



NEWSLETTER

December 2016 Issue 530

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Birthday people for Dec/Jan

December	January
2nd Roger Giller	13th Hartley Giller
9th Helen Mortel	14th Lloyd Anderson
9 th Brooke Xuereb	17th Antonio Robles
10 th Wayne Colling	18th Dennis Simpson
26th Ray Agius	22nd Danni Worsley
27th Lia Zac	24th Andrew Webb
	28th Yvonne Holland

The EAR

Dad was advising 17 yr old son that he had just booked flights and accommodation in Hawaii for Feb 2017.

Son replied that he didn't know whether he could get holidays then.

Dad had to think for a moment—then carefully and tactfully replied, well, it just me and your mother going.....

Please let us know how this develops please Brad.



What Fish is This quiz—well we had many entries, so much so a draw is required to sort out the *best incorrect answer*. But don't fret—there is a new quiz this month—can you get this one? Entries to the editor please.

Work Wanted. Arthurs boat hasn't hit he water yet. The regular trip to Burrinjuck for the Canberra Convention didn't eventuate. The lounge hadn't been delivered as the ceiling, walls and floor needed painting, said Maria. Well it is all done, and the lounge arrives this week. Now, Arthur is looking for something to do. Having mastered the scraping, sanding and filling of high ornate ceilings, then the corresponding cornices, then the walls, he feels lost.

His speciality is ornate ceilings and ornate cornices. Customers who are not in hurry to have work completed are welcomed. Arthur works a 4 day week and usually starts just before lunch. He takes all public holidays and good fishing days. Before-work espresso coffee (really good coffee that is) is required as is lunch and afternoon tea. Customers of course are required to move all furniture before commencement of the work. Drop sheets will be used if he thinks fit.

No interference during the work is essential.

Quotes provided, please contact Maria in the first instance for an estimate of the work and for testimonials.

All work guaranteed, satisfaction assured.

Who was it that went fishing for carp and grabbed a tin of corn at the local supermarket and when ready to put the corn kernels on the hook, opened the tin to find it was cream corn? Cont.page 7

Coming Events - *the detail*

- 1 Dec General meeting #528—club Christmas **Social Extravaganza and Extraordinary Raffle** night. There will be in excess of **\$1000 worth** of raffle prizes, 5 hams, Christmas hampers, red and white wines and, and, of course, the jumbo pack of toilet paper (that Trevor might just win again this year—surely not 3 times in a row! There is bonus bottles of wine for members who purchase \$25 or more of raffle tickets (max number of bottles is 2 per member)! This is first-in first-served as the number of bottles is limited. Tickets are \$5 for a strip of 6 tickets. There will be hot and cold finger food, served at 7.30 to 8pm. Not to be missed.
- 25 Dec A Merry Christmas to all members and families—enjoy your holidays and take care
- 1 Jan Happy New Year—get your photo in the Newsletter—just go fishing—and catch something decent.
- 2 Feb. General meeting #529
- 17-19 Feb ANSA Nowra Convention—full details next meeting

New Members

The following new members have joined the club,

Malcolm Fong
Cindy Lee
Madison Fong : jnr
Felicity Fong: jnr
George Peros
Nadia Colussi
Eva Peros : jnr
Nina Peros :jnr
Antonio Robles
Anna Maria Sasanelli
Alessia Robles :jnr

A *very warm welcome* people, we wish your time with the club will be pleasant and enjoyable. Please feel free to join in the activities and if you have any questions please speak to any committee member—they will assist we are sure.

from our President



At our last meeting, Ray Lonsdale from RMS Sans Souci was our guest speaker. Ray came with a knowledge of all matters of water safety that applies to all members with a boat. Even so the meeting managed to ask a few questions that ray undertook to dig up the relevant part(s) of the Regulations and come back to us. He has done this and his response are on page 9.

He further went on to demonstrate the correct use of the common inflatable lifejacket. Ron Camp was our 'fisherman in strife' with a lifejacket on and pulled the toggle to see what happened. The jacket inflated in no time flat.

Ray then went on to describe and demonstrate how to service an inflatable jacket. And particularly how to repack it. Details of this are on page 10

The club is pleased to welcome 11 new members who came along to our Gone Fishing NSW day. Not all caught fish but there was the promise of fish and the fishing experience itself. It is a delight to see five of the new members are juniors.

A Calendar of Events for 2017 is at presented being printed. We commend the outings to you. Support your club and come along.

It is coming up to the silly season. The committee asks all members to be careful over the holiday season both on the water and on the road.

On behalf of the committee I wish you and your family a very happy and joyous Christmas and a great and fishy New Year.

Good fishing *Dennis*

The SICK List

Judith Sainsbury has been moved from John Hunter Hospital to The Maitland Hospital for rehabilitation. It is early days for any results but we will keep you posted. We send both Judith and Max our regards and thoughts during this stressful time.

Warwick Lamotte is doing it tough. Apart from his PMR (look it up) he has on-going problems with a prostate cancer operation that went horribly wrong and balancing treatment keeps him occupied, he is totally blind in one eye and has blurry vision in the other.

He is coming down to Westmead Hospital this Tuesday 22/11, to see how the glaucoma implant is progressing. He is hopeful this will clear up some of the blurriness. He is not driving. His phone number is 0418 281 956, he'd love to hear from you. He sends his Christmas Greetings to all members of the club.

Photos re produced from last month—the Gremlins got to them



ON-BOARD JOHN EVERETT'S BOAT



AND DENNIS SIMPSON'S BOAT



FROM THE GONE FISHING NSW DAY



BOB McMAHON'S 6.2kg MULLOWAY

Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
V president	Peter Logan	9520 3298
Secretary	John Everett	9522 4808
Treasurer	Chris Holland	9872 5517
Recorder	Belinda Rayment	0407 337 770
Outings	Ron Camp	0402 816 273
Committee	Andrew Perros	
Non Committee;		
Scale verifier	Phil Turner	
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453

Windamere and Glenbawn 2016



October saw our annual journey with Dennis and Rosalie Nadin to Windamere dam for a week and then on to Lake Glenbawn for two weeks.

Windamere did not fish well again this year for us. The water was cold and there was a lot of algae already present. Most of the weed was of the long fine slimy variety that totally engulfed your lure and made lure casting very difficult. The windy weather did nothing to improve things either.

I only managed three yellowbelly for the week. The first was a 3.5kg fish taken while trolling and the other two, a 4.2kg and a 5.0kg, were taken lure casting with a TN50 Jackall.

Glenbawn on the other hand fished extremely well and the weather, apart from a couple of days of rain, was great.

Peter Hewitt came up for the best part of a week and Paul Nadin and his family came up for four days.

My son Craig also visited for a day and a half but unfortunately for him the full day was rained out so I only got to fish with him for a few hours but we still managed ten Bass, eight to him and two to me.

Over the time it was mainly Sam and myself in our boat but apart from taking Craig out I also had the pleasure of the company of Peter Hewitt and Dennis Nadin on two separate days.

All up there were four yellowbelly, one silver perch, one cat fish and 145 bass taken by our boat and 13 of the bass were 400mm plus fork length with the best being 434mm fork length. The bass were in good condition. I weighed one of the 385mm fish and it went 1.3kg.

All except one of the 400mm plus fish were taken lure casting. In one session Sam and myself took 20 bass while lure casting in a two and a half hour session and had to leave them biting in order to get back to the ramp in daylight. Five of those bass were 400mm plus.

A word of warning to owners of Minn Kota i-Pilot electric motors, they can drop down whilst travelling and the shaft can fracture. Ours dropped down when we were doing 50km/hr across Glenbawn and the outcome was not great (see attached photo).



Luckily Minn Kota have a lifetime warranty on the shaft and is being replaced as I write.

After talking with the agents I was informed that the catch can let go while travelling and they recommend that you lower the depth collar fully down while travelling. I won't be doing this but I will be securing it to the bow rail with rope or an occy strap when travelling in future.

This had happened to me on two other occasions in the past and I had put it down to this old fart not having secured it properly in

the first place. I felt a lot better with myself when I found out it is a problem with the catch.

Lloyd Anderson

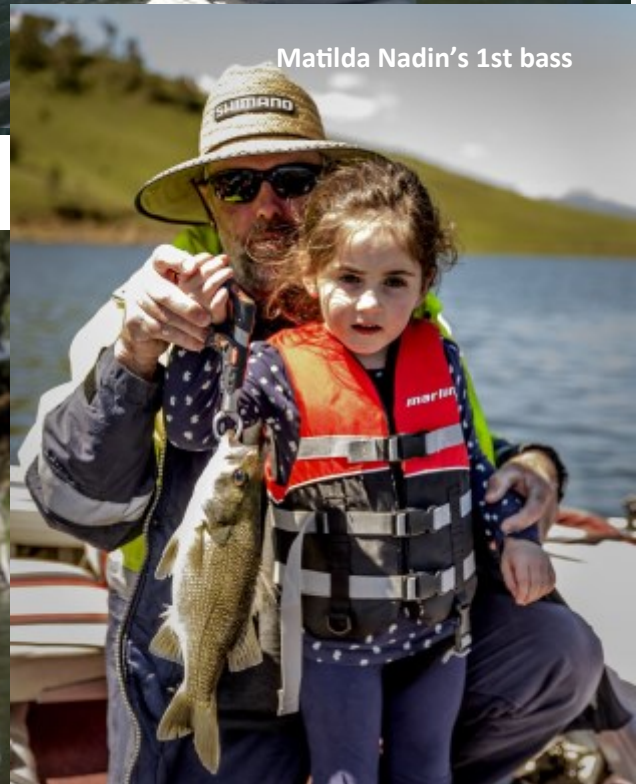
from Glenbawn



Craig's 385mm fork length bass



Lloyd's 434 fork length



Matilda Nadin's 1st bass



Dennis's 405 fork length bass

from Wee Jasper



Peter Hewitt—concentrating

Big E keeping an eye on them



Peter, your other rod has gone off

Fishing Reports

Wee Jasper

With the Narooma Sport & Gamefishing club members and others, a pleasant few days were held at the Cooradigbee Homestead Shearers Quarters some 10 kms out of Wee Jasper. Wee Jasper is on the top arm of Burrinjuck Dam where the Goodradigbee River flows into the dam. Turn hard left at the Sydney side of Yass township and travel 60kms to the town of Wee Jasper.

The purpose (or excuse) of this mid week outing was to eradicate the dam of carp. Eradicate might be an optimistic word but 16 sportfishing members and friends tried to get a few anyway. Over the time it is estimated 100 but closer to 150 carp were caught - Big E and Phil contributed heaps, with a couple of small redfin (yakka size). The fish were clean and not smelly at all. But by day 3 they were stinky. No fish were returned at all.

Corn was the main bait along with worms. Burley comprised corn kernels, cream of corn, bread, chook pellets and peas. The dam after all the recent rain out west, had the water up over the grass and gradually falling. The country is as green as, lovely to see. There were a few kangaroos around, a wombat and heaps of sheep. It is coming up to shearing time.



We brought our own pillows (one was left behind and found that Gunning didn't have any suitable shops and had to get one at Yass) and sleeping bag, our own food and drinks, reds, whites and the brown fizzy drinks. Narooma provided a great barbecue on the first night. We catered for ourselves thereafter.

We fished from the bank, having driven 5 mins from the quarters (through a few gates) across a paddock or two to the waters edge. Set up the chairs, rig up and cast. Sit down. Throw berley in occasionally. There was no hurry, the fish weren't going to go anywhere. No landing nets, just slide 'em up the grass on to the bank.

Peter Hewitt brought a can of corn and when just ready to put a kernel or two on the hook, popped the lid only to find it was cream corn. He had it on toast for breakfast the next day.

There were two prizes offered. For the largest fish on day 1 was a bottle of port, compliments John Scott. The proviso being that it was opened and drunk that night. The longest carp on day 2 was a Lake Eucumbene Fishing Tournament shirt as the prize. The proviso here is that the shirt must be worn that night (it was pink). The largest fish was 710mm.

One resourceful bloke was short of a measuring device, cut a length of rope to the fish's length from his mate's tent they had up as a shade. It is a bit lower to the ground now. The weigh master accepted it—along with a stubby.

We sat around in the lounge room at night with a nice log fire, sipping wine and telling tall stories with an occasional joke thrown in by John Scott and more by his brother Peter. It was all rather respectable as Ann Redman made sure. Yes, John Redman was there from Newcastle Sportfishing Club. The weather was great, it was cool/cold during the night but quite warm during the day.

Hopefully it is on next year.

The Cooradigbee Shearer's Quarters was rebuilt in 1939 following the big bush fires and is still used today at shearing times.

The corrugated iron quarters with a basically equipped kitchen has 7 bedrooms, each sleeps 4 people in 2 bunk sets. Beds are made with clean mattress covers only so do bring pillows, sheets, blankets and towels. These can be provided at an additional charge. The separate wash house has 3 individual bathrooms with continuous gas hot water and septic toilets. The quarters has wheelchair access and is only a 3 minute walk to the Homestead

The EAR continued..

The EAR would like to apologise to **Warwick Lamotte**. I inadvertently gave a wrong phone number in the last Newsletter. Warwick's number is 0418 281 956.

Hartley Giller starred in the local newspaper The Leader, last week, here is his photo. Hartley sends his regards to all club members. Yep, that's a rabbit.



Barden Lodge Resident Hartley and new furry friend.

From *another Ear* (letter to the Editor)

On a recent trip to Wee Jasper I met up with our club editor for coffee at Marulan. After leaving there sometime later, I rang Bill "where are you?"

"I am in Gunning". If you know Gunning, it has a Pub, 2 Coffee Shops, and a servo.

Well, what are you doing there?" was my question

"I (he really means his wife) forgot my pillow"

To which I replied (with some humour) "Was there no Big W in Gunning, try Yass, you will have much more luck there."

"Ok," came the reply, "and after I leave Yass I am going to Bookham to buy some worms."

"Ok see you at the farm" I replied.

Next day fishing, "hi Bill how's the fishing?"

"Slow" was the reply,

"What, are the worms not working?"

"No, I left them in the room".

What can one say, pillow, worms, what next?

The Apprentice Ha ha ha ha—Ed

Very proud grandparents

Helen and Peter Mortel are very excited and extremely proud of their grandchild Asha Mortel, at 17 has just completed her final year of High School at Brisbane's "Cleveland District State High School" where she was the Junior School Captain 2013 and part of the Student council every year since, then awarded School Captain 2016.

Since 2013 Asha has been an active member of the DeforestACTION committee and helped to raise over \$50,000 for Orang-utan conservation and a new junior high school in Tembak Village (near Sintang) West Borneo. In 2014 and 2015 Asha travelled to Borneo to assist in these projects, then returned in 2016 to present her work to likeminded students at the South East Asia "Global Issues Network" (GIN) conference in Palangkaraya, Central Borneo.

Asha is an active member of the Jane Goodall Institute *Youth Leadership Council* and received recognition in the form of Zonta *Young Woman in Public Affairs* award, winner of Griffith University - *Global Integrity Summit Student Essay competition* in 2015 and featured in publications for National Geographic Kids, PETS magazine, Girlfriend magazine and recently was one of 12 Queensland students awarded the Order of Australia Associations - *2016 Secondary School Citizenship Award*.

Asha will be celebrating Schoolies with a trip to Cambodia, Myanmar and India in early 2017 before heading to a new life at Gatton University to start her long, exciting road to becoming a Vet.

A bright future, proud and supportive parents Andrew and Jay, together with her brother Finn.

Grandpa Peter reckons Asha's brilliance comes from his side of the family, Helen knows otherwise.

Well done Asha, we look forward to your next adventure.



Fishing Reports continued

Hi Bill,

I have tried fishing Cronulla beach a few times but at present there is no structure - all the gutters have disappeared, consequently I can not locate the fish.

The sharks are sporadic as the water temperature is fluctuating from 20.4C down to 18.5C. The sharks will be there one night and the next night there will be only rays.

On the rocks the fish are also sporadic in numbers. There will be good numbers of kings on one day and only a few the next time I fish. They are also mostly around the 60cm size and therefore undersize with only an occasional one being legal, while on the upside there are good size squid present.

With the swell and strong wind being a limiting factor on the rocks at the moment I have been going into Port Hacking and spinning the sand flats, creek entrances, and mangrove areas for flathead and whiting. No whiting caught at present but plenty of flathead up to 55cm have been landed using soft plastic prawn lures.

Cheers Phil (Turner)



Bill,

Nothing much to report. Three trips since I got my Mulloway have only netted one Flathead and one Estuary Perch.

Bob McMahon

See photo of the mulloway on page 3



WHAT FISH is THIS?

In alluding to the ordinary xx, Mr Edward S. Hill says "that it attains an immense size, and is caught in our bays and harbours. Care must be taken in a description that I do not cause it either to be confounded with the yy or zz, as there is a wonderful difference in the value of these fishes in a gastronomic point of view, an ounce of the latter being preferable to a pound of the former. An old xx, and what might be called a large one, will weigh 50 to 60 pounds; the scales are very large, the teeth formidable, flesh coarse, and sometimes filled with parasites in the form of worms. This fish is not looked upon with any degree or regard, and is rarely sought after, except for an exhibition of his great strength, and which in my estimation is about the only redeeming quality he has. A true carnivore, formidable to shoals of smaller fishes on which he attends for his meals, making havoc among them as occasion and his good appetite may require, these adult fishes exhibit a good deal of cunning, and prefer turbid waters for their depredations; they will go high up rivers, even into freshwater, and make an astonishing commotion among the shallows. The half grown ones frequently hunt in numbers like a pack of wolves, or our own native dogs bailing up an old man kangaroo in a waterhole. I recollect on one occasion, in the basin at Broken Bay, when some half dozen of us were on a week's fishing excursion, armed with *cap-a-pie* with boats, nets and lines, spears, and all the necessary paraphernalia for the venture, and anchored a short distance only from the entrance. At the dawn of day, and young flood-tide, we saw a terrible commotion among the smaller fishes; the net boat was immediately equipped, and we at once pushed off for the entrance or channel, which leads into the basin. The tide, which had risen about a foot on the flats inside, afforded shelter for the time for the smaller fishes, but as soon as the depth increased a few more inches, in went the pack of xx pell mell, which created a sensation among, and actually drove many of the fry high and dry ashore. Our net was speedily run out, and it was sufficiently long enough to cut off the retreat of four or five and twenty of the medium size xx; their little game was at an end, and after several desperate attempt to get out we succeeded in securing the lot, besides a large number of various fishes which they had hemmed in.

"The deep water of Middle Harbour, above the Spit, and along the rocks high up near Echo Point, are favourite resorts for these huge fishes, and require good lines and hooks to resist the heavy drag they put on.

"Sydney harbour is a great place, off the points, where the water deep and the tide strong. Here they lie in wait for their prey, but after rain, when the water is muddy or discoloured, they sally out from these lurking-places in every direction. Early morning or nightfall is the favourite tome for fishing for the xx.

What Fish is This? Entries to the editor please—need scientific name as well. Answers next month.

From *Fish and Fisheries of New South Wales* by the Rev. J. E. Tension-Woods, F.L.S., F.G.S., &c., &c., 1882

Ray Lonsdale's (RMS) replies to our questions raised at our last meeting

Hi Dennis,

Thanks again for having me last night. Hopefully I have answered your questions below.

Whilst fishing in boat underway and person fishing overhangs when fighting fish does this contravene regulation?

The simple answer is Yes. The regulation in relation states;

Division 3 Conduct of persons on board vessels 8 Requirements for keeping all parts of the body within a vessel when underway

(1) This clause does not apply to:

- (a) commercial vessels that are not hire and drive vessels within the meaning of the National Law, or
- (b) a regulated Australian vessel or vessel regulated under the *Navigation Act 2012* of the Commonwealth.

(2) The operator of a power-driven vessel must not allow any person on board the vessel to extend any part of that person's body outside the perimeter of the vessel while the vessel is making way.

(3) A person on board a power-driven vessel must not extend any part of the person's body outside the perimeter of the vessel while the vessel is making way.

(4) The operator of a power-driven vessel must not allow a person to be on the bow of the vessel, in a position that puts the person at increased risk of falling overboard, while the vessel is making way.

(5) A person must not be on the bow of a power-driven vessel, in a position that puts the person at increased risk of falling overboard, while the vessel is making way.

(6) The operator of a power-driven vessel that is making way must not allow any person to sit on, ride on or hang onto a swim ladder, swim platform or transom attached to the vessel.

(7) A person on board a power-driven vessel that is making way must not sit on, ride on or hang onto a swim ladder, swim platform or transom attached to the vessel.

(8) This clause does not apply to a person who is: (a) conducting an activity related to the operation of the vessel including, but not limited to, hoisting or lowering sails, anchoring, mooring or casting off, or (b) **fishing while the vessel is anchored, moored or drifting**, or (c) involved in any activity relating to securing the safety of any person or property, or (d) the operator of, or a passenger on, a personal watercraft.

(9) In this clause, a reference to a vessel making way is a reference to the vessel being underway and propelled by the vessel's machinery

How does one address the situation where a dive boat (divers) come and anchor beside or near a recreational fishing boat at anchor. Video evidence? Send to whom?

If the fishing vessel is anchored at a site and a dive vessel then arrives and puts up a flag then no offence has been committed by the fishing vessel. It would be advised not to approach an already stationary dive vessel and drop anchor beside or within 60m as it would be a risk of injury to a diver. The regulation has been created for the safety of persons in the water not to give priority to persons in the water. I would suggest obtaining the vessels registration number and calling the relevant authority. If the other party is threatening harm or destruction of property, cutting lines etc then contact the Police or for clarification of regulation contact RMS. Video of the interaction could be used as evidence however caution should be taken in case of inflaming a situation. The Regulation states;

40 Minimum distances to be maintained

(1) The operator of any vessel must ensure that the vessel and any towing equipment and any person being towed by the vessel maintains: (a) a distance of not less than 60 metres from any persons in the water or, if that is not practicable, a safe distance and speed, and (b) **a distance of not less than 60 metres from the location of a dive flag on the surface of the water or, if that is not practicable, a safe distance and speed.**

(2) The operator of a power-driven vessel that is travelling at a speed of 6 knots or more must ensure that the vessel, and any towing equipment and any person being towed by the vessel, maintain a distance of not less than 30 metres from any vessel, land, structures and other things or, if that is not practicable, a safe distance and speed.

Drinking water – can water frozen in say milk bottle be acceptable? This is often used in fish boxes

The Marine Safety Regulation 2016 [NSW] Schedule 7 Standard of safety equipment carried on recreational vessels does not specify the requirement for Water other than "Fresh Drinking Water". After discussion with Boating Safety Officers it was felt that there is no real issue with having water frozen as it would defrost in time to maintain survival if caught in a situation that water is required.

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FOR SALE



Used LOWRANCE X85 echo sounder in good working order. This is complete with power cable, transducer, paddle wheel and the manual.

Price \$50

If you are interested give me a call or text (0412 981 099) and I'll bring to the December meeting.

Bill Harvey

Info gathering

We all have our **favourite soft plastic** we swear by (or perhaps, at). The EAR will collate details provided by you and publish each month. You might like to add the specie caught, not necessarily where it was caught.

To submit just text the editor on 0412 981099 with Brand, type, size, colour, jig head weight and specie caught. Mine is,

Brand	Type	Size mm	Colour	Jig head weight	Fish
Squidgy	fish	70	Drop bear	3 gms	flathead



What else would you have as a door handle on a fish and chip shop door in Melbourne?

From our last meeting.

Ray Lonsdale from the local RMS was our guest speaker. Ray is the Boating Education Officer. At Sans Souci

There was some discussion regarding inconsiderate dive boats including jet skiers. Ray suggested if confronted by unsafe incidents by others, a video is far better than still photos.

Ron explained the latest rules regarding life jackets. Lifejackets must be worn to the manufactures recommendations including having the zip fully done up.

Ray explained, life jackets have been reclassified to come in line with National descriptions. The three types are;

Level 100+ (similar to former Type 1 category)

Level 50 (similar to former Type 2 category)

Level 50S (similar to former Type 3 category)

Details of what lifejacket am I required to wear on my vessel? Is detailed on the RMS **Boating Safety Checklist** publication.

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CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - November 2016



Certificates awarded at November meeting, events between 28 October and 18 November

Congratulations to Peter Logan on his **Masters capture** last month:

Peter Logan – All Tackle Species – Australian Salmon #4 560mm

CAA pts 5

Master Angler Award

Phil Turner has been awarded his **Master 40 Angler Award** for captures of Sharks in the Length Based Species Division. Phil's 31st capture in the division was in March 2016 - a 920mm Shark off Cronulla. He made his 40th capture in April 2016. Congratulations Phil on a fabulous achievement.

Our club awards capture certificates for Bass longer than 400mm. Congratulations on another award in the **400 Bass Club**, Lloyd.

Lloyd Anderson – 400 Bass Club – Australian Bass 434mm (fork length)

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ANSA's Burrinjuck Convention was held over the weekend of 4-6 November. If any members attended this convention please let me know so that I can award CAA points.

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2016/17 - END NOVEMBER							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Peter Logan	10	Belinda Rayment	16	no entries	-	no entries	-
Ray Agius	4	Debbie Logan	10				
Brad Sutton	3						
Trevor Dean	3						

You can upgrade entries in our length only competition at any time during the year, so make sure you notify me of any captures of our target species of Flathead, Snapper, Salmon, Bream, Whiting or Tailor.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17				Updated as at:	12/11/2016
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Peter Logan	420	-	655	1,075	
John Everett	650	310	-	960	
Trevor Dean	590	370	-	960	
Dennis Simpson	-	-	620	620	
Bob McMahon	580	-	-	580	
Debbie Logan	550	-	-	550	
Leon Peros	390	-	-	390	

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17				Updated as at:	12/11/2016
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)	
Peter Logan	380	-	380	760	
Debbie Logan	410	-	330	740	
Bob McMahon	-	-	460	460	
Brendan McMahon	-	-	440	440	
Brad Sutton	390	-	-	390	
John Everett	370	-	-	370	
Trevor Dean	320	-	-	320	

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or email to belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

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Division 2 Responsibilities of owners and operators of recreational vessels in relation to safety equipment 121 Minimum safety equipment to be carried on recreational vessels (1) **The owner and the operator of a recreational vessel on navigable waters must ensure that the vessel carries the safety equipment specified in Schedule 8 in respect of the vessel and that any such safety equipment: (a) complies with the standards specified in Schedule 7 in respect of the equipment, and (b) is in good condition, and (c) is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (if any) provided for the equipment, and (d) is replaced when the manufacturer's specified expiry date (if any) for the equipment is reached, and (e) is stored or placed so as to enable quick and easy access to it.**

Would it be possible to provide a video of self service or is this available on YouTube?

There are videos that can be searched on youtube. Try searching "How to service an inflatable life jacket" or "How to re-pack an inflatable life jacket". I am endeavouring to create one myself and will be happy to provide it to you once its developed.

Is there a location whereby replacement PFDs can be replaced when not on regular program? Can a club visit or similar be organised? Is there a minimum number required?

Unfortunately at present it is only the scheduled program. It is feedback that we have forwarded on to the organisers and hopefully in the future something can be organised. I will keep you updated in my emails.

Regards

Ray Lonsdale

Boating Education Officer

Boating Operations Branch - Sutherland | Maritime

T 9545 5379 M 0408 954 705

www.rms.nsw.gov.au

From a friend in NZ...

Here is my colleagues Twizel trout caught jigging a black & gold toby..... 12.5lbs



Apologies Department

The gremlins are at work! A number of the photos included in the last Newsletter were not up to scratch. Sorry **Bob McMahan, John Everett and Andrew Perros** (and his young entourage). The photos are reproduced on page 3.

MY SUCCESS ON 1 KILO (Part 2)

from July 1980 newsletter

Readers will recall that part 1 in this series described how one member using an 18 ft rod with the reel mounted 5 ft from the butt using a maximum $1\frac{1}{2}$ rod lengths (27 feet) of 80lb trace attached to 1 kilo line (with a couple of turns of trace around the reel) could beat the system and catch 7 of the 10 fish for his Masters badge.

This article now tells you how to catch nos. 8 and 9.

In May, my holidays took me to North Queensland where tidal variation is massive—something like 16 ft. from high to low. How to beat the system on 1 kilo? Simple—fish the run out the tide on a muddy beach. Along comes a bream of 1.3 kilo and takes the bait. By the time he realises he is hooked, the tide had dropped and you walk out and pick him up. This was so successful that I have booked into Dampier in W.A. for next year—the tidal variation is 30 feet.

Some time ago the CSIRO put down a fish attractor 27 kms off Bondi and reports said marlin and dolphin fish were all over the area.

Well we went out to borrow it and put it in a better position (for us) but it was too bloody heavy to move.

We thought about this and decided if you can't join them beat them and we came up with our own scheme of a fish detractor. It works on the opposite principle to the CSIRO gadget and must be used in conjunction with tidal drop to leave the fish stranded.

If you have studied the Dolls Point baths you will see a lot of underwater wires but keep it quiet - that's my spot for trevally inside the baths. My first effort was with a 12 volt battery but it lacked output so next time I ran a long lead from a 240 volt supply.

Now when you hook a 2.32 kilo trevally on 1 kilo line you throw the switch and they are repelled and swim ashore in fright. I haven't been spooled on 1 kg for ages.

Haven't been there for a while as the last time I was there some European woman there she bumped into detractor jus as I hit the switch. How was I to know she would be electrocuted.

From our last meeting continued

Ray suggested bum bag lifejackets are not the best—they have to be taken out of the bag and put on—maybe difficult in some circumstances.

Self checking of lifejackets, must be done every 12 months unless the manufacturer states otherwise.

Ray demonstrated how a lifejacket works by pulling the toggle and presto it inflated. Now how to service the jacket.

Undo the Velcro and examine the gas bottle and assembly for rust and signs of deterioration. Replace as necessary

Unscrew the gas bottle and weigh it. Use your certified scales—the correct weight is stamped on the bottle. If significantly less than the correct weight, discard it and replace with a new one—make sure the thread is the same though. Record the date of the service on the tag inside the jacket. Add an additional tag if insufficient space.

Inflated the bladder with the mouth piece, fill until it is as hard as possible. Do not use the gas to inflate it. Leave overnight and if still nice and hard, deflate it, and deflate it fully, otherwise it is a tougher job to get it back together.

Now, the tricky part—getting the bladder back in the jacket proper. Lay it flat on a table, sort out the straps. The bladder has marks detailing where to fold it. Start 'stuffing' the bladder in at the bottom and do up the Velcro as you work your way up. Do both sides. And now, the even trickier part. The collar needs to be folded before inserting. But first pull each side down into the jacket, this will assist in getting the collar section in. Keep the folds to the marks and finish each corner with a hospital corner fold. Do not create unnecessary folds or twists as this restricts the gas flow when being inflated. Fold the Velcro and ensure tightly contained.

Refit the gas bottle last.

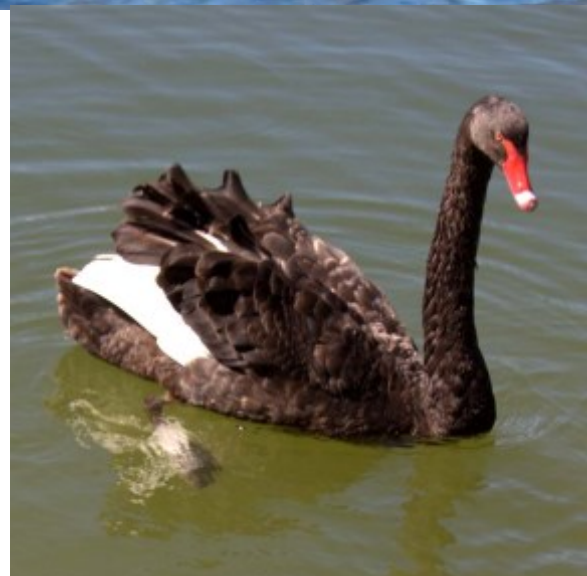
Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

Appearance. With its large size, long neck, red bill and overall black colouration the Black Swan is a familiar sight to most of us. The white flight feathers are conspicuous in flight and often visible at rest. The male has a longer, straighter neck and bill than the female.

Habitat and range. Found over most of Australia except the arid interior and tropical north. Prefers open, permanent waters, fresh, brackish or salt. During the post-breeding moult they gather in large flocks on protected waters, sometimes numbering several thousand.

Breeding. Usually April to October but at any time following suitable rains. The nest is a large mound of reeds, grass and aquatic vegetation. Usually 4-8 pale green eggs are incubated for 35-40 days. Incubation only begins after the last egg is laid, in order to synchronise the hatching. Cygnets swim within a day of hatching and fly at about 150-170 days.

Feeding. The diet consists mainly of underwater vegetation, accessed by upending.



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