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Winner of the December 2009 Photo Competition
Darren Hassock's Mud Marlin
Photo by Shane JASPRIZZA

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 **Eastlakes Football Club No 3 Oxley St Griffith ACT** 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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2009-2010 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outing & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Monthly Meeting's date's
13th – 14th February 2010	Bega, Brogo, Tathra	9th Feb
5 th – 8 th March 2010 TBA	Narooma Convention Canberra Carp-Out	9 th Mar
24 th – 26 th April 2010	Windamere	13 th Apr
15 th – 16 th May 2010	Jervis Bay	11 th May
12 th -14 th June 2010	Narooma	8 th Jun
25 th – 25 th July 2010	Kiola Area	13 th Jul



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CHRIS DE LA RUE LIFE MEMBER GET WELL CHRIS FROM ALL THE MEMBERS.

President's Report

Hi all,

2010 is off to a flying start, with plenty of things happening. We've been given approval to hold the Carp-Out based at Lennox Gardens again this year, so we're full steam ahead in planning that event. Chris Head has been busy and arranged for the Chronicle to do some promotional pieces in the lead up to the event, and Gary Cairns from Tackleworld has been meeting with MIX 106, and Cam and Lisa are keen to be involved again. It should be another great event. It'd be a big ask, but it'd be good to improve on last year's very successful event.

You may have seen on WIN News that the Club was involved in the release of 10,000 Murray Cod into Gungahlin Pond. We're also contributing to the upcoming release of Golden Perch into Ginninderra, Tuggeranong and Yerrabi. Our contribution to this is as a result of last years successful Carp-out. To further contribute to improving the fishing in our local lakes, we're currently organising a raffle where the profit will go directly to additional fish stocking. Shane Jasprizza has organised a Hobie kayak as the main prize for the raffle through Wetspot Water sports, with the raffle drawn at the Carp-out. At \$2.00 a ticket it should be pretty easy to raise some additional money for fish stocking.

Sadly, Doug Phillips, a long time member, passed away on the 8th January. A few of us went to his funeral, and there was a good attendance, which is testament to what a great guy he was. He has been a tireless worker at the Burrinjuck Convention for many years and he'll be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Outings

January is a busy time for Club outings. On the 17th of January it's the annual Carpathon. By the time you read this it'll be over, I hope it's as good an event as it's shaping up to be. As I type its Friday, and there are about 30 people with their names down for Sunday.

It's off to Tuross again on the 23rd and 24th of January. There are about 27 people who'll be participating at various stages of the weekend. Rose and I will more than likely be there on the Saturday, as we're at Merry Beach on our annual break. Hopefully the weather will be with us, and not blow us off the water like it did a couple of years ago!

In February it's off to Brogo, Bega and Tathra again on the 13th and 14th. Hopefully there will be enough water in Brogo to launch a boat and go chasing Bass. Once again in March our outing is the Narooma Sport and Game fishing Club's ANSA Convention. The Convention is the 5th to the 7th, however it's the Canberra Day long weekend on the 8th, so we have a 4 day outing. We're looking into the accommodation now, so if you're interested in coming down to Narooma for the weekend, let Keith Smith or myself know, so we can include you in the accommodation arrangements.

Well, I'm all packed and ready to head off to Merry Beach in the morning. Hopefully next month I'll have some great fishing highlights, and maybe a new photo.

Cheers

Greg Davis
President

Work fills in time between fishing trips.



Secretary's Report

Hello all members & visitors,

Well Happy New Year to you all and trust that everyone had a good Christmas / New Year and that 2010 will be a year for you all to achieve a personal best fish capture. One of the things that I wish to achieve for 2010 is to catch a Murray Cod from one of our local lakes, which my youngest daughter Kirstie has already managed to achieve with no effort at all much to the amazement of myself and another member that was in attendance at the time, more on that later.

For members that were unfortunate to miss the January meeting you missed a great presentation from Matt Beitzel an Aquatic Ecologist from Environment & Recreation, telling us all about the local lakes and regional rivers stocking program. It was interesting to see what their research was showing for the stocking effort that has been going on in the region for many years. This was very positive showing that all the effort is being rewarded with fish stock surviving and growing to maturity in good time and now providing anglers with a wealth of native fish it seems available in all our local lakes. The information provided in this presentation has been further supported by our members with captures of at least a dozen Murray Cod just in the first part of this year ranging from 40 – 111cm with fish caught and released from all the local lakes.

We invited Matt back to present his latest stocking data when it becomes available and to give us his latest fishing report as he is also an avid angler and contributed to the meetings fishing reports.

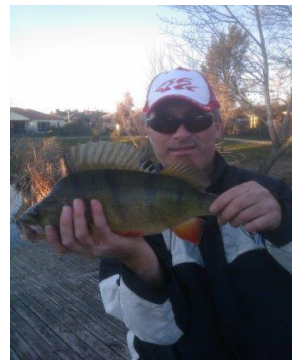
As Greg alluded to we have now received all the approvals to proceed with the 2010 Canberra Carp-Out at Lennox Gardens. We should have all the posters and entry forms ready to go by the end of the month so will be looking to all our members to help promote the event and for volunteers to help on the day. Additional to this Shane and I are working on a fishing clinic for the Saturday to help further promote the event and to help introduce those new to fishing and give them an idea on the best way to try and capture that winning carp. The clinic will have limited spaces and will require registration, with volunteers required on the day. More on this as we make final arrangements.

Some of you may have seen the email I sent out a week or so ago about a new fishing website that has gone live and is an initiative of the Australian Fishing Trade Association. Have a look at www.lovefishing.com.au as there is something for everyone and some terrific competitions.

The message being

"Help protect your fishing rights! Every Aussie deserves the right to fish".

Something else that has come through this month is the Federal Government proposal to ban MAKO/PROBEAGLE shark fishing in Australia. This ban is to start from the end of January 2010. Shane Jasprizza has a Petition to the Australian Parliament going around and we will have it at the Tuross outing and the next general meeting and ask you to consider signing it. If you wish to know more about this the following website has been created and is a wealth of information <http://www.makofishingaustralia.com.au/>



Well that's it from me for the month. May many quality fish come your way

Chris Head

RECORDERS REPORT

Hi All

Great to see several Club Members found the time to attend the release of this year's batch of Murray Cod fingerlings into Gungahlin Pond on Friday the 15th of January. I saw our President talk on behalf of the Club on WIN-NEWS; it was great to see the Club getting some recognition and exposure for our funding. Just to show the stocking does work Shane Jasprizza stayed on after the release of the fingerlings and caught a 53cm Cod. The word is that the Golden Perch should arrive sometime in the last week of February, an exact date and time will be given closer to the date.

Last month I mentioned the recent capture of Silver Perch in Lake Tuggeranong, this has continued with the total up to six (four Silvers caught by our members and 2 others reported). At our January Meeting we had a presentation from Matt Beitzel who is an aquatic ecologist with the ACT Government and when asked the question he said it was most likely they were mixed in with either Golden Perch or Murray Cod from previous stockings. As a final confirmation a Silver Perch was found in the batch of Murray Cod released in Gungahlin on the 15th of January. Considering the Silvers seem to be doing quite well in Lake Tuggeranong it might be something we can lobby for in the future. The reason they aren't officially stocked is they haven't been successful in the past, but the few escapees seem to be doing quite well in Tuggeranong at the moment. I think a bit of variety in our local fisheries is fantastic.

A couple of months back I met up with Shane Jasprizza for an afternoons fishing session around the back of the Australian Museum at Lake Burley Griffin. While fishing I spotted a platypus which was a big surprise as I have never seen them in Burley Griffin before. In the last week there was an article in the Canberra Times with a photograph of a dead Platypus caught up in fishing line near the Museum. It's not a good look for anglers, and the last thing we anglers need these days is bad press. I guess the moral of the story is don't be complacent about discarding old line or any rubbish for that matter, and if you see any old line around the shore while you're fishing try to take the time to gather it up and take it home or put it in the bin. It might be the first and last Platypus I ever see in Lake Burley Griffin.

Outings

Upcoming Outing: Tuross 23rd – 24th January

There haven't been any Outings since the last newsletter; this coming weekend is the January Outing to Tuross. If you believe the reports it is fishing well despite the heavy school holiday fishing pressure, with some monster Dusky's being reported from the lower reaches.

One thing I will remind you of is the All Tackle Comp; don't forget to submit captures of any LEGAL captures. Fish with no size limit are always good candidates such as tiny by-catch Leatherjackets, or Sweep. So are Slimy Mackerel caught on the bait grounds etc? So you don't have to catch amazing fish to score a whole bunch of All Tackle points.

Carpathon

Chris Head will be reporting on the Carpathon this year. I will just briefly mention a few things.

It was fantastic to see so many people there enjoying themselves, especially the influx of new Members and Visitors. Do your best to make them feel welcome and part of the group it's not always easy being new to the scene.

Despite being a great social get together the fishing was very ordinary, I think it will be worth some discussion as to whether we look for an alternate venue next year. Apparently it was held near the Carillon for several years before moving to Kingston.

My parents took my 2 year old niece out to have a look at what was going on and I gave them some of my bread to feed to the Swans. When they came back they mentioned they saw several Carp swimming beneath the Swans mopping up any sinking bread. Shane Jasprizza was the only one who took advantage of this info and headed off with a pocketful of bread and a 3 foot long fishing rod. Five minutes later he landed a Carp of 5.57kg without even casting, love your work Shane!

Anthony Heiser experimented with a new bucket rod holder system... he will be investing in a new fishing rod shortly.

Recent Captures

There has been a lot of captures coming in recently which is fantastic, but please don't be disappointed if you don't get a mention. For some reason Murray Cod aren't a very common capture among our members (unless your name is Ashley Barber) but for some reason this past month has been a massive Cod-fest!!!, so here we go:

- The most outstanding capture would have to be a Cod caught by Dave Walton in Lake Ginninderra. It measured a whopping 111cm. Ask Dave to show you the photos it was a massive fish. It has been submitted as a National Length Record.
- Steve Bailey also got in on the Cod action with another Ginninderra beast of 11.50kg (91cm) on 10kg line.
- Chris Lemmon caught a Cod of 8.12kg (84cm) on 2kg line while bait fishing with worms in the Macquarie River
- Kirstie Head caught a Cod of 5.05kg (66cm) on 3kg line at Lake Tuggeranong while fishing for Carp with Bread.
- Shane Jasprizza caught a Cod of 2.18kg (53cm) in Gungahlin Pond after the Stocking of Murray Cod fingerlings.
- I also heard that Andrew Butt has caught a meter Cod locally as well (will report more next month)

Andy McGovern and his kids found the Red fin mother-load in Lake Burley Griffin, with 100 plus fish caught per day and most in the 900g to 1kg range. Andy's best were 1.56kg on 1, and 1.40kg on 1, while Mitchell's best was 1.66kg on 1 and 1.39kg on 1. Kelsey got in on the action with one at 0.69kg on 1. Outstanding Red fin fishing I've never seen anything like that in Burley Griffin, perhaps the odd one off but not in those numbers at that size!

Anthony Heiser went up to Brisbane to visit his Mum and managed to fit in plenty of fishing at his old haunts. One of his most successful spots was among the mangroves. He was bitten off or snagged by several large fish or small sharks. He was trying for a masters Fork tailed Catfish but his best was 0.50kg on 1. Anthony also tried the Southport Sand pumping Jetty at the Gold Coast and caught 8 legal Swallow-tailed Dart to 0.52kg and a Bream. Since returning he has visited Googong Dam for a very respectable Golden Perch of 3.62kg on 1kg mono.

Ashley Barber has decided to start doing some fishing and I think he is keen to retain the Golden Perch Length Trophy. He has submitted Golden Perch at 540mm, 485mm, 430mm, and 380mm.

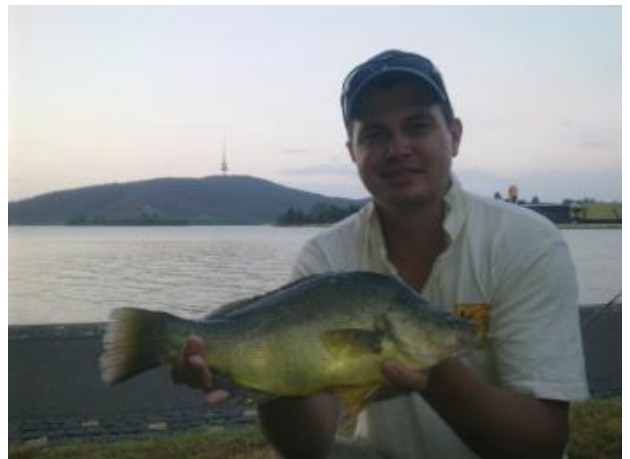
Glen Malam reported the Flathead fishing from Bateman's Bay has mysteriously gone quiet which is contrary to his observations of the fishery constantly improving since the introduction of the BB Marine Park (Or in other words no more netting). Despite this Mitchell Malam weighed in a Dusky of 0.57kg (450mm) on 1kg line, and Karen Wade caught a Dusky of 0.75kg (505mm) on 1kg line.

Jamie and Tom Stanfield finally caught an elusive Tuggeranong Carp each after several Carp-less trips. Tom's came in at 5.35kg on 1kg pretest, and Jamie's was 5.65kg on 1kg pretest. Good effort as they don't come easy at that size on 1kg pretest.

I was fishing with Chris Head, Kirstie Head, and Jake Mackenzie at Lake Tuggeranong when Kirstie caught her 5.05kg Murray Cod. I then went on to lose a very respectable Cod myself (which I am still crying about). After that I gave the spot a real flogging over several days and managed to catch about 12 Carp, 4 Golden Perch, 2 Goldfish, 1 Silver Perch and several Redfin. Everything in the lake but another Cod!

After giving up on Tuggeranong Cod I started focusing on extra large Carp again, the best was 9.28kg on 6kg line from Lake Ginninderra and several others in the 6-7kg range.

David Stacy caught a Yellowtail Kingfish of 3.11kg (69cm) on 6kg line off Moruya. Nice one David!!!



That's all for me this month, catch a big one! Cheers
Steve.

2009-2010 Board fish



Species	Weight (kg)	Angler
AUSTRALIAN BASS	1.08	CHRIS LEMMON
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	1.75	CHRIS HEAD
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	1.75	SHANE JASPRIZZA
BARRAMUNDI	26.00	CHRIS LEMMON
BROWN TROUT	2.49	PHIL LAWRENCE
DUSKY FLATHEAD	0.75	KAREN WADE
DUSKY FLATHEAD	0.75	ANTHONY HEISER
EUROPEAN CARP	9.28	STEVE BORKOWSKIS
FORKTAILED CATFISH	0.50	ANTHONY HEISER
GOLDEN PERCH	6.48	ANDREW MCGOVERN
MURRAY COD	11.50	STEVE BAILEY
RAINBOW TROUT	2.32	KEITH SMITH
REDFIN PERCH	1.90	STEVE BORKOWSKIS
SARATOGA	1.20	STEVE BAILEY
SOOTY GRUNTER	1.07	CHRIS LEMMON
SWALLOWTAIL DART	0.52	ANTHONY HEISER
TAILOR	1.03	ANTHONY HEISER
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	3.11	DAVID STACY

CFC 2009-2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP BOARD



Championship Update		CFC Best Fish
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Tackle World Canberra – Fyshwick</i>		
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	1838	*** BEACH ***
CHRIS HEAD	1300	Australian Salmon
ANDREW MCGOVERN	1132	1.75kg on 1kg
MITCHELL MCGOVERN*	910	Chris Head
ANTHONY HEISER	797	210 Points
Ladies Club Champion Update		*** BLUEWATER ***
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>		Yellowtail Kingfish
KATE JOHNSON*	266	3.11kg on 6kg
KELSEY MCGOVERN	215	David Stacy
JESSICA JONES**	165	78 Points
KIRSTIE HEAD**	135	
ASHLEY LEMMON*	96	*** ESTUARY ***
		Dusky Flathead

Junior Club Champion Update		0.75 on 1kg	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>		Karen Wade	
MITCHELL MCGOVERN*	910	75 Points	
TOM STANFIELD	643		
JAKE MACKENZIE**	375	*** FRESHWATER ***	
DAVID STACY	344	European Carp	
KELSEY MCGOVERN	215	8.78kg on 1kg	
		Steve Borkowskis	
Land Based Club Champion Update		702 Points	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Jax Transtate</i>			
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	1699	*** ROCKS ***	
CHRIS HEAD	1058	Australian Salmon	
ANDREW MCGOVERN	976	1.34kg on 2kg	
ANTHONY HEISER	720	Brian Stacy	
TOM STANFIELD	584	80 Points	
Freshwater Club Champion Update		*** BEST SHARK or RAY ***	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: BTS</i>		VACANT	
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	1838		
ANDREW MCGOVERN	1132		
CHRIS HEAD	1090		
MITCHELL MCGOVERN*	910		
ANTHONY HEISER	797		
		All Tackle Champion Update	
Saltwater Club Champion Update		<i>Proudly Sponsored by: JB's Outboard Service Centre</i>	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Canberra Diamond Blade Suppliers</i>		STEVE BORKOWSKIS	20
CHRIS HEAD	210	TOM STANFIELD	18
BRIAN STACY	150	ANTHONY HEISER	16
COLIN CLARK	117	SHANE JASPRIZZA	15
SHANE JASPRIZZA	105	JAMIE STANFIELD	11
DAVID STACY	101		
Most Versatile Angler Update		Sub Junior All Tackle Champion Update	
STEVE BORKOWSKIS	32	<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>	
CHRIS HEAD	20	TOM STANFIELD	18
SHANE JASPRIZZA	17	DAVID STACY	5
MITCHELL MCGOVERN	16	MITCHELL MCGOVERN	4
ANTHONY HEISER	16	KELSEY MCGOVERN	4
		JOSHUA HYLAND	2
		ASHLEY LEMMON	2
Flathead 'Total Length' Trophy		Golden Perch 'Total Length' Trophy	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Tackle World Canberra – Fyshwick</i>		<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Pack & Send Canberra</i>	
BRIAN STACY	2110mm	STEVE BORKOWSKIS	3475mm
KAREN WADE	505mm	ANDREW BUTT	3330mm
ANTHONY HEISER	490mm	ASHLEY BARBER	1835mm
MITCHELL MALAM	450mm	ANDREW MCGOVERN	1169mm
DAVID STACY	350mm	ANTHONY HEISER	1105mm

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December 2009 Photo Competition Entries



Jake 6.17kg Carp



Shane J with a deformed Carp



Chris De La Rue fighting a Mud Marlin



Chris with Tuggeranong Silver



Steve's Yerrabi COD (Anthony Heiser)



Anthony Heiser with one ugly Carp



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.

Fishing Trip to the Bay

Hi All,

Here is the photo of the almost fish I caught at Narooma on the 30/12/'09.

At 0500 I arrived at the Narooma wharf to go out on a fishing charter. The boat captain said snapper have not been seen for eighteen weeks but should have a good day anyway. We left the wharf at 0530 and it took me until the second drop to get my first fish which was one I have never seen before it was apparently a Long Tail Cod and tasted great for tea that night, then I caught a Morwong and then two snapper. On the second last drop I was reeling a fish in that felt big. The deck-hand told me to hurry up and get it in or I will lose it. No sooner had he said this than the line went slack and all I had was the fishes head. Because no-one would believe me I had a photo taken of it

Bruce Laughton



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Fishing – You just never know!

Like hopefully many of you, we took the opportunity to get some family fishing time in over the Christmas break in the local area. We selected a day and headed early well as early as we could get my girls ready to go to Lake Tuggeranong for a mornings fishing.

We met up with Steve and Jess at the agreed spot and they had managed to get motivated a little earlier than us and Jess already had a carp in the bucket, so we thought we were in for a good morning's fishing.



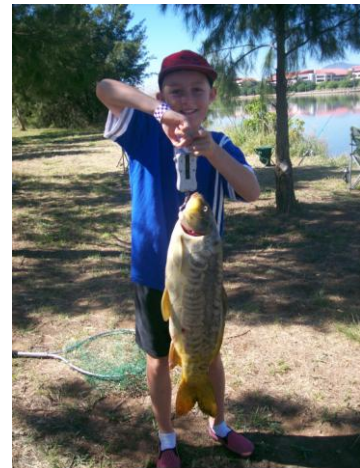
We got the lines baited up with bread and corn and waited in anticipation and waited and waited the kids got bored and they plugged into their iPods and or lost interest. All of a sudden Kirstie's rod bent over and line started peeling out, well the IPOD got tossed and she grabbed the rod and the fight was on. Steve and I thought well she's onto a good carp here as it ran backwards and forwards across the lake to the point that Kirstie start complaining about having sore arms, I just said she was out of practice and just keep the rod tip up.

All of a sudden the fish popped its head up out of the murky water and it was green, Steve and I just looked at each other and said bloody hell it's a cod, further instructions were given and Kirstie was told to take it easy as I waded in with the net and eventually netted a cod of just over 5kg @ 66cm. Kirstie was ecstatic well so were the rest of us as the cod had taken a bait of bread. A couple of pictures and the cod was released to fight another day.

Next was Jakes turn rod bent and a fish running all over the lake to eventually run around a set of reeds, Steve jumped too and had to strip off the shoes and socks to try and get to the fish and try and scare it out into open water.

I had taken a drive and was away briefly but returned to find Steve thrashing away in the reeds and Jake hanging onto the rod with about 50 – 60 m of line out.

With Steve pointing out where the fish was I was able to make my way around the other side of the reeds and in water up to my thighs eventually netting a good mirror carp of 4.53kg.



A little while later Steve had a good strike on his heavy carp outfit and again we thought a good carp only to be astounded again as another green head popped up which looked a larger cod specimen. The fish started to make it's way over to another set of reeds and Steve applied the pressure to try and stop it only to have the small fine hook meant for a carp bend just within a metre of the landing net and the cod had it's freedom without us seeing really what size it was. Needless to say Steve was very unhappy and spent the rest of the day trying all sorts of things to try and get another shot at a cod but was not to be and has since put in many hours at the same spot to no avail. About three weeks has gone by and Steve is still upset at this loss just ask him?

Now all three fish were hooked on bread of all things so just goes to show that you just never know what might take your bait no matter what it is, just be prepared for when that lucky strike happens – Nothing like this happened to me I just had the job of baiting and netting, Well that's fishing for you!

Chris Head

Carpathon 2010

The club Carpathon was on again on the 17th January with a good attendance of members and visitors this year. The weather was kind to us with a great day out although the carp were not really co-operative with only 9 fish caught between 35 anglers. Many members were using their special recipe burley but this still didn't seem to help although the Clark brothers thought it helped in the afternoon as they landed a couple of fish.

Shane Jasprizza showed us all up by thinking outside the square and taking in what was going on around us and made his way down to where the swans were being fed. A number of fish had been sighted taking the bread on the bottom from under the swans. Putting his carp sight casting (or tea bagging) technique to good use he feed up the swans on bread and then dropped a bread bait in front of a fish that appeared and bingo he hooked up.

Now Shane had elected to use his short bait yakka stick for this attempt which only had 80 metres of line on the spool and I think at one stage he was wondering if this was wise as the carp took off on a blistering run and with little leverage on the short rod he could have been in trouble. (Have a look at the video of the Carpathon that Anthony has put together to see some of the highlights <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJq1h42R-28>). Slowly bit by bit Shane got the better of the carp and eventually go it close enough for a couple of poor netting attempts by myself which was due to the fishes size and not quite a big enough net, it eventually made it just into the net, which while trying tho get the net up as well as keep the fish in the net I broke the nets handle off but managed to get the fish to land. (I'm now off to buy a bigger net). This fish was the largest fish for the day going 5.57kg.

Other highlights of the day was Pat's rod peeling line off while he was on barbeque duty after his team had abandoned him due to the slow fishing. Barbecue tongs & snags were dropped for the rod with a great fight for a carp of 2.16kg.

Jaymie Pope a junior visitor and first time angler managed a carp of 3.13kg which her brother Liam put in a great effort to net for her and allowed her to take out the junior girl's category. Liam also a junior visitor was rewarded with the encouragement award for his netting efforts. I am sure Mum is very proud of them both.

A tough reminder to us all was that if you are not holding your fishing rod you should place the rod in an appropriate rod holder. All fish can hit and run with gusto as poor Anthony found out as a fish hit and ran and pulled his rod out of the bucket (that he had used as a makeshift rod holder) just to see the rod go sailing into the lake and disappear below the murky depths. No end of casting a metal lure into the area would bring it back to shore, fish won Anthony in the red for a new rod and reel which he just happened to mention was his favourite outfit.

Final capture results for the 2010 Carpathon plus some statistics from previous years are below

Total number of carp caught: 9
Total weight: 24.91 kg
Average weight: 2.77kg

Team	1 st Place: Team Skunk	8.12 kg	Male	1 st Place: Shane Jasprizza	5.57kg
	2 nd Place: Clark Brothers	4.31 kg		2 nd Place: Steve Borkowskis	2.62kg
	3 rd Place: Team Pope	3.13 kg		3 rd Place: Chris Clark	2.58kg

Jr. Boy	1 st Place: Liam Stewart	2.34 kg	Female	Nil captures
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Jr. Girl	1 st Place: Jaymie Pope	3.13 kg	Encouragement Award	Liam Pope
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Other captures

Chris Clark 1.73kg, Shane Jasprizza 2.55kg, Patrick Luttrell 2.16kg, Keith Smith 2.23kg

Carpathon statistics:

2010 – 35 Members and friends attend, catching 9 Carp with a total weight of 24.91kg. The average weight was 2.77kg

2009 - 24 Members and friends attend, catching 15 Carp with a total weight of 22.29kg. The average weight was 1.49kg

2008 - 28 Members and Visitors attended, catching 17 Carp with a total weight of 33.70kg, the average weight being 1.98kg.

2007 - 40 anglers attended, catching 26 Carp with a total weight of 44kg, the average weight being 1.69kg.

Finally I would like to thank all those people who attended to make this a great day out and I would also like to thank all those helpers who without your assistance on and before the event would not have made the day a success, your time and effort is very much appreciated.

A few picture below of the 2010 Carpathon thanks to a few happy snappers



Encouragement Award Liam Pope



Jr. Girl 1st Place: Jaymie Pope



Shane and Darren receive the Team Trophy (Team Skunk)



Shane receiving trophy for Male angler and biggest Fish



Liam Stewart Junior Male Angler