

SANDI ANGLING NEWS:-

NEWSLETTER OF THE SANDRINGHAM ANGLERS' CLUB:-



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

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

Introduction:-

Welcome to the third edition of the Sandi Angling News. Its been a very blowy summer in Melbourne which has made finding suitable fishing days difficult. The windy conditions have made for some interesting fishing and also a large surge in candidates for the Paddle award.

Thankfully the club has still managed to get out on all of its competition days. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Sandi Angling news and get some useful tips and information out of it.

Thanks.....Ed.

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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

Presidents Report:-

Hello all

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. I cannot remember a year where the fishing has been as good or the race for club champion so close.

Good luck to everyone for the rest of the season.

Great to see a few of the yak lads getting together at some of the comps and hope to see some of the new yak members join them as well.

Remember the club is now on Facebook and members are regularly posting pictures and info there. If you are interested in joining then log onto Facebook and ask to be a friend of the Sandringham anglers group.

Don't forget the upcoming working bee , Tuesday night again and hopefully we can get the rest of the painting finished before a barbecue and a beer.

Good luck to the Mallacoota crew and hope you all have a great week of fishing.

Tight Lines

Jim Kavanagh



Fishing Port Albert, catch the full report on Pg7



Club Information:-

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/	Garry Meehan
Property Officer:	Garry Meehan
Publicity Officer:	Steve Wilson
General Committee:	Deb Wilson, Mark Hocking, David Buckingham

Fishing Competition Weigh In Rules:-

This quarter controversy struck in Portland as one club member eagerly waited to weigh in his first eligible fish for the year. His hopes were cruelly dashed when the angling secretary highlighted that his wrasse was "under club rules" an ineligible species for weigh in. This apparently started a discussion in which the angler pointed out that wrasse did not appear in the weigh in rules listed on the club web page, at which point our official keeper of the scales proceeded to extract a very old and weather beaten copy of the Club constitution and Rules, which shows wrasse as being ineligible.

To assist in removing any confusion I will therefore offer the following. Here are the club rules as stated on our web page:-

Minimum lengths for weigh-ins.

SAC Snapper Only Competitions:

- Minimum eligible length 40 cm.

All Other Competitions.

- Snapper/pinkies must be a minimum length of 30 cm

Extended minimum lengths for Club Competitions:

- Australian Salmon 30 cm
- Snapper 30 cm
- Flathead 30 cm

- Whiting (all) 30 cm
- Mullet 30 cm
- Trout/Salmonoids 30 cm.

Other Club minimum lengths where there is no legal minimum:

- All other eligible fish where there is no minimum legal length is 25 cm. (Squid tube length 25 cm).

Following fish are now ineligible for competition weigh-in but may be submitted for record purposes:

- Slimy Mackerel
- Yakkas (yellowtail scad)
- Rock Cod

Note:-".....Except for surf competitions, anglers may weigh in fish whole, partly or completely gutted and cleaned. However no allowance will be made for lost weight in competition points. If claiming a record fish capture you should weigh your fish whole but this is not compulsory.

*Note fish must be cleaned and gutted for Surf competition weigh-ins.

But according to the clubs "Constitution and Rules" from the chapter titled "General Rules For Angling Competition as at 14th August,1991 we have:-

Clause 15, The following species are not acceptable

Gurnard, Stringray (including Eagle Ray), Skate, Toads, Cobblers, Porky Pine, Banjo Sharks, Port Jackson Sharks, Parrot Fish including Blue nose, Eels, Cuttlefish and European Carp.

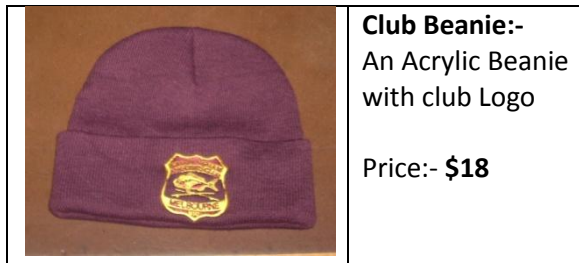


Hope this helps. Happy Angling.....

Club Information:-

Merchandise:-

Correction: In the last edition of the newsletter I incorrectly listed the price of the club beanie as \$25. In fact they are only \$18



Looking on the bright side we could say that we are having a 28% off sale.

Victorian Dusky Flathead Size Limits:-

As a club we regularly visit the Gippsland estuaries of Victoria and on these trips we eagerly hope to connect onto one of those big Dusky crocs. It's therefore important that all members are aware of the recent changes to dusky flathead size limits.

Here's an extract from the department of primary industries website.

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries>

"The Victorian recreational size limits for dusky flathead have changed.

The new limits have been introduced in response to the increasing popularity of dusky flathead fishing in East Gippsland.

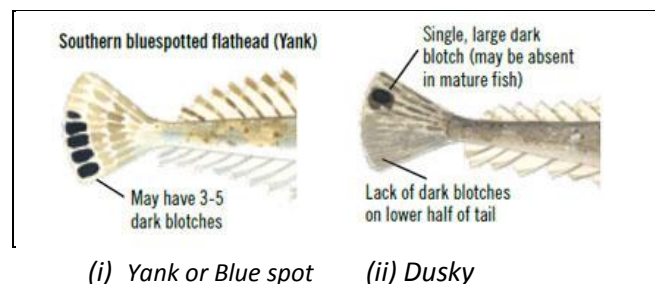
Fisheries research through boat ramp surveys and angler diaries indicate catches of large females have declined since the 1990s in Mallacoota Inlet and Lake Tyers.

*Fisheries Victoria has introduced a **maximum** size limit of 55 centimetres and increased the minimum size limit from 27 to 30 centimetres.*

This will provide a no-take refuge for large fish, help rebuild breeding stocks and ensure retained catches are a suitable size to eat. This proposal was

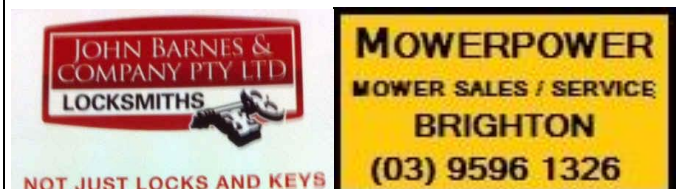
supported by recreational fishers at public forums in Lakes Entrance and Mallacoota in March and April 2012".

Don't know your dusky from your yank or your tiger or rock or your blue spot. This may help.....



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Club Fishing Reports:-

13 Jan 2013 Port Phillip Bay

(Whiting 1)

A nice calm start to the day had the group of boat and kayak anglers optimistic for a pleasant day of fishing on the bay. Unfortunately a gusty South westerly blew in early morning making for slightly uncomfortable fishing conditions.

JB on Redgum and Terry with Andres on board concentrated their efforts around the inshore reefs just beyond Mordialloc creek (Horse Paddocks and slightly further offshore). It appears that pinkies were to be the order of the day here. Unfortunately for the anglers all these hovered between the 20 and 25cm mark

JB's perseverance did however manage to land two nice whiting with a total bag of 0.73 kg. This would be enough to land him 2nd position.



JB. A happy 2nd Place

Ron and Steve were out early on willow fishing around the Black Rock region. They thought they were going to have a good day when they quickly landed a few nice whiting between them. Unfortunately the whiting went off the bite and they were not to find them for the rest of the day. They did however manage to attract to the boat

with berley a nice school of trevally. This proved to be a lot of fun on light gear. Steve weighed in his heaviest trevally to now lead that category for this year's heaviest fish. His two whiting were also good enough for 3rd with 0.49kg



Steve, Just as happy 3rd place

Ron with a 3 whiting bag totalling 0.96kg did enough to take out top position.

Phil with family members Keith and Michael on board also fished that Black Rock area but where not able to find the whiting. Their day was fairly slow with one of the few moments of joy was catching and releasing a nice leatherjacket.

A slow day also for the 3 kayak anglers Greg, Al and Jim who fished the competition, with no eligible fish to weigh.

Club Fishing Reports:-

19-20 January 2013 –
Portland (Trailerboat 3)
Chris Bouyer Memorial
Trophy



A hardy group of 8 anglers made the journey to Portland in the far south west of the State on the weekend of January 19th and 20th. With a few enthusiasts arriving by early Friday afternoon and enjoying early success on some whiting, spirits were high on Friday night for a successful outing on the Saturday. However, windy conditions limited the fishing options, and the whiting were not quite so obliging as the previous day. Ron and the ever reliable JB managed to get a few whiting between them whilst Alex landed a modest flattie to join them as the only anglers to weigh in on the end of Day 1.



Pre Fishing Tactical Discussions

Conditions on the Sunday morning were a little better, although it was by no means smooth sailing for the couple of intrepid boats that ventured out to Lawrence rock and beyond

Ron added a lovely snook to his bag from the previous day whilst JB landed a nice size couta. The only other action on the Sunday occurred when Phil and Alex had a brief encounter with a school of salmon, with Phil bagging 4 and Alex bagging two.



Post Fishing Tactical Discussions

Results of the weekend finished up with Ron claiming 1st position (again – congratulations Ron), Phil sneaking into 2nd spot with his salmon, Alex in 3rd and JB finishing in 4th.



Alex & his "modest" flathead

All 4 Al, Greg, Blackie and Michael H cannot go unreported however, adding colour and action to the weekend, especially with Al finding a novel weigh to come ashore in a kayak! (more of that come paddle nomination time.)



Wrasse.....
....Ineligible?

Club Fishing Reports:-

10 February 2013 – Westernport (Whiting 2)

Strong southerly winds greeted the brave members who entered the Whiting competition out of Hastings on February 10th. For the 7 members who weighed in at Hastings, all were able to present at least 1 fish to the weigh-master. A total of 30 fish were weighed in, with the best being a .606kg thumper landed by Mark Hocking, giving him 3rd spot in the comp.



Would've been a nice whiting, but it's only a pike

However, it was Mark's crew member, Andres, who blitzed, and weighed in a magnificent bag of 10 wonderful whiting to dominate first position by the proverbial country mile. Mark and Andres had a busy day on the port covering a lot of miles and fishing multiple locations including some of the deeper channel (7-8m) and the shallower spots like Tyabb banks (1 – 2m). This proved a winning tactic as they managed to catch several whiting across these various locations

And a welcome return to both competition and form saw Deb Wilson take out 2nd place (and out fish her father-in-law) with a good bag of 5 fish.

For this competition the club trialed a new weigh in procedure by allowing dual weigh in locations. This allowed the kayak contingent to launch in the

more kayak friendly waters of Coronet Bay on the opposite side of the port.

Greg, Dave and Al braved the windy conditions and fished the sand patches just off the shores across at Coronet Bay. Dave managed to get a couple of whiting to weigh in and gain valuable points in the kayakers points competition. Once again, Al and Greg sadly, were not able to trouble the scorers in the weigh in. Greg did happen to catch a couple of whiting but unfortunately was unable to weigh them in (see the Paddle nominations for the full story). At least he managed to catch a leatherjacket and a grass whiting for a feed. By all accounts the location was found to be very favourable by the kayak anglers and they will be returning here for future Western Port competitions

New Club Record.

Whilst fishing the Westernport whiting comp Ron was onto a nice fish that fought a bit too hard for a whiting. He managed to land what turned out to be a yellow



eyed mullet. He caught the mullet at the middle spit and it weighed in at 0.644kg. Ron now holds the club record for heaviest yellow eye mullet. The previous record was held by J. Willis who caught one at the Nicholson river back in 1990 which was 0.555kg.

.....Congratulations and well done Ron.

Club Fishing Reports:-

23-24 February
2013 – Port Albert
(Trailer boat 4)



For the 11 members who made the trek south to Port Albert, hopes of a repeat of last year's benign conditions were dashed quickly, when howling easterly winds greeted us as we awoke at dawn on the Saturday. Two other angling clubs who were in town to fish did not even venture out on the Saturday. Call it dedication or madness, but 3 Sandy boats ventured out and fished for the best part of the entire day, in spite of there being no respite from the winds. And for Mark "Gummy" Hocking, he could do no wrong, dominating the competition from day one. Mark bagged 3 gummies over the weekend, the best weighing in at 3.65kgs.



Fishing the edge of Port Albert Channel



Marks Winning Gummies



Willow bagged one gummy and a whiting to come in second, whilst Phil and Alex battled out 3rd position with a good haul of flatties. Special mention has to be made of JB in Redgum, who provided many good tales over dinner that night with multiple paddle nominations.

To hear the full story check out the Paddle nomination section in the back.

To show that Karma really does exist in the world we give Mark a special rescue mention for helping tow a hapless fellow who broke down in those 30 knot winds at Port Albert. Mark responded to his call for help and towed him back to the ramp. This certainly repaid his bad luck earlier this year when Mark himself was the recipient of a tow after a breakdown.

Club Fishing Reports:-

3 March 2013, - Hastings Westernport

(Whiting 3)

Capping off a busy competition period was the last Whiting competition for the season. Nine members fished, and not only were there strong NE winds of up to 20 knots, sadly the whiting proved difficult to find. Only 2 members managed to weigh in a fish.

After a long absence, former Club President, Colin showed he's not just a pretty face by weighing in a bag of 5 fish, including one that just nudged half a kilo. Colin had the pleasure of being the first Sandy Angler to fish from Paul's new boat. Paul was fairly pleased to finally christen the boat with its maiden fish. I suspect Paul would have preferred to be the first to catch that fish. Not catching any fish this trip means he has an excuse to take it out for another run.



A welcome and winning return to Fishing for Colin

The only other fish weighed in was by Phil S. Phil fishing with JB on Redgum caught his only whiting early in the morning and then had a quiet day spent catching small leatherjacket. JB also had a quiet day with a moment of exhilaration as his reel had a nice solid run. He even managed a glimpse of the "fish" as it jumped clear of the water. JB's fish turned out to be an eagle ray and

rather than waste valuable fishing time he decided to cut it off.

Willow with Andre on board had a long and difficult day. They concentrated their efforts in 2 -3 metres of water on the middle spit. Andres first cast landed a medium banjo shark and then several minutes later netted a small stingray. After a quick move he then landed a second smaller banjo. The bad luck continued as he went on to catch a toad fish and small leather jacket. A lot of fish species but unfortunately not a single whiting. Ron also has a session of hook tying as he too was plagued by leatherjackets. He landed a couple and was bitten off by many more. He did manage to get another nice yellow eyed mullet but this one would not be big enough to break his own new club record. This turned out to be Rons' first fishless comp for a long time.

The kayak trio of Greg, Al and Jim once again tried their new favourite spot off the beach at Corinella. Greg thought he was onto to a nice whiting and showed it to our President who pointed out that it was a mullet. Our President showed him his fish saying that this was what a whiting looked like at which point Greg pointed out it looked exactly like his. It appears our kayakers need some of them fish identification ruler / stickers to put on their yaks. At least Greg went on to catch a nice leatherjacket which he weighed in this time, putting his name up for this years biggest leatherjacket.

As a final note there may have been one Paddle nomination of note from the competition – the weigh master was late to the weigh-in!

Championship Ladder

Three quarters of the fishing season is over and the leader board has shown some drastic changes. Ron with 3 competition wins in a row has shot to a commanding lead. JB has also had a consistent second half to jump into 2nd. Andre with a lacklustre whiting season has slipped to a close third whilst Phil has consistently bagged fish most comps to be hot on the heels of the minor placings. Ron is just 50 points ahead of the 3 chasing him but with only four competitions left for this year, it leaves him in a strong position. There still is a potential 100 points up for grabs so it may still be a close run home. As they say in the footy, its still "mathematically" possible that someone down to 4th position could be this years champion.

Boat Captains Ladder (31st December 2012)		
1 st	Willow	220
2 nd	Redgum	201
3 rd	White Lightning	139
4 th	Haystac	138
5 th	Mullumbimbi	62
6 th	Slapper	55

In the Gunboat competition we see a tighter race. Not surprisingly Rons good quarter has seen Willow take the lead in this category as well but JB on Redgum is only one comp victory behind. This one looks like it will be an extremely close finish and would make an interesting last round down at Lake Tyers.

Championship Ladder-(Top 15) (31st December 2012)		
1 st	Ron W	187
2 nd	JB	138
3 rd	Andre V	131
4 th	Phil S	128
5 th	Mark H	83
6 th	Steve W	74
7 th	Dave O	66
8 th	Dave C	47
9 th	Alex P	37
10 th	Terry B	32
11 th	Dave B	29
12 th	Deb W	28
13 th	Colin G	25
=14 th	Paul L	24
=14 th	Greg S	24

Good luck to all for the final run home.

Upcoming Competitions:-

The final quarter of the syllabus sees a mixed bag of fishing styles leaving the run home for the club championships wide open.

Upcoming Competitions (April – June 2013)

Date	Event Type	Location	Competition Type and Weigh In
Apr 28	Trailer Boat #5	Port Phillip Bay	Heaviest Bag 10. Weigh in SAC 1pm
May 18/19	(R Clarke Memorial) Freshwater #3	Lake Dartmouth	Heaviest Bag Weigh In Sat TBD, Sun (12pm)
June 8	Surf 3	TBD	Heaviest Bag 10. Weigh In 2pm (TBD)
June 15/16	Estuary #2	Lake Tyers	Heaviest Bag 10 Weigh In Sat 5pm Sun 12pm

Don't forget that Daylight savings finishes on the 7th April.

Old Wives Tales

Going Full Circle.

If I had a dollar for every TV presenter and magazine writer that said "...when using circles you will hook the fish in the corner of the mouth every time ", then I'd probably be retired and fishing exotic locations as we speak.



Circle hooks seem to be in fashion at the moment, and they generate some interesting and varied opinions. Some people love them and only exclusively use circles. Others dislike them and will never use them, or they have tried them, have been discouraged and won't go back. Some of these people claim that they hook a lot less fish. Some people like to have a bit each way and use them for different situations.

I personally like using circle hooks for big and small fish. I was very disappointed this year when out of the 4 snapper I caught on bait three of them took the bait deep in the stomach. So if this was my experience is there any scientific evidence to back up the claims and reputation of circle hooks lip hooking ability!

What are circle hooks:-

A circle hook is a fishing hook manufactured so that the point is turned perpendicularly back to the hook shank to form a generally circular, or oval, shape. Here's a few photos of some circle hooks and some not quite circle hooks.



From Left to Right:-

- 1) Japanese TUNA hook
- 2) Longline Circle hook
- 3) Anglers Circle hook.
- 4) Not a true circle hook but a style known as a Kahle. (Gamakatsu Shiner Shown).

How do Circle Hooks work:-

The way they are built means that when the fish eats the bait and tension is placed on the line, the circle hook drags along the insides of the fish's mouth and hooks itself on the soft side lip. The theory is that circles need a progressive increase in tension to make their way to the corner of the fish's mouth and then when the fish swims away or by slowly lifting the rod tip the circle rolls into the corner of the mouth. By this theory striking just rips the hook straight out of the fish and doesn't give it time to roll into the corner.

What's the scientific evidence say:-....

You've heard the hype and people's opinion but has there been any scientific studies on the effectiveness of circles in lip hooking fish and if using circles catches any more or less fish.

There have been extensive studies done around the world and on all types of commercial and game fish species. These have all shown that circle hooks decrease gut hooking when compared to J type hooks.

One study which I will expand on was conducted by our neighbours across the ditch. Those Kiwis like us Melbournians love catching snapper and they have conducted extensive research into the catch rates using various hooks.

The sea trials were undertaken in Hauraki Gulf. The sea trials used four, 116 hook longlines which were set daily at sunrise. The lines were left to fish for 1-2 hours.

Each set of the longlines had straight eye offset circle hooks on half the traces and offset point J hooks on the other half. (These J hooks were equal quantities of straight eye O'Shaunnesy and kinked back eye Octopus hooks.

Old Wives Tales:-

Size 4/0 and 5/0 hooks were used. The results were:-

Hook Type	Lip Hooked	Gut Hooked	Total	% of Total Gut Hooked
Circle hook-tied	138	10	148	6.8%
Circle hook-snellled	198	12	210	5.7%
O'Shaunessy & Octopus- Tied	69	5	74	6.8%
O'Shaunessy & Octopus- Snellled	60	21	81	25.9%

The graph above shows several significant results.

- ✚ The circle hooks seriously out performed the popular J shaped hooks in the quantity of snapper caught
- ✚ The Circle hooks had lower gut hooking rates than snellled J hooks but equivalent to tied J hooks.

Not shown in the above table was the result that the circle hooks also caught a surprisingly larger quantity of undersized snapper than the J hooks.

To see the full article you can find it on the web.

www.fishing.sh/htmlfiles/hookreports/tyingvssnellling

Also the NSW department of Primary Industries provides the following results.

Species studied	Percentage of mouth-hooked fish
Yellowfin Bream	up to 90%
Sand/Dusky Flathead	up to 96%
Silver Perch	up to 79%
Red Drum (similar to Mulloway)	up to 96%
Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	up to 94%
Yellowfin Tuna	up to 95%

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/catch-and-release/circle-hooks-benefits-and-tips

Improve your success on circle hooks:-

A quick internet net search found the following advice from circle using fishos.

- ✚ Do not bury your hook (particularly with tough baits), lightly hook the bait so that the point and barb are exposed.
- ✚ Don't strike at the fish, allow the fish time to take the bait into its mouth. Then apply slow & steady pressure to set the hook. Alternatively let the fish hook themselves.
- ✚ Use a Non-offset circle hooks over an offset one.
- ✚ There should be pressure on the line when the fish takes the bait. "Ed.....This could prove difficult when fishing really light sinkers for snapper in the bay".
- ✚ Snell your hook correctly. It's important to always try to tie the line in a snood around the shank and feed the trace back through the eye so the hook actually aims even further in the circle position. By tying the hook this way it has to twist around inside the fish's mouth as the line tightens. If the hook is tied in the normal fashion to the eye it may exit the mouth of a fish without catching on anything as the line tightens .
- ✚ Some people even recommend trying a hook the next size up from what you would normally use in an octopus pattern.

What is old is now new...

Here's a photo of a traditional Polynesian wood and bone fishing hook. Look surprisingly familiar, I guess it must be the right time for yo-yos and hula hoops to make their way back into fashion.



Tight LinesEd

Keen Kayak Angler Greg recently purchased a smoker and has been busily perfecting his technique. He's tried using different species of fish. Trout is pictured above and snapper below. Here is his tried and proven recipe.



Preparation:-

- ❖ After catching your fish, Gut and gill the fish. You may even want to fillet or even butterfly them.
- ❖ Make a brine solution of 500 mls water 2 tbsp salt and 1.5 tbsp brown sugar.
- ❖ Soak fillets in brine solution for 30 to 60 mins.
- ❖ After soaking, season fillets with some salt, pepper, lemon juice and dill.

Method:-

- ❖ Turn the burner on to the smoker. (or wood, coals).
- ❖ Onto the bottom rack of your smoker place a handful of scattered ironbark wood shavings (or you can try a combination of wood varieties).
- ❖ Once smoke is coming from smoker place fillets onto rack.
- ❖ Leave fillets to cook for 15 mins.
- ❖ Once fillets are cooked through remove from heat and set aside for 5 minutes.
- ❖ I am assured that the fish will be moist and the smoky taste unbelievable. The skin and bones should just peel off.

If you haven't got a shop bought smoker don't despair.



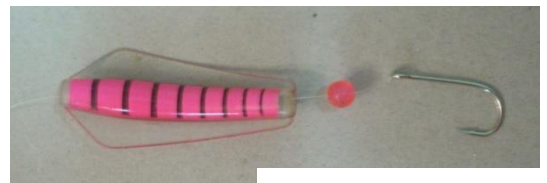
This could quite easily be done in a traditional Webber or any lid style BBQ. Alternatively try an old wok with a lid and a frame to keep the fish off the base.

Happy Smoking.....

As the weather cools our thoughts turn to fresh water and trout in particular. If you have troubles with trout throwing those trebles when they jump then here's a couple of rigs to help keep that trout connected to your Lure.

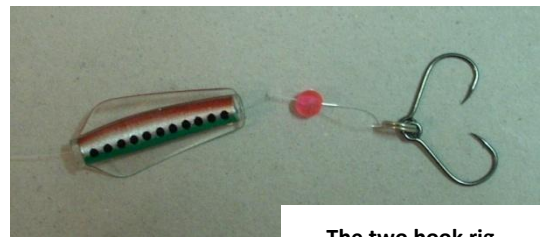
Method One (Single Hook):-

- Run Mono line through the Tassie devil. Place bead onto the mono and then tie your hook on (Alternatively you can reuse the treble that came with the lure.



The single hook rig

A second method which I believe I have spied Dave using last season involves using two single lure hooks back to back on a split ring. It's meant to be more weed resistant yet still offers a good hook up retention rate.



The two hook rig

Method Two (Two Single Hooks):-

- Run mono through Tassie devil and bead. Tie on a split ring and connect the 2 single hooks back to back on the split ring.

Best hooks to use are a Gamakatsu Single lure sizes 1, 2 or even as small as 4. For the Split Ring try a size 2 or 3.

Club Happenings:-

Social Calender:-

Christmas Function:-

Another Christmas has come and gone. This year the club trialled something different and had the function on a Tuesday night. A fabulous night had by all, and it was good to see some members and their partners that have not been to the club in a while.



In the major raffle our president Jimmy took out the fishing rod. Hopefully this will help him change his luck and help him land his fish competition weighable fish.

A big thank you to all those people who helped on and before the night preparing the room, putting up decoration, donating raffle prizes, cooking and serving food and drinks. Your help contributed greatly in making the night a success.

Working Bee:-

To take advantage of the last of daylight savings for this season the club will be holding another Tuesday evening working bee. We will be hoping to finish off the painting of all the security gates. Working bee will be on **Tuesday 26th March 2013** and we will open the clubhouse early that evening (from 6pm). To replenish all those calories expended in scraping away the years of rust and painting we will be holding a bbq that evening. Look forward to seeing everyone there

Paddle Nominations:-

A full fishing calendar and I suspect some extremely windy weather has given us plenty of opportunities for those memorable, embarrassing, silly and sometimes painful moments to be witnessed and shared amongst the club anglers. Here's a selection.

The first nomination goes to Greg. A keen kayaker who has admirably competed in most of this years competitions. He must be getting a touch frustrated and maybe discouraged at not having caught a fish eligible for competition weigh-ins. He thought his duck must have finally broken, when at Westernport he bagged a nice whiting. The pleasure was short lived as the slippery fish managed to escape his clutches and slid out over the edge of his kayak. Disappointment again turned to joy as he proceeded to land a second nice whiting. Just to show lightning can strike twice he proceeded to then unintentionally release this second whiting in exactly the same circumstances. Even going on to catch a lovely leatherjacket couldn't console him as he was later advised that he should of

Club Happenings:-

weighed that in and he would of jumped to the lead in the biggest leather jacket for the year. By all accounts the size of that leatherjacket is growing with every retelling and is currently at about 2.5kg. Greg was happy to report that at least it tasted nice.

A second kayak fisher nomination is Al. Unfortunately for Al he flipped his kayak in modest surf whilst landing on the beach at Portland. This resulted in all his gear getting a dunking and copping a kayak in the noggin for his trouble. Slightly groggy and to add insult to injury he managed to lose his knife in the process. Even more unfortunate was the fact that he flipped his kayak in the presence of another club member.

Another nomination coming from the Portland trip was a joint nomination for Phil and Alex. Phil and Alex left to fish a long way around from the boat ramp. Phil a responsible skipper offered his crew some seasickness medication which was declined. As it turns out Alex proceeded to feel a bit green and provided some unscheduled berley. The skipper Phil was unfortunately left with a dilemma, return a long way back to harbour and miss out on the days fishing, or come up with an alternative solution. The alternative proved to be providing Alex with some food, water sunscreen and a lift to nearby Black Nose Bay where Alex was left to wade to shore and recover whilst Phil fished on. Unfortunately the planning had forgot to include insect repellent and by all reports Alex was plagued by March flies. On completion of the fishing Phil picked Alex up for the return trip to Portland Harbour. So for turning down an offer of seasickness tablets and then getting seasick a nomination goes to Alex, but for abandoning a crew member on a deserted beach a nomination has also been bestowed upon Phil.

From the recent Port Albert trip we also have a couple of nominations. The first goes to

Dave whom on the Friday before competition decided to go for a pre fish session in his Kayak. He set off up one of the river channels and approaching sunset was spotted by our president returning to the shore. Unfortunately in the few hours he was gone the tide had run down a long way and the channel was now a good 200m from the shore. Dave decided that a 200m slog with kayak through the black sticky mud was not going to be possible so he set off a long way back up the river to find an exit. It proved an easier exit without mud but unfortunately had a fairly steep and substantial hill to climb. He must of been comforted when he found a couple of fellows also up on the same hill lugging a small tinny. At the same time the rescue helicopter was seen hovering over the hill. Maybe they were making sure the kayaker and boaters were OK or maybe they are used to watching outsiders get caught out with the large tide change in the channel and this was their Friday Evening entertainment. Either way after a phone call from our President to verify Dave's location, Jimmy drove around to help Dave get his kayak out. A lesson for all boaters new to Port Albert I think

The second Port Albert nomination is JB. He had a weekend he'd rather forget. During a pre fish on Friday at Port Welshpool he drove off with the berley pot still attached. By the time he'd realised the pot had been cut off. Then on comp day without any other boat visible for 5kms he chose to anchor up a short distance behind another boat. The strong winds and chop meant the other boat began to drift whilst under anchor and as the two boats crossed both anchors entwined. Apparently the process of untangling the two anchor change in rough seas was hair raising. To add insult to injury whilst trying to get a hold of the anchor with his gaff it was wrenched from his grasp and lost overboard. Thankfully we can at least say nobody was hurt.

Club Happenings:-

Footy Tipping:-

Its nearly that time of the year. As the summer heat waves pass and a chill returns to the evening air it can only mean one thing..... The AFL season is about to kick into full swing.

Paul will once again be organising the angling clubs footy tipping competition. If you take your footy tipping seriously then Garry as the club reigning champion may be the man to keep an eye on.

I've attached the rules, costs and a how to enter flier at the back of this newsletter.

New Members

A big warm welcome aboard to **Daniel Isaacs** It's good to see Daniel already a regular on Tuesday nights and we look forward to him joining us at some of our upcoming fishing competitions.

Members Fishing Trips:-

Mark recently had the pleasurable experience of fishing in New Zealand and was kind enough to submit a report of his trip.....

Fishing took place on the 4th Jan whilst spending two weeks driving through the North Island from a town called called Whitianga, which is on the Coromandel coast. Here's a sample of the quality of fishing on offer there.

Caught six Kings in total ranging from 16kg to around 21kg - bit hard to be totally accurate as the guide(Epic) didn't break out the scales but I'll let the readers be the judge.



Spent 8 hours on the water splitting my time evenly between jigging 400 gm slices and live baits, catching equal amounts on both techniques, livebaits saved my arms)Well done Mark.

Also undertaking an overseas fishing trip was Dave. He had the pleasure in January of enjoying a nice trout fishing trip on the north Esk River which is found in northern Tasmania



Dave didn't land any trout but it was more than made up for by the spectacular scenery.



Sandringham Angler's Club 2013 AFL Premiership Season Footy Tipping

Entry: \$ 1:00 per round (Home and Away only)
To be paid by round 5.

Payment can be made in person at the Bar.

- 1st prize 60%
- 2nd prize 30%
- 3rd prize 10%

If it is not possible to put your tips in online,
we can organise to do it for you by prior arrangement on the
Tuesday Night prior to the start of that round.

Note: No responsibility for errors.

Round 1 Adelaide Crows v Essendon, Friday March 22nd
at Aurora Stadium

Blind Rounds

Rounds 21,22,23 will be blind rounds, no results will be posted

Joker Round

In a Joker Round a your score for that round is doubled
You can choose to play the Joker from rounds 1 to 23.

Straight Pick

For an additional \$1:00 per round
you can win a share of the pool if you successfully
pick all the winners for that round.

The prizes will be paid after the completion
of the Home and away season

To join go to www.footytips.com.au
And register yourself
Then send an email to
paukl@iprimus.com.au

I will send an invitation to you with
all of the instructions and passwords
required to get you started.

Good Luck with your Tipping.
Paul Lindholm

