

Reports and Information

Major Fund Raising Events 2015-16

Once again the Club has managed to run two major fund raising events for the year. The events were the Burrinjuck Convention and the Canberra Carp-Out. Both of these events were only made success due to the support of membership volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Below is a summary of the events.

41st Annual Burrinjuck Convention

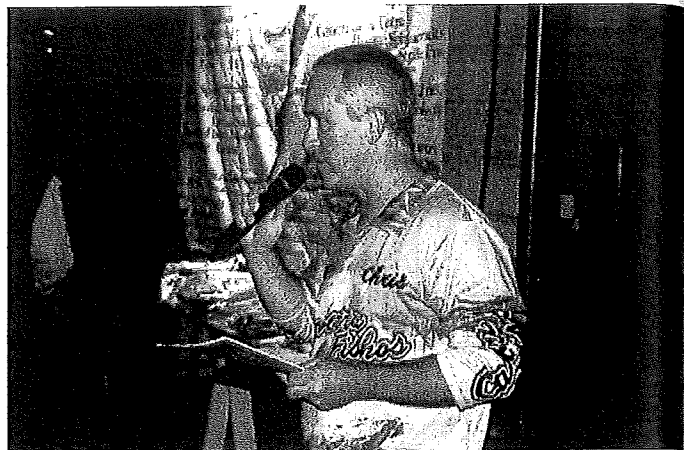
By Anthony Heiser

Well Burrinjuck is finally behind us and now we all have approximately 11 months of pre-fishing before the 42nd Burrinjuck Convention. Incidentally, the next one will be on 4-6 November 2016, for those of you already scoping out some of the nicer accommodation that Burrinjuck has to offer. I would like to thank everyone who helped out either at Burrinjuck during the weekend or in the months leading up to it.

For those falling in the latter category, I particularly want to thank Mick Jewry both for taking on the Sponsorship Officer role and for all his handy man work including the new CFC Light Box and maintenance jobs that are too numerous to mention. Thank you also Sarah Borman, Kristin O'Neil, and Tom Harrington for assisting with the purchase of meat, veggies and other supplies, John Bosch for his work on the data base and other IT related stuff, Kevin Spriggs for sorting out the accommodation arrangements with Dean, and Chris Head for sorting out flyers, sorting out the online registration, rosters and countless other tasks.

Everyone's efforts were well rewarded with great weather and 169 attendees from 12 fishing clubs even though numbers were a bit down compared to last year. The 55 mm of rain that drenched Burrinjuck in the week leading up to the Convention may have deterred some of our regular attendees. It is however interesting to note that we only had four anglers from the Wagga Family Fishing Club, compared with the 23 that fished the comp last year.

Even though the angler numbers were down, the number of fish caught over the weekend was up compared to last year, with 232 European Carp, 48 Golden Perch, and 38 Redfin Perch. Most of the Golden Perch were released unharmed after being weighed.



President, Chris Head welcoming 2015 competitors.



Luke, working hard to keep everything above board.

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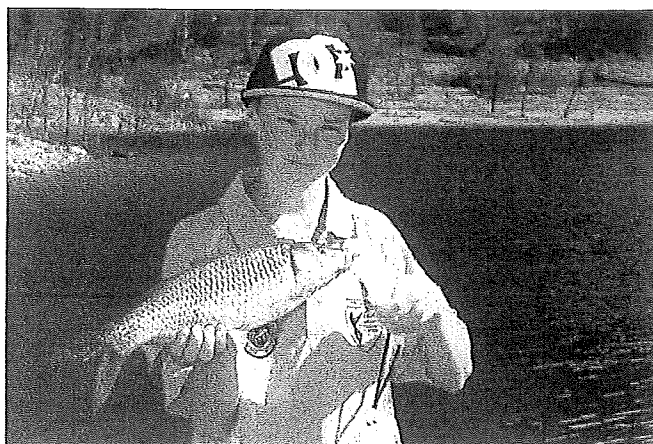
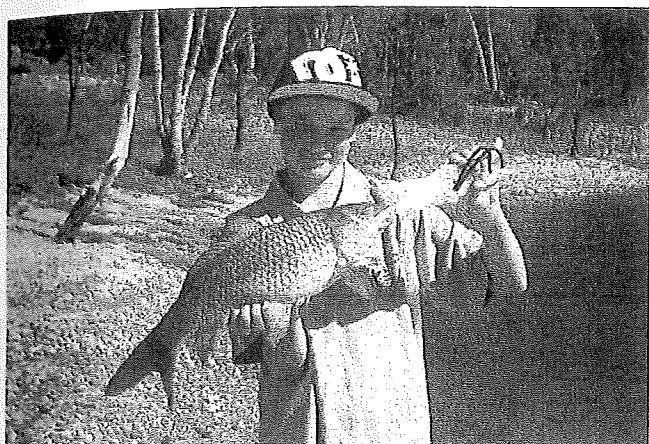
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Our Club did not make the top five in the competition for the Champion Club. However, those of us who did fish had an enjoyable time. You can read about Chris Lemmon's Steve Bailey's exploits later in the newsletter. Jake Borman did the Club proud by being the second person to weigh in fish during the weekend. Jake landed two nice Carp and dropped some on Saturday morning (and I hear Jake has been telling everyone that I bring good luck, so bear that in mind next time you have a spare seat on your boat ☺).



Young Jake Borman - off to a good start and putting a few points on the board for the Canberra Fishos.

Chris Stolk put in a strong effort for claiming trophies for the Wollongong Sportsfishing Club, weighing in 19 kg of Carp with his biggest Carp weighing 5.61 kg earning him the trophies for Heaviest Carp Senior, Highest Point Scoring Carp – Adult male and Highest Point Scoring Fish – Flycasting. Chris also won the Rangers Trophy for Highest Aggregate Points. His sister, Kimberley Stolk claimed the trophy for Highest Point Scoring Carp – Ladies for 4.3 kg Carp. Gordon Jobson also claimed the Trophy for Highest Point Scoring Fish – Lurecasting, taking the Wollongong Sportsfishing Club's trophy count to five.



Doing Wollongong proud - Chris Stolk with a 5.608 kg Carp and his sister Kimberley with her 4.3 kg carp.

Tyler Robinson from Happy Hookers Sportsfishing Club took out the trophies for Heaviest Carp Junior and Highest Point Scoring Carp – Junior Boy with his 4.42 kg Carp. Ty Schneider's 1.23 kg Golden Perch took out the Heaviest Native Junior Trophy while Grant Hartley of Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club's 3.28 kg Golden Perch took out the trophies for Heaviest Native Senior and Highest Point Scoring Native – Senior. Also from Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club, Angelina Bandulet won the Native Catch and Release Trophy after catching and releasing 1290 mm Golden Perch. Ann Gerard of the Sea Bees Boating Club took out the Heaviest Redfin Perch Trophy with a 0.46 kg Redfin Perch.



Adam Camilleri holding sister Rachel's prize winning Carp.

Sportsfishing Club. In the end, Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club claimed the trophy with 42 points, followed by Wollongong Sportsfishing Club with 34 points. Happy Hookers Sportsfishing Club took third place with 9 points, and Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club placed fourth with 5 points.

Once again, there was strong participation by the junior anglers at the Burrinjuck Convention. They weighed in an average of 3.5 fish each, compared with the adults who weighed in an average of 1.6 fish each. The junior anglers represent the future leaders of our clubs and the fishing community so it's very pleasing to see so many junior anglers getting 'hooked into fishing' at events like the Burrinjuck Convention. Safe to say, our sport is in good hands for years to come.



Breanna Bussitil 3.736 kg European Carp with David Bussitil 2.796 kg Mirror carp

On behalf of the Canberra Fisherman's Club, I would like to thank all our sponsors including Tackle World Canberra who helped make this such a successful event. Without the sponsors this event would not be able to run. I also thank everyone who fished the Convention this year and we look forward to seeing you again next year when we host the 42nd ANSA Burrinjuck Convention. Below are just a few snap shots from the weekend but there's plenty more on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CanberraFishermansClubInc/>

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The weekend however belonged to the Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club. Douglas White's 0.30 kg Redfin Perch won him the Heaviest Redfin Perch Trophy, Cameron Addis won the Junior Mystery Weight Prize, the Stathakis/Windon Family weighed in 40 fish to take out the Champion Family prize, Rachel Camilleri won the Highest Point Scoring Carp – Junior Girl with her 3.86 kg Carp and Breanna Busuttil won the Highest Point Scoring Native with her 0.88 kg Golden Perch.

As always, the fight for the Champion Club was closely fought between Wollongong Sportsfishing Club and the Botany Bay



Blake Milligan, 4.164 kg Carp and 500 ml of refreshment



Truck's filling up boss!



Tony Fraietta with a 2.39 kg Golden Perch



Kylie Emmett - 1.902 kg Golden Perch



Gordon and Mitchell Jobson 4.75 kg & 2.932 kg carp



Daniel Gray, Lincoln and Alex Farnsworth and Mitch Mee



Cheers!



Now it's time for a... bird? from our sponsor.