seasons Winner :- Andre Vidovic



Memorial Shield
Winner:- Ron Wilson
Last Seasons Winner :- Andre Vidovic



Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy
 Winner:- Mark Hocking
 Trophy Sponsored by Jon Bentley
 Last Seasons Winner:- Ron Wilson



Snapper Aggregate Champion
 Winner:- Ron Wilson
 Trophy Sponsored by Phil Staindl
 Last Seasons Winner:- Andre Vidovic



Heaviest Snapper
 Seasons Winner Ron Wilson (5.136kg)
 Trophy Sponsored by: Phil Buckingham
 Last Seasons Winner: Andre Vidovic



Heaviest Flathead "The Bucko"
 Winner:- Terry Black (0.89kg)
 Trophy Sponsored by: David Buckingham
 Last Seasons Winner:- Phil Staindl



Surf Aggregate Champion
 Winner Ron Wilson
 Last Seasons Winner:- Ron Wilson



Trailer boat Aggregate Champion
 Winner:- Greg Stephens
 Last Seasons Winner: Ron Wilson



Roger Clark Memorial Trophy
 Winner:- Peter Brown (Absent)
 Last Seasons Winner: Peter Brown



Freshwater Aggregate Champion
 Winner:-Jon Bentley
 Last Seasons Winner: Jon Bentley



Heaviest Trout
 Winner:- Jon Bentley (Brown Trout 2.004 kg)
 Trophy Sponsored by Steve Anderson
 Last Seasons Winner: Phil Staindl



Most Memorable Capture
 Winner Jon Bentley (Brown Trout 2.004 kg)
 Last Seasons Winner: Andres Vidovic



Most improved Angler
 Winner:- Greg Stephens
 Last Seasons Winner:- Dave Oates

The following winners were absent on the Day:-

Heaviest Whiting
 Winner:- Steve Wilson (0.47kg)
 Sponsor Phil Staindl.
 Last Seasons Winner: Mark Hocking

Whiting Aggregate
 Winner Dave Oates (Absent)
 Trophy Sponsored by:- Ron Wilson
 Last Seasons Winner: Ron Wilson

And my apologies Ron I misplaced this photo:-

Estuary Aggregate Champion
 Winner:- Ron Wilson
 Sponsored by Margaret Webb
 Last Seasons Winner: David Buckingham

Fishing Comp: Year's Largest Species:-

Once again with the end of the fishing year we recognise those club members that have weighed in the largest of that fish species throughout the year.

Here are this year's winners:-

Saltwater Species:-

Name	Species	Weight (Kg)
Paul L	Flathead - Sand	0.492
Terry B	Flathead - Yank	0.890
Steve W	KG Whiting	0.470
Alistair F	Grass Whiting	0.320
Ron W	Snapper	5.136
Dave O	Mullet	0.338
Deb W	Leatherjacket (6 spine)	0.564
Terry	Black Bream	1.174
Ron W	Salmon	1.420



Ron presents the largest Snapper of the year

Freshwater Fish:-

Name	Species	Weight(kg)
Jon B	Rainbow Trout	0.350
Jon B	Brown trout	2.004
Glen H	Chinook Salmon	0.724



JB's Heaviest Trout for the Year

As a recap to qualify for the "Largest of the Species" for the next year 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.

Upcoming Competitions:-

It's that tough time of the year for all fisherman. The crisp mornings and sometimes the whole day seems to not want to warm up. Combined with extremely gusty wind, rain and sometimes squalls and mist it makes it extremely hard even for dedicated fisherman to get out of those warm beds to face an early morning fish. The one upside to the winter weather is that it usually means you can reliably get onto some Australian salmon off the surf beaches or if you are into your freshwater fishing some trout. Here is what you can look forward to over the coming winter and spring season.

Upcoming Competitions (July 2015– December 2014) & some that have already passed.

Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
July 12&13	Hollands Landing	Estuary 1	Weigh In Sat 5PM Sun 12 Noon, Species: Heaviest Bag 10
July 27	Wonthaggi to Woolamai	Surf 1	W/in 2.30pm H/Tide 12:38, H/ Bag 10. (Fish to be cleaned)
August 10	Melbourne Rivers and Harbours	Estuary 2	W/in 5.00 pm. SAC H/Tide 2:24pm, H/ Bag 10.
August 24	Gunnamatta	Surf 2	Weigh In 1.30 PM H/Tide 11:11am , Heaviest Bag 10 (fish to be cleaned)
Sept 6 & 7	Western Districts Lakes & Rivers	Freshwater 1	Weigh In 12 Noon both days, Heaviest Bag 10
September 21	Try a New Place competition	T.B.D closer to the date	Social Comp. Donated Prize for Heaviest Bag
Oct 11 & 12	Lake Eildon / Pondage / Goulburn	Freshwater 2	Weigh In Sat 5 PM Sun 12 Noon, Heaviest Bag 10
October 26	Jeff Worle Trophy	Snapper 1	Weigh In SAC 1 PM. H/Tide 5:39am Heaviest bag of 3 min length 40cm
November 2	(Back Up Comp Date)	(Back up Snapper 1)	
November 8 (Sat Night)	78th Anniversary Comp (Twilight)	Snapper 2	Weigh in SAC 9.45pm L/Down 3.30PM. L/Down 3.30PM H/Tide 4:05pm, H/bag 3 min 40cm.
November 23	Club Memorial Trophy	Snapper 3	Weigh In SAC 1PM, Lo/Tide 10:38am H/bag of 3 minimum length 40cm.
November 30	(Back Up Comp Date)	(Back up Snapper 3)	
Dec 14	Southern Port Phillip	Trailerboat 1	Weigh In Sorrento Boat ramp 3PM, Lo/Tide 11:45am H/bag of 10
January 18 2015	Westernport	Whiting 1	Weigh In Hastings Boat ramp 2PM, HI/Tide 10:00am, H/bag of 10

And there is no need to worry if one of the snapper days is blown out because by spring there will be plenty of small jobs to be done around the clubrooms for an impromptu working bee.

Happy Fishing.

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Ramping up the pressure.

“There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people... Religion, Politics, and The Great Pumpkin.”



This is a famous quote by Charles M Schulz, of Peanuts fame (aka Charlie Brown). For seven editions of this newsletter I have avoided all three but I feel that now might be the time to dip a toe into the water.

Being an Ex Sydney boy one of the best things I enjoy about returning to Sydney is going fishing with my brother. Part of the process that makes this pleasurable is the fact that you can turn up to any one of many boat ramps, at most times of the day, with no need to queue and then after parking your trailer nearby proceed to the fishing grounds without the need to pay any parking fees. And all this occurs in a city that supposedly has the highest cost of living in Australia, if not the world.

Contrast this with the situation in Melbourne. Long ramp waiting times, lack of sufficient trailer parking, all rounded off with a hefty daily parking fee make fishing sometimes a little bit of a chore. For a long while now it appears that Victorian trailerboat owners have been getting a raw deal. This situation has just been compounded with the recent storms resulting in damage and closure to a couple of our smaller boat ramps on Port Phillip Bay, namely Black Rock and North Road.

The current lack of time to repair these ramps and apparent lack of government and council action means that these ramps will most likely not be available for the coming snapper season. This can only mean bad news for punters wanting to launch boats as the people that used to launch at the now closed ramps are funnelled to other local ramps.



For those who launch at Patterson River accustomed to having to get there at 3am to avoid the long delays and the risk of not getting parking, the current situation may force people to depart even earlier. For some if your boat is large enough it may even mean leaving the evening before and sleeping on the boat as you wait for the dawn bite.



SOME TRAILERBOAT AND RAMP STATISTICS

Here are some interesting boating facts:-

- There are currently 268,336 Marine Licences' and 172,805 registered boats in Victoria.
- Over 95% of Victorian recreation vessel registrations are trailered boats less than 8m in length.
- 68% of Victorian registered boats are operated on Port Phillip and Westernport Bays



- There are less than 3000 car trailer parking spaces provided at metropolitan boat ramps in PPB and Westernport.

(Statistics from website <http://biavic.com.au>)

The maths is quite simple. IF 95% of boats are trailered and 86% of these use PPB or WP then $0.95 \times 0.86 \times 172,805$ equals 111,192 registered boat users who own a registered trailered boat who at some time use their boat on PPB or WP.

IF there are only 3000 trailer parking spots available then if just 3 of every 100 of these boaters decide to go for a morning fish it would result in chaos at your local boat ramp. Does this situation reflect what you are currently seeing?

WHY IS THE SITUATION SO BAD?

So why is it that a state as affluent as Victoria doesn't have adequate public boating infrastructure? Well not surprisingly you can probably lay the blame for this inaction at the feet of successive State governments (both Liberal and Labor).

The collecting and spending of monies is legislated under the Marine Safety Act 2010.

(Get a copy at. <http://www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au>)

This act states the following:-

Section 312 Fee for boating facilities and safety education

Subsection (1)

The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to a fee or other amount to be imposed on licence holders, applicants for licences, persons in whose names vessels are registered or any other class of persons—

(a) for the provision and maintenance of boating facilities and services for the public; and

(b) for the conduct of boating safety, boating education and boating promotion programs from the public.

Following on from this in clause 3 it states

(3) Any money available for the purposes of this section must be used for the purposes specified in subsection (1) and may, for those purposes, be paid to any person, authority or organisation approved by the Minister

So this Act is stating that the government MUST spend the registration and licence fees collected on the provision of boating facilities and services to the public.

What I found surprising is that the current swathe of marine licensing and trailer registration fees collected are quite sizeable

If you look at just 2013, the state government collected more than \$30 million dollars directly from boaters. This included \$10 million dollars from marine licences and boat registration fees. This is the revenue required by law to be collected as the Boating Safety and Facilities Program fee.

Disappointingly the State Government only spent \$2.64 Million dollars last year on boating Infrastructure.

Statistics and information from article dated 20 November 2013 sourced from:-

www.stkildaboatsales.com.au/captainsblog/Waittimesexcessiveatboatramps

Unfortunately this underspending is not unique to the current State government but has carried over from successive governments

This is reinforced in an article I found dating back to October 24, 2008. It stated that

“The State Government has spent \$36 million on 91 projects to improve boat ramps and facilities since 2001”

If calculated over 8 year's this equates to just \$4.5 million per year. This is also well short of the revenue being collected from boaters.

Article sourced from:- www.news.com.au/news/boat-owner-woe-being-ramped-up/

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It is this gross underspending over many year's that has resulted in the lack of adequate facilities that keeps all trailerboat owners waiting at boat ramps

Where does the Expenditure come from

Revenues are collected by the State government from boat owners licence fees and registrations. This revenue is allocated to a program called the Boating Safety & Facilities Program (BSFP).

The BSFP is a State government funding program that plays an important role in making boating safer and more accessible for all Victorians.

The Program has 4 major funding categories:-

1. Aids to Navigation
2. Search and Rescue
3. Education and Training
4. Boating Infrastructure

Category 4 is the one that directly benefits boat owners. The stated aim is that the funding for this category will assist with the development and upgrading of boating facilities including boat ramps, jetties, trailer parking, minor access dredging, selected infrastructure, boating development plans and boating communication projects such as webcams and weather stations.

For category 4, the BSFP offers grant based funding for up to 80% of the eligible project costs. Funding is open to Local waterway authorities, government agencies, committees of management and community groups. The request for funding then goes to a funding advisory panel for advice and input into grant allocation decisions.

Here is a breakdown of the expenditure from the 2013-2014 BSFP

Category	Total Spend (\$ millions)
Aids to Navigation	0.91
Search and Rescue	0.41
Education & Training	0.04
Boating and Infrastructure	2.64

The expenditure for 2013/2014 totals just \$4million of which only \$2.64million went directly on boating infrastructure. This falls well short of the \$10million dollars raised.

On this same website it stated that the "program received a \$3 million boost in the 2014-15 State Budget and will now distribute \$8 million in funding".

Any additional funding is extremely welcomed but once again it remains below the \$10million that is being taken as revenue from boat registrations and licence fees.

Figures Sourced from:-

www.transport.vic.gov.au/freight/boating-safety-and-facilities-program

WHY IS THE SITUATION THIS BAD

If the year's of continual underspending by successive State governments have led to the current lack of infrastructure, the obvious question to ask is how did it get this bad in the first place. I suspect that this situation has arisen because fisher folk and boaters in particular are not vocal in expressing their dissatisfaction. We are also disorganised in that we do not have an effective specific body to represent our views and lobby governments to get our fair share. If the car lovers of Australia can have a Motorists Enthusiast Party win a Federal Senate seat, then why is there no Boating & Fishing Enthusiasts Party.

If you consider an analogy, boat owners can be likened to the fishing cormorants of China. You've most probably seen these birds on those nature TV documentaries. These birds are trained to catch fish. Once a fish is caught the bird takes it back to the raft where the fisherman takes the fish and occasionally rewards the bird with a smaller fish. It does not matter that the cormorant appears to get a raw deal, it does not or can't fly away or refuse to fish.



What can Boat Owners Do?

So what can you do to get your voice heard and get the lack of the boating infrastructure situation addressed? There is less than a hundred days to go before the next Victorian election. This is an ideal time for trailerboat owners to speak up, have their voices heard and demand their fair share of boating infrastructure funding. As a recent Prime Minister once famously said its time that we all got a "Fair suck of the Sauce bottle".

Here is a few suggestions.

1. Get motivated, Sign a petition.

The Compleat Angler store in Bentleigh currently has a petition underway. It was started after they commenced enquires with the local council regarding the plans for the two recently damaged boat ramps. Here is a blurb from their website:-

"recent disappointing enquiries from Compleat Angler Bentleigh to the relevant authorities highlighted that no immediate or near future action plans are in place to get them up and running again for the season ahead.

Compleat Angler Bentleigh has drafted a petition and are hoping that with plenty of anglers signatures (people power) we may be able to get things happening sooner rather than later with the relevant authorities. If you can, and also agree with our commitment and passion in regards to this matter then come in and sign our petition for us to present on behalf of the many fisherman and water enthusiasts that use and enjoy our beloved Northern section of Port Phillip Bay. For further information contact Claude at the shop on 9557 8011".

The petition is being submitted at the end of September to Simon Finlay of the Bayside City Council. There is still have time to add your name to the demands for action.

2. Speak Up.

If you are active on the internet or around other fisher folk or boaters, let them know of the current situation. Post on forums and general encourage others to speak out. Remember the more noise the greater likelihood of action.

3. Let the politicians know how you feel

Phone or write to your current elected state member, local council and the current State minister directly responsible for boat ramp funding. Let them know that you are sick of the poor infrastructure available for boating and are tired of waiting for the Government(s) to fix this issue! Ask them why they are not spending ALL the \$10 Million collected from trailerboat licences and registrations on public boating infrastructure!

It is only with all levels of government acting that we will have the expenditures increased and our infrastructure improved.

Here are some contact Details:-

The Hon. David Hodgett

Minister for Ports

Email: david.hodgett@parliament.vic.gov.au

Phone:- (03) 9653 9700

The Hon. Louise Asher, MP

Member for Brighton

Phone:- (03) 9592 1900

E Mail: louise.asher@parliament.vic.gov.au

Bayside City Council

Find out who the councillor is in your ward and direct your enquiries to them:-

Phone:- (03) 95984474

The Hon. Daniel Andrews, MP

Leader of the Opposition

Phone:- (03) 9548 5644

Email: daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

4. Raise the Matter Directly.

With elections just round the corner politicians will be out on the hustings, holding town hall meetings and community talks in your local community. They may be door knocking or pamphlet bombing at your local shopping centre or train station. If you chance to meet your local politician then this would be an ideal opportunity to ask them what their proposed

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policies are with regards to public boating infrastructure. Alternatively, if you want to commence discussions at council level how about submitting a question so it can be raised at the next council meeting. The process for submitting questions can be found on the Bayside Council website.

Happy Boating.....

The cormorant Fisherman of Gui Lin

Cormorant fishing is a traditional fishing technique most famously used by fisherman on the Li river in the province of Guilin (China). This particular type of fishing was practiced in various locations across the globe but predominantly in Japan and China. Cormorant fishing has been recorded as far back as 960AD.

The Li river fisherman traditionally fish from bamboo rafts at night with lit lanterns to attract fish and several trained cormorants. The fisherman ties a noose of straw or rope around the base of the bird's throat. The birds can swallow smaller fish but larger fish become trapped in their throat. Sometimes the cormorants catch big carp that weigh 3-4 pounds. When the cormorant returns to the raft the fisherman takes the larger fish and occasionally rewards the cormorant with a smaller one.

“To some extent, this practice appears quite cruel and unfair to the birds. The poor but interesting birds work for man, not for themselves!” – *Guilin Tours*



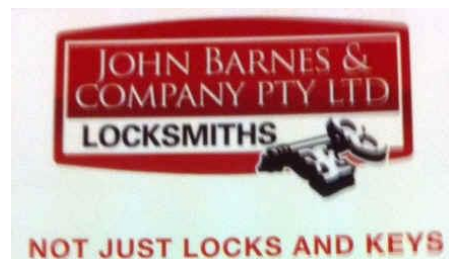
(Photo courtesy of Trish)

Information relating to the Cormorant fisherman of Guilin for this article sourced from the following websites:-
www.guilincts.com/guilintour/ &
www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cormorant_fishing

Check it out on the net.....Ed

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info@sandringhamanglersclub.com

A Taste of the Sea:-

DAVE'S FAMOUS PAELLA

To continue with the theme of all good things Mallacoota, this editions recipe pays homage to Daves signature holiday house dish, the Paella. A much talked about dish that many members of the Angling club have had great delight in tasting over several Mallacoota trips. Here is his secret recipe and if you don't have the energy to make it yourself but would like to taste it, then I strongly recommend you make the trek to Mallacoota next year.



(Daves' Paella for 8)

Ingredients:-

- 2-3 chorizo sausages sliced
- 250 grams cooked ham cubed
- 700 grams chicken thighs approx. chopped
- 8 chicken drumettes
- 12 raw prawn cutlets (preferably bought fresh at Lakes Entrance, or even better caught fresh yourself at Mallacoota.
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 large red onion, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 1 cup white wine
- 1 teaspoon of saffron threads

- 2 cups of Calasparra or Arborio rice
- 3 cups of chicken stock
- 1 red capsicum
- 1 cup of frozen peas
- 10 mussels
- 1 lemon cut in wedges
- 2 tablespoons parsley chopped

Method:-

Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in pan, add chorizo, chicken and ham and cook until sealed and golden. Remove from pan and set aside. Fry garlic and onion until soft, add tomatoes, fry for a couple of minutes. Add tomato paste, fry for about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, add quarter cup of wine to a saucepan, heat gently, add saffron, turn off heat, leave to soak for a five minutes. Add to onion/tomato mix, stir.

Add rice, stock and remaining wine to pan and bring to boil stirring frequently.

Arrange chicken, chorizo, ham and mussels over rice. Put capsicum slices over next. Sprinkle peas over next. Simmer for approx. 35-45 minutes. After 15 minutes simmering arrange prawns over top.

Do not stir the paella, just leave to simmer. It's cooked when the rice is soft and makes a crusty bottom on the pan. Garnish with parsley, serve with lemon wedges

Try adding variations like firm fish such as flathead, scallops, rabbit, squid or beans instead of peas

The paella pans (and Calasparra rice) can be brought at Casa Iberica Deli in Johnston St Fitzroy in various sizes. Proportion ingredients to suit pan size, important to maintain liquid to rice ratio of 2 to 1. Also important to have even heat over all of pan base, I use a BBQ.

A 42cm pan serves approx. 8-10 people, a 30cm one 4 people

.....Enjoy!

– A big thanks Dave for passing on his secret

Members Rig:-

2 Hook Sliding Snapper Rig

With thoughts of snapper season around the corner here is the Sandringham Anglers "Semi Official" Snapper Rig. I don't know if this rig has an official name but it was shown to me by Willow and looking at other fishos snapper rigs around the clubhouse, it appears to be a favourite amongst quite a few of our anglers. This is a rig that has worked well for me in the last few seasons, so if you are new to snapper fishing or maybe just looking at trying something different then how about giving this rig a try.

Method:-

- Add a small sinker to your main line. Line size could be anywhere from 20 to 60 lb. I prefer to use 40lb mono or flouro. The sinker size will be dependent on the tide and wind conditions that you are expecting.
- Thread on a hook to the line but do not tie it on. Leave it run freely up line. . The hook can be either a circle or suicide pattern. This sliding hook should be one size smaller than the fixed hook.
- Thread a second hook onto the line and tie this one onto the end of the line. You can do this with a snell or any other preferred knot. I personally use a Palomar knot. As a guide the hook could be anywhere from size 3/0 to 6/0 depending on the bait you plan to use or your personal preference for hook sizes.
- IF you enjoy adding bling to you rigs then you could add a couple of coloured beads either side of the sinker.

To rig up a pilchard you simply pass the first hook roughly through the centre of the pilchard thread the hook all the way through and then proceed to hook it through the gill plates with plenty of exposed hook end). The second hood is pressed through the back of the bait approximately 1/3rd of the way from the tail. The secret to this rig is that with the

sliding hook once you have pinned the hook you will need to add a half hitch to the tail of the bait to keep the sliding hook locked in position.



The beauty of this rig is that it is very adaptable. To experiment you may want to tie on an ezi slider in place of the sinker onto the main line. You would then run a small length of line from the ezi slider (lighter than your main line that ends in a loop knot). To this you attach your sinker. This set up then allows you to quickly adjust your weight whilst fishing.

Another alternative would be to make this rig up as a separate leader ending with a snap swivel. In the event of a bust off or a fish swallowing the hooks the line could be easily cut and a new premade rig clipped to the main line. With this set up you could have your sinker either on the premade rig or left on the main line.

Happy snapper fishing.

Social Calender:-

Presentation Night:-

Club Championships.

(28 June 2014)

That one night of the year has once again been and gone. The Angling Clubs equivalent of the Brownlow Medal, without the red carpet or the scantily dressed WaG's of course.

And once again a good night was had recounting some of the year's funnier incidents (detailed in our paddle award section later in this section) to the more serious business of the competition points count-down.

All this was conducted whilst enjoying a bulging table of finger foods, tasty pies and quiches and some lovely desserts.

Thanks to those that helped organise the evening, by preparing the rooms, organising, cooking or bringing the food. Thanks also go out to those who provided the raffle prizes and organised the engraving of the shields and the coveted winners cloth badges.

It is one of the few opportunities we get to gather in a purely social environment so please I encourage all members to attend next year's' function.

Paddle Nominations:-

For some the quest to be the best angler and take away a coveted champions' cloth badge is a strong incentive to compete in our fishing events. For others the best they can hope to achieve is maybe walking away with a nomination or even a victory in the coveted paddle award. If your nomination is so silly,



painful or downright humorous then you will have an opportunity to be forever etched into the history of the club.

As a recap of some of the more memorable (or some would say forgetful) happenings this year we have the following:-

Peter B earned a quadrella of nominations as varied as forgetting to connect his fuel line prior to launching, to being reprimanded on air for his prodigious use of "sailors" language over the radio. Peter also completed the mandatory one person a year requirement to leave their sleeping bag at home, preferably on a week end away that coincides with the coldest of winter weather. To prove that it takes serious fishing ability to place second in our fishing championship he proceeded to show everyone how not to troll by reversing his boat at Eildon and in the process managing to cut all of his own lines.

Serial nominee Jimmy also earned a quadie of nominations. These were extremely varied from venturing too far in the surf and experiencing that damp all over feeling, to breaking a lean fishing year by bagging a water fowl. His most memorable and expensive

nomination came when he was giving his son some "how to" cast lessons. It was an expensive lesson considering it involved sending a rod and lure overboard and into the depths. Not satisfied with throwing his rods around Jim moved onto a larger object when he managed to javelin his whole kayak over his car whilst trying to place it onto his roof.

We then have Willow showing that even a gun trophy winning fisherman can err under pressure. He also managed several nominations. This includes the mandatory once a year occurrence for at least one angler to forget to retrieve their burley pot prior to motoring off. This will always be a costly mistake. He then had the misfortune of a broken boat winch ratchet whilst retrieving his boat at Lake Tyers. This was made more annoying as it occurred in the pouring rain.

You can not mention paddle nomination without mentioning Phil in the same sentence. Phil has been quite behaved these last couple of seasons' but still managed to sneak in for a few nominations. Apparently at Lake Tyers he was speeding (as usual) and managed to run aground. Then at Eildon he managed to run over Daves' trolled lines causing considerable inconvenience. An accident or an attempt to take out the competition? We will never know.

To show that sometimes quality will win over quantity this year's paddle award winner is Dave Clarke. For the Port Phillip trailer boat #5 competition, Dave was keen to get out amongst the fish and headed off for a pre dawn start. The following day in the next street from his house Dave noticed a boat cover on the nature strip. The cover looked surprisingly familiar and so it should have as it was his. Apparently he had left the cover sitting on the

gunwhale and had not noticed it fly off when he sped away from home.



Dave takes out the Prestigious Paddle Award

And as an early starter for next year's paddle award we may already have our first nomination of the new season. I will need to confirm with the rule keeper as the incident occurred on the last few days of the fishing calendar, which cunningly may mean he is ineligible. I would like to spill the beans on Terry who was very apologetic on presentation night for not bringing his promised desserts. Apparently he learnt the hard way that you shouldn't leave a cake on the front seat of your car and then brake heavily. Hopefully his missus doesn't find out that her hard work on Terry's behalf ended up on the car floor.

Good luck to all anglers next year and hopefully you can stay out of the running for the dreaded paddle.

Presidents Award

The final award presented for the year was the President's Award. This plaque is nominated and awarded by the Angling club President to the member that has made a significant contribution to the club throughout the year. The winner this year was Greg Stephens.



Greg has shown serious dedication both on and off the water. Throughout the year Greg had managed to attend 16 fishing competitions. This is a dedicated and impressive effort considering that there were only 17 eligible competitions held this year. With victories in the Kayak King, Trailer boat Aggregate and most improved category it proves that perseverance can bring success.

This year Greg also took on the role of Secretary. With Daves' guidance (last year's secretary) he has really implemented some excellent changes to our forms and regulatory compliance. Gregs' 'skills with technology have also proved handy by turning is hand to improving and keeping our website with the latest up to date information.

Once again congratulations and keep up the good work.

New Members

The Sandringham Angling club welcomes o board several new members:-

- ❖ Craig Waller
- ❖ Ian McSweeney

Both these gentlemen have hit the ground running, attending and even winning several of our recent fishing competitions. Ian even managed a nomination for this seasons' Paddle Award. .

Craig who has focused more on the fishing than paddle award nominations has already began to contribute at the club by joining the committee and bringing with him some great new ideas for the club.

A bid welcome aboard and we hope you both enjoy your time with the Angling club.

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.

