

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 a shortened eighth edition of the Sandi Angling News. Unfortunately work and other commitments have meant I have not the time to do the leg work on some of the more time consuming sections of the newsletter. Therefore for this edition I will be skipping the old wives tales and the taste of the sea. Don't despair as hopefully early next year will see things quieten down and the newsletter will return to its usual format. Hope you still enjoy this edition and I wish you all a great New Year.

Thanks.....Ed.

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Presidents Report:-

Hello all and welcome to 2015 !!!

Hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year.

We have had a busy couple of months down the club with quite a few new members joining , a mid week Bunnings BBQ (thanks to all who helped here) a couple of private functions and our own Xmas party , it was extremely pleasing to see so many members with their better halves down the club for this event , thanks to all involved.

It's a pity the fishing hasn't been great but hopefully the new year will bring a change of fortunes , however it has made our leaderboards the closest I can remember.

Finally, please remember to check your social calendars for upcoming events down the club and please support them.

Tight Lines

Jim Kavanagh



Ahh the Serenity.....Kayak fishing on Lake Purrumbeete

– Catch the trip report in this issue.

Sandringham Anglers' Club



Club Information:-

Committee:-

The 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:	Craig Waller
Boat Captain	Garry Meehan
General Committee:	Dave Clark John Matheson

New Competition Rules: Photo Weigh In

Fishing as a pastime has changed significantly in its attitudes to catching and then either keeping or releasing fish. To keep up with these changing times angling clubs have to go through a process of adaptation to make sure they keep pace with the current thinking. Some club members had expressed a desire to see some change in the way that we currently conduct weigh-ins and in particular receive recognition for fish captures that they wish to release. This was especially true for specific species such as bream. In response to these member questions the committee has had in depth discussion around this issue and has voted to introduce a method for anglers to enter a fish for weigh in via photographic proof. As part of these discussions it was also acknowledged that the weigh -ins and its associated BBQ's provided an important social and cultural aspect within the

club and that any new rules introduced should not risk impacting on participation numbers at these events. So as a compromise we have introduced the following additional clauses into the SAC's member rules.

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

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“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 there is now the option to take a photo and bring it to the weigh in.

You can download a full copy of the club rules from our website.

Club Awards:-

The angling club has long history and tradition which normally accrues to organisations that have been around for more than 76 years. During this time many trophies, shields and mementos for recognising the achievements of our club members exist. To get a good idea of how many (and the list, if there was one is large) then next time you are in the clubrooms take a look at the glass cabinets next to the bar. They are full of trophies and awards that date back a long time. One such award is the Heaviest Snapper Cup.

This cup is awarded to the angler that lands the heaviest snapper throughout the fishing year. That angler can then choose to proudly display the cup at home for the following year.



The original cup was donated by George and Joan Sank, of David Road, in 1959.

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They operated Sanks Service Station at 233 Hampton St , Hampton , near Linacre Rd. As a guide to some of the names recorded on the cup we have the following list:-

1959/60 – the inaugural cup was won by R Rreloggen. It appears that the Treloggen family went on to dominate the trophy all throughout the 1960s and 1970s as R Trellogen went on to also win in 63/64 & 70/71. Also listed is M Treloggen whom has his or her name on the cup in 67/68, 68/69, 71/72, 73/74 and 75/76.

The 80's where dominated by L Anning whom won in 83/84, 86/87 & 87/88. The 90's proved to be a tougher decade as only one name appears as a multiple winner and that was J Lindholm in 96/97 & 98/99. What better person to come to the clubrooms and give a snapper presentation than someone with the proven success of having taken out multiple biggest snapper trophies.

Moving into the naughties starts to see some more familiar names and some current club members. For the record books I have listed all the winners since 2000.

Year	Winner
2000/01	M Wilson
2001/02	R Wilson
2002/03	T Black
2003/04	J Bentley
2004/05	T Black
2005/06	D Clark
2006/07	A Paice
2007/08	J Bentley
2008/09	A Paice
2009/10	T Black
2010/11	J Bentley
2011/12	R Wilson
2012/13	A Vidovic
2013/14	R Wilson
2014/15	Stayed tuned till August this year.

The cup / shield was won last year by Ron Wilson with a lovely (5.136kg) Snapper



With snapper season over it may be a bit harder to get your name on that trophy for this year, but maybe it is the incentive to try and get out there and get one in the so called snapper off season.

The cup is currently generously sponsored by: Dave Buckingham.

A big thanks to David Clark for his detective work.

Social Officer:-

A lot of work is being undertaken behind the scenes by committee to make the Angling club a more social and enjoyable environment to be in. New member Craig Waller has been pivotal in leading some of these changes and making suggestions for improvements. To further give this important area some momentum he has decided to take on the challenging role of social officer. He

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has already hit the ground running with a comprehensive calendar highlighting some of the upcoming social events. He is also actively pursuing some contacts to arrange some special guests to help liven up Tuesday nights. Here is a sampler of some of the social events you can expect in the coming year:-

Tue 6th Jan - Re-open after Christmas/New Year break, Social night, Whiting fishing roundtable, Whiting fishing DVD 8:00pm

Tue 13th Jan - General meeting, Whiting 1 (Westernport) competition info 8:00pm

Sat 17th Jan - SAC Open Day & Family BBQ, (Membership Drive) 8.00am-2.00pm

Tue 20th Jan - Social night, Mallacoota fishing trip roundtable 8:00pm

Tue 27th Jan - General meeting, Whiting 2 (Westernport) competition info 8:00pm

Tue 3rd Feb - Social night, Knots roundtable (TBC) 8:00pm

Tue 10th Feb - General meeting, Trailer Boat 2 (Port Albert / Port Welshpool) competition info 8:00pm

Tue 17th Feb - Social night, BYO BBQ dinner, Darts and pool competition 7:00pm

Tue 24th Feb - General meeting, social night 8:00pm

Tue 3rd Mar - Social night, Fish filleting demonstration (TBC), Whiting 3 (Port Phillip Bay) competition info 8:00pm

If you have any ideas or feedback on how we can improve on what we do at the club then please approach someone on committee or speak to Craig directly.

NEW SNAPPER SEASON FORMAT

With the ongoing issues with availability of several boat ramps in our local area the committee decided to trial a one off change to the snapper season weigh-in format. Rather

than lines down on midnight Saturday it was decided to allow anglers the opportunity to fish from Friday evening all the way through to Sunday weigh in if they desired. This way hopefully missing some of the longer queues at the ramps. Also trialled was an opportunity for fisherfolk catching fish on Friday night or Saturday morning to weight their fish on Saturday afternoon. To ensure fairness for all fishers, it was decided that if the Sunday was a blow out then the whole week end would be determined as cancelled and no results would be registered. The approach that will be taken next snapper season will be decided by committee next year but please feel free to pass on any of your comments on this years' format to our Angling Secretary Ron.

Club Fund Raiser – Bunnings BBQ

With the official Club barbeque not scheduled until May 2015, the committee decided to trial some additional fund raising activities and so we nominated to do a week day Bunnings BBQ.

The day raised the club an additional \$775 dollars profit. Although less than what the club earns from a weekend bbq, it still represents a substantial increase to the clubs coffers. A big thank you to Steve Wilson for organising the event and all those people that took time out during the week to help out on the stalls on the day.



Trip Reports:-

12- 13 July.

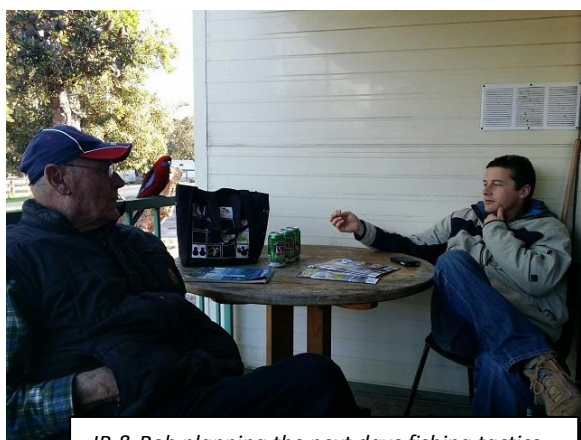
Holland's Landing

(Estuary 1)



The new season has commenced in what can best be described as “challenging conditions”, but the commitment and enthusiasm of anglers from Sandringham cannot be faulted. The most amazing thing about the opening two competitions for the new season is that both were taken out by first time winners.

At Holland's Landing, one of our country members, Mike Whelan, who lives at Phillip Island, was fishing with good friend, Phil S on Haystac and had a “purple patch” in Toms Creek whilst fishing with sandworms. In the space of an hour in the early afternoon, Mike landed no less than 4 good size fish over 30cm, an effort made even more meritorious by the fact that he had never actually previously targeted bream in his fishing endeavours. And those 4 fish – at a bag weight of 1.958 kgs were enough to see him gain maximum points and take out his first ever Sandy Anglers Fishing Comp. I should point out that yours truly did catch a number of fish during the same session, but all were just below size. Pity!!



JB & Rob planning the next days fishing tactics

A special mention must also be made of John Matheson's efforts. Not only did he also

weigh in 4 nice bream whilst fishing from the dock area at Holland's to snag second place on the podium, but it was John's efforts in making the journey to Nicholson to purchase some sandworms for many of those fishing which actually yielded some good results. All fish caught over the weekend were taken on worms, so thank you very much John. It almost seems a pity to mention about the flat battery, doesn't it John!! ☹️ (OK, we'll leave that for another time!)



It's not a SAC trip away without a fire

In third place was another relatively new member, Rob Kaldor, who fished with JB on Redgum and caught the weekend's best bream at .638 kgs. Well done Rob. All in all of the 11 members who fished, 7 weighed in over the two days, with Al Fairley coming from nowhere on the Saturday night to weigh in two fish on the Sunday and share 4th place.

And finally, we couldn't leave without making mention of the fantastic fire a number of our group had raging on the Friday night in the camping ground. It was a bitterly cold night, but some of the lads had one of the best fires burning to beat the cold, so hot that it could melt cans (empty of course) in a matter of minutes. There was much laughter, story telling and frivolity with some members making the most of such a great fire. And I've gotta say, that's what makes fishing trips like

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this in the dead of winter worthwhile. Just a pity the fire wasn't rebooted on the Saturday night, because it was still bloody cold outside!



The traditional Hollands Landing BBQ,

Report by Phil Staindl

27 July 2014

Wonthaggi to Wollamai

(Surf 1)

The weather was a little kinder to those who ventured out to fish the first surf comp of the season with relatively gentle winds and temperatures almost nudging double figures. Eleven members and two visitors fished the comp, but sadly, only 3 fish were weighed in. The one good thing about this was that 3 different people weighed in the fish! A big congratulations to Craig Waller who weighed in the heaviest fish for the day at .986 kgs, giving Craig not only his first ever win in a Sandy Anglers' comp, but his first ever podium finish as well. And as if we didn't see enough of him on the podium last year, Ron Wilson jagged a fish about half an hour before pulling up stumps which was enough to earn him 2nd place. Well done Ron. Congratulations to Greg Stephens who did enough to take out third place.

The fish were caught in the Kilcunda and Powlett River beaches, with none being caught from the Woolamai beaches. However, everyone seemed in good spirits at the weigh in, including a couple who had been fishing (or drinking) for a lot of the night. But hey, who am I to tell. What happens on the fishing trip stays on the fishing trip! Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.



The traditional SAC "shelter" weigh-in

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

10 August 2014

Melbourne Rivers & Harbours

(Estuary 2)

The first competition to report on is the Melbourne Rivers competition held back on August 10th. The conditions were best described as terrible! Squalls, windy, cold and bleak. But did that deter the Sandy Anglers? No way! Fourteen intrepid souls braved the conditions and chased fish from locations as far and wider as the Maribyrnong river, the Warmies, the Patto and even the local Sandy Harbour. And you guessed it – the only fish (a little snapper) to be weighed in was caught by our intrepid President in the Sandy Harbour. Well done Jim!

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Look closely and you might see Garry's Window Wiper

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

I could not let this competition trip report past without using the editors' prerogative of adding my two cents worth. Enduring poor weather does not in itself emphasize the efforts that the Sandringham Anglers Club will go to try and catch a fish. As a summary my own personal endeavours started well before sun up at the Patterson river where for all my hours of effort I didn't lose a bait. I then went on to repeat my efforts on the Sandringham break wall with the same result. In my travels I happened to spy John Mattheson also at the Patterson whom also had the same result (ZIP). Apparently Ian McSweeney was also at the Patto, and had an even poorer return with no fish and unfortunately managing to break a rod trip trying to scramble over a fence.

Craig and Ron ventured further afield and tried the Werribee river. They were determined to catch some fish and so came prepared with every type of bait known to man. End Result --ZIP.

Rob Kaldor and Garry Meehan tried off the banks at the Warmies and then went moved to under the bridge. It's great to see Garry back in the fishing comps and we would have hoped to see him rewarded with a weighable

fish. Unfortunately he had to settle for a window wiper.

Finally Al, Greg and Jimmy fished from their yaks out the front of the club where the only fish of the day was caught. Therefore when you send out over a dozen fishos to cover ground from the Patterson river all the way around to Werribee and only return 1 weighable fish you can safely conclude that it was a slow fishing day.

Addendum by Andres

24 August 2014

Gunnamatta Beach

(Surf 2)

Glorious conditions greeted a hearty contingent of 12 eager Sandy Anglers who made the journey down to the Mornington Peninsula to fish the annual Surf Competition held at Gunnamatta beach back beach in late August. A rolling swell, very little weed and glorious sunshine greeted us on arrival, and spirits were high for a successful day's fishing. Sadly, what has become the norm in recent visits to Gunnamatta continued, with the surf offering up only three fish to the weigh in.



SAC lined up at Gunnamatta

Trip Reports:-

For the overwhelming majority of us who didn't weigh in, I think frustration was the overriding emotion. However, no one could wipe the smile off the face of Craig Waller, whose sole offering was a thumping 2.344 kg salmon, easily enough to give him a well deserved victory in the competition.

A great fish Craig – well done! Dave Clark and the ever reliable JB both presented considerably smaller offerings at the weigh in which were enough to secure 2nd and 3rd placings respectively, but in an otherwise unremarkable day, it was Craig's fish that was the absolute highlight.

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.



Winners are Grinners

Post Script – A big congratulations to Craig for his impressive Salmon. I was at the weigh-in and expectations were high as there were whispers of the club record being potentially broken that day. But alas it fell 200 odd grams short. As Maxwell Smart is known for saying

..... “Missed it by that much”

For the record the current Heaviest Australian Salmon caught by a club member is:-

- ❖ 2.568kg caught by Deb on 12.4.2008 at Apollo Bay.



The current Club Record Salmon - Deb

6-7 Sept 2013

Western Districts
(Freshwater 1)



The trip to the spectacular Western District has become a social highlight in recent years, with a number of our younger families making the journey to Camperdown to enjoy a wonderful weekend away and allowing some of the family members to enjoy a spot of fishing in the process. And when conditions allow, the volcanic lakes of Bullen Merri and Purrumbete offer some of the most beautiful surrounds imaginable in pursuit of fishing. A very good contingent of 16 anglers, including 4 juniors, enjoyed their time at these magnificent lakes,

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and the weather even did its bit by being calm, and, once the morning fog lifted, evolved into glorious sunny days. It's just a pity the fishing results didn't match every other facet of the trip.



You don't have to just fish the Lakes – Hoskins River Falls

Only 2 fish were weighed in, with the old trout specialist, Peter Brown, landing a beautiful 1.724kg brown trout in Purrumbete on the Sunday morning to take out full points for the competition. (Brother Russell landed one as well, but was in the visitor category). Dave Clark was the only other Sandy Angler to weigh in, with another brown trout of .275kgs – enough to earn him 20 valuable points in the Championship race.



Getting the new generation keen on fishing

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

New Club Record.....

With the near record breaking Salmon (Salt water version) by Craig in the previous competition, whilst doing some research I stumbled upon the record for Freshwater Salmon (Chinook). In the list you will find Peter Browns' name against it with the fish he caught this year at Purrumbete. So not only was it a "beautiful" trout but it was also a new club record. Well done Peter.

21 September 2014

Bosstock Reservoir

(Try a new place social comp.)

The second running of the "try a new place" social event saw the club once again try a fresh water location on the fringes of metropolitan Melbourne. A small but determined band made the trip out north west on a crisp but clear day.



Bosstock Reservoir – Safety in numbers

The boating restrictions on the reservoir meant that it was standing room only on one particular rocky outcrop. It's a shame the fish weren't informed that we were there as there was only a solitary trout caught by our president. It appears

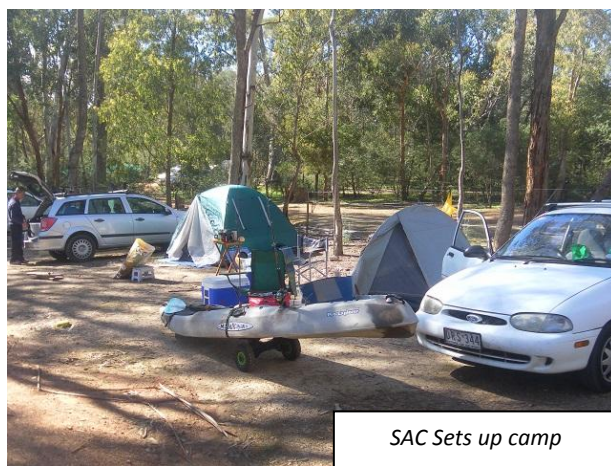
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he's on a red hot fishing streak and is not only winning and placing well on our regular competitions but also took out this year's social event. A marked improvement on his effort last year where he could only bag a water fowl .



Bosstock Reservoir –Some peace and quiet

morning! And for the first real time this season, there was a pretty healthy return on the fishing front, with many members weighing in for the first time and a couple of other special mentions. All up there were 12 fish presented at the weigh in, with yours truly finally getting on the board with a very nice 2.318 kg brown trout taken on the troll in the Big River arm.



SAC Sets up camp

Trip Report by Andres V.

11-12 Oct 2014

**Lake Eildon &
Rivers & Pond
(Freshwater 2)**



In recent years the Eildon competition has also taken on a whole new focus, with really good numbers attending and enjoying the social aspects as much (in some cases more) as the fishing. Of the 17 members and visitors who fished, there was a good sized group which camped out at Fraser National Park and enjoyed the rustic surrounds, a great camp fire and easy access to the water. The rest of us either stayed in town or nearby caravan parks, which had its own attractions, especially when one didn't have to pack a lot of camping gear on the Sunday

One of the Club's newer members, Bob Shovelar weighed in a very nice rainbow trout that tipped the scales at 1.454kgs – well done Bob, whilst a regular at the weigh ins this season, Jimmy Kavanagh, came in third with another nice Brown that went 0.89kgs. Dave Oates weighed in a little reddie caught literally on his last cast for the comp, but in order to avoid any embarrassment for Dave, we will not mention the weight of his catch in these columns! By contrast, and worthy of a very special mention was a nice sized brown trout weighed in by one of our Junior members, Bradley H. Fishing with Dad (Mark), Bradley scored his fist fish for weighing in by landing a trout on the troll – a great effort Bradley and well done! A number of other members weighed in with browns to various sizes, and it was pleasing to see that the return for effort was considerably improved from our visit to the Western Lakes.

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Finally, a special mention has to be made of the Murray Cod caught by reigning Club Champion, Ron Wilson. He was one of the only members not to weigh in for the weekend, but the photo of a truly splendid looking Murray Cod – estimated to be around 5kgs - which



Ron snared by flicking a stump jumper lure heading up towards the Bonnie Doon end of the lake. It was a great fish, and from the look on Ron's face, was a thrill to catch and then safely release. Just a pity about that closed season, hey Ron!



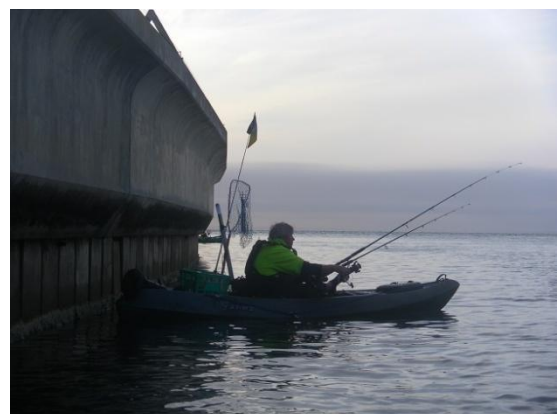
Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

26 October 2014

Jeff Worle Trophy

(Snapper 1)

For many members of the Club, the highlight of the fishing calendar is when the snapper arrive and they can get out of Port Phillip at ungodly hours of the day and night in pursuit of a big red! The first of the Club's three snapper competitions took place on Sunday, 26th October, although showing great flexibility and initiative on the part of the SAC Executive, fishing was allowed over the entire weekend to assist those who may have difficulty launching due to the lack of public ramps. And by and large, conditions were good to very good, which showed in the numbers that fished. The comp recorded probably the best turnout in recent years, with 21 members (and the odd visitor) trying their luck. Sadly, the fickle nature of fishing was sheeted home only too well, with only three fish weighed in by three different members. Coming in first was a long time member who I'm sure doesn't get out on the water as often as he may like to, but Peter Quinton weighed in a nice 3.482 snapper giving him his first points for the season. Well done Peter.



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And in what is becoming a regular occurrence this season, Jimmy Kavanagh got amongst the points by weighing in the second best fish for the weekend, coming in at just shy of 3kgs. In third place was Andrew Brennan, who, like PQ, got amongst the points for the first time this season with a 2.29kg snapper. Well done to all.

Trip Report by Phil Staindl.

8 November 2014

78th Anniversary Comp – Twilight Comp (Snapper 2)

Competition cancelled due to poor weather.

23 November 2014

Club Memorial Trophy (Snapper 3)

What happens when you give all club anglers from 6pm Friday evening to 1pm Sunday the chance to catch a snapper. Well 17 anglers from the club took up the challenge and unfortunately 16 of them failed.



Thankfully David Clark managed to catch one nice snapper weighing 3.028 kg. Even more

importantly in all his years fishing with the club Dave has never managed to win the Memorial shield.
Congratulation Dave.

Trip Report by Andres V.

30 November 2014

78th Anniversary Comp – Twilight Comp (Snapper 2 Back Up Comp Date)

Where have all the snapper gone,
.....Long time passing.

Pre dawn starts are made extremely hard when you have made numerous trips on previous occasions and spent countless hours on the water all resulting in zero bites from snapper. Thankfully the twilight competition format meant that all angling club members could afford to have a welcome lie in. Unfortunately the change in format did not change the results, with once again only one snapper weighed in.

I had a fish with Dave Clark and we fished off Mordialloc, working our way from the 14m mark into the pinnacles and then out to the artificial reef for sunset. At the 14m line we caught stacks of undersize flatties, at the 8m mark we got sackfuls of baby pinkies and finally at sunset at the 10m mark we caught bucket-loads of almost legal to 30cm pinkies. If only we had moved one more time we would have caught a snapper.



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The fishing was equally as tough for all other angling club members. The only angler of the eleven that fished to taste success was Dave Oates who was fishing with Ron on Willow. To emphasise how slow a day it was he hooked his fish on the last cast of the day. That solitary 1.644kg fish gave him a comfortable 1st place.

Trip Report by Andres V

14 December 2014

Southern Port Phillip Bay - Sorrento

(Trailer Boat 1)

Predictions on the Tuesday before were for 15+ knot northerlies. By Thursday it was slightly less windy but still over 10 knots from a different direction. Then by Saturday morning we were back to strong 15 knot northerlies. Thankfully at least in the early morning the Bureaus predictions of strong winds didn't come true. I set off for a sunrise start from Sorrento with Craig for a beautiful calm sunrise. We headed out past the channel onto a hole 6 to 8m deep hidden amongst the mud flats. The plan was for a bag of snapper, the result was a suitcase full of Port Jackson and Banjo sharks! At least in the lulls between sharks Craig managed to snare a lovely 50cm flathead which definitely punched well above its weight and had Craig thinking nice red, (if just for a moment). I also managed my first gummy, even if it was only an extremely modest size (1.8kg). We then moved in shallower for squid and whiting but once again only found rays, baby flathead, pinkies and lots of gurnards.



Sorrento Ramp

By early morning most of the other SAC boaters who were on the water experience strong gusty winds. At least the sun had some bite to it so there was no risk of getting cold. Dave and JB tried for some whiting, and found the fishing slow only managing a fish each. Ron and Terry on Willow searched long and hard for some whiting and were the only boat to get a quantity of their target species with Ron ended up with 4 whiting.



Craig reels in Ray number 23.

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Jimmy tried his luck out in his yak, but the gusty and choppy conditions made kayaking difficult and slightly dangerous so he quickly called it quits. He did manage a small flathead which squeaked him into the points and allowed him to stay on top of the ladder.

Phil S and Bucko hit a purple patch chasing squid. They did well drifting across a patch of ground near Sorrento. Unfortunately the squid were not the kilo plus monsters, or else they would have filled out the winners list. Phil's 7 squid (that he kept for weigh in) was good enough for third place.

John M tried his luck off one of the peninsula jetties. He managed to snare a lovely kilogram sized salmon. Unfortunately it proved to be a costly salmon as he left his rods unattended whilst he answered the call of nature and on his return one of them was gone. He might have had a visit from the sharks and rays as well it appears?

First place was taken out by Andres (with a bag of 2.35kg). This was a very welcome victory as this was my first fish weighed in for what has been a very slow and frustrating season. Craig Waller was close behind with a bag of 2.13 kg. Craig finished the day happy, taking out the maximum 45 points available for the gunboat captains award.



SAC gathering for the weigh in

a wide variety of species from gummy to whiting, salmon and flathead. Even more impressive this was the first competition in a very long time where every angler that fished the event managed to weigh in at least one fish

Trip Report by Andres V

I would like to extend a big thank you to Phil Staindl for the bulk of the fishing competition reports. It certainly helps me immensely in compiling the newsletter and also provides an informative and sometimes humorous perspective of our fishing trips. Phil your contribution is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Greg Stephens for his diligent updating of the Club website. His prompt uploading of the photos he receives from members or takes himself proves to be a valuable resource for me to plagiarise. So thanks to all that have contributed photos to facebook and the website

If you would like to contribute with some photos or even an article or trip report, then feel free to email through your ideas to the angling club email address.



Some of the very few snapper caught this season

Overall a relatively successful day with a total of 26 fish / cephalopods weighed in, covering

Championship Ladders



Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (Seasons End 2014)		
1 st	Jim K	94
2 nd	David C	83
3 rd	Craig W	78
4 th	John B	60
5 th	John M	58
6 th	Phil S	50
7 th	Ron W	46
8 th	Peter B	45
9 th	David O	44
10 th	Andres V	37
11 th	Greg S	31
12 th	Peter Q	27
13 th	Michael W	25
14 th	Alistair F	24
15 th	Rob K	21

Club Championship:-

What a difference a year makes. Twelve months ago there were whispers of nominating our illustrious president for a paddle award as he nearly went a whole season without weighing in a fish. Now he has streaked to the championship lead with consistent fishing in most of the comps he has competed in. Hot on his heels is David Clark whom took advantage of being one of the very few members to catch snapper this year. Who knows what might have been had he not missed so many competitions earlier in the season. Rounding out the placings is new member Craig. His first season saw him clean up in the surf to shoot to the lead but a slower trout and snapper campaign saw him slip behind. A big whiting season may see him back to the top of the table by the end of the year.

The question that needs asking is what's happened to Willow. Has some ambitious rival slipped a banana onto his boat. The long reigning angling champ is languishing in 7th with unusually poor form during trout and snapper season. You can never count him out though as he is a renown whiting specialist.

Gunboat Award:-

A suprising leader of the boat captains "Gunboat" competition is Phil S, on the good ship Haystack. A couple of his competition placings and good selection of fishing companions sees his boat take a narrow lead over Dave onboard "Slapper". Sitting in third place and slipping back from an early season lead is Peter B on "Fishinator". Peter is our current resident trout guru and with a successful trout season shot to an early lead. Unfortunately he has not been able to crack the snapper code of yet. With whiting season upon us, their similarities in shape and size to trout might see him get back amongst the leaders.

Boat Captains Ladder (Seasons End 2014)		
1 st	Haystack	96
2 nd	Slapper	82
3 rd	Fishinator	76
4 th	Willow	64
5 th	Wrapperyak*	56
6 th	Walleroo	45
7 th	Redgum	31
8 th	Quints	25
9 th	Brennayak*	17
=10 th	White lightning & Blacky	13

Kayak Championship:-

Kayak King Ladder (Seasons End 2014)		
1 st	WrapperYak	56
2 nd	Brennayak	17

A lack of fish from our regular yak contingent has seen Jimmy shoot to the lead in Wrapper Yak. A fair way behind and the only other angler to register a fish from a kayak is Andrew B. It was a very satisfying fish for Andrew as it was his first snapper from the kayak. Congratulation Andrew.

Upcoming Competitions:-

With a tough snapper season behind us its time to look forward to whiting. With excellent reports of good quantities and sizes of whiting in both Western Port and Port Phillip Bay, we are certainly hoping that it can lead to some more fish weighed in. If the prospect of competitive fishing doesn't catch your fancy then how about considering the social week down at Mallacoota. A fantastic place to catch consistent numbers of bream and flathead, with the very real prospect of a trophy fish amongst them. Here is what you can look forward to over the coming winter and spring season.

Upcoming Competitions (January 2015 – April 2015).

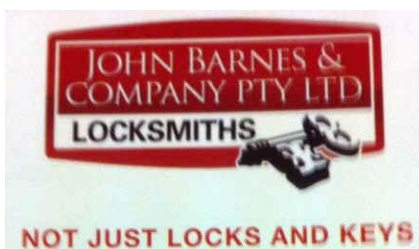
Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
January 18	Westernport	Whiting 1	Weigh In Hastings Boat ramp 2PM, HI/Tide 10:00am, H/bag of 10
February 1	Westernport	Whiting 2	Weigh In Hastings/Corinella 2PM, HI/Tide 10:26pm, H/bag of 10
Feb 21 & 22	Port Albert/ Welshpool	Trailer Boat 2	Weigh in Port Albert Ramp Sat 5pm, Sun Noon, H/bag of 10
March 8	Port Philip	Whiting 3	Weigh In SAC Club rooms 2PM, Lo/Tide 12:14pm, Bag of 10
March 14 - 21	Mallacoota	Social Week	Club Social trip – Surf and Estuary and Ocean – No Points
April 12	Westernport & Outside	Trailer Boat 3	Weigh In Stony Point/Corinella 4PM Lo/Tide 11:30am, H/bag of 10
April 18 & 19	Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy. Portland or Port Fairy	Trailer Bat 4	Weigh in 5pm Sat & 12noon Sunday Locatuion TBA, H/bag of 10

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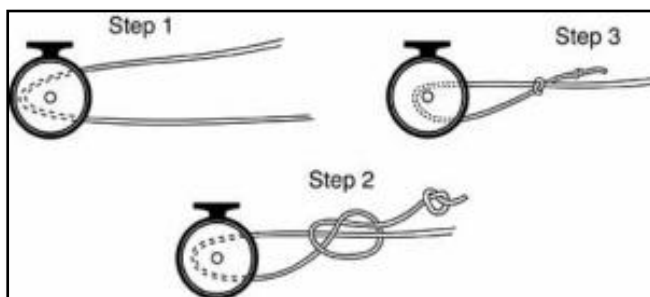
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info@sandringhamanglersclub.com



Members Rig:-

Arbor Knot

With several members feeling the sting of being spooled by unknown pescatorial critters, I thought, what could I do to help alleviate further embarrassment? Well rather than a members rig I thought I would present a knot for this edition. This is the knot that I personally use to secure my line to the reel spool. Although I have never had the privilege of a fish screaming off and peeling enough line to reach the knot, at least I have the comfort of knowing it is there if ever I was to need it.



Method:-

Step 1. Wrap the tag end of your line around your reel spool.

Step 2. Tie an overhand knot in the tag end. This will keep the end from pulling through the main knot. Tie another overhand knot with the line around the spool.

Step 3. Wet the main knot and pull it down tight onto the spool. Make sure the first overhand knot pulls in tight to this main knot.

For a more detailed instruction on how to tie this knot you can find plenty of instructional videos and diagrams on the internet.

As a suggestion why not try

www.animatedknots.com/arbor/

Happy Knotting.....

Twanging the Twine

They say that you can't believe everything you see on TV. Whilst trawling through the Channel 31 fishing shows I came across this little tip. I believe it was on OZ Fish TV and the presenter had hooked a stingray, which after a short run proceeded to lie stationary on the bottom. Having been in this position myself I find that no matter how long you apply full pressure the stingray won't be shifted off the bottom. In the end you get frustrated at the lost fishing time and the sore muscles and chose to end the deadlock by grabbing the line and pulling tight, usually ending in a lost rig. On the TV show the presenter proceeded to vigorously flick his line like he was plucking at a guitar string. After a few plucks the stingray got up off the bottom and started swimming again, allowing the fish to reel it in. The theory as explained was that the vibrations of the plucked line must annoy the ray.

I thought that I had the chance to test this theory whilst snapper fishing with Craig. He reeled in a rod which had plenty of weight and appeared to "run" only to come to a deadweight. Thinking classic stingray fight I told Craig about the theory and he proceeded to pluck away vigorously. Unfortunately nothing changed. In the end Craig had to manually pull at the line whilst I reeled it in for him. A solid minutes fight later a rope appear quickly followed by a scaler bag and two bricks. Thankfully, the theory may still be true, so if you are in the position of actually hooking a ray, that sticks to the bottom give this a try and then let please me know if it really works.

Social Calender:-

Snapper in Westernport:-

On the 10th of October the club was pleased to welcome back past president John Lindholm. He gave a thoroughly enjoyable and informative presentation on fishing for snapper in Westernport. As an experienced charter skipper John has a lot of experience in the finding and catching of Snapper particularly in Western Port. He was generous with his time and some secrets in explaining the different rigs to use and most importantly the usual migration pattern of snapper within WP giving angling club members some ideas to put into action for tracking down those elusive snapper this coming snapper season.

Trivia Night:-

In an effort to try a few different social events for club nights, in November we conducted a trial run of a trivia night. A small turnout but enthusiastically competed by all. An effort was made to tailor many questions so that they had a nautical theme. This may have lead to the questions being a bit harder than hoped and lead to a low scoring evening. This did have the benefit of ensuring a very tight race with any team up for a victory up to the very last round.

For the record the winners were:-

🚩 *Team Pegasus:- comprising of Greg Stephens, Jim and Shelley Kavanagh.*

(Is there anything our president can't win this year?)

If you missed the trivia night or maybe you want to re-test your knowledge and see if you learnt anything on the night here is a small

TEAM NAME	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5				
1 TiteLinks	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	16 3/4	19 1/2	21			
2 Redgum	3	6	5 1/2	14 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2			
3 Pegasus	6 1/2	4 1/2	11 1/2	16 1/2	4	20 1/2	5	25 1/2	
4 Micron	4	5	9	5 1/2	14 1/2	7	21 1/2	3 1/2	25
5 Wilrons	7	3	10	5 1/2	15 1/2	4	19 1/2	3	22 1/2

sample of 10 questions with a nautical theme that were asked on the evening.

Category 1:- Name the lead ACTOR (male) in the following movies:-

1. Perfect Storm (Based on true events, about the crew of the swordfishing vessel Andrea Gail that got caught in the Perfect Storm of 1991.
2. Old man and the Sea. A Cuban fisherman has gone 84 days without a catch - his only friend, a young boy, is barred by his father from accompanying him to sea. On the 85th day the old man hooks a huge marlin. For three days and nights he battles the fish as a trial of mental and physical courage--and the ultimate test of his worth as a man.
3. JAWS The 1975 American thriller film directed by Steven Spielberg about a Great white Shark that terrorises the small holiday town of Amity.
4. A River Runs Through It The 1992 American film directed by Robert Redford. Set in western Montana, in the Rocky Mountain region. A must for the lovers of fly fishing.
5. Moby Dick The 1956 film following the whaling ship Pequod and its crew. Leading them is Captain Ahab, who was almost

Social Calender:-



killed by the "great white whale", Moby-Dick. Now he is out for revenge.

Category II..... Books:-

Whom authored the following books:-

1. The Hunt for Red October
2. JAWS
3. 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA
4. MOBY DICK (or the white whale)
5. THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA

(You can find the answers on the last page).

We are hoping to have another trivia night during 2015, which will be a standalone evening either on a Saturday or another evening during the week. We look forward to seeing you there.

A big thank to Dave for assisting with preparation of questions, organising the nibbles and the all important role of refereeing and keeping the score.

Paddle Nominations:-

From my time presenting this newsletter a majority of the nominations for paddle awards tend to come from moments of forgetfulness, either leaving gear at home or forgetting how to get to some of our regular fishing spots. This season we are seeing a new more expensive trend and this is members losing their line or worse, losing their fish along with their gear.

So for efforts in getting spooled we give some memorable mentions to firstly Bob Shovelar who had the misfortune of tangling with what was probably a stingray and coming off second best. Then there was Richard Graham who by all accounts didn't have enough time to work out what fish spooled him, as the modest quantity of line on his spool disappeared remarkably quickly. If I can offer some words

of support for our sponsors its get down to Southern sports fishing and they will spool your reel for you for under 10 bucks. Even better they will spool it all the way to the top giving you plenty of line to fight that fish of a lifetime. If you want to have a crack at spooling the reel yourself then look at this editions members rig section, where I have shown the very handy arbor knot.

The other more expensive category of nomination is that where you physically not only lose your line but also you rod and reel.

Once again Richard Graham whilst snapper fishing managed to drop his rod and reel over the side. In an excellent display of angling skill he went on to later recapture that same rod and reel. Oh well to look on the bright side at least it will give him an opportunity to practice his reel servicing.

To show that even our shore based anglers can get in on the nominations, John Matthesson, gets a mention for managing to lose his rod and reel off the Jetty on the Mornington peninsula. The culprit was unknown as it occurred whilst John was answering the call of nature. I believe that the outfit was one he'd recently won at the club raffle. Oh well plenty of more raffles where that one came from.

And to prove the myth that bad things happen in threes, I give an honourable mention to Dave Oates. Though not strictly eligible as it happened outside a club event, Dave also donated a rod and reel to the sea whilst kayak fishing. He was having a fantastic day catching plenty of gummies when one decided that it was time he finished up and took Daves' rod away. A painful loss as it was a brand new combo.

Social Calender:-

New Members

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

- ❖ Bob Shovelar
- ❖ Roy Lucking

Both these gentlemen have hit the ground running, attending and for Bob even managing to weigh a trout in one of our recent fishing competitions. .

Also I would like to welcome back our ex president John Lindholm. John whom visited the club recently with partner Riley to give a talk on snapper in Westernport also rejoined as a country member.

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

With Christmas just past there would have been a lot of happy and some slightly

disappointed people looking in their

stockings to see what Santa brought them. For many buying that "ultimate" present brings the usual dilemma of what to get that fisherman who has everything. You've tried the fishing motif tie this year, last year was the fishing socks and he/she already has countless rods, reels and lures. Well here are some thoughtful ideas for next year.



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

-----On the net.

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)



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. Hopefully once January is over I will find myself once again with some extra time on my hands to return to some of the regular segments of the newsletter. We hope to see you all safe on the water or down at the clubrooms in 2015.

Thanks.....Ed (Andres).

Club Room Security.

Following on from the previous theft of a Kayak from the downstairs area, we also experienced an attempted break in towards the latter part of 2014. Thankfully the thieves didn't get into the clubrooms but did manage to do some damage to our external doors and gates.

Unfortunately due to the spate of problems around the club house it was decided by the committee to purchase and install some additional security measures. One part of this is security cameras that monitor the internal and external areas of the clubhouse.

Thanks to Paul L for purchasing the units on the clubs behalf and to Garry M and Rob K for generously giving up their Saturday installing and finishing the frustrating task of getting fiddly electronics to work. Hopefully we won't need to review any of the footage in the near future.

Trivia Quiz Answers:-

Movie Category:- Lead Actors'

1. *George Clooney*
2. *Spencer Tracy*
3. *Roy Scneider as police chief Martin Brody, Richard Dreyfuss as oceanographer Matt Hooper, Robert Shaw as shark hunter Quint*
4. *Brad Pitt*
5. *Gregory Peck*

Book Category – Authors

1. *Tom Clancy*
2. *Peter Benchley*
3. *Jules Verne*
4. *Herman Melville*
5. *Ernest Hemmingway*