

# SANDI ANGLING NEWS:-

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SANDRINGHAM ANGLER'S CLUB:-



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

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

## Introduction:-

Welcome to the return of the Sandringham Anglers Club newsletter. It has certainly been a long break between publications. The committee is planning to make this publication a quarterly newsletter so that we can inform our members on recent fishing trips, social happenings and keep you updated on the fishing championship ladder. We also will notify members of any upcoming events and angling issues. On the lighter side we hope provide you with some useful fishing tips, some lighter fishing related stories and maybe even a joke or two.

I Hope you enjoy the Sandi Angling news. Thanks.....Ed.

To assist in preparing this newsletter we value and encourage contributions from our members. If you've recently enjoyed yourself on a club fishing trip or even a great private fishing adventure, have any photos to share or have seen something worthy of a paddle nomination then please let someone on the committee know or email us on: [info@sandringhamanglersclub.com](mailto:info@sandringhamanglersclub.com)

## Presidents Report:-

Welcome everyone to the first newsletter for the 2012 2013 season. Three competitions in and already some great catches.

Welcome to all our new members and please make yourself known around the club , it would be great to see a few new faces at the working been on 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

We sadly lost one of our most loved members in Charlie Webb recently, our thoughts are still with Marg and we as a club will endeavour to support her wherever possible. Marg has passed on her thanks to the committee and members especially David and Helen for all their efforts at Charlie's wake.

On a lighter note we are starting a pool competition this month so put your name down ASAP. Also check out our new website , thanks to Greg. Hope to see you all down the club or out on the water.

Tight lines.

Jim.

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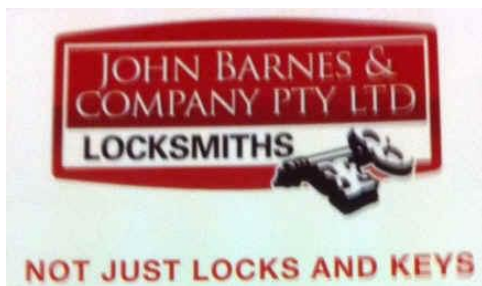


## Club Information:-

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### SPONSORS:-

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### COMMITTEE:-

Sandringham Anglers Committee for 2012/2103 is:-

President:	Jim Kavanagh
Vice President:	David Oates
Treasurer:	Andre Vidovic
Secretary:	Dave Clark
Angling Secretary:	Ron Wilson
Boat Captain/	Gary Meehan
Property Officer:	Gary Meehan
Publicity Officer:	Steve Wilson
General Committee:	Deb Wilson, Mark Hocking, David Buckingham

### CLUB BOAT:-

The club boat has recently had a makeover with a full engine service and a new paint job. The club would like to thank Ian Marches of Alphalast for his generous donation in carrying out the painting works.

Need a boat to get to your favourite fishing spot. Members are reminded that the boat is available for hire to all licensed members for a small fee on a daily or extended hire period. If interested, contact Gary Meehan for further information.

### VENUE HIRE:-

Need a venue for a party or a work function? How about using the club rooms. The rooms are available for hire and members get a discount rate. If interested email us on [info@sandringhamanglersclub.com](mailto:info@sandringhamanglersclub.com) or alternatively speak to someone on the committee.

The fishing club is reliant on its members to make it what it is. If you have any ideas or suggestions on ways to improve the club then please feel free to discuss them with someone on the committee or come down to club night and raise the suggestions at the meeting.

## Club Fishing Reports:-

### 14-15 July 2012 Hollands Landing (Estuary 1)

Heavy rains and extensive flooding throughout much of the Gippsland Lakes system in June instilled a sense of trepidation amongst the hardy troupe from the Sandy Anglers who ventured east for the first competition of the new season.

The initial fears about flood damage to caravans and cabins proved unfounded, as the newly raised cabins proved to be out of the reach of the encroaching flood waters (just!). However, the effects on the fishing were still being felt with the result being only 2 bream being caught by Club members the entire weekend.



JB and Bucko targeted the upper reaches of the McLelland Straits on the Saturday, and although sharpening their angling skills on light tackle, the only catches were large quantities of carp and the occasional eel. What these results showed was that the fresh water was still prevalent throughout the entire water table and as such, was not going to yield many (if any at all) bream.

Others went further afield, including across to Loch Sport and, of course, the age old favourite of Tom's



Creek. Sadly, there was no joy on the fishing front. The only fish caught on the Saturday was done so very late in the day by veteran kayaker, Dave Oates, who managed to hook and net a nice 650g bream just prior to dusk. Everyone else had a good time, but rued the lack of angling action.

The Sunday morning saw the wind blow up, making life tough for the kayak contingent who had made the journey to Hollands. For those who decided to fish, Toms Creek was the only option given the strength of the wind. Showing that his recent good form in estuary fishing was no fluke, Bucko landed a very nice 1kg bream to take out the competition ahead of Dave Oates.

A wonderful BBQ feast was had on the Saturday, and in spite of the loud and unruly behaviour of a volatile group from Rosedale, everyone from the Club seemed to enjoy themselves.

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### 4 August 2012 – Wonthaggi to Woolamai (Surf 1)

Reasonable weather for the angling clubs first surf competition for the new syllabus. Seven members fished the competition and they mostly fished Williamson's and Woolamai.

A brisk westerly and a bit of weed made fishing conditions a little tough and no eligible fish were weighed in.

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## Club Fishing Reports:-

### 19 August 2012 – Gunnamatta Beach

#### (Surf 2)

Reasonable weather with no wind was a good omen for the angling clubs second surf competition for the season. Once again seven members fished the competition and two groups formed with one fishing near the car park of the surf life saving club and the second fishing 500m further to the left along the beach.

For the group fishing left on the beach it proved a winning tactic as all caught fish. For the group near the SLS car park it was a fishless outing. All fish were caught on the mid to high tide on either pilchards or surf poppers.



Congratulations to Phil on taking out the day with a full bag of 10 Salmon totalling 5.36kg with a nice respectable salmon of 1.274kg as his biggest fish. Ron came in a close second with 7 salmon and Steve was the final person to weigh in fish with 3 salmon.



### 1-2 September 2012 Western District Lakes (Freshwater 1)

Conditions were perfect on the Saturday, no wind and the hottest day in a long time. Most of the club fished Lake Bullen Merri, and it proved to be very quiet. "Redgum" got some action early, with JB pulling a nice 850g brown up from the depths trolling a Tassie devil. He lost an even bigger one by the boat soon after.



Steve and Dave trolled every inch of the lake in their kayaks for no return. There appeared to be little on the sounder or fish on the surface compared to usual. Willow, Deb and Little Lachie (away on his first SAC competition), bait-fished for zilch also. Andres fished off the shore at Lake Purrumbete and landed a small redfin (200g) on a soft plastic minnow

## Club Fishing Reports:-

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Jimmy appeared to be the smart one of the club, not venturing far from the ramp, sitting on the bank in the sun with a camp fire by his side. He managed a couple of undersized salmon and a few zzz's.

The locals all ventured out for dusk on Saturday as we all headed in after a long day. This appears to be the best tactic here as we heard they did well. But after a long day out on the water, a shower, a counter-meal and the footy were calling us all in.

Sunday was a repeat for most of us except this time at Lake Purrumbete. Andres fished of Hoses rocks and caught a nice 800g brown trout again on soft plastic minnow. JB caught another trout (580g) trolling, to knock off Andre and take the honours for the weekend.

Sunday was a lot windier, and by weigh-in time it was howling. Certainly made for a hairy ride back to the boat for Dave our only Kayak competitor.



A good weekend away, cold beers at the pub Saturday night, Cloke back in form...



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### 16 September 2012 – Try a new place Social Comp.

In our hopes of trying different fishing location Sandringham anglers had planned to fish a social day (no competition points) at Blue Rock Dam. Unfortunately the required 6 participants were not found and the event was cancelled.

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### 23 September 2012 – SAC VS BMYS V MENTONE (Trailerboat 1).

Unpredictable spring weather greeted us for the annual inter club fishing day. With forecast winds of over 20 knots on the bay, the competition was unfortunately cancelled.

The editor wishes to thank the following people:-

Phil Staindl for his contribution with his comprehensive and informative fishing reports. Keep up the good work Phil.

Steve Wilson for supplying the majority of the fishing photos.

## Club Championship:-

The first quarter of the fishing season is over and the competition is hotting up with a three way tie in the lead between Dave B, JB and Phil S. Ron is only 3 points behind the leaders. This resumes last years battle where Ron (the reigning champion) pipped Phil S for the championship by only 8 points.

Congratulations to Dave who has fished all his competitions from his kayak. He is coming a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> in the standings

The start of the snapper season may see some changes in the leader board as the snapper specialists look to make up some ground.

The club encourages everyone to come and join in on competition fishing days and weekends away as they are fun and social outings.

### Championship Ladder –(30<sup>th</sup> September 2012)

=1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>D Buckingham</b>	<b>29</b>
=1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>J Bentley</b>	<b>29</b>
=1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>P Staindl</b>	<b>29</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R Wilson</b>	<b>26</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>D Oates</b>	<b>22</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S Wilson</b>	<b>21</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Vidovic</b>	<b>20</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>J Kavanagh</b>	<b>8</b>
=9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Fairley</b>	<b>6</b>
=9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>G Stephens</b>	<b>6</b>
=9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>T Black</b>	<b>6</b>
=12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>M Holland</b>	<b>2</b>
=12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deb Wilson</b>	<b>2</b>
=12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>L Wilson (Jnr)</b>	<b>2</b>
=12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>D Smith</b>	<b>2</b>
=12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Pansow</b>	<b>2</b>

## Upcoming Competitions:-

The spring quarter of the syllabus sees 5 more competitions scheduled (with 2 back up dates). Hopefully this seasons weather will be much better than last year which saw most of our spring snapper competitions and their back up days cancelled. In October we have one last opportunity for the freshwater specialists to shine before we get into the serious snapper fishing season

Date	Event Type	Location	Comp Type and Weigh In
Oct. 13&14	Freshwater 2	Lake Eildon/ Pondage/ Goulburn	Sat 5 PM Sun 12 Noon <b>Heaviest Bag</b>
Oct 21	Jeff Worle Trophy Snapper 1	Port Phillip Bay	Heaviest bag of 3 min length 40cm <b>SAC 1 PM. ( H/Tide 8:08)</b>
Oct. 28	(Back Up Comp) Snapper	Port Phillip Bay	TBD
Nov 4	Club Memorial Trophy (Snapper 2)	Port Phillip Bay	<b>H/bag of 3</b> minimum length 40cm. Weigh In <b>SAC 1PM (H/Tide 7:36)</b>
Nov 17 (Saturday)	<b>76<sup>th</sup></b> Anniversary Comp. Twilight Fishing Comp (Snapper 3)	Port Phillip Bay	<b>H/bag 3.min 40 cm. L/Down 3.30 PM.</b> Weigh in <b>SAC 9.45 (H/T 5:28)</b>
Nov 25	(Back up Comp. Date) Snapper	Port Phillip Bay	<b>TBD</b>
Dec. 2	Westernport & Outside ( T/Boat 2)	Westernport and outside	<b>H/bag 10.</b> 4 pm Stony Point (L/Tide <b>10:00AM</b> )

And remember that daylight saving starts October 7<sup>th</sup>. See you all on the water. Ed.-

## Old Wives Tales

### Who brought the banana..

One club member recently told of a fishing comp last season where a relatively new member was fishing out of his boat without any success. Whilst bemoaning the fact that the fishing was very slow and it just wasn't his day he proceeded to get his lunch out of his bag which included a lovely ripe yellow banana. For many boat owners this would have resulted in an immediate removal of the offending fruit and maybe even the passenger from the boat. A quick search on the internet shows many charter companies in Victoria prominently display on their websites that they are a "Banana Free Boat".

So just where does the strongly held superstition of bananas being bad luck on a fishing boat come from. Well not surprisingly as with most superstitions the true origins are unknown and the historical justifications are many and widespread. Here are just a few.

- From Hawaii came this idea: "Hawaiian men would go out in dugout canoes and fish for weeks at a time. They would always take Bananas. By chance it happens that the bananas would rot about the same time they would get too far out to really catch any fish. So they associated bananas as bad luck.
- Many stories tell of banana oil rubbing off on ones hands and "spooking" the fish; therefore the fish don't bite.



- In old times, ships kept citrus on board to prevent scurvy. Bananas give off a gas that speeds up the ripening time of fruits. Thus, having bananas on board shortened the spoilage time of the necessary citrus stores, so bananas became a no-no.
- Some say that bananas give you the runs so you are always in the marine head and can't catch fish because you are busy "draining the pipes".
- In the days of sailing ships bananas would be picked up on tropical islands during the voyage. Living in these bunches of bananas would be all types of unpleasant insects and snakes, the worst of which was a species of spider whose bite could cause death. Captains would spread the notion that bananas were bad luck to keep these vermin off the ship.
- The wooden sailing boats of the Caribbean trade of the 1700s. had to move quickly to deliver bananas before they spoiled, and fishermen had a hard time trolling for fish on such fast-moving boats
- One of the creepier superstitions is that banana cargo could actually kill a man. Fermenting bananas give off methane gas, which could conceivably get trapped below deck and kill any crew members unlucky enough to be working in the hold



If you're not the superstitious type and still want to enjoy a banana on your next fishing trip that is not squashed or blemished from carrying it in your fishing bag then this may be the product for you.



Its called the Nude food movers, banana mover. Check it out on the net.



## A Taste of the Sea.

As fashion, tastes and trends always seem to come in cycles, and what was old is now new I thought it would only be fitting to revisit an old recipe printed way back in the January 1991 edition of the Angling News. With the addition of some modern culinary touches of course.

Back in the 1991 edition this was titled "JB's favourite fish recipe" and 21 years on I believe it still is.

### Ingredients:-

- ❖ One 1.5 kg snapper (although any fish species is a suitable substitute).
- ❖ Two crushed cloves of Garlic.
- ❖ Olive Oil (1 Teaspoon)
- ❖ Sea Salt and Cracked Black Pepper.
- ❖ Continental Parsley (for Garnish)
- ❖ Two 150g Eye Fillets

### Method:-

- ❖ Marinate eye fillet with half the crushed garlic and olive oil and let sit in refrigerator to marinate for at least 30 mins.
- ❖ Place the Eye fillets onto BBQ hotplate and whilst cooking brush both sides with remaining garlic and add sea salt and cracked pepper to taste.
- ❖ Remove fillet when done to your taste add parsley on top for garnish and serve with a salad and chips.
- ❖ Give the fish to a neighbour or friend.

Have a favourite seafood recipe that you wish to share with your fellow club members. Let Andre or someone on committee know and we'll happily publish those secret family recipes.



### **Members Rig:-(2 Hook Dropshot)**

- ✓ Not fully converted to the latest soft plastic revolution "or *fad* as some may call it".
- ✓ Addicted to using bait on your fishing trips.
- ✓ Can't be bothered forking out your hard earned on a packet of jig heads that'll probably end up at the back of your tackle box.
- ✓ Like to try soft plastics but can't be bothered with the constant casting and retrieving. Then why don't you hedge your bets with a combination soft plastic dropshot rig.



### **Method:-**

- Rig any bait on your bottom dropper and a soft plastic (preferably fast action plastic) on the top hook.
- Sit the rod in the holder and wait for the bites.

## Club Happenings:-

### Paddle Nominations:-

A quiet start to the fishing has seen very little action on the paddle nominations so far. If you know of or hear of any incidents worthy of a nomination then please feel free to share it with other club members at the next club meeting or let the editor know for publication in our next issue.

### Social Calender:-

#### **Pool competition:-**

A reminder that we will be starting a pool competition. Games will be played whenever there is not a club meeting scheduled. To play put your name down on the list at the bar. The competition format will be determined once we know how many participants there will be.

#### **Footy Tipping:-**

Congratulations to Gary Meehan for taking out this seasons footy tipping competition with 163 tips. He narrowly edged out Phil S on 161 points. Rounding out the top three was Paul L (160 points). For everyone else there's always next season.

Thanks to Paul Lindholm for organising and coordinating the footy tipping competition this year. By all accounts it was a thoroughly fun competition with the added spice of the last three rounds this year being blind results.

#### **Working Bee:-**

This years working bee will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012. This is our major opportunity for the year to ensure that the clubrooms are looking their best and any necessary repairs and improvements are carried out. This years working bee will focus on painting of the front balcony and doors. All members are encouraged to help out even if you can only spare a morning or afternoon. For more Information please speak to Gary Meehan or a committee member.

### New Members

Welcome to Richard Goudre who has recently joined us as a new member.

### Births

Congratulations to Steve & Deb – on the recent birth of their son Lachlan. It is good to see Lachlan already out on the water for his first fishing comp.

### Deaths

The Club committee and members wish to express their deepest sympathies on the death of life member Charlie "Spider" Webb on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012.



Charlie fished with Sandringham Anglers for over 25 years and served on committee for many years in various roles, his most recent being that of treasurer.

Our thoughts go out to his wife Marg.

Charlie will be fondly remembered by all his friends at the club.

See you all in the spring edition.....Ed.