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CFC Photo Competitions Winner

This Months Winner is
Chris De La Rue's Golden Perch

About the Club

The Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc. is a sportfishing club that endeavours to promote a social awareness among its members, single or family. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Canberra Club in the City, beginning at 8.00pm. All members and visitors are most welcome.

Members of the Canberra Fisherman's Club are eligible to set Club Records and, upon payment of an Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) affiliation fee, also able to set Australian records and World records (through ANSA affiliation with the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA)).

Aims of the Club

- To promote sport fishing
- To foster the art of angling
- To teach the art of angling to new members and particularly juniors
- To promote the study and conservation of fish species and the environment
- To co-operate with and support other bodies with similar aims and ideals.

The Club also supports the *Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing*, which endorses:

1. Taking no more than our immediate needs
2. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
3. Supporting and encouraging activities that restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
4. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
5. Using established roads and tracks
6. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damaging sensitive areas
7. Reporting environmental damage and pollution to the relevant authorities
8. Avoiding interactions with threatened species and their critical habitats
9. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catches to the water
10. Using only legal tackle, attending our gear and valuing our catch
11. Practicing courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
12. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering land
13. Caring for our own safety and the safety of others when fishing

Membership Fees

	CFC	ANSA
Junior	\$5	\$4
Student	-	\$6
Senior	\$20	\$19
Family	\$30	\$26

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President's Report

Hi members,

2008-09 OUTINGS

The turnout for the last meeting to decide the outings was disappointing to say the least. Thanks to those that did turn up. The outings for next year should be somewhere in the newsletter. If not, catch them on the website. The main changes are a new location, Jervis Bay in May and we have moved Windamere to Easter (4-day outing). Also, the Narooma Convention next year is on the Canberra Daylong weekend, so we have another opportunity for a 4-day outing. Please note: Members present at the May meeting also agreed to reschedule the upcoming July Outing to Eucumbene to August. The July outing will now be to Shellharbour, same weekend.

BURRINJUCK CONVENTION

Yes, it seems like a long way away, but planning will need to commence soon (entry forms, booking some things etc). We are still looking for a volunteer to take on the role as Convention Chairman. It would be good for someone other than the usual suspects to put their hand up.

Remember, our Convention is the main fundraiser for the Club. It's not that big a job and it is a quite rewarding experience. We will be spending a bit of money on some new tarps this year, which should keep us going for another 5 years or so. But it won't happen without you, the members, pitching in and doing the work.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND NOMINATED AWARDS

Good luck to all those members still in the running for the various championship trophies (not me unfortunately). Don't forget, The Committee needs to decide winners for Most Meritorious Capture, Most Improved (Junior and Senior) as well as Club Member of the year. Nominations from members are welcome. Nominations are also welcome for the various joke trophies. Get in touch with the current trophy holder if you have any suggestions.

AGM, PRESENTATION NIGHT AND XMAS PARTY

Don't forget the AGM, which will be on Tuesday, 12th August. All Executive and Committee positions are up for election (including President, I won't be putting my hand up again next year). Please consider serving your Club. None of the tasks are too difficult if the workload is shared around.

The date for the Presentation night has tentatively been set as Saturday, 30th August. Please put it in your calendar. The current caterers at the Canberra Club are moving on, so we will have to wait to confirm things with the new people at the Club.

At the May meeting, it was decided to make the December outing a local outing, with a Googong trip on the Saturday and the Xmas BBQ on the Sunday lunchtime. Hopefully this will encourage people to get together for a fish where the weekend won't cost too much or require travel. The chosen dates were the 13th-14th December.

JERVIS BAY AND SOLITARY ISLANDS MARINE PARK REVIEWS

The Zoning Plans for the JB and SI Marine Parks are currently under review, with submissions closing on 2nd June. Please consider putting in a submission, as the conservation groups are pushing for 50% closures to fishing. If they get their way, there will be no good fishing spots left. Information and forms are available on the MPA website, www.mpa.nsw.gov.au.

ANSA NSW AGM, DELEGATES MEETING AND PRESENTATION DINNER

Will be hosted by the Botany Bay Sportfishing Club and held on Saturday, 13th September at the Engadine Bowling Club. If you are interested in attending, let me know. It's usually a great night and it would be good to have a strong Canberra contingent again to show our support for ANSA.

"Too cold for fishing"!
Shane

Blackie's and Macs must be saved.
<letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au>

Copy of Letter to the Editor
To the Editor,

As it is currently Native Fish Awareness Week (19-23 May), it was pleasing to see the plight of two of the ACT's endangered fish species given prominence in your story about the Cotter Dam enlargement ("Endangered fish a 'hurdle' in Cotter expansion plans", Times 20 May). It would be a real shame to see the habitat and future survival of the Two-Spined Blackfish and the Macquarie Perch sacrificed for the sake of a city's unending thirst for water. We can only hope the "hurdles" put in place are real and cannot be simply "side-stepped" by the developers. It's a shame the tree-huggers are too busy crying over a few kangaroos to try and save something that really needs our help...

Shane Jasprizza
President
Canberra Fisherman's Club

Members,

Just wanted to point out how organised the tree hugging groups are when it comes to pushing their own agendas (not to mention how they twist the facts and manipulate

the truth in their quest to ban fishing completely). Take a read of what the Nature Conservation Council (the "No Credibility Council") and the National Parks Association (the "No People Allowed" association) are proposing for the Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks:

http://nccnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_fabrik&Itemid=1102

http://nccnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_fabrik&Itemid=1101

<http://www.marine.org.au/elobbyJervis.htm>

<http://www.marine.org.au/elobbySolitary.htm>

The sad thing is, because it is unlikely that many anglers will bother putting in a submission, they will probably get at least some of what they want. I urge you all to take a few minutes to make submissions, even if it is simply to say "I'm happy with things as they are, please don't change anything". Submissions are due 2nd June. Personally, I will be suggesting to the MPA they don't change anything because even when most of their own research says that "it's too early to say if the current zoning is working".

<http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/review-zoning.html>

Please don't be one of the many that say to themselves later "maybe I could have done more".

Regards
Shane



ANSA National Web Site

www.ansa.com.au



"Secretary's Report"

Hi all,

I hope the fishing gods have been good to you over the last month. I've finally been able to upgrade my picture to something reasonable. I spent the ANZAC long weekend at Windamere Dam with a few other club members. From what I saw and heard over that weekend it's a great place to go and catch a native. (Check out Steve's Recorders report for all the details) I'm looking forward to going back next year and would also like to visit when it's a bit warmer and chase some big Golden's and Cod with lures. The warmer weather could test some friendships though. This trip very few people bothered to shower, as the consensus was that we'd probably smell worse after the shower. This may change after a hot summers day in the boat, but the water quality, or smell would still need to improve a fair bit.

The next club outing is back to Narooma over the June long weekend. This has been a well-supported outing over the last couple of years, and it looks like being another great one this year. The outing is just before the next meeting; so if you aren't on the list and would like to attend, let one of know so we can make sure there's accommodation available. It's a great outing.

At the last meeting we reviewed the outings for the next year, Shane's got them up on the website already, so check them out in the calendar.

<http://www.canberrafishos.com/Pages/calendar.html>

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the Annual General Meeting, is at the Canberra Club at 8 PM on Tuesday 12 August. It's an important meeting and we need as many as possible to attend. We need a good attendance to make sure this can happen, so put it in your diary now, please. Well that's about it for me this month.

Cheers.

Greg Davis

Work fills in time
between fishing trips.



1.56 Kg Windamere Silver Perch!

Recorder's Report

Hi All

The end of the fishing year is drawing near, a little over a month remains to chase those last minute captures for 2007/08. The time has come to stop posting the Championship Update; this is to create a little suspense for the 2007/08 Presentation rather than it just being a formality.

We have two Outings remaining in 2007/08:

- Bermagui 17th-19th of May,
- Narooma 7th-9th of June.

The All Tackle Championship has been close all year. I think this year's winner may be decided by the next two Outings.

April Outing - Windamere Dam – 25th – 27th April

The April Outing to Windamere only attracted a few Club members (Seven to be exact). Perhaps it was the distance that needed to be travelled that kept people away but those who attended were rewarded with some excellent captures.

The 20 fish weighed in which included: 10 Silver Perch (Average– 1.52kg), 7 Eel Tailed Catfish (Average – 2.13kg), and 3 Golden Perch (Average – 3.61kg). Out of the 20 fish weighed in 15 were Masters Captures.

Basically if you caught a fish you were almost guaranteed it was a good one. Every fish weighed in deserves a mention but I will just point out a few of the better fish of each species.

Golden Perch – for a lake renowned for its Golden Perch we didn't tangle many, they were fairly quiet and in fairness I don't believe we targeted them as much as we could have. This was due to the other species being much more active and willing to bite. Andrew Butt caught the first Golden at 3.25kg on 1kg, and I landed one at 3.96kg on 1kg.

Silver Perch – The Silvers were biting readily, if you could find a gap in the weed to fish for them, which I can assure you weren't an easy task! Tom Stanfield caught the standout Silvers of the Outing at 2.10kg and 2.00kg on 1kg. Dave Walton caught a Silver of 1.96kg on 1kg the day before the Outing.

Eel Tailed Catfish – The Catfish were much the same as the Silvers they seemed to like being in or around the weedy margins. I caught the heaviest Catfish at 3.20kg on 1kg, and Greg Davis caught a couple of bigger ones at 2.62kg and 2.32kg on 2kg. I thought Greg was going to have his rod dragged in on both occasions!

Other Captures.

It has been very quite on the captures front, we are a fishing club aren't we?

The Bensley's travelled to Eucumbene and caught some Rainbow Trout from their boat. Thomas weighed in a Rainbow of 0.65kg on 1kg and a Brown of 0.38kg on 1kg, Lachlan caught a Rainbow at 0.88kg on 3kg, Scott managed a Rainbow of 1.00kg on 2kg, and Lisa caught a Rainbow of 0.88kg on 2kg.

Chris Head caught two Yellowfin Bream (0.62kg and 0.54kg on 2kg) at Burrill Lake over the ANZAC weekend.

Brian Stacy caught a Yellowfin Bream (0.33kg on 1kg) at Batemans Bay.

A possible Most Meritorious Capture, David Stacy caught a Flounder of 0.01kg on 6kg (Handline) at St Georges Basin. Unfortunately this was a 0 point captures. Even the Flounder's fighting factor of 1.2 couldn't get him over the line for a single point. Keep up the good work David, keep those capture forms coming in!

Good luck over the next month, hopefully we can finish the year with some amazing captures!

Cheers
Steve.



The President and Members of the Canberra Fishing Club offer our condolences to Albert Magassy and Family for the loss of his wife Sue this last week from on-going illness.

May 2008 Photo Competition Entries



Steve Silver



Mathew Barra No 1

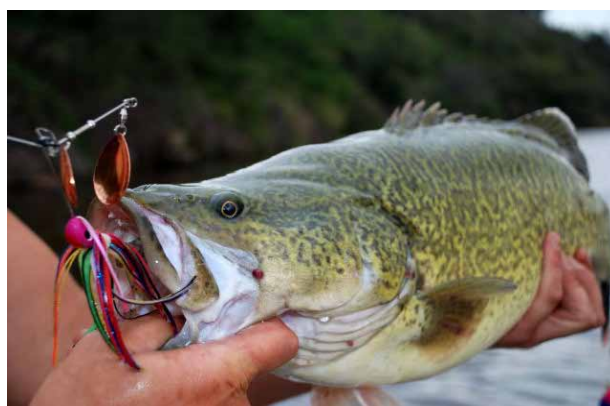


Matt Barra No 2



Steve "Yellow"





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The Canberra Fisherman's Club Photo Competition

Photo competition rules

- You are only allowed to submit photos that are of you (i.e. you are in the photo) or were taken by you.
- Maximum of 2 individual photo submissions per member, per month!
- Photos must be original and cannot be modified, enhanced or manipulated in anyway.
- Photos must be submitted to the Editor in either printed (hardcopy) or electronic format.
- Photos must be received by the last day of each month to be eligible for that months judging.



The April 2008 Winner of our Photo Competition

Chris De La Rue

Some good photos again this month. Chris' was a good clean photo, well centred, a local capture, but it was the hat that got you the cash. Smart man... "Patto"

CFC 2007/08 Outing List

7 to 9 June	NAROOMA	3 Day Outing
12 to 13 July	BRAEMAR	2 Day Outing

**THESE ARE THE LAST TWO OUTING'S THIS CLUB
COMPETITION YEAR 2007-2008**

**This reminder is for those members still needing their two
outings to qualify for Points Comps**

2008-2009 Fishing Outings

12-13 Jul - Shellharbour (NOTE: changed from Braemar)

16-17 Aug - Braemar

20-21 Sep - Kalkite

18-19 Oct - Talbingo Convention

30 Oct-2 Nov - Wyangala (just kidding, Burrinjuck)

13-14 Dec - Googong/Local Lakes (with Xmas BBQ on the Sunday)

24-26 Jan - Tuross (3-day outing)

14-15 Feb - Batemans Bay

6-9 Mar - Narooma Convention (long weekend, 4-day outing)

10-13 Apr - Windamere (4 day outing over Easter)

16-17 May - Jervis Bay

6-8 Jun - Narooma (long weekend, 3-day outing)

18-19 Jul - Merimbula