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Winner September 2010 Photo Competition

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Jamie Stanfield with a Brown Trout

About the Club

The Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc. is a sport fishing 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 Sport fishing 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

1. To promote sport fishing
2. To foster the art of angling
3. To teach the art of angling to new members and particularly juniors
4. To promote the study and conservation of fish species and the environment
5. To co-operate with and support other bodies with similar aims and ideals.
6. The Club also supports the Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing, which endorses:
 7. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catch to the water
 8. Quickly killing fish that are kept for consumption
 9. Using only appropriate, legal tackle, attending gear and valuing the catch
 10. Taking no more than our immediate needs
 11. Supporting and encouraging activities that preserve, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
 12. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
 13. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
 14. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damage to wildlife and habitat
 15. Using established roads and tracks
 16. Reporting environmental damage
 17. Avoiding unnecessary interactions with wildlife species and their habitats
 18. Practising courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
 19. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering their land
 20. 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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2010-2011 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outing & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Monthly Meeting's
5th-7th November	Burrinjuck Convention 3 days of Fun	9th
4 th -5 th December 12 th December	Burrinjuck Outing Christmas Party TBA	14 th
22 nd -23 rd January 2011	Tuross Outing	11 th
19 th -20 th February	Bega/Brogo Outing	8 th
4 th -6 th March	Narooma Convention(3xDay)	8 th
2 nd -3 rd April	Kalkite Outing	12 th

President's Report

Hi all,

Last month I announced that spring is finally here. Now it feels like the weather over the last weekend is trying to take us back to winter. It was a very different feeling this year at the Talbingo Convention. There had been heaps of rain down that way and there were roads closed everywhere, water over roads, and at one stage even doubt that we'd get there. We got there, however those a couple of hours behind us weren't that lucky. Luckily Shane Jasprizza still had the morning paper in his car, as he was sidelined just short of Tumut for a couple of hours. Usually at Talbingo it's the first bit of sunburn for the upcoming season, not this year. It was very different sitting at breakfast on Saturday morning looking out at the snow falling and giving the trees on the higher hills a jolly good frosting. This year was definitely a different trip, more on that a bit later.

Xmas Party

It's time to start planning the end of year Xmas Party. This year it'll be slightly different. For the last couple of years we've had a Local Lakes weekend finishing with the Xmas Party. This year we have an outing the weekend before as well as the Xmas Party on Sunday 12th December. Put that date in your diary for a nice BBQ lunch at Black Mountain Peninsula. It's a great afternoon to cap of the year, and as a bonus for all the good girls and boys, Santa usually turns up with a gift for those under 12. If you have difficulty attending the meetings and outings it'd be good to see at the Xmas Party!

Member Articles

In the last few newsletters there have been articles on fishing from yesteryear and articles about recent outings. I'm hopeful that these will be regular articles, in fact I know there is one from the Talbingo outing being edited right now. This month there is also a fishing report article from Chris Head. It's great to see articles coming forward. If you'd like to try your hand at writing an article for an outing, or an article on a recent fishing trip, contact Pat Luttrell or myself (or any committee member for that matter) and we can advise on what you need to do to get it into the newsletter. Usually we'd like article to Pat by the end of the weekend following the General Meeting. Your contribution is certainly welcome.

36th Annual Burrinjuck Convention

Planning is well underway for this year's Burrinjuck Convention. It's all shaping up to be another good event, and this year there will be heaps of water. Anthony Heiser and I went up there just prior to this last lot of rain and it was around 94%. I've not seen it that high before. It's great to see the weather finally being kind to us however there is now little space for parking cars and boats. Where people parked down the ramp last year is now about 15 metres under water! I've heard that Burrinjuck is now about 104%. At last years outing it was in the high 30% range from memory. Chris Head has been busy and added a Burrinjuck Page to our website, with lots of information about the event, downloadable entry forms and even how to pay via Direct Deposit. You can check it out here [CFC 36th Annual Burrinjuck Convention](#)

There are less than 3 weeks until the event, and we still need volunteers to set up on Friday the 5th November, and to cook meals etc from 5th to the 7th. So please put some time aside over this weekend to assist. We have Cabin 10 and another cabin available for those that assist over the weekend.

If you can assist give me a call on my mobile (0427 932 504) and leave a message if I don't answer, or send me an email at greg-rose@netspace.net.au.

Recent and Future Outings

We've just had the Talbingo outing. As I said earlier it was a different Talbingo outing. Like quite a few others, I didn't even put the boat into the water. It was cold at times, windy, and while driving past Blowering on the way it you could see there was a great deal of dirty water around the edges of the dam. As we crossed the bridge over the Jounama Creek, it looked like a chocolate milkshake.

Anthony Heiser, Rose and I chose to fish Jounama Pond over the weekend with little success. Rose and I managed only a small Redfin each, and all Anthony managed was getting bogged. I believe he has some bank-side driving tips he's prepared to share, you'll need to read his article in the next newsletter to get the good oil on that!

A pleasant surprise was that the CFC won the ANSA Champion Club competition. This was mainly due to some good fish caught by Sara De La Rue. Sara won the Open Largest Trout, and also took out the Ladies Champion trophy. Well done Sara!

The next two outings are at Burrinjuck. It's our convention from the 5th to the 7th November, and then on December 4th and 5th we get a chance to fish a nearly full Burrinjuck and chase Cod near the ledges and snags that have been out of water for quite a few years. I'm looking forward to that outing, lots of exploring to do.

Well, that's it for me this month,

Cheers

Greg Davis

President

Work fills in time between fishing trips.



Secretary's Report

Hello all members & visitors,

Well the weather is a challenge at the moment but one great thing is that with all this rain the dams are filling up very quickly and all the creeks and rivers have great flows and getting a good flush out. Burrinjuck is reporting that it is now once again after 14 years at its full glory of 100% full. This should provide some great fishing for the Burrinjuck Convention if the weather is kind to us.

Entries and sponsorship are starting to come in for the Burrinjuck Convention with only a few weeks to go. If you are intending to go please put your name down on one of the rosters to assist as we are a little light on at the moment. As we all know many hands make light work and I am sure you would like all members to be able to get some time to wet a line over the weekend.

Lifejacket Reforms from 1st November 2010 in NSW

NOTE: If your boat is under 4.8m you will need to wear a life jacket all the time at the Burrinjuck Convention to comply with the new rules.

The major change that you all need to be aware of in our local (NSW) region is, boat owners in the under 4.8 metres category who wish to operate on Alpine waterways (***Lake Burrinjuck, Lake Eucumbene, Lake Jindabyne, Khancoban Pondage, the Swampy Plains River, Mannus Lake, and all navigable waters contained within the boundaries of the Kosciusko National Park as reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 - NSW***) will be required wear a life jacket at all times. Suggest keeping an eye on the maritime website http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/wh/lifejacket_reforms.html as other area's like Googong Dam and it was suggested Blowering Dam could fall into this category.

For those people who have the new inflating PFD type vests and have had them for over 12 months I would suggest you check the manufacturer's requirement for servicing. If you are unsure drop into Kens Marine in Fyshwick or the NSW Maritime office and they will be able to help you out.

Canberra Carp-Out 2011

Well our application to the ACT Government Festival Fund for a grant to run the Carp-Out in 2011 has been successful. So clear your diaries for Sunday March 20th 2011 to get involved in the Canberra Carp-Out 2011. We were hoping to get started on arrangements for this event as soon as possible but have run into a temporary snag with access to Lennox Gardens where we have successfully run the event for the last 3 years being in question.

Greg & I are working through this with the appropriate agencies to try and resolve the issue. We have had a preliminary look at some suggested alternative venues (Bowen Park, Black Mountain Peninsular & Weston Park) but each has limitations when compared to Lennox Garden's. Hopefully I can report in the next newsletter that we are full steam ahead.

Hopefully the weather will settle down and I can get out for a couple more fishing sessions.

Put **November 9** in your diary for your attendance to the general meeting as there should be some great fishing reports. With Burrinjuck captures and stories as well some of our members have ventured north for some great Barra fishing and I have already heard some great capture reports.



May all your fishy dreams eventually come true!

Chris Head

RECORDERS REPORT

Hi All. As of a couple of days ago Burrinjuck hit 100% and is overflowing, this will be a fantastic sight at our Convention in only a couple of weeks, you could almost go fishing by casting a line from the Convention site. I can only imagine the fishing will be great. The only downside I can think of is there won't be much room to park cars and boat trailers anymore!

Recent Outings

October Outing - Talbingo Convention

A total of eight members attended a cold and soggy Talbingo Convention. I don't have the captures yet but apparently the fishing was extremely tough, the water was like in chocolate milkshake and the weather was freezing cold. I've heard there was only 40 something fish weighed in for the entire Convention.

Greg and Rose Davis caught a Redfin each, Tom Stanfield caught a Rainbow Trout around 500-600g, and I believe Chris and Sara De La Rue caught a few trout up at Talbingo Dam which seemed to be the pick of the 3 Dams.

Anthony Heiser managed to get his car bogged on the banks of Jounama on Saturday morning; luckily the others were still around to tow him out because where he was bogged ended up underwater. He also spent some time trying to hypnotize yabbies while waiting for the fish.

Will report more next month when I get the captures from the Wagga guys.

Other Captures

Anthony Heiser caught an Australian Salmon of 1.53kg on 1kg pretest off the beach at North Durras. It was his first Masters Fish off the beach, and he's now up to 8 species in his Sportfishing Masters.

Shane Jasprizza and Darren Hossack ventured down to St Georges Basin. I believe the caught up with Big E for a few tips, and fished for a couple of days. Shane caught 7 legal Dusks up to 480mm, and Darren caught 9 Dusks to 555mm. Shane also scored a Yellowfin Bream of 0.63kg.

Shane also took the Kayak out to Lake Tuggeranong for a troll, he landed one Golden Perch at 430mm and a few small Reddies.

On the same Day Jamie and Tom Stanfield, Chris Head and I were fishing the bank at Tuggeranong for Carp. Tom caught a Carp of 3.84kg on 1kg pretest, and I caught a Carp of 7.99kg on 2kg braid, plus a few smaller fish. Plenty of fish splashing around on the surface but not much action in 11 hours fishing!

Determined to get a few more Carp Chris and Natalie and I went down to the duck pond at Jerra and caught a few Carp. We caught a few decent ones, Chris accounted for a Mirror Carp of 3.60kg on 1kg, and Natalie caught one at 2.79kg on 1kg line.

Brian Stacy fished Mallacoota and caught a few good fish, he submitted an Australian Salmon of 1.35kg on 1kg line, which knocks Jamie Stanfield's Hawkesbury Flatty out of the Best Fish Estuary by 1 point!

Brian also caught a few Snapper off Moruya, the best going 1kg neat.

Upcoming Outings

36th Annual Burrinjuck Convention – November 5th – 7th

I'm sure the other guys will have had plenty to say about the Convention already but it's a good weekend away, and there is always plenty of time to fish if we have a reasonable amount of helpers. With the water now at 100% the fishing should be great. I have read reports of Goldens to 6lb and Silvers on shrimp, and heard rumours of the odd trout. I'm sure there won't be any shortage of Carp, they'll be feeding in the flooded margins for sure, and will be prime targets for soft plastics if the water is clear enough.

Burrinjuck Outing – "Cod Opening Weekend" - December 3rd – 5th

The December Outing has either been Local Lakes or Mulwala for the last 5-6 years so guess you could say this time we have a bit of a compromise. I believe this is looking fairly popular so get in quick to ensure you get accommodation, I'm sure it will be a great outing hopefully the Cod co-operate. If the weather permits I think a bit of night trolling might be the way to tease out a few cod!

That's about all this month, if you're keen to catch up with a few members fishing around the local lakes in the afternoons or weekends let me know, there are a few of us that get out quite regularly at short notice now that it's daylight savings. We can always send you an SMS invite and you can turn up if you're able to, and if not then no worries.

Also make sure you come along to our next meeting on the 9th of November and let everyone know what you've been catching, I believe Shane Jasprizza will be giving a Presentation explaining all about the recently formed Canberra Region Fishing Alliance (CRFA). Bring a friend everyone is welcome, the more the merrier...

Cheers

Steve



CFC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP BOARD

Championship Update		CFC Best Fish	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Tackle World Canberra</i>			
Andrew McGovern**	863	*** BEACH ***	
Tom Stanfield	672	Australian Salmon	
Anthony Heiser	627	1.53kg on 1kg	
Steve Borkowskis	540	Anthony Heiser	
Jamie Stanfield	431	184 Points	
Ladies Club Champion Update		*** BLUEWATER ***	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>		Yellowtail Kingfish	
Natalie Mackenzie**	223	2.79kg on 6kg	
Karen Wade*	219	Glen Malam	
		70 Points	
		*** ESTUARY ***	
		Australian Salmon	
Junior Club Champion Update		1.35kg on 1kg	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>		Brian Stacy	
Tom Stanfield	672	162 Points	
		*** FRESHWATER ***	
		European Carp	
		5.54kg on 1kg	
		Anthony Heiser	
Land Based Club Champion Update		443 Points	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Jax Transtate</i>			
Anthony Heiser	627	*** ROCKS ***	
Andrew McGovern**	549		
Tom Stanfield	549	Vacant	
Steve Borkowskis	529		
Chris Head*	408		
Freshwater Club Champion Update		*** BEST SHARK or RAY ***	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: BTS</i>			
Andrew McGovern**	863	Vacant	
Tom Stanfield	549		
Steve Borkowskis	540		
Anthony Heiser	443		
Chris Head*	408		
Saltwater Club Champion Update		All Tackle Champion Update	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Canberra Diamond Blade Suppliers</i>		<i>Proudly Sponsored by: JB's Outboard Service Centre</i>	
		Anthony Heiser	12
Jamie Stanfield	285	Keith Smith	12
Anthony Heiser	184	Brian Stacy	9
Chris Clark**	144	Greg Davis	8
Tom Stanfield	123	Steve Borkowskis	8
Glen Malam	117		

Most Versatile Angler Update		Sub Junior All Tackle Champion Update	
Steve Borkowskis	16	<i>Proudly Sponsored by: May Sum Chinese Restaurant</i>	
Andrew McGovern	13	Tom Stanfield	6
Tom Stanfield	13		
Jamie Stanfield	6		
Chris Head	6		
Flathead 'Total Length' Trophy		Golden Perch 'Total Length' Trophy	
<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Tackle World Canberra</i>		<i>Proudly Sponsored by: Pack & Send Canberra</i>	
Darren Hossack	3880mm	Ashley Barber	470mm
Shane Jasprizza	2845mm	Shane Jasprizza	430mm
Jamie Stanfield	1040mm		

CFC BOARD FISH

SPECIES	WEIGHT (KG)	ANGLER
Atlantic Salmon	2.08	Andrew McGovern
Australian Bonito	1.87	Glen Malam
Australian Salmon	1.55	Greg Davis
Blue Morwong	0.97	Brian Stacy
Brook Trout	0.72	Andrew McGovern
Brown Trout	3.95	Andrew McGovern
Dusky Flathead	1.61	Jamie Stanfield
European Carp	9.60	Steve Borkowskis
Hairtail	3.60	Chris Clark
Mulloway	2.12	Colin Clark
Rainbow Trout	1.46	Andrew McGovern
Snapper	1.00	Brian Stacy
Tailor	0.81	Keith Smith
Yellowfin Bream	0.63	Shane Jasprizza
Yellowtail Kingfish	4.05	Greg Davis

Fishing Reports

Mallacoota

By Brian Stacy

For the September school holidays, the Stacy family packed up the boat and car to go fishing at Mallacoota. We left on Saturday morning about 7.30 am and travelled via Nimmitabell (where we stopped for morning tea) and then down through Bombala. We arrived at Mallacoota about 12.30 where we had arranged a house for the week. We didn't get to fish on Saturday as we had to get food and have a quick look around town. I caught one salmon on Sunday but we only went for a couple of hours since I had arranged a day out with Stuart Hindson and knew it was going to be a big day out for David and I.

I booked Stuart for the day but he kindly agreed to let Hazel join us for half the day. We met up with Stuart at 7.45 am at Gipsy Point. As we were getting ready to head out, Kooka from Tackle World Canberra turned up. You just never know who will turn up at boat ramp looking for information on where the fish are biting. So off we went.

Our main target fish was Bream. Stuart told us from the start that it was going to be a hard day out on the water as the barometer was falling and the fish were schooled up to spawn and when they took a blade, the hit was going to be as light as light. Not much into the first drift, we had our first and only double hook up for the day. David hooked up some nice bream.



By midday, we had 5 bream in the live tank, a trevally and some flathead. We then headed back to the boat ramp to drop off Hazel and, to my surprise, David left me too.

Stuart and I then headed downstream for the afternoon where we managed to get more bream and 66cm flatty.



And a trevally came at me that quick that I could not wind the reel fast enough and then just missed out on it jumping into the boat without being netted. At the end of the day, we landed 13 bream, 5 trevally and 4 flathead.

The rest of our time there was not good as the temps got colder and it was wet, windy and it hailed. I was cold with club jacket and dry as bone on with beanie on and yet I still got frost bite on my ears. I didn't catch any more fish and despite fishing the same spots as I fished with Stuart. Given the cold, wet and windy weather I experienced on my trip, I will probably leave it to the warmer months before visiting Mallacoota again.

For those wishing to fish at Mallacoota, it is well set up for fishing with good jetties at all the boat ramps. It is a four hour drive from Canberra and making it an extended weekend fishing destination. If you are interested in fishing with Stuart Hindson, check out his website on <http://www.ausfishing.com.au/> (or check the link on the CFC's Sponsors/Links page). Stuart also fishes Batemans Bay, Tuross, Narooma, Merimbula, Pambula, and Wonboyn Lake.

Editor's note:

For those interested in finding out more about bream and flathead fishing in Mallacoota, the Victorian Department of Primary Industries published an Evaluation of changes to dusky flathead catch limits in Mallacoota Inlet in May 2010. A copy of the report can be found on

<http://www.new.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fishing-grants-program/your-licence-fees-at-work-research-reports/evaluation-of-changes-to-dusky-flathead-catch-limits-in-mallacoota-inlet>.

A summary of the findings can be found on Seabreeze.com.au website at http://www.seabreeze.com.au/News/Fishing/Recent-research-in-regarding-Mallacoota-Inlet-fishing_3846546.aspx.

Fishing Report South Africa

By Andre Pretorius



Andre ops die rotes sml



Spotted Gully Shark sml

Hi there to all members that I know and hopefully to a couple of new members as well. Yes I know I am guilty by not keeping in touch but things really seem to be picking up again on our side. Not the same as being with all my friends back in Canberra but business does seem to be going well again. Hope you guys are all well. This is just a quick note of my so called "successes" next to the water. Can't remember if I told you about the salt water outing. If so fast forward to the next paragraph **Salt water outing was in a small village called Gouritz on the east of the Cape Province.** Size wise I did not have much success but the variety made up for that. We decided to target edibles during the day and sharks during the night.

The pictures will show that the edibles were very absent during our few days there. O yes I was into a nice big shark one night that was really taking line. Decided to get on top of a big boulder to try and prevent it from cutting me off. No such luck unfortunately. Once the line parted I lost my balance, fell off this boulder and hurt my knee (Ligaments according to my buddy). Seven days later and after a variety of 13 hour fishing marathons during those seven days I found out that it was actually a broken knee and not ligaments. The finer details of how many pain tablets I went through are another day's story.



Brons Whaler haai sml



Luiperd Skammhaai sml

My last outing was only a day outing to another small village called Komatiepoort.

This little place is the last stop before you go through the border into Mozambique. My target fish this time was the fresh water tiger fish. Only tried to catch it once before about 10 years back. I had to be a bit more careful this time as I was fishing an area where there are 4m + crocodiles as well as quite a few hippo sharing my fishing ground. I only caught the one little guy but that fighting spirit is the best I have ever felt. Kg for kg I have never felt that power on any other type of fish and you guys know I have been around.



Eerste Wilde sml

Tiervis sml

First one literally stopped me dead in my tracks. Felt as if I hit a rock then 2 shakes and the lure landed beside my foot. I turned the drag on the 8kg braid Real tight but those fish just steam role away. Look at the thickness and size of that tail and you can understand what I mean. This is a little fellow and not the 7+kg I was looking for. Zoom in on his teeth and if you are not impressed I don't know what will impress you.



Skaamhaai sml

Any way keep the lines tight and let me know of any outstanding achievements. Steve have you broken my carp record yet?

Greetings from all of us

Andre, Etna, Nadine and Lee Ann Pretorius andrep1@hotmail.com

Little Cod

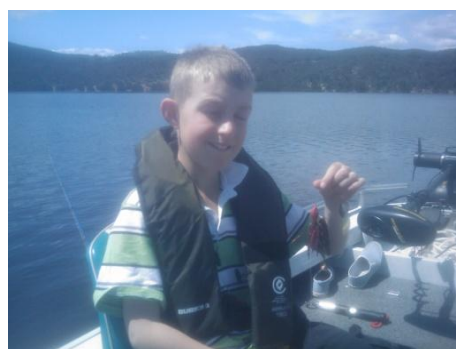
by Chris Head

Well to finish off a week of school holidays with the kids and variable weather over the week, Friday turned on a beautiful sunny day with very little wind. This was enough to get the fishing juices flowing and with the boat batteries fully charged over the week in hope of some fishing action, Jake and I headed off to Googong Dam for a middle of the day fish.

We arrived to find the water level up on our long last visit and the boat was a lot easier to launch. With the boat in the water and the invigorating walk back from the car park we were ready to go. As I pushed off I gave Jake the box of lures and said pick the lucky lures. With a variety of lures ranging from spinner bait, deep diver minnow and jackal we proceeded to troll around from the boat ramp making our way slowly around to the islands.

With a number of other boats on the water and people walking the bank it was just great to be out on the water and soaking up the warm sun and the surroundings. As time ticked by with very little showing on the sounder and no action the young native started to get restless. Time for a lure change and talk of we need to go where there are fish etc suddenly as we made our way around the dam side of the last little island the sound that we all love the drag and line running off the spool with the rod bending. So as I go to turn off the electric Jake dives for the rod and the little native does the fighting dance.

So I make ready the net and give a few words of advice and watch the fight unfold. Thinking to myself this look like the fight of a good yellor, until up pops to my surprise a Murray Cod.



Well the cod made it into the net and with care the lure (MudGuts Spinnerbait) was removed. A quick photo and a measure (453mm) and away he swam to fight another day. Great job! With a fish caught we headed home.

Now both of my junior members have caught Murray Cod and I am yet to even get close. Roll on the Burrinjuck December outing were I will be trying very hard to fix this.

OUTING REPORT

SEPTEMBER OUTING – JINDABYNE (KALKITE)

Jindabyne would have to be one of my all-time favourite places to fish. You never know what waits around the corner with the chance to catch Rainbows, Browns, Brooks and Salmon. What also makes this one of the best outings on the Club calendar is the quality and ambience of the accommodation provided by Patrick and Katrina of Highland Lodge (refer separate piece in this months newsletter). This year we had 13 members fish the outing although not all stayed at Highland Lodge.

For those who have known me for a long time I have been chasing a lure-casting Masters Brown Trout for 20 years and this has proven to be a “bogey” fish for me. I have many in the high 90 points but just can’t seem to crack the ton. Maybe this would be “my time”.

Arriving just before 5pm on the Friday and with some daylight left Tom and I decided to check out the ramp at Kalkite and perhaps walk the bank lure-casting until dark. We rigged up with a soft plastic for Tom (recommended following the Tackle World Expo talks) and a Rapala minnow for me and set off. Utilising the stealth approach and instructing Tom on the go we covered a bit of territory in the hour that followed and just on Dark, Tom yells out “I’m on” and guess what. First time out trying lure-casting for Trout he scores a 1.72kg Brown on 1kg pre-test mono for his Masters (and a NSW Junior record to boot). A very healthy fish that took a liking to his soft plastic in amongst the flooded grass tufts on the lake edge. It hit in less than a foot of water and only 6 feet from the bank. With his prize capture in hand and rubbing my nose in it as often as possible he headed off to tell all the other members of his success.



Back at Highland Lodge Tom’s fish was put next to a fish Ben Lemmon had caught that afternoon and it was agreed that Ben’s was indeed an Atlantic Salmon. With quality fish apparently around and a favourable weather forecast everyone looked forward to the following day. I cooked dinner for Tom and I and then headed to the “common” room

for the Plasma TV and Friday Footy with a Bottle of my favourite Red. Unfortunately the Raiders were pipped at the post but the company and the red helped quell the disappointment.

Saturday morning came around too quickly (perhaps the second Red was not such a good idea?). Anyway we did get going, albeit a bit later than originally hoped for, and enacted the plan to lure cast the shallows first up, then troll in the deeper water for a while, and after that find a good bank, have some Brunch, and drown a bait or 2. All went to plan except no fish were seen. In fact it was not until

early afternoon (on a second bank session) that Tom hooked up on his first fish for the outing. This was a Brown Trout of 1.08kg and it took a rainbow Powerbait nugget. Shortly after that Ben Lemmon

and Steve Borkowski joined us and Lunch preparations were underway when Tom's same rod went off again. This proved to be another Brown Trout and it weighed 1.35kg and took a scrub worm this time around. Not to be outdone, Steve then had a hit on one of his bait rods and caught a legal Atlantic Salmon. A very beautiful healthy fish, although not a monster in terms of size. Ben and Steve headed off after an hour or so but Tom and I persevered with the bait fishing as the wind had come up but no further activity resulted.

Around 4pm the wind backed off again and we headed back out in the Boat for a lure-casting session along the steeper side of Creel Bay and around to Waste Point. A couple of follows and 1 hook-up that pulled free and it was dark again and time to call it a day.

We had had reports of some other successes during the day when we came across other members but it was not until we had all "checked back in" at Highland Lodge that the real stories came out.

Chris Lemmon caught a great fish with a Brown Trout of 3kg (645mm long) and a rainbow of 865 gm. Steve Borkowski caught a nice Brown of 1.68kg lure-casting, and a couple of Rainbows around the 900gm mark to compliment his small Atlantic caught whilst fishing with us. Keith Smith and Albert Magassy had a lean outing with some near misses but nothing to weigh in. Apart from his Atlantic Salmon caught before the outing on Friday afternoon Ben Lemmon was also fish less for the outing. Glen Malam and his partner Karen trolled up a few fish, with an Atlantic, 2 Browns and 3 rainbows between them. Andrew Butt came down just for the Saturday and got his regulation 2 ATC Browns and 2 ATC Rainbows.

Dave Walton and Steve Bailey both caught fish with Steve weighing in 2 healthy Browns (2.2kg and 1.6kg respectively) as well as a ATC Rainbow, and Dave entering in a couple of ATC Rainbows. Anthony Heiser had a pretty lean weekend with no fish. Hendrik Maat caught the only Brook Trout for the outing off the bank on bait (380mm length). I know plenty of long term resident Aussies that have been chasing one of these for years (me being one of those although I have netted quite a few for other more fortunate anglers) so you should be happy Hendrik as it is a very good species to tick off.

Another bottle of Red and another Footy game followed the day's wrap-up discussion and all headed to their respective beds for a Sunday full of promise.

Unfortunately the weather gods were too kind on the Sunday and with glassy conditions the fish seemed to just shut down. We trolled for a few hours before resorting again to drowning a bait. I eventually managed to get a fish for the outing catching a Brown

Trout of 1.46kg on a scrub worm. It was the only bite we had in over 2 hours in what looked like prime real estate. Back at the ramp it became apparent that we were not the only ones that found the fishing hard on the Sunday with only 1 other fish caught that morning. All up 27 fish were caught over the weekend (2 on the Friday afternoon) with Brown Trout being the most prevalent.



All in all, another good Jindabyne outing whilst perhaps not quite reaching the dizzy heights of what it promised initially. My thanks to all those that attended and made the outing what it was. Being with people in a relaxed atmosphere and sharing a yarn is what I believe to be the greatest benefit of membership of the CFC. I can't wait for Talbingo around the corner or for another crack at Jindabyne next year.



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Monthly Meetings Notice Board

November 9th 2010- Capital Region Fishing Alliance (CRFA)

Shane Jasprizza will be coming along to the Meeting to explain the workings of CRFA and indicate the benefits you get from membership.

Tackle Sale 14th December 2010

We are holding a tackle swap / Sale at our last meeting for the year bring along any rods, reels, fishing tackle that you no longer require, put a price on it to sell.

Mathew Perdrau & James Morgan (Kooka) from Tackle World our major sponsor will also be bringing along some members only hot deals for the meeting.

Additional to this both Mathew & Kooka will be giving us their tips and tricks for the different type of lures that are now on the market, were and how to use them and what species they are best used for.

This will also give you the opportunity to ask questions about the local area and how to fish it as Matt and Kooka are the local experts.



Highland Lodge Farmstay is located approximately 13 km from Jindabyne at the crossroads of Kalkite Road and Eucumbene Road. Your hosts Patrick and Katrina have established a 160 acre working cattle farm and provide quality amenity for your stay in the high country. The perfect location for the fishing family or group plenty of secure parking for the boat & trailer. Located between two of the most popular fishing spots; Lake Jindabyne & Lake Eucumbene and only a short drive from the Kalkite boat ramp (approx 6 km).

There are 3 self contained units, each sleeping 6 (1 Queen and 2 sets of bunks) with kitchen and bathroom facilities. There is the added bonus of a drying room right next door and a great "common" room in the main house for some mixing and watching a big screen TV. This "common" room has proved to be very popular with CFC club members at our past stays with the footy on, a few beers or a wine or 2 and some good company it really finishes off a good day on the water. Patrick always ensures the heaters are on and the units are always warm and toasty for our arrival no matter what the time of day or night.

It is also great to know that if the weather turns foul, as we have all experienced once or twice before in the Mountains, you have a warm and comfortable place to head back to so that you can relax and recharge and wait for the weather to sort it self out.

On those days the kids (and those just young at heart) have plenty of room to run, bring your bikes to ride & explore in a safe environment with tracks over the 160 acres. Meet, interact, and feed the animals- chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, pet dogs, alpacas, cows & bulls, Gus the donkey, Ben the Snowy Mountains Brumby and Cadet the pony.

Children and Adults can collect fresh eggs daily, also strawberries and herbs from the garden for cooking.

Highland Lodge, popular with Skiers during the season and those wanting a break from the rat race, is a little haven also ideal for the angler and his/her family. Club members and friends are encouraged to spread the word as this place is too good to miss out on. Before your next trip chasing a Jindabyne "Grand Slam" give them a call. You will definitely not be sorry.

www.highlandlodge.net.au For more details and rates.

Mention this article or the CFC at the time of your booking and there may even be a little discount come your way.

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Friday, 15 October 2010

Researchers & fishers team up to solve fish movement mysteries

Industry & Investment NSW (I&I NSW) researchers and recreational fishers will work together to learn more about the movements and habitat relationships of key fish species in estuaries and coastal waters of southern NSW.

I&I NSW Wild Fisheries Research Leader, Dr Charles Gray, said the project would investigate the movements and habitat of a number of fish species including bream, whiting, flathead, mulloway and perch using sonic tagging technology.

"This project will use novel technologies to unravel the mysteries surrounding where and when fish move and what environmental factors stimulate such movements," Dr Gray said.

"This Saturday October 16 recreational anglers from the Batemans Bay area and members of the Basin Lure and Fly Fishing Club will be assisting researchers tag fish in the Clyde River.

"Anglers will be targeting bream, whiting, flathead, mulloway and perch so that researchers can then do the necessary surgery to insert a tag before releasing them where they were caught.

"Each fish will have a sonic tag inserted into its body cavity which sends unique signals to receivers or 'listening stations' strategically located throughout estuaries and along the east coast.

"I&I NSW has more than 400 listening stations already deployed in locations such as Sydney Harbour, the Shoalhaven and Clyde Rivers and most estuaries between the Clyde and Hunter Rivers will have 'electronic gates' installed to detect fish passages.

"The sonic tags can emit signals for up to ten years meaning that these fish can provide valuable data over a long time throughout a range of environmental conditions."

Dr Gray said that this project is another great example of I&I NSW and recreational fishers working together to improve the management of the State's fisheries resources.

"This project is a great opportunity for the recreational fishers to get involved in important research into our fish populations," Dr Gray said.

"Part of this research is funded the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts and is another example of how the revenue collected from fishing licences is used to safeguard our fisheries resources for future generations."

For more information on the project and to find out how fishers can get involved in future tagging events contact Fisheries Technician, Dylan van der Muelen on (02) 9527 8438.

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