

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 edition nine of the Sandi Angling News. Another season of fishing has been completed and it is time to announce the winners.

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

I welcome any stories or suggestions for regular features you might like to see in upcoming editions so please feel free to drop the club a line by email or catch up with me on club nights or at a competition somewhere.

Thanks.....Ed.

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Presidents Report:-

First I would like to say it has been an honour and a pleasure being president over the last

three years and I hope I leave the job in at least as good as condition as when I started.

I would also like to thank my fellow committee members for their help and support during my term. Too many to mention in person but I have enjoyed working with everyone of you. I hope to stay on the committee in a lesser roll and look forward to working with all that have nominated and hopefully a few more we can convince tonight to help us out.

The upcoming year should be a great year for the club and it has been great to see more participation at our fishing comps. I know we will need to improve our Tuesday nights so if anyone has any ideas please feel free to put them forward , also please make an effort to support anything the new committee tries on these nights.

Lastly I would especially like to thank David Clarke for his many years of service on the Committee, he has decided he needs a rest from committee duties and hope he spends more time on more important things like fishing. The highlight of my presidency was the honour of presenting David his life member badge.

Thanks again

Jim Kavanagh.



Lake Tyers – Did we manage to improve on last years poor fortune.

– Catch the trip report in this issue.

Sandringham Anglers' Club



Club Information:-

Committee:-

In mid July the club held its Annual General Meeting and there were some significant changes within the committee elected for the coming year. Firstly I would like to say thank you to Jimmy, whom is handing over the gavel, but will remain on the committee to look after the treasury position. I would like to extend my congratulation to all those members whom were 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.

Sandringham Anglers Club Committee for 2015/2016 is:-

President:	Dave Oates
Vice President:	Craig Waller
Secretary:	Greg Stephens
Treasurer:	Jim Kavanagh
Angling Secretary:	Ron Wilson
Property Officer:	Mark Hocking
Publicity Officer:	Craig Waller
Boat Captain	Garry Meehan
General Committee:	Bob Shovelar

If you have any suggestions or just want to find out the direction that the committee is taking the club in then feel free come in to club night one Tuesday and have a chat.

AGM REPORTS

With the middle of July just completed it means a new AGM and committee members. The biggest change for the club is Jimmy passing on the Presidents baton to last year's VP, Dave Oates. As the "presidents report" for this Issue I attach the AGM report that was filed by Jim.

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

AGM Secretary's Report

Thank you to all my colleagues on the Committee for their support over the year. And special thanks to Garry Meehan for all the administrative tasks he performs behind the scenes in his unheralded role as Assistant Secretary.

And to Jim, congratulations for the smooth way the Club has operated during your time as President.

Once again, this past year has seen the Club's position strengthen with a 25% increase to our total membership which now stands at 122 up from 97 last season due largely to the increase in family memberships.

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

In regards to the next Committee, under our new Consumer Affairs Victoria's Model Rules, we can now use technology to communicate at meetings meaning that a member can contribute to a meeting via Skype, mobile phone, or by landline, etc. So the days of members not being able to join the Committee due to living too far away are now in the past. Therefore, all members now have the opportunity to step up and help out the Club by joining the Committee regardless of their location.

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

Greg Stephens,
Secretary

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AGM Treasurers Report

I am pleased to report that the club has ended the 2014 / 2015 financial year with a strong profit result. The club finished with a net accounting profit of \$3543 and when adjusted to a purely cash flow basis equates to a gain of \$3688.

The good profit result was assisted by the following factors, including:-

- This financial year we held two successful Bunning's BBQs. Apart from our usual Saturday BBQ we also trialled holding a smaller Thursday one. This raised nearly \$800 in profit. The Bunning's BBQ is the clubs major fundraising event so it is vitally important that all club members pitch in and help. I would like to extend my thanks to all who have helped in making this years' event successful, especially Steve Wilson for once again organising the BBQ.
- Subscriptions are stable, maintaining the strong result from the last two years.
- Bar takings remained solid. As one of our major sources of stable revenue I would like to thank all those members who give of their time during club nights to help serve behind the bar, especially our perennial bartender JB. Also a big thanks to Garry for keeping a tight rein on our drinks suppliers to help bring our bar expenses down from last year.

Even with the club in a good financial position, there are some issues with our expenses that will impact on the upcoming financial year's expenses. . The major issue is with our electricity supplier. An issue with the normal estimation of bill and incorrect billing from our supplier AGL has taken nearly 3 months to resolve. This has resulted in an electricity bill shortfall of approximately 3 months, therefore approximately \$900 of electricity charges that should have been expensed this year will be carried into next year's expenses.

On a personal note after 3 years of keeping the books I will be stepping down from the role of treasurer. I would like to thank the assistance of my fellow

committee members throughout these past years 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.

Andres Vidovic

Treasurer – Sandringham Anglers Club.

Jeff Worle Trophy:

To continue with the theme of reporting on the history of our competition trophies I again want to focus on a snapper trophy. This time it is the Jeff Worle trophy.



The Original Jeff Worle Shield

It is traditionally the first snapper trophy up for grabs every snapper season and it has very special significance in the history of the club.

It is a trophy that was introduced by the club to honour and remember the sacrifice

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of one of our young club members - Jeff Worle. Sadly with the passing of so much time, there are not many members remaining whom would have known Jeff. One member is Fred Bouyer who recalls Jeff as a strapping lad, over 6 feet tall who lived in the local area, loved his fishing and was very active around the club rooms.

Jeff was conscripted into the Army, and apparently was quite happy to serve in the army. Jeff sadly lost his life whilst on guard duty, serving his country during the Vietnam conflict.



The trophy was created in his honour and some of the names prominent as winners include.

1968/69 the inaugural winner Roy Dewhurst, who was then followed in 69/70 by Alan Dewhurst

The seventies saw some multiple winners including M Trelloggen in 72/72 & 76/77, and our current life member Keith Turner taking out a double in 75/76 & 79/80.

The 80s saw only one multiple winner, being A Nesbitt in 84/85 & 87/88. Similarly in the 90's there was only one multiple winner, D Ymer whose name is engraved for 93/94 & 94/95. The only other winner from that period that is still active with the club is John Lindholm (96/97 season)



The "New" Jeff Worle Shield

With the original shield completely full, we have a new shield and some of the prominent winners since the new millennium include:-

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| This season just gone | -Peter Quinton |
| 2014/13 & 2013/12 | -Andres Vidovic |
| 2012/11 | -Mark Hocking |
| 2010/11 | -David Clark |
| 2009/10 | -Phil Staindl |

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Sadly, the trophy is missing the winners between the 2003 and 2009 seasons, but hopefully our intrepid angling secretary will be on the case.

2004/03	-M Bailey
2003/02	-S Greenwood
2002/01	-G Mourmouris
2001/00	-T Woolley
2000/1999	- Margaret Webb

The lack of multiple winners, over the past 40 years highlights how competitive and hard it is to win the Jeff Worle trophy. If you interested in reading some more about Jeff, a couple of archived newspaper articles are pinned on the wall of the clubhouse.

This season the "Jeff Worle" trophy will be competed for during the weekend of the 23rd to the 25th of October. Whilst having a fish, cast a thought for the memory and sacrifice of Jeff Worle.

.....Happy Angling Andres.

Membership Subscriptions:-

With the start of the new financial year member's financials are due. If you are not currently financial and wish to renew your membership then you have several payment options.

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.

And keep in mind that if your membership renewals are not received by the first of October this year then you will not be eligible for any fishing competition points.

BOAT RAMPS READY:-

Our intrepid reporter Craig has been keeping a keen eye on the progress of the reconstruction works for both the North Road and the Black Rock Boat ramps.

The good news for all fishos, with snapper season literally here is that both the ramps are now complete and ready for use. Some of our angling members will be breathing big sighs of relief as they dust of their trusty snapper marks that they could not easily use last season. Hopefully the return of these ramps means we may only need to line up for 1 hour rather than the current 2 at the other ramps. (But I digress, I think I vented on that issue several editions ago).

Here are a couple of snaps shared by Craig.



This is how you lay concrete under water



Hopefully sturdy enough for the next storms

Thanks to Craig for his diligent updates and the photos on facebook.

Trip Reports:-

18 January 2015

Hastings, Westernport Bay

(Whiting 1)

7 members and 1 visitor shook off the holiday season excesses to go whiting fishing.

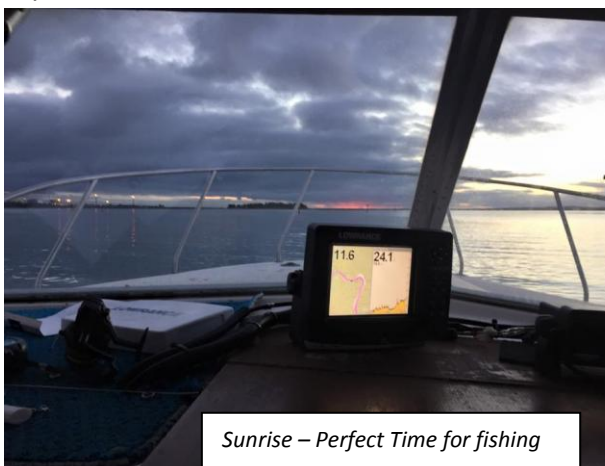
Fresh South Westerly winds made conditions a little difficult but this didn't stop the club venturing far and wide in an effort to find fish. Areas fished included the middle spit, Hastings channel inlet, Coronet Bay and the Corinella pier. There was a very short but hot bite session during the day and sadly if you missed it then the fishing proved to be extremely tough. First and second on the day was a family affair with Riley and John L weighing in 13 fish between them. You could argue as local ex charter skippers they had a serious home ground advantage. Craig landed 4 whiting for third. Jim managed a solitary whiting earning 16 valuable points to stay in touch on the leader board

01 February 2015

Hastings / Corinella Westernport Bay

(Whiting 2)

The Westernport dual weigh in location was applied for this comp. This is a popular format that encourages our kayak contingent to fish the relatively safe and productive waters of Coronet Bay. Ten 10 members and 1 visitor fished and



Sunrise – Perfect Time for fishing

the day started out threateningly with early showers and southerly winds of 15 – 20 knots. Not that the weather seems to worry people too much when fish are plentiful. An excellent weigh in of 38 fish (totalling 5.872kg) made it a very productive outing.



Paul with a nice fistful of Ting

The fishing was so good that only one member did not contribute at the weigh in. For the record our resident whiting specialist Ronny won with a full bag of 10 at just over 2kg. Second was John M with 6 fish (1.342kg). Rounding out the placings was Jimmy whom opted to leave the yak at home and managed 7 fish for 0.958kg



John – Second Place

Trip report by Andres V

Trip Reports:-

21 – 22 Febraury 2015

Port Albert

(Trailer Boat 4)

15 members made the trip east. A favourite with many club members, as Port Albert always offers good opportunities to catch some gummies or the large local flathead.



The first day started out with a foggy morning, but developed into a hot humid day. This made a pleasant change from the previous year's gale force winds.



Post Fishing gathering

The excellent thing about Port Albert is that if the weather permits, then there is a great opportunity to manage some excellent catches.

This year lived up to that. The total weigh in was 62 fish with 24.5kg and approximately 8 different species ranging from flathead to gummies, snook, tailer, mullet and garfish varieties. One of the more mentionable catches was Michael Hollands' Garfish, which weighed in just under club record.

Since the demise of the local hotel, club members improvised with a shared meal. This year was a BBQ complete with healthy salad. Not surprisingly for a fishing club not a single fish was seared in anger.

The other satisfying thing for a newsletter editor about Port Albert is that always manages to cough up regular paddle award nominations.

Trip BBQ, Not a fish in sight.



This year's effort matched the quality of the fish weighed in. The paddle award nominations included.

- Al decided to join the long procession of member losing rods overboard. He added a special twist by losing his off his yak.
- Ron maybe distracted recalling the great weekends fishing action managed to remodel the side of his car at the service station when going to fill up.
- Bob endeared himself to his better half by leaving her favourite pillow behind. Not a good way to ensure leave passes for future trips.



Dave, How big was that Gummy?

The most satisfying thing about this trip was the avoidance of the week long itch following the usual Port Albert trip due to the prolific sandfly bites. Here's hoping that they stay away for next year too.

Trip report by Andres V

Trip Reports:-

08 March 2015

Port Phillip Bay

(Whiting 3)

For two seasons the PPB portion of the whiting season has come up short with few or no whiting weighed in. In an effort to change this fortune the competition was moved from the usual January date. Stable weather, reports of good whiting catches in the bay were all positive signs leading up to the competition. Sadly the end result was the same as previous years.



14 members fished, predominantly around the Sandringham to Beaumaris inshore reefs. Sadly these produced only one whiting. Craig and Andres fishing off Walleroo tried something



different and launched out of Altona for a sunrise fish. A long fishing session did see a nice mixed bag of fish caught. Thankfully there were five whiting amongst that bag which was good enough to give Craig the victory (3 fish for 650 grams) and second for Andres with two fish at 546 grams. Rob K finished in third with a solitary whiting.



I was also personally pleased, landing my first ever zebra fish. Oh well PPB whiting has let us down once again. Next season this comp is scheduled for February. Hopefully another different month might bring a better result

Trip report by Andres V

If you were watching talking fishing on channel 41 in February/March you might recognise this photo. It was submitted by Craig along with a comprehensive trip report.

Well done Craig in helping to promote the club. Hopefully for our next TV report we might catch a few more fish.....

Trip Reports:-

14-21 March 2015

Mallacoota Inlet

(Social Week)



Mallacoota social week is one of my favourite trips of the year. It is my one real chance to land an impressive Dusky, dream of a Mulloway or maybe catch a thumping bream. In reality it is just an excuse to relax and fish for a whole week in a relatively calm, beautiful and tranquil environment.

Unfortunately this year some family commitments meant I had to travel down midweek and also returned earlier than desired. This meant I did not cross paths with too many of the Sandi Anglers in my travels, and so their misadventures may go unreported.

The long road trip this year was made even longer with stretches of road-works and controlled burns on the last kilometres before the Mallacoota turnoff. This burning off would unfortunately go on to spoil on one of my planned morning assaults of the narrows. After

having hyped up the narrows as a must fish “hot spot” I had convinced Bob, Andrew and Garry to join me on an early morning session to hit the deep water off the banks with soft plastics. The cold and drizzly morning didn’t deter us, but sadly the large “do not enter” sign across the track did. A quick investigation confirmed flames licking all the way down to the water’s edge, from a controlled burn.

Why do I love Mallacoota so much, hopefully I can answer it with one of my more memorable fishing sessions of the trip.

I was fishing off the Karbethong Jetty. It was sunrise, I had just got a bite and was fighting a nice medium sized bream. I had managed to finesse it to within netting distance before it managed to take some line, dived under the jetty and busted me off. Oh well I thought I’ll have another crack. I re-rigged, dropped the bait literally under the jetty and within seconds was hooked up. I once again set the hook and the fish dove straight under the jetty and quickly busted me off. I decided to serious then, tied on a 15 pound leader, locked the drag and dropped the bait. Again I saw my line move off so set the hook. A short hectic tussle ended in the same result. Leader shredded,



Would you rather be anywhere Else?

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fish gone. Attempt 4, reminded me of an old quote..... "The definition of madness is when you repeat something over and over, exactly the same way and expect to get a different result".....Fish number 4 was also again quickly lost under the jetty. Sadly, just as quickly as the action has started the fish then went off the bite. Bream 4 Angler 0.

It is the fact that I now have 365 days to stew over this drubbing and can plan on how I am going to get my revenge that will motivate me to return. Not only will I have a date with the narrows but a sunrise or two on the Karbethong jetty now has my name on it.



Another Gypsy Point Flathead successfully netted

Sadly I don't have too many fishing reports from other members that did the trip this year, but I can recount a couple of the non fishing happenings.

Ron and Terry fished out of "Willow" and decided to have a rod throwing competition.

Terry led off by casting at some snags. Unfortunately he did not hang on to his rod hard enough and it sailed off into the sunset. He went on to show off his angling prowess by casting his spare rod and managed to hook and then recover his original rod.



Looking for a break from fishing, how about sight seeing

Ron, ever competitive was not to be out done, he got his own opportunity later when a bream allegedly snatched his rod clean out of the holder into the drink. Encouraged by Terry's earlier success he also cast out a second rod and amazingly managed to recover the rod. Shame his luck eventually ran out when he managed to snap the top off his favourite rod when catching it on the canopy during a cast.

Anecdotally talking to some of the shore based guys the fishing this year was generally slower than previous years, and I found that fish sizes were also down. To get a better idea on actual fish catches David Clark, once again generously organised the fisheries, log books and compiled the results from the diaries.

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Dave Clark.....

This report is a record of the seven diaries I received and John Bentley and Peter Brown shared a diary. A minimum of three trips of two hours was required. This is a record only of the diaries. These members and others may have fished on more occasions without keeping a record. Eighteen members fished, seven boats only, the rest from boats, kayaks and shore.

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

Weather was variable and boats were launched every day. Most days were fine, rain on only two occasions and the wind usually strengthened around midday. Temperatures were in the low to high 20s.

Species	Year (2015) QTY Average Size(cm)	Year (2014) QTY Average Size(cm)	Year (2013) QTY Average Size(cm)
Bream (All Sizes)	111 (28.03cm)	95 (25.81cm)	131 (26.9cm)
Bream (Legal Size)	84 (29.83cm)	63 (27.63cm)	74 (31.65cm)
Flathead (All Sizes)	49 (31.77cm)	59 (35.23cm)	98 (32.9cm)
Flathead (Legal Size)	30 (36.0cm)	56 (42.57cm)	69 (35.39cm)

Results showed that fewer flathead were caught this year and they were smaller than last year. More bream were caught this year and they were larger than last year.

Some of the more noteworthy catches were,

- Largest Flathead was 55 cm caught by Dave Clark.
- Largest Bream was 38 cm caught by Michael Holland.
- Smallest capture recorded: John Bentley or Peter Brown – flounder 12 cm.

Other species caught: Tailor, pinky snapper, trevally, flounder, luderick and mullet.

.....Thanks Dave



Garry Admires his land based Luderick

What is also unfortunately becoming a tradition is the yearly mechanical issues, resulting in inconveniences and trips home that are longer than expected. This year it was John's misfortune with car problems resulting in him delaying his return home by several days. Then there was the paddle worthy effort of some of our shore based anglers. Thinking that it would be good to fish from a boat for a change, Garry and Bob were teaching Andrew some knot tying techniques. They gave him a chance to practice tying the club boat off to the jetty. After a few attempts Garry in the process of getting out of the boat managed to snap the motor key off in the ignition. Oh well thankfully I if you are going to be left without a boat somewhere, then Mallacoota is a great place to do it as I believe the shore based fishing is so good that you actually don't need a boat.

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

Trip Reports:-

Here is a selection of photos showing the real reason we love fishing at Mallacoota. It's all about those excellent fish captures.....



The Wilson's A Pigeon Pair



See you there next year.....

Trip Report by Andres and David Clark

Trip Reports:-

12 April 2015

Westernport & Outside

(Trailer Boat 3)

A calm start to the day, but quickly blew up to 15 knot South Easterlies. This meant it was much more comfortable fishing early on in the day.

12 members and 4 visitors fished the day, and a strong kayak contingent was to have a successful day. All three "yakkers" launched and fished from the eastern side and this proved a successful tactic taking out first, third and fourth positions.

The variety and quality of fish available out of Westernport is fantastic and this makes these comps always well attended. This competition was extremely successful with 49 fish weighed in.



The Kayakers preferred launch spot

The variety probably tops any competition the club held recently. The bag included the usual suspects such as Whiting, Squid and flathead, but also included some of the not so regularly weighed in species like couta and Elephant fish.

Greg did not disappoint managing to catch and weigh in his now customary leatherjacket. As a guide to how good the fishing was today, many of the clubs best captures for the year came from this competition.



Dave, Largest Elephant for the day

For the records, Dave from his yak went on to edge out Craig with a full bag of 10 fish at 7.985kg. This was only 600grams better than Craig whom also managed a 10 bagger. A distant third was Greg with a still respectable 3.83kg and a full bag. I will guarantee that some of these ended up in the smoker.

Trip Report by Andres V

18 - 19 April 2015

Chris Bouyer Memorial Trophy

Portland (Trailer Boat 4)

Once again the weather Gods did not smile kindly on the plans for a Portland competition. Predictions of foul winds resulted in another cancellation.

10 - 11 May 2015

R Clarke Memorial Trophy.

Lake Dartmouth

(Freshwater 3)

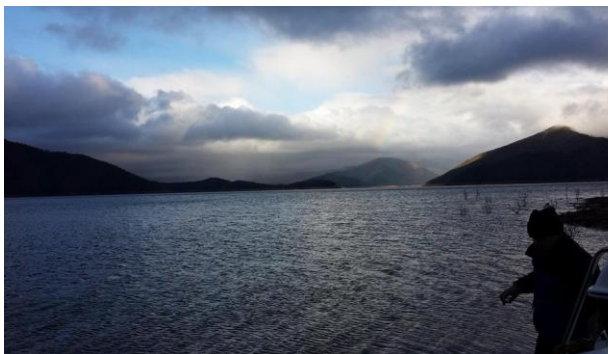


Ah Dartmouth. For many members this trip causes such mixed emotions. Many dream of those large trout that seem so common and plentiful in the lake.

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Then there is the prospect of an extremely long drive and maybe worse the prospect of freezing cold wintery conditions

This year the club experienced all three. Foul wintery weather but still plenty of fish captured.



See you can get some sun in Dartmouth

Ten members and two visitors made the trip to Dartmouth with most fishing out of boats. Nine people managed to catch at least fish 2. Only one member failed to weigh a fish in and they shall remain nameless.



Was there a Le Mans style Start for the competition?

Dartmouth is also one of those trips that is a sure bet for a few paddle nominations. This year was no different.

JB obliged with the usual Dartmouth forgetfulness. On the Friday he left his esky at the house and reels back in the car. This required the mandatory long tedious round trip back over the mountain to retrieve them. Then there was Ron whom was trolling near the dam wall and managed to snag on both rods. This wouldn't normally be so bad except that he managed to spool those reels in the process.



Keen anglers brave the Foul Dartmouth weather

The fishing for the week end certainly compensated for the foul weather. The most successful angler was Marco with 6 trout (all rainbows) for a final weight of 4.27kg. JB not forgetting his gear for the comp days came in a close second also with 6 rainbows (3.28kg).

Rounding out the podium was Jimmy, with 4 fish at 1.94 kg. The majority of fish caught on the trip were rainbows but Buko did manage the largest brown of the trip at 900grams.

Trip report by Andres V

31 May 2015

Mornington Peninsula

(Surf 3)

Another foul wintery blast greeted the 11 competitors for the Mornington Peninsula surf comp.

According to some of these anglers, this was some of the most unpleasant weather that the club had fished in many seasons. The one thing that you can guarantee on a beach when you mix strong winds and sand is a lot of sand in a lot of unplanned places. In fact everybody's gear by the end of the day was thoroughly covered by the gritty stuff.

Add to this some swell and weed, really made the day very unpleasant.

The results also mirrored the day. A slow day resulted in only 5 fish being weighed in. Winner Craig

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weighed in three of those, with a nice 1kg heaviest fish. Dave Clark and JB shared the remaining positions with 1 fish each.

And by all reports Craig had such a large lead in the surf competitions that he even had the luxury of practicing catch and release on some of the salmon he had caught. It's just a shame that he had already gilled and gutted them as a rogue wave tipped his esky over and washed away some of his days catch. A worthy paddle nomination to Craig, but sadly in a year when everyone else is losing rods and reels, losing a few fish I suspect would not be enough to get his name on that shield.

Trip report by Andres V

7 June 2015

Port Phillip Bay.

(Trailer Boat 5)

The tragic death of three fishermen whom launched from Altona on this day reinforces that angling, especially from water craft or rock platforms has the potential to be a dangerous if not life threatening activity.

The forecast strong winds meant that this competition was cancelled the night before. To all our club members this is a sombre reminder that you should always fish safely and only fish to your level of comfort, skill and the capabilities of your equipment.

13–14 June 2015

Lake Tyers

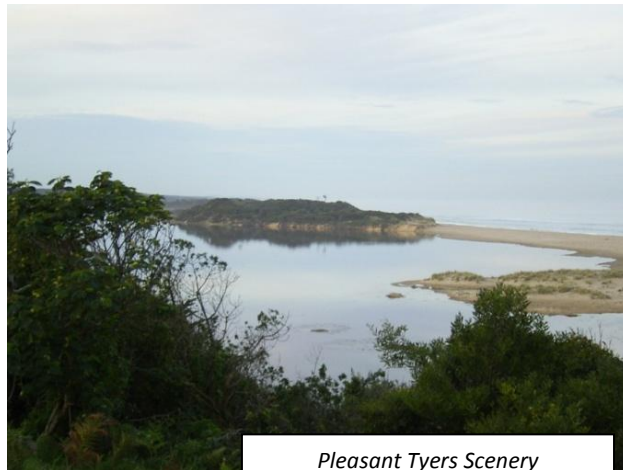
(Estuary 2)

Is Lake Tyers on its last legs?

Continual week-end forays down past East Gippsland for the last few seasons have sadly



produced smaller and smaller returns. At least this year the tight race for the leader board encouraged a few members to attend or risk being overrun for the top position. Not that there was any real risk to the leader board as the Lakes resident bream had apparently decided to take a winter holiday.



Pleasant Tyers Scenery

Eight members and two visitors made the trip to Lake Tyers. If it was any consolation, at least this years' trip was conducted in some nice sunshine. That would have pleased the large yakkers contingent, as it is always a lot more pleasant to be not catching fish in nice weather



View from the back of Wallaroo

Regrettable there was also few fish to be found for the boaters, either down near the entrance or up the river in the snags. The only consolation with week end trips away is that at least the poor days fishing

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can be chatted away looking into a drinks glass and eating mixed grills at the local hotel.



Only two people weighed in fish for the week end, with Phil S taking out first place with 2 hard earned bream (0.822kg), and Peter B weighing in for second with a solitary bream. It was a nice size and came close to pipping Phil at .814kg



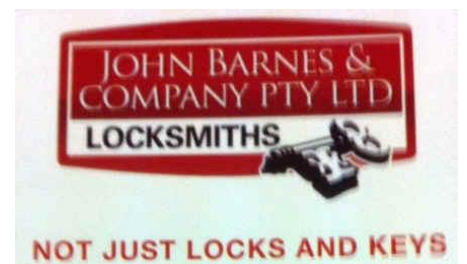
If you need to take some positives out of a near fishless week end then, at least all the anglers managed to avoid a paddle award nomination.

Oh well there is always next year, or is there?

Trip report by Andres V

SPONSORS:

Sandringham Anglers wishes to thank the following major sponsors for their support in 2013/2014.



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Black Rock
(03) 9589 5666

Interested in becoming a major sponsor, then contact the club on (03) 9598 9664 or email

info@sandringhamanglersclub.com

Championship Competition Winners

Club Championship:-

A tight contest that went down to the last round was had by Craig and Jimmy. They both shot out in front early in the season and have had a friendly rivalry every since. Craig eventually

Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (Seasons End 2014/2015)		
1 st	Craig W	209
2 nd	Jim K	175
3 rd	David C	127
4 th	Phil S	121
5 th	JB	119
6 th	Ron W	110
7 th	John M	105
8 th	David O	103
9 th	Rob K	79
10 th	Greg S	70
11 th	Peter B	69
12 th	Andres V	57
13 th	M Rizzi	36
=14 th	Michael H	33
=14 th	John L	33

managed to pip Jim at the end to complete a successful year. All the more impressive, being only his second year with the club.

If we were using sporting clichés to describe this season then can we say that there is a “changing of the guard” .The traditional front runners in the past few season Ron and JB finished well out of the placing this year. Or is this assessment premature and will this result be a motivation to rekindle their competitive spirits.

The most encouraging statistic is that through-out the year we managed 46 different members either fishing or attending the weigh ins. We look forward to seeing you all again next season. 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 Champion –Craig Waller
Last Seasons Winner Ron Wilson

Gunboat Championship:-

A similarly tight race in the gun boat championship with the final three all within one competition win of each other. Craig managed to convert his good personal form with the assistance of a variety of crew members throughout the year to also win the gun boat championship.



Gunboat – trophy winner Craig W
Last Season Winner Ron W
(Trophy sponsored by Colin Grenfell)

Ron and Phil had a good run showing that whilst they didn’t fill out the places in the personal championship they clearly managed to put their crew onto the fish and came in 2nd and 3rd respectively. This competition recognises those captains whom share

their time, experience and boats, enabling those that are “shore bound” within the club to get out and experience some of the more consistent fishing that a boat provides. As a shore based fisho myself I am extremely appreciative and grateful to those that have taken me out during the year.

Boat Captains Ladder (Seasons End 2014/2015)		
1 st	Walleroo	191
2 nd	Willow	171
3 rd	Haystack	165
4 th	Slapper	118
5 th	Redgum	116
6 th	Fishinator	96
=7 th	WrapperYak*	87
=7 th	Marko	87
9 th	Blackjack	72
10 th	White Lightning	53

Championship Competition Winners

Yak King Competition:-

A couple of years ago there was talk of nominating our president for a paddle award as he nearly managed to go a whole season without weighing in a fish. Now it appears he has shown everybody that he in fact can fish and can do it either from a boat, shore and more importantly a kayak. Some consistent captures from his yak saw Jimmy easily take out the Kayak King Shield.



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

Kayak King Ladder (Seasons End 2015)		
1 st	WrapperYak	87
2 nd	Yakittiyak	40
3 rd	Craddy Yak	31
4 th	Brennayak	17

Jimmy shot to lead with a win and second place in the first 4 competitions of the season and from there managed to consistently catch fish from the yak to finish comfortably ahead of his nearest competitor

Congratulations Jim

Junior Champion:-

For the first time in many members recollection we have had a winner in the Junior Champion category. Congratulations to Bradley whom was ecstatic at Lake Eildon where he landed a rainbow trout on the troll.

With a few youngsters in the club now approaching that 6+ age group where they can start to fish with some level of competence and hopefully success, we hope that this may trigger some friendly competition in next year's junior category.



Junior Winner Bradley

Category Winners:-

With the end of the competition year here are the category winners.

Snapper Aggregate Champion

Winner:- Dave Oates

Last Seasons Winner:- Ron Wilson



Trophy Sponsored by Phil Staindl & Family

Memorial Shield

Winner:- Dave Clark

Last Seasons Winner :- Ron Wilson



**Estuary Champion
"Charlie Webb Memorial Shield"**

Winner:- Jim Kavanagh

Last Seasons Winner :- Ron Wilson



Trophy Sponsored by Margaret Webb

**Whiting Aggregate:-
Craig Waller**

Last Seasons Winner: Dave Oates



Trophy Sponsored by Ron Wilson

Trailer boat Aggregate Champion

Winner:- Craig Waller

Last Seasons Winner: Greg Stephens



Surf Aggregate Champion

Winner Craig Waller

Last Seasons Winner:- Ron Wilson



Heaviest Whiting
Winner:- Dave Oates (0.49kg)
Last Seasons Winner: Steve Wilson



Trophy Sponsored by Phil Staindl

Freshwater Aggregate Champion
"Scott Nelson Shield"

Winner:-Peter Brown
Last Seasons Winner: Jon Bentley



Heaviest Trout
Winner:- Phil Staindl (Brown - 2.318 kg)
Last Seasons Winner: Jon Bentley



Trophy Sponsored by Steve Anderson

Most Memorable Capture
Winner Peter Brown (Chinook Salmon 1.724 kg)
Last Seasons Winner: Jon Bentley



The following winners were absent on the Night:-

Jeff Worle Trophy-
Winner:- –Peter Quinton
Last Seasons Winner :- Andres Vidovic



Heaviest Snapper
Winner Peter Quinton (3.482kg)
Last Seasons Winner: Ron Wilson
Trophy Sponsored by:- Dave Buckingham

Heaviest Flathead
Winner:- Michael Holland (Yank – 1.116kg)
Last Seasons Winner: Terry Black
Trophy Sponsored by Dave Buckingham.

Chris Bouyer Memorial
(Port Albert)
Winner Rob Kaldor
Last Seasons Winner:- Mark Hocking
Trophy Sponsored by Jon Bentley.

R Clarke Memorial Trophy
(Lake Dartmouth)
Winner:- Marco Rizzi (Absent on night)
Last Seasons Winner:- Peter Brown
Trophy Sponsored by Jon Bentley

Fishing Comp: Year's Largest Species:-

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

Here are this year's honorary mentions:-

Saltwater Species:-

Name	Species	Weight (Kg)
Peter Quinton	Snapper	3.482
Dave Oates	KG Whiting	0.490
Craig Waller	Flathead - Sand	0.794
Michael Holland	Flathead - Yank	1.116
Craig Waller	Flathead - Rock	0.752* ¹
Dave Oates	Gummy Shark	3.516
Craig Waller	Snook	0.606
Craig Waller	Barracouta	0.700
Craig Waller	Whiting - Grass	0.232
Dave Oates	Trevally - Silver	0.460
David Clark	Mullet (Yellow Eye)	0.326
Greg Stephens	Leatherjacket	0.690
Peter Brown	Black Bream	0.814
Craig Waller	Salmon	2.344
Craig Waller	Elephant Fish	2.190
Jim Kavanagh	Squid	0.625
Michael Holland	Garfish	0.314

*1 Denotes a new Club Record



Photos from Top

- 1) Craig Waller with an elephant. A fish species we don't often see at our weigh ins
- 2) Michael Holland with Garfish, so close to a club record (25grams short)
- 3) Marco, with a dusky from Mallacoota, Length approx 72cm, the unofficial heaviest fish of the trip.
- 4) Craig with a thumper surf comp salmon (Also nearly a new club record.

Freshwater Species:-

Name	Species	Weight(kg)
Bob Shovelar	Rainbow Trout	1.450
Phil Staindl	Brown trout	2.318
Peter Brown	Chinook Salmon	1.724* ¹
Dave Oates	Redfin Perch	0.286
Ron Wilson	Murray Cod	unknown

*1 Denotes a new Club Record



Phils Eildon Brown



Rons unofficial Murray Cod



Bobs Pondage Rainbow

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.

New Club Record:- Rock Flathead

Congratulations to Craig Waller whom landed a club record Rock Flathead. The fish weighed in at 0.752 kg and was captured during the Whiting 2 comp at Westernport.



Upcoming Competitions:-

One of the coldest winters I can recall is thankfully now nearly over. It's time to look forward to some warmer mornings and some hot balmy nights. As we see the magnificent gold of the wattles bloom, we also eagerly await the tea tree flowering, which traditionally signifies the start of snapper season. Here is what you can look forward to over the coming spring season.

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

Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
July 11&12	Hollands Landing	Estuary 1	Weigh In Sat 5PM Sun 12 Noon, Species: Heaviest Bag 10
Aug 02	Wonthaggi to Woolamai	Surf 1	W/in 3.00pm H/Tide 13:23, H/ Bag 10. (Fish to be cleaned)
August 15	Gunnamatta	Surf 2	Weigh In 2.30 PM H/Tide 12:45am , Heaviest Bag 10 (fish to be cleaned)
Sept 7	Try a New Place competition	Wurdi Bulloc	Social Comp. Donated Prize for Heaviest Bag
Sept 21 &22	Western Districts Lakes & Rivers	Freshwater 1	Weigh In 12 Noon both days, Heaviest Bag
Sept 27	Melbourne Rivers & Harbours	Estuary 2	Weigh In SAC 5pm, H/Tide 1:27pm Heaviest Bag 10
Oct 10 & 11	Lake Eildon / Pondage / Goulburn	Freshwater 2	Weigh In Sat 5 PM Sun 12 Noon, Heaviest Bag
October 23-25	Jeff Worle Trophy	Snapper 1	Weigh In SAC 1 PM. H/Tide 5:39am Heaviest bag of 3 min length 40cm Start 5pm Friday to 1pm Sunday
Oct 30 – Nov1	(Back Up Comp Date)	(Back up Snapper 1)	
November 7 (Sat Night)	79th Anniversary Comp (Twilight)	Snapper 2	Weigh in SAC 21.30. L/Tide 18:17 L/Down 3.30PM H/Tide 4:05pm, H/bag 3 min 40cm.
Nov 20 - 22	Club Memorial Trophy	Snapper 3	Weigh In SAC 1PM, Hi/Tide 10:57am H/bag of 3 minimum length 40cm. Start 5pm Friday to 1pm Sunday
Nov 27-29	(Back Up Comp Date)	(Back up Snapper 3)	
Dec 13	Southern Port Phillip	Trailerboat 1	Weigh In Sorrento Boat ramp 3PM, Lo/Tide 11:25am Heaviest bag of 10
Jan 17, 2016	Westernport	Whiting 1	Weigh In Hastings/Corinella 3PM, L/Tide 13:00, Heaviest bag of 10

The snapper season rule changes to cater for the boat ramp crisis last season will again be in force this season. As a recap, anglers have the opportunity to fish from Friday evening all the way through to the Sunday weigh-in time. To ensure fairness for all fishers, if the Sunday is determined to be a blow out then the whole week end would be judged as being cancelled and no results would be registered. If there is a blow there is always the opportunity for us to sneak in a well needed club rooms working bee.

.....Happy Fishing.

A Taste of the Sea:-

GREGS' SMOKED FISH

Earlier this year at a Tuesday night social meeting we had an informative session presented by keen fish smoker – Greg. He provided us all with valuable insight into some of the techniques and equipment needed for getting the best out of you fish catch. I have attached the presentation material he prepared and handed out on the night, including some mouth watering photos of his own smoked fish. Hopefully this will inspire some of us to try smoking some fish this season.

Basic Requirements

- Stainless Steel Fish Smoker \$50.00
- Smoker Sawdust (200 gms) \$ 5.00
- Methylated Spirits (1 litre) \$ 5.00

Optional Requirements

- Brine (500 mls water, 2 Tbsp salt, 1.5 Tbsp brown sugar)
- Seasoning (salt, pepper, garlic, lemon juice, spices, etc.)
- Other (Paper towel, aluminium foil, long matches, cutlery)



Some of the gear that will help you get started

Method

- Soak a whole fish or some fillets in a brine of 500mls water, 2 Tbsp salt and 1.5 Tbsp brown sugar for 30 minutes to an hour
- Pat dry then season with salt, pepper, garlic, lemon juice and spices.
- Place a small handful of scattered wood shavings on some aluminium foil on the base of the smoker, fill and light the Metho burner and place under the smoker.
- Place fish on the bottom rack of the smoker, pop on the lid and allow the fish to smoke for 15-20 mins. Then move the smoker off the flame for a further 5 mins.

Once done, any skin will just peel off, the fish will easily separate off the bone, and the flesh will be moist and succulent. And the smoky taste will be unbelievable!Enjoy



Snapper Done Two ways



A Taste of the Sea:-

Notes

Equipment:

Jarvis Walker Stainless Steel Fish Smoker - Dimensions: 37x28x18cm (pictured on previous page).

www.jarviswalker.com.au/stainless-steel-fish-smoker

Togar Smoker Oven :-www.togarovens.com/index.php

Brining:

Gives the fish that nice salty flavour you get with smoked fish and the sugar helps the smoke flavour to adhere to the fish. Brining also assists in leeching any blood and excess moisture out of the fish.

Some prefer no brine, instead just brushing a marinade such as oyster sauce etc. over the fillet.

Videos:

Jarvis Walker demo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAav2nHOeus>

Smoked Snapper:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkBaL4SnhRk>

Smoked Trout:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3gnctsSv20>

Benefits:

Portability, easy to clean and store. Produces tasty, succulent healthy food without the addition of oils & fats.

Storage:

There is no need to scrub the inside with abrasive pads as the gradual build-up of smoke actually improves, rather than detracts, from the flavour of the food. Simply remove any food particles and residues from the metal surfaces and periodically wipe the inside and outside of the smoker with a damp cloth.

Other uses:

A Fish Smoker can also be used to impart that superb smoky flavour to many meats, poultry and vegetables.

Sample Recipes:

Fish: -

www.togarovens.com/pages/smoker-recipes-fish

Chicken:

www.togarovens.com/pages/smoker-recipes-chicken

Meats:

www.togarovens.com/pages/smoker-recipes-meats

Sample smoking times:

Whole fish, e.g. pan-sized Pinkie Snapper, rissoles 1.25 cm thick, 20 mins (15 mins over flame):

Fish fillets, marinated skewered prawns (top rack), chicken breasts, 500g chicken fillets, rissoles 1cm thick, rack of lamb, 70g sirloin, lamb chops, pork chops, sausages, lamb kebabs (top rack), small tomatoes halved and seasoned placed cut side up on a sheet of aluminium foil, garlic heads halved, potatoes peeled & sliced, small mushrooms.

15 mins (10 mins over flame):

Tuna steaks, 2cm thick - will be pink in the centre.

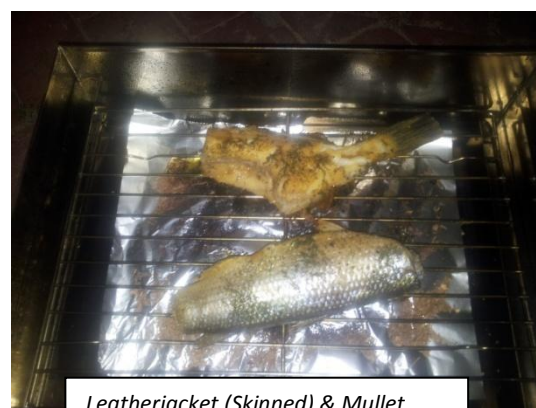
Summary:

Whole fish - smoke for 20 mins over the flame then smoke for another 5 mins off the flame.

Fish fillets - smoke for 15 mins over the flame then smoke for another 5 mins off the flame.



Brown Trout



Leatherjacket (Skinned) & Mullet

- A big thanks to Greg for the presentation and for passing on his typed information and pictures

Social Calender:-

Presentation Night:-

**Club Championship.
(18th July 2015)**

A great turn out for the crowning, or should I say patching of our category winners. Once again our Angling Secretary Ron led the evening, 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 point count-down.

All this was conducted whilst enjoying a course of roasted meats with vegetables, followed by 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 winner's cloth badges.

Paddle Nominations:-

That moment during the year where you get a chance to have someone's painful, forgetful or downright costly actions recorded for posterity. Even better you get to relive the moment in front of your peers, who are given the chance to laugh and snicker at you and think that thankfully you did something worse than them and saved them the embarrassment of this award.

This year the theme was loss. If you didn't lose or try to lose something you were not going to be in the running. Here is a list to help recap the running tally.



First were the not so costly, but mildly embarrassing minor losses, namely, Richard G Bob S, and Ron being spooled and losing all their line, whilst fishing.

Then there are the more financially costly errors, usually involving a rod and reel going overboard. This list includes some prominent and experienced fisherman, namely

- Terry B and Ron during the Mallacoota trip losing, recovering and breaking rods. (See the trip report for the full tale).
- John M tried hard to surpass everyone and lead from the front by losing two rods and reels during the season.
- Al, losing his rod and reel whilst yakking
- New president Dave gets an honourable mention for losing his "best" rod and reel off his yak, but thankfully it was not eligible as it happened on a private trip

Remarkably a lot of these chaps who lost their rods and reels went on to retrieve them from the depths. Maybe the belief that if they recovered their equipment they may not experience the ignominy of being nominated

To really stand out from the crowd and win this year someone would have to try to lose something of much greater size, monetary value or preferably both. Thankfully Peter Brown stepped up to the plate and delivered



Peter is awarded the Prestigious Paddle Award

During the Whiting 1 competition in early January (Westernport), Peter, deep in conversation with another club member was asked if he was fishing out of his boat today. He replied yes and pointed at the empty gap on the jetty landing. That “gap” was where his boat had been, because at that time it was steadily drifting away in the strong Westernport currents. Fortunately for Peter a civic minded boater managed to retrieve it and towed it back to the ramp. Maybe as penance we should schedule Peter to provide a “boat knot tying” session one club night.

As we enter the new season all anglers should remember if you happen to do something painful, forgetful or embarrassing, try hard to make sure nobody sees you. That way you can stay out of the running for the dreaded paddle.

Presidents Award

The final award presented for this year was the President’s Award. This plaque is nominated and awarded by the club President to the member he thinks that has made a significant contribution throughout the year. The winner this year was Andres.

The award was presented for the effort that had been put in over the past three years as treasurer and in the preparation and writing of this newsletter.

I would like to thank Jim, for the award and importantly all those people that assist me in the preparation of this newsletter with their photos, facebook posts, trip reports and general stories and ideas that I “borrow” to go into the newsletter.

The most important thank you would go to my better half Trish, for her patience and efforts proof reading the newsletter before it gets distributed. I suspect a newsletter takes a bit of time to compile as every time I tell her I am starting the next edition she usually rolls her eyes, shakes her head and gives me that look of “not again”.



Although taking a step back from the committee work this year, I look forward to continuing with the newsletter. I even promise to be more punctual with the next edition.

New Members

The Sandringham Angling club welcomes the following new members:-

- ❖ Donald Ferries
- ❖ Peter Flockart
- ❖ Tony McCarthy
- ❖ Fergus Hunt
- ❖ Chris Plant
- ❖ Steffen Raab
- ❖ Andrew Kinsella

Several members, namely Andrew and Chris have already got off to a flying start attending social functions and some of our competitions. Chris has been spotted at both surf comps and the social trout competition. Although he hasn't weighed a fish in yet (as did most others at these comps), he might have managed his first paddle nomination. That will have to wait for the next edition of the newsletter.

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

VALE

Ralph Doddrell

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of long term and highly regarded member Ralph Doddrell.

Ralph, who passed away suddenly in April, had been a regular Tuesday night attendee at the Sandringham Anglers' Club for over 20 years and continued to fish Club competitions together with his secret marks in Port Phillip well into his eighties.



Ralph with his record Bream

Ralph's great love in fishing were his regular trips to Bemm river where he was well known among locals and consistently returned with large Bream and Estuary Perch.

On 22 April 2002 whilst fishing in a SAC estuary competition Ralph decided the flooded Mitchell river mouth was the place to find fish and consequently set a new Black Bream record of 1.710kg that remains unbeaten today.

Many members, past and present, will also remember Ralph as the hands-on Committee Chairman of the "Top of the Bay" competition, that in the mid -nineties was the premier snapper competition in Victoria and gained significant media and press publicity for our Club.

A true gentlemen, he will be sadly missed.

Bunning's BBQ

Our most important fund raiser for the year has come and gone. Another successful day with favourable weather ensuring the snag and drink sales were steady throughout the whole day. The takings were comparable to previous years, and may have even surpassed those if not for the "snag-gate" scandal, where several hundred snags managed to evade the BBQ. I can't believe there wasn't a paddle nomination for that incident.



A large effort goes into the organisation and preparation for the Bunning's BBQs. I would like to extend a big thank you to our principal organiser Steve W, and Paul L whom did a lot of the organising, running around and buying or borrowing the necessary equipment, food and utensils for the day. Then there was the potentially painful job of slicing all those onions. Although by the look of the facebook photos these are experienced BBQ organisers whom know how to avoid those tears. The secret is all in the goggles.

Then we cannot forget all those people who gave of their time on the day, doing a stint cooking or serving and those whom rushed about on the day making those impromptu purchases whenever the condiments ran out.

The BBQ is a yearly event so next time the club emails around a request for help please

try and make some time on the day to assist. If you cannot make it on the day, how about contacting the organiser to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Working Bee

One of the great things about having our own club rooms is that it gives the members a great place to congregate and share a few drinks, have a BBQ and swap some stories especially for those weekend weigh-ins. It also gives us plenty of space to display our club trophies and store essential club materials and memorabilia.

The down side of having your own clubrooms is that things get old, tired, dirty and even break down. This necessitates regular maintenance, sweat and muscle power to ensure that our club rooms stay in a clean, pleasant and safe standard. We achieve this predominantly through our scheduled working bees. These are our best chance to throw a lot of co-ordinated effort into the club rooms to get them ship shape



Mark – our property officer

Two working bees are usually scheduled throughout the year, normally in the warmer months. One is on a week end and the other during a Tuesday club night. The next working bee has been scheduled for Tuesday night the 6th October starting at 6pm. Please help keep our club strong and functioning by donating some of your time. If you've never been to a working bee then your efforts won't go unrewarded. The night usually ends with a BBQ and a few social drinks.

Footy Tipping

The tight end to the fishing season was mirrored with an equally tight finish in the footy tipping.

By round twenty, 7 people were clustered within 4 tips of each other. The last three rounds being blind meant the suspense was maintained until the season ended. The final placing where equally tight and the winner was Kieran B, on 152 points closely followed by our equal 2nd place getters Greg S and Craig W, only one point behind. Three other members just missed out on the placings, also by one point.

Thanks go out to Paul L, for once again stepping forward to organise and run the footy tipping. We all look forward to the start of the next season.

Congratulations.....

To continue the theme of recognition for people's service, I was forwarded this small snippet of information from this January's Order of Australia awards and appointments. One of our own, "Bucko" received an

honourable mention, or was it a captain's pick?

David Buckingham, Received as a

- **Member (AM) in the general division.**

"For significant service to public administration, particularly Australia – Britain relations, to business and to Tertiary Education"

Congratulations to Dave "Bucko" from all your mates at the club.



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

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

