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*Dave Walton's Australian Record Flathead
The Winner of the December Photo Competition*

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 7:30pm. 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. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catch to the water
2. Quickly killing fish that are kept for consumption
3. Using only appropriate, legal tackle, attending gear and valuing the catch
4. Taking no more than our immediate needs
5. Supporting and encouraging activities that preserve, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
6. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
7. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
8. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damage to wildlife and habitat
9. Using established roads and tracks
10. Reporting environmental damage
11. Avoiding unnecessary interactions with wildlife species and their habitats
12. Practising courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
13. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering their land
14. Caring for our own safety and the safety of others when fishing

Membership Fees

	CFC	ANSA
Junior	\$5	\$4
Student	-	\$7
Senior	\$20	\$19
Family	\$30	\$24

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President's Report

Hi all,

I hope you've all had a good Xmas and the New Year is treating you well so far. I've been away most of the time since my last report, but managed very little fishing. But that is all about to change. As soon as I've finished typing this I'm off to Merry Beach for a couple of weeks. It's a hard life, but some-ones got to do it! You may remember my report after this trip last year of a Blue Groper that out gunned me. I've upgraded my old eggbeater to a brand new Penn Spin Fisher, and upped the anti on line by upgrading the from 8 Kg mono to 15 Kg braid. I'll let you know how I went next month.

It was good to see a couple of new people joining the club at the last meeting, welcome aboard Rainer and Clayton. There are a few opportunities coming our way where we can promote the Club, so hopefully we'll be able to attract some more new members. If you meet someone while fishing, invite them along to the next meeting, or let them know about our website.

As I mentioned in my last report, our tireless Secretary, Shane Jasprizza, has again been successful in gaining a grant to conduct the Carp-Out during the 2009 Canberra Festival. Your assistance in the running of this event will be appreciated. This is one opportunity where we can promote the Club. The intention this year is to have some of us patrolling the shoreline of Lake Burley Griffin, assisting people fishing the competition, and talking about the Club.

Outings –The Annual Carpathon on is this weekend, January 18th, and currently we have 26 people who have indicated they'll be there. Looks like another great event.

The Tuross outing is over the January long weekend, 24th –26 January 2009. It's become a very popular outing and so far we have 31 names for this event as well. Our Outing Officer, Keith Smith, has provided a run down on the Tuross outing in the last newsletter. Hopefully I'll see you there.

In February we're off to Bateman's Bay. Unfortunately I will not be able to go this year, as I have to go OS for work. The last outing to Bateman's Bay was a great event, except for the fishing on the Charter. It was one of those days, no matter what I did; I couldn't catch a fish, much to the amusement of all others on board. They even tried to put a fish on my line while I was in the head. There isn't a charter booked for this event yet, but if there are enough people interested it could happen.

That's it for me this month; I'm off to Merry Beach.

Greg Davis
Work fills in time between fishing trips.



Secretary's Report

Hi members,

I hope you all survived Xmas and New Year without collecting too many extra kilos.

Change to meeting start time

At the January Committee meeting, we decided to start the Committee meetings at 6:30pm, meaning we could also start the general meetings a half-hour earlier. ***Beginning February, meetings will now start at 7:30pm.***

Clean Up Australia Day, 1st March – CFC Event

The Club will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day, which will be held on Sunday, 1st March. We have chosen Yerrabi and Gungahlin Ponds as our site. If you can help out on the day, please come down to Gungahlin Town Park off Wunderlich St at Yerrabi Pond, Gungahlin at 9am. You can register and find further details at the following website <http://events.cleanup.org.au/?Yerrabi+and+Gungahlin+Ponds>.

2009 Narooma Convention

Some of you may have been advised that the Narooma Convention was going un-catered this year and that the cost for entry for seniors would be \$30.00. This advice was based on information we received from the Narooma Club in December and was attributed to new Council regulations on food sales.

Subsequent to this advice, we received a further letter from Narooma advising that the entry fee was being increased and that “free meals” would be provided during the weekend. I’m not sure giving food away absolves the responsibility for appropriate food standards, but anyway, entry fees are now:

- ✓ \$50.00 Seniors (includes “free” dinner Thurs, Fri and Sat, Sun lunch)
- ✓ \$20.00 Juniors
- ✓ \$10.00 Sub-Juniors
- ✓ \$130.00 Family (2 adults + 2 kids under 16)

If anyone who has put their name down for the Convention wants to change their mind about entering, let me know. The Club outing will still go ahead regardless.

Fish Stocking – Lake Ginninderra

By the time you read this newsletter, 16,000 Murray Cod fingerlings should have been released into Lake Ginninderra. The Club has donated \$2,500 and Tackleworld \$500 for this stocking, on top of the funds committed by the ACT Government. The ACT Fish Stocking Plan for the next 5 years should also have been released, with hopefully an increased financial commitment by the Government to provide better native fishing into the future. You can have a say on the Plan here:

http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/about_our_department/community_engagement/community_engagement_activities_and_events/draft_fish_stocking_plan_for_the_act_2009-2014

Googong Dam – Changes to boat regulations

Thanks to Pat Brennan and Keith Smith who joined me before Xmas to film a news story for WIN News on the possible changes to boating rules at Googong. As a result of that meeting, we received an assurance from the ACT Government that they have no current plans to change the existing boat permit system at Googong. They did say however that ACTEW are doing a risk assessment on the broader water supply issue for the ACT and a review of boating at Googong will be included in that. I don’t know where we stand!

RG Menzies Walk – Lake Burley Griffin

You may have also seen myself and Chris De La Rue on WIN News talking about the RG Menzies Walk reconstruction at Lake Burley Griffin. We raised concerns over the reduction in access for fishing that would occur when the new path was constructed right up to the water’s edge.

Last week, I attended a meeting with the National Capital Authority to discuss our concerns and view detailed plans for the Walk. I am happy to report that the works will not be as bad as first thought, but there are still areas where fishing will potentially cause conflict with walkers (by blocking the path at the water's edge). I was told that there will be a jetty built near the Carillion and was also advised that the NCA would consider formal proposals for additional fishing platforms (I just need to write a proposal!). If anyone has a favourite fishing spot between Kings Ave and Commonwealth Ave, let me know.

Canberra Carp-Out 2009

Planning continues on this year's Canberra Carp-Out, with a few new ideas and attractions to help make the event bigger and better than last year. We were successful in securing a grant to assist with the costs of the event, and the Committee has agreed that we will split the entry fees 50/50 between fish stocking and a donation to charity. The Club will be retaining the profits from food and drink sales, plus any other activities we decide to run on the day.

As with any of our Club's fund raising events, success is dependent on the number of volunteers that can help on the day. As well as selling food and drinks, we will be looking at having a number of members wandering around, talking with competitors, assisting with fishing tips, weighing fish and generally promoting the Club. If you think you can help out on the day, let me know.

Keep an eye out for the Carp-Out website <http://www.canberra-carp-out.com/>, which should be up and running soon.

ANSA News

- ANSA Nowra Convention – 13th-15th February
- ANSA Narooma Convention – 6th-8th March
- Sydney Sportfishing Tournament – 27th-29th March

See you out there.
Shane



A timely reminder about the switch to 406Mhz distress beacons for the boat owners out there.

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ANSA National Web Site

www.ansa.com.au

ANSA NSW Web Site

www.ansansw.com.au



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.

December 2008 Photo Competition Entries



Steve Borkowskis 10.48kg CARP



Shane Jasprizza Florida Hound fish



Ash Barber Glenbawn Bass



Jamie Stanfield with a nice Bream



Dave Walton was bored at Windamere



Ash Barber with a 42 cm Glenbawn Bass



Dave Walton Narooma Pelican



Tom Stanfield's Carp. Jamie Stanfield

2009 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outing & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Meeting date
Jan 24th – 26th	TUROSS	13 th Jan
Feb 14th –15th	BATEMANS BAY	10 th Feb
1st March	CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY	
March 6th – 9th	NAROOMA	10 th Mar
April 10th – 13th	WINDAMERE	14 th Apr
May 16th - 17th	JERVIS BAY	12 th May
June 6th – 8th	NAROOMA	9 th Jun
July 18th – 19th	MERIMBULA	14 th Jul

Club Recorder's Report

Hi All

Local Lakes Outing

The December 'Local Lakes' Outing was a bit of a fizzer with very cold southerly gales spoiling most members plans of tackling natives in either Burrinjuck or Googong. Most members gave it up all together but a few targeted Carp and Redfin in the urban lakes.

The stand out capture would have to be Shane Jasprizza Carp of 4.00kg on 1kg line from Lake Burley Griffin. Tom Stanfield lead the way for the juniors with four Carp weighed in, the best going 2.18kg on 1kg line.

Recent Captures

Despite the Mulwala Cod Classic being dropped as an Outing this year (mostly due to many regular attendees being unable to make it this year), Andrew Butt still made the trip to fly the flag for the CFC. I haven't heard anything about his trip but he submitted a Golden Perch of 50cm, which was an All Tackle (Length) Masters.

Brian Stacy spent some time at his place in Bateman's Bay over the holidays and managed a few legal Sand Flathead outside, and a Dusky Flathead of 1.00kg on 1kg line plus a Silver Trevally of 0.51kg on 1kg line in the Clyde River.

Chris Head, also fished the Clyde for a Masters Yellowfin Bream of 0.94kg on 1kg line (40cm), it was caught bait fishing.

Chris De La Rue and Shane Jasprizza fished Jindabyne early in the New Year and weighed in a Rainbow each. Shane's went 0.74kg on 1kg line, while Chris landed a larger one at 1.12kg on 1kg line.

The McGovern's fished Burrinjuck and Mitchell and Kelsey caught plenty of Carp in the 2-3kg brackets.

Personally I spent a week just before Christmas in Narooma and spent plenty of time out on the estuaries. I weighed in plenty of species but the stand out would have to be a Black Bream of 1.22kg on 1kg out of Mummuga Lake at Dalmeny. It took a 3 inch Gulp Minnow in Watermelon/Pearl. I also lost a couple of bigger fish in Wagonga, but that's fishing! It just makes me want to go back and try again.

Upcoming Outings

By the time you read this, the CFC Carpathon will have been held, at this stage I think we have around 30 competitors so it should make for a good day out, hopefully the Carp come out to play and we have a ball. Look out for a full report in the next newsletter.

Also the Tuross Outing is on over the January long weekend, the reports haven't been exceptional but hopefully we see some big Dusky's show up. I'm sure our members will be all the better for the experience as this has been the January Outing for a few years now.

Good luck over the next month. If you happen to catch a Golden Perch or a Flathead, which are both excellent targets in the summer months don't forget to measure them for our new length based trophies.

Cheers
Steve.



Club Championship Update

Last updated 16 JAN 09

Club Championship		CFC Best Fish	
Proudly Sponsored by: Tackle World Canberra – Fyshwick		*** BEACH ***	
ANDREW MCGOVERN*	1932	Australian Salmon	
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	1408	0.86kg on 2kg	
CHRIS LEMMON	720	Brian Stacy	
TOM STANFIELD	656	52 Points	
SHANE JASPRIZZA	422		
		*** BLUEWATER ***	
Ladies Club Champion Update		Golden Trevally	
Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant		4.87kg on 4kg	
KELSEY MCGOVERN**	74	Rod Drayton	
		183 Points	
		*** ESTUARY ***	
		Black Bream	
Junior Club Champion Update		1.22kg on 1kg	
Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant		Steve Borkowskis	
TOM STANFIELD	656	146 Points	
MITCHELL MCGOVERN*	226		
KELSEY MCGOVERN**	74	*** FRESHWATER ***	
DAVID STACY	39	Golden Perch	
		5.57kg on 1kg	
		Andrew McGovern	
Land Based Club Champion Update		557 Points	
Proudly Sponsored by: Jax Transtate			
ANDREW MCGOVERN*	1751	*** ROCKS ***	
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	1050	VACANT	
TOM STANFIELD	534		
CHRIS LEMMON	516	*** BEST SHARK or RAY ***	
SHANE JASPRIZZA	420	Common Shovel nosed Ray	
		3.75kg on 2kg	
Freshwater Club Champion Update		Colin Clark	
Proudly Sponsored by: BTS		188 Points	
ANDREW MCGOVERN*	1932		
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	983		
CHRIS LEMMON	720	All Tackle Champion Update	
TOM STANFIELD	656	Proudly Sponsored by: JB's Outboard Service Centre	
SHANE JASPRIZZA	422	STEVE BORKOWSKIS	22
		TOM STANFIELD	16
Saltwater Club Champion Update		CHRIS LEMMON	11
Proudly Sponsored by: Canberra Diamond Blade Suppliers		SHANE JASPRIZZA	9
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	425	KEITH SMITH	8

BRIAN STACY	271	CHRIS DE LA RUE	8
COLIN CLARK*	188		
FRANK RES**	154	Sub Junior All Tackle Champion Update	
DAVE WALTON	127	Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant	
		TOM STANFIELD	16
Most Versatile Angler Update		DAVID STACY	3
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	27	RHIANNON HOSSACK	2
ANDREW MCGOVERN	21	SAMANTHA HEAD	1
TOM STANFIELD	17	NATALIE MCKENZIE	1
DAVE WALTON	15	MITCHELL MCGOVERN	1
CHRIS LEMMON	11	KYLE WALTON	1
		KIRSTIE HEAD	1
		JAKE MCKENZIE	1
		CHANTEL STACY	1
Flathead 'Total Length' Trophy		Golden Perch 'Total Length' Trophy	
BRIAN STACY	2410mm	ASHLEY BARBER	6620mm
DAVE WALTON	890mm	ANDREW MCGOVERN	4950mm
		CHRIS LEMMON	1767mm
		ANDREW BUTT	500mm

CFC Board Fish Update

Species	Weight (kg)	Angler
ALBACORE	8.20	FRANK RES
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	0.86	BRIAN STACY
BARRAMUNDI	22.50	DAVE WALTON
BLACK BREEM	1.22	STEVE BORKOWSKIS
BROOK TROUT	1.19	ANDREW BUTT
BROWN TROUT	4.78	ANDREW MCGOVERN
COMMON SHOVELNOSED RAY	3.75	COLIN CLARK
DUSKY FLATHEAD	5.10	DAVE WALTON
EEL TAILED CATFISH	3.64	ANDREW MCGOVERN
EUROPEAN CARP	10.48	STEVE BORKOWSKIS
GOLDEN PERCH	5.57	ANDREW MCGOVERN
GOLDEN TREVALLY	7.76	ROD DRAYTON
HAIRTAIL	1.92	ROD DRAYTON
LEATHERJACKET	0.58	BRIAN STACY
MULLOWAY	0.90	CHRIS CLARK
MURRAY COD	9.04	ANDREW MCGOVERN
RAINBOW TROUT	1.47	KELSEY MCGOVERN
REDFIN PERCH	1.88	STEVE BORKOWSKIS
SARATOGA	3.00	DAVE WALTON
SILVER PERCH	2.89	ANDREW MCGOVERN
SILVER TREVALLY	0.51	BRIAN STACY
SOOTY GRUNTER	1.15	DAVE WALTON
TAILOR	1.02	CHRIS CLARK
YELLOWFIN BREEM	0.94	CHRIS HEAD

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Media Release

20 January 2009

DO NOT RISK GOING WITHOUT A 406!

Analogue 121.5 MHz beacons will no longer be detected by satellite from **1 February 2009**. The internationally owned satellites will be switched off and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority that coordinates all aviation and maritime search and rescue across Australia's 53 million square kilometer search and rescue region, will no longer have the ability to detect an analogue distress beacon via satellite. Australia has no capacity to delay the switch off date of the satellites; however, AMSA and State/NT agencies have been informing the public of this date since the announcement was made in 2000.

To ensure your life and the lives of your family are safe during recreational activities on land, sea or in the air, **it is essential to switch to a 406 MHz distress beacon immediately.**

While the 1 February 2009 cessation date has been widely known for some considerable time, the last minute rush by consumers to purchase a 406 MHz beacon has resulted in some shortage of supplies. If you are having difficulty purchasing a distress beacon, you should ensure your name is placed on a waiting list. Digital technology provides AMSA with a faster notification and more accurate location, enabling a quicker response to your distress situation. These include EPIRB (Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacons) for use on water, PLB (Personal Locator Beacons) for land use, and ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitters) in aircraft.

If you continue to rely upon a 121.5 MHz analogue beacon in a distress situation, rescue authorities may never hear you.

406 MHz beacons must be registered with AMSA. Registration is free and can be done on-line at the AMSA web site. When upgrading to a 406 MHz distress beacon it is essential that old analogue models are appropriately disabled and **disposed of responsibly** so that they do not trigger false alarms. Battery World shops provide free disposal.

More advice about distress beacons is available from the AMSA web site:
www.amsa.com.au/beacons or by calling 1800-406-406.

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