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Winner of the November 2012 Photo Competition



Darren Hossack

Burrinjuck Carp on soft plastic

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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

- **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**



President's Report

Hi everyone,

What a great weekend for the Club's cod-opening outing to Burrinjuck Dam. Except for a brief shower on Saturday afternoon, the weather was fantastic...and the fish were on the bite too (except of course, on my boat!!!). Chris Head and Wendie McDonald did well out of Chris' new (trial) boat, but the outstanding angler this time was Club Recorder John Bosch, who came home with the bacon, catching two legal murray cod at 63cm and 67cm. In the end, CFC ended up just 29cm shy of the total aggregate native captures of the Morven Fishing Club in the annual 'grudge match' - a great effort, and maybe we'll go one better next year.



The CFC Christmas party was held the following weekend at Black Mountain Peninsular. This year Santa was upstaged by a surprise visit by Pat Brennan and crew in a fire truck with lights flashing and sirens blaring. It created an immediate stampede as all kids within the Black Mountain Peninsular vicinity ditched their own parties to be part of the fun. I have never before seen such a large area de-populate so quickly! Thanks again Pat - it's a day that will live long in the memories of all the kids (and adults) there!



Andrew McGovern with an Arctic Char on a Tassie
(courtesy of Andrew McGovern)

A couple of days later, Andrew McGovern gave a great presentation at the December Club meeting on a recent trip he and Pat Brennan shared to the Canadian Arctic fishing for Arctic Char and Lake Trout. I'm still having troubles getting my head around the concept of a trout less than 10kg not even being worth a photograph! Awesome photos, Andrew! Thanks again for a fascinating presentation - another destination for my bucket list.

As usual, there was a lucky member draw at the December meeting. After Hendrick's big win last month, the jackpot reset to \$25, with

Kath Butt's number drawn. Unfortunately, she wasn't at the meeting, so the prize jackpots to \$50 for the January meeting.

In the meantime, preparations for the March 2013 Carpout have been progressing well with the formation of a special Carpout subcommittee to manage the event. Fingerlings purchased using the funds raised at the 2012 Carpout will be released into local lakes over the next month or two. Fishing on the local lakes has a bright future!

The next Club meeting will be on the 8th January, followed a few days later by the annual Lake Burley Griffin Carpathon on Sunday 13th of January. It's a great day to bring the family, friends and anyone you know that might be curious about joining the Canberra Fisherman's Club. I hope you can make it!

Two weeks later, the Club heads down to Tuross for the Australia Day long weekend. This is traditionally one of the most popular Club outings of the year, with great fishing, fantastic accommodation and (usually) great weather. The Club has booked accommodation, but space may be limited – if you plan to attend, please put your name down on the accommodation list at the next meeting.

I hope to see you at an outing or meeting soon. Have a happy Christmas and a relaxing break. If you can, take the opportunity to take your family fishing – early reports suggest this Summer will provide some of the best fishing we've had in years.

Keep safe on the water,

Glen Malam



Secretary's Report

G'day All,

The month started off for me with a memorable day at Burrinjuck, out on the Recorder's boat. John caught a nice 67cm Cod early in the day and after a few hours we ended up in the Murrumbidgee Arm. That's where the spring on the starter for his motor broke. We started heading back using the electric bow-motor, which wasn't too bad until we got to the lake. With the headwind, we were going about 1km/h. Luckily one of the Morven boats came & gave us a tow back. Remember the head wind? It was causing quite a nice "chop" and both John & I proceeded to get totally drenched. Memorable? Yes, fun? No.

The rest of the month has been fairly quiet, other than we now have a committee formed to organise the next Carpout, on the 3rd of March. Things are well in hand and it's looking to be another great day.

Wishing you all a Merry Yuletide and a Safe & prosperous New Year.

Luke Robbie



Recorder's Report

G'Day again all,

Sorry I didn't get to the meeting this month to hand out the back log of master's certificates I have ready. Unfortunately I was called away to Adelaide for the week. By hook or by crook I will be at the next meeting though so I plan to have them all then.

This month saw quite a few of us returning to Burrinjuck for the outing. The cabins were pretty full which made for a nice social outing. Several members also came out just for the Saturday too. It was nice to see some of our newer members beginning to show up on the outings scene. For me personally, catching my first legal size cod on the Saturday morning while fishing with Luke was the highlight of the outing. Repeating the performance while fishing alone just added icing to the cake, as did hearing the Chris Head also landed his first legal cod while Wendie landed a trophy length Golden Perch.

In the results below, I noticed that the land based competition results are incorrect. This is due to a small error in the new recorder's database I have cut over to. I don't have the time to correct it today as the editor needs my report but will have it corrected by the next report.

That's all from me this month. I might try and get down the coast and catch a Bream during the Christmas break. It would be an easy way to take the lead in one of the club competition categories right now!

John.



Club Championship - 2012/13

Open

BRIAN STACY	543 Points
CHRIS LEMMON	290 Points
KYLE WALTON	258 Points
ROSE DAVIS	254 Points
GLEN MALAM	238 Points

Ladies

ROSE DAVIS	254 Points
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Junior

KAREN MALAM	45 Points
KYLE WALTON	258 Points
TOM STANFIELD	192 Points

Land Based Club Champion

KYLE WALTON	233 Points
ANTHONY HEISER	231 Points
BRIAN STACY	226 Points
TOM STANFIELD	192 Points
JOHN VOGEL	190 Points

Freshwater Club Champion

CHRIS LEMMON	290 Points
KYLE WALTON	258 Points
ROSE DAVIS	254 Points
BRIAN STACY	247 Points
ANTHONY HEISER	231 Points

Saltwater Club Champion

BRIAN STACY	296 Points
COLIN CLARK	94 Points
GLEN MALAM	81 Points
CHRIS CLARK	74 Points
CHRIS HEAD	64 Points

Most Versatile Angler

BRIAN STACY	10 Points
TOM STANFIELD	5 Points
JOHN VOGEL	4 Points
KYLE WALTON	4 Points
TIMOTHY JONES	4 Points

Total Length Award - European Carp

TIMOTHY JONES	16,537
KYLE WALTON	8,590
SHANE JASPRIZZA	6,190
BRIAN STACY	450

Board Fish 2012/13

ALBACORE	7.00 kg	BRIAN STACY
ATLANTIC SALMON	4.28 kg	CHRIS LEMMON
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	1.60 kg	CHRIS HEAD
BARRAMUNDI	22.00 kg	DAVE WALTON
BROWN TROUT	2.28 kg	ALBERT MAGASSY
DUSKY FLATHEAD	2.78 kg	BRIAN STACY
EUROPEAN CARP	5.11 kg	TIMOTHY JONES
GOLDEN PERCH	3.58 kg	CHRIS LEMMON
JAVELIN FISH	2.50 kg	STEVE BAILEY
RAINBOW TROUT	1.08 kg	ANTHONY HEISER
REDFIN PERCH	0.50 kg	KYLE WALTON
SILVER PERCH	2.00 kg	CHRIS LEMMON
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	4.32 kg	GLEN MALAM

Best Fish Championship - 2012/13

BEACH

AUSTRALIAN SALMON

.78kg on 1 kg

Colin CLARK

94 Points

BLUEWATER

YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH

4.32kg on 8 kg

Glen MALAM

81 Points

ESTUARY

DUSKY FLATHEAD

2.78kg on 2 kg

Brian STACY

139 Points

FRESHWATER

EUROPEAN CARP

2.54kg on 1 kg

Rose DAVIS

254 Points

All-Tackle Champion - 2012/13

Open

Anthony HEISER	10
Greg DAVIS	9
Brian STACY	8
John VOGEL	8
Fred Theuma	7
Glen MALAM	7
Kevin Spriggs	7

Sub-Junior

Kyle WALTON	4
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News & Stories

White Sands Tournament, Jervis Bay

by Brian Stacy

Chris, Joe and I (Brian) headed down to Huskisson on the beautiful Jervis Bay to fish the White Sand Tournament on 23-25 November 2012.

We were on the water on Friday 5.30am and head out of the heads where, once we reached the 60 fathom mark, we started fishing. It was not long before my breakfast need to be regurgitated and out came the sleeping chair (camp chair) where it seemed to me would I spend most of my day. So Chris and Joe were in charge as I was out to it. We managed a big fat zero for the day

On Saturday, we managed to go out further, where we could not see land and the wind come up to about 20 knots and the seas did the same. About 3.30 pm the sounder went red and a reel screamed we were on. Joe crabbed the rod and started to hand it to me and I said 'you can't do that, it's your fish'. We land our first fish and no sooner we had the lures back in the water, Chris hooked up and then we had a fly bridge boat on top of us to the point of nearly cutting our lures off and spooking the fish.

About an hour later it was my turn on the next fish and we finished the day with three for the table and one tagged. With the weather not improving, we headed home with a 30 nautical miles run back

On Sunday, we decided not to fish as one boat tagged over 100 fish on Saturday. Although Canberra Game fishing boats did not figure among the prize winners, there were plenty of fish – 159 albacore and 27 yellow fin tuna tagged and plenty also kept for the table. A capture of note was the one marlin weighed – a 180.2 blue marlin taken by Maria Carnevale on 15 kg which is an excellent effort.



Fishing the White Sands Game Fishing Comp

by Chris Head

Brian Stacy, Joe Xenikakis and I decided we would try our luck by fishing the OKUMA WHITESANDS GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT run by the Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club. We headed down to Huskisson on Thursday 22nd November about 3:30pm via Tarago & Nerriga Road making good time even though we were towing Brian's boat. This trip is easily done in less than three hours towing a boat.



Brian found a house to rent right in the middle of town for the weekend which was within walking distance to the Tournament HQ. We unpacked and then headed to the pub for the briefing, dinner and a few cleansing ales.



There was a good rollup for the briefing and we found out that we were mixing it with 200 anglers making up 54 boating teams. So it was back to the house to make sure we were ready for the morning and to get an early night.

Friday 23rd and the alarms went off at 4:50 am to grab a quick breakfast, pack the boat and get down to the boat ramp, to a good looking start to the day.



Out we headed to the 65 fathom mark and selected our lures and set the lure spread. Only a couple of hours into trolling and Brian declared he was not feeling the best and in short order left us no doubt to how



he was feeling as he knelt over the side looking for fish. After this, Brian spent a large portion of the day in the sleeping chair. Jo and I took turns looking for signs of fish along the shelf at the first drop off, listening to the radio for hints of where we should try next.

Friday was unfortunately uneventful for us other than seeing seals, penguin, sunfish and free swimming sharks. Others were reporting in captures of sharks, albacore, yellowfin tuna & a blue marlin. We caught up with Gary Cairns and the crew from *Apothecary* in the evening and compare notes over a couple of drinks as they had a similar day to us.

Saturday 24th was another early start and another good looking morning. Brian was feeling 100% and we headed out to the shelf again to an area where we had marked some bait the day before, lures out and listening out for any reports on the radio. Reports



started coming in of fish further out so we proceeded to head to the second drop. Eventually, there was no land to be seen and Brian commented that he had never been out this far in his boat.

We started to see a few bait schools and the wind started to come up as did the swell and chop. The seas started to get rougher as the day went on. There were a few other boats trolling the same area with the odd boat reporting captures of albacore and yellowfin tuna. One boat had found



the mother load of albacore as they were reporting many tagged and release. We continued on changing lures until we eventually were lucky enough to come across a school and hooked up. After about 5 minutes on 15 kg line a nice 9.6 kg albacore came to the boat. The fish was dispatched and the lines reset but in very short time, we were on again with another albacore of about the same size. Again lines reset and, again we were on this time with a smaller fish.



As we were sorting this out, it became obvious that others had noticed our captures and decided to join us, a bit too close for our comfort as they nearly ran straight over a trolling line with us trying to wave them away.....not really the angling etiquette we had expected or wanted. We managed to tag one more small fish and the school was gone, spooked we expect.



The wind and seas continued to get worse so we headed in. As we got closer to the Jervis Bay Heads we had a couple of waves hit the boat and the water came right up and over which was an experience. Along came another couple of rouge waves and we had to change our heading to run with the wave finding our speed went from 11 – 35 knots by the

time we had ridden the wave through...Needless to say Joe had eyes the size of saucers a couple of times and has left his finger prints in the stainless rails on Brian's boat. Personally, I was very impressed with the way the cruisecraft and our skipper Brian handled the conditions and at no time did I feel unsafe. At the same time though, we were bloody tired by the time

we got back to the boat ramp. But we were all smiles as we had all had a fish to show for our troubles.

The weather did not improve much through the evening and we were all worn out from the day so we decided that we would not fish the Sunday and have a relaxing morning and slowly pack up and head home. We had a great weekend and enjoyed the tournament.

Congratulations to the Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club. We are looking forward to next year's tournament. All details from the event can be found at

<http://www.jervisbaygfc.com/wstournamentresults2012.html>

Interestingly, on the way home a sea mist covered the coast from Tuross to Ulladulla out to the shelf.

This photo was taken at Batemans Bay taken near the Boat Shed, this mist was coming down the Clyde and you could not see the boat harbour.



Snapper – Port Phillip Bay

by Jamie Stanfield

A couple of weekends back, Tom and I arranged a five hour charter trip to go Snapper fishing in Port Phillip Bay off Carrum (down towards Frankston). The charter company "Red Hot" was recommended by our local Tackle Shop as being one of the best in the area.

We opted for the afternoon charter session which left the mooring at 3 pm and returned at 8 pm. The day looked almost perfect when we woke up and went through a normal Sunday morning around the house but around lunchtime, the wind picked up a bit and by the time we got to Carrum and boarded the boat, it was a steady 15 knots from the south-west. As a consequence, the bay was full of chop and white capped swell.

We travelled through the Patterson River opening and into the Bay where it became very bouncy and remained so throughout the duration of the Charter, although the wind did back off a bit around 6.30 pm.

Sharing the trip with three other anglers, we motored out to a "secret spot" that from my reckoning was about 3.5 km from shore. We anchored up in 16 metres and proceeded to berley with Pillie cubes, chook pellets and a bit of Tuna oil.

The Charter operator/skipper Simon ran six rods off the back of the boat with no weight and each one had either a pilchard with head cut off or a silver whiting similarly de-capitated on a snelled 2 hook rig. In addition to this, he set up two rods each side with two single hook Paternoster rigs (weighted) and baited these with half pillies. I found it interesting that he

uses Mono exclusively as he believes it presents the bait more naturally than braid which does not go through the water in the same manner.

The un-weighted baits apparently drift down to the bottom slowly and end up approximately 50-60 metres off the boat. They quite often get taken on the drift down but this did not happen to us on that day. The weighted rigs were just dropped over the side and when hitting the bottom just pulled up tight so the sinker bounced on the bottom with the rise and fall of the boat.

Nothing much happened for the first hour but then we got a good run and as luck would have it, Tom was next to the rod registering the run so he got his first taste of Victorian Snapper. After a couple of minutes of good fight he landed a nice healthy fish of approximately 2 kg.



Sharing the strike around ensured everyone had caught a fish before we started doubling up. Four nice Snapper, all around that 2 kg mark and a Flathead. With the five fish on-board, Tom was "in the chair" again and as luck would have it, his next fish was the biggest for the day. It was an impressive (for us anyway) 3.3 kg and just a shade under 69 cm.

The fishing throughout the charter was steady but nothing like the reports you read in the magazines or see on the TV shows with multiple hook-ups and bagging-out in a short time

frame. Simon assured me that this does happen frequently in the Bay but that with the recent cold snap and the south-west change, the fishing had slowed. A charter 3-4 days earlier had 15 fish up to 4 kg in under two hours. With each angler allowed three Snapper that meant strict catch and release from then on.

At the end of our trip, we had a combined nine Snapper and a good sized Sand Flathead of approximately 50cm. We released about five smaller Snapper as well.

All up a very good trip and we will definitely be using "Red Hot" again. Simon Rinaldi runs a very professional business with high quality Penn equipment and a beautifully appointed full surveyed 7.5 metre boat that handled the choppy conditions really well. It is nice to be able to stay warm and dry whilst punching through the prevailing conditions.



Canberra versus Morven at Burrinjuck

by Anthony Heiser



Morning light hitting the water at Lake Burrinjuck on day one of Cod season

The Second CFC versus Morven Inter Club competition was held on 1-2 December 2012 at Lake Burrinjuck. Both clubs were well represented by a contingent of anglers vying to win one of the trophies for longest Golden Perch, longest Murray Cod and the trophy for the club with the longest aggregate length of natives caught.

Most of the CFC contingent arrived on Friday: Keith Smith, Tom Harrington, Chris Head, Wendie Macdonald, Kevin Spriggs, Pat Luttrell, Tim Jones, Glen and Karen Malam (who somehow left earlier than most of us but ended up arriving last), John Bosch and myself. The remainder arrived on Saturday morning: Shane Jasprizza, Luke Robbie, Brian Stacy, Daniel McNeice and Brendon Haywood.

I'm not sure what time those in Cabin 17 woke up but for those sleeping on the bunks in Cabin 15, John's alarm went off around 4ish.

At that time of the morning, everything was a bit of a blur but I understand John and his boat made it the boat ramp shortly afterwards where Luke was waiting. Luke was unable to repeat his success with the Golden Perch at the Burrinjuck Convention but John caught the biggest Cod for the Club measuring a respectable 68 cm.



Tim Jones trolling a couple of lures near the cabins

Kevin and Tim both launched their kayaks in front of the cabins and trolled lures along the banks. Glen and Karen offered me a lift out to Wade Island where I walked the bank and flicked a few lures without much luck.

In the meantime, Chris and Wendie were having a ball fishing between the Bluff and the Dam Wall. Wendie caught her first Golden Perch measuring 50 cm and (albeit undersized) Murray Cod measuring 57 cm while Chris caught a Redfin Perch and 49 cm Golden Perch.



John with his 68 cm Murray Cod



Wendie with a 50 cm Yellow Belly

Wendie landed a 2.2 kg carp on yabbie, Chris and I flicked lures off the bank, Chris got some carp follows and I lost another two lures and snapped my Okuma Avenger reel trying to unsnag a lure. Afterwards, we went trolling till 6 pm and I landed a 42 cm Golden Perch on a pale purple stump jumper.

Most of us returned to the boat ramp around 11 as the weather started whipping up white caps out on the lake. John and Luke sent out a 'come rescue me' text as their outboard broke down. Chris and Wendie came to John and Luke's rescue but a passerby got to them first and gave them tow back to the boat ramp. Shane, who was also back at the boat ramp, reported only catching a series of undersized fish.

I joined Chris and Wendie and we made our way to the Murrumbidgee Arm where we banked fish at lunch time.



Anthony in a gladwrap poncho and a 42 cm Golden Perch

Meanwhile, Brendon and Daniel enjoyed a productive day with captures including Brendon's 44 cm Golden Perch on a Kokoda Lure and a 62 cm Murray Cod on a Bassman Spinnerbait and Daniel with his first ever Murray Cod measuring 51 cm.



Brendon with a nice 44 cm Golden Perch



Brendon with a 64 cm Cod



Daniel holding a nice 64 cm Murray Cod



64 cm Murray Cod being released

Both clubs joined for dinner at Lawlers around 7 pm. After putting in long hours hosting the Burrinjuck Convention the month before, it was a real treat being spoilt by the hospitality shown by the Morven Fishing Club, who put on a fantastic BBQ dinner for us all.

Sunday morning saw most of us fishing between the Bluff and the Dam Wall where both Brendon and John landed a 64 cm Murray

Cod each.

I joined Chris and Wendie again in their boat. The morning started a little quiet for us at first and all we could do was count the goats on the hills as we trolled our lures. The fishing gods only smiled on Chris in our boat – first with a small Redfin Perch followed by a 41 cm Golden Perch. This was followed by another lengthy spell of goat counting when all of a sudden, Chris was onto a nice Murray Cod. I had never seen anyone catch a legal size Cod before and it was thrilling to watch it emerge out of the murky water and then take off again.



Daniel with his first ever Cod



Counting goats on Sunday morning!

Chris used the electric to move away from the bank to keep the Cod away from the snags only to find the Cod wrapped his line around a submerged tree. We had no idea which way the line was wrapped around the tree so Chris just spun the boat around hoping it was the right direction. Fortunately, his guess proved correct.

Chris instructed me to 'hold the landing net stead' which I did but my life flashed before my eyes when the Cod went and head butted the frame of the net! Fortunately, our friendship remained intact (just) as Chris was able to move the fish away from the landing net and guide it back in. This was Chris's first legal sized Murray Cod, measuring 62 cm.



Chris with his 41 cm Golden Perch



Chris with a 62 Murray Cod



Chris releasing his Cod



Brendon with a 64 cm Murray Cod

The Inter-Club competition finished at midday on Sunday and we all returned to Lawlers for the presentation of the trophies. This year, the results were close although Morven won the trophy for longest Golden Perch, Longest Murray Cod (measuring 84 cm) and the Champion Club with a total length of 6.47 metres against the CFC's total length of 6.19 metres. Had the CFC members landed one more legal sized Golden Perch, we would have won the trophy.

Everyone who attended agreed that the CFC – Morven Inter Club was a great weekend and we look forward to meeting Morven again next year. Many thanks to the members of the Morven Fishing Club for hosting a fantastic BBQ dinner and for your hospitality on the weekend. Our next event is the annual Carpathon on 13 January 2013 and our first Outing for 2013 is at Tuross on 26-28 January 2013.



Morven Fishing Club Trophy Winners



Glen Malam congratulating the President of the Morven Fishing Club

The CFC Christmas Party

Photos by Anthony Heiser



CFC's & CRFA's submissions on the proposed Trout Cod Order



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc.



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14 December 2012

Trout Cod Order
NSW Department of Primary Industries
Locked Bag 1
Nelson Bay NSW 2315

Proposed Trout Cod Order

On behalf of the Canberra Fisherman's Club, I thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback in the proposed Trout Cod Order.

The Canberra Fisherman's Club currently has 118 members, who mostly reside in the Australian Capital Territory and Queanbeyan and enjoy targeting native species on a catch and release basis. Members regularly fish Googong Dam and some members do fish Captains Flat Dam. The Club holds six freshwater and six saltwater outings each year. The October outing is held at Talbingo with members fishing Talbingo Dam, Jounama Pondage and Blowering Dam in October, and the April outing is held at Windamere Dam.

The Club sought feedback from its members about the proposed Trout Cod Order through the November newsletter and in its general meeting held on 11 December 2012. Feedback received from the Club's members has been informal and low key and did not indicate a strong position either way towards the proposed order. In a nutshell, the following feedback was as follows:

- some members welcomed the opportunity to target a new species in the abovementioned dams
- some members expressed concerns about the impact the proposed order will have on other native species in the abovementioned dams, given the Trout Cod's aggressive nature
- some members questioned whether Trout Cod fingerlings will survive predation by Redfin Perch, noting that little or no captures of Trout Cod have been reported at Jounama Pondage despite being stocked there previously, and
- given the physical similarities between Trout Cod and Murray Cod, there is potential for misidentification between the two species and, therefore, any proposed bag and size limits and closed seasons should be identical to that for Murray Cod.

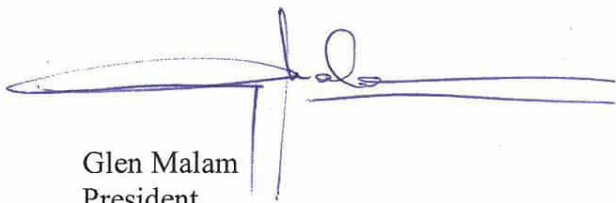
The based on the views expressed by some of the members and the aims of the Club as set out in its Constitution, the Canberra Fisherman's Club makes the following submissions:

- the Club welcomes the opportunity to target Trout Cod on a catch and release basis
- the recovery efforts of restoring wild populations of Trout Cod in the Murray Darling River system (including fish stocking and habitat restoration) should remain a higher priority in the allocation of DPI's resources
- if the Trout Cod Order can be implemented without adverse impact on the recovery efforts, then the DPI should monitor the implementation to ensure that the introduction of Trout Cod does not result in an unacceptable level of displacement in the population of other native species
- education and compliance strategies must be in place to ensure that Trout Cod are not kept by anglers through mistaken identity with Murray Cod (including anglers who may be tempted to keep Trout Cod under the pretext of mistaken identity)
- education and compliance strategies must also be in place to ensure that Trout Cod are not removed from waterways not covered by the proposed order (as some anglers may be tempted to keep Trout Cod under the pretext of mistake of law), and
- any future bag and size limits and closed season should be identical to those for Murray Cod to limit the potential for anglers breaking the law through mistaken identity.

Finally, I note the comment by Bill Talbot (Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Director Aquaculture Conservation and Marine Parks) that "Anglers have also been instrumental in supporting the recovery efforts to date and have complimented work by DPI to recover Trout Cod populations in NSW." The Club is grateful that this recognition may lead to enhanced fishing opportunities in the future. While the Club is based in the ACT, the Club considers its own fish stocking efforts does have benefits for native fish populations in NSW.

The Club has raised \$27,300 for fish stocking of the local lakes in the Australian Capital Territory since 2008 and has used that money to jointly stock 118,151 Golden Perch and Murray Cod fingerlings with the ACT Government and National Capital Authority. The Club's efforts in creating recreational fishing opportunities in the ACT's local lakes helps reduce fishing pressure on natural native fish populations in nearby NSW waterways.

Yours faithfully,



Glen Malam
President
Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc



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14 December 2012

Trout Cod Order
NSW Department of Primary Industries
Locked bag 1
Nelson Bay, NSW, 2315

Public Exhibition – Ministerial Order authorizing recreational fishing for stocked Trout Cod in specified impoundments.

CRFA are supportive of the proposal for the stocking of trout cod into selected NSW impoundments for recreational fishing purposes, subject to the concerns outlined below. Two of the proposed locations for stocking are within the "Capital Region" (Captains Flat and Googong), however our membership would potentially fish all proposed locations. We believe this proposal has the potential to enhance recreational fishing opportunities and thank the Department for such a positive move.

Concerns/Issues

1. Correct identification of trout cod will be important to avoid confusion with Murray cod. Additional effort on education and awareness is recommended. Compliance activities will also need to be increased in the selected waterways.
2. Stocking of trout cod should not replace the stocking of other recreational species (such as trout, Murray cod, golden perch) in the selected impoundments; rather it should be additional to current stocking species and numbers.
3. The impacts of trout cod stocking on other stocked/recreational species in the selected impoundments should be monitored to ensure no adverse effects on existing populations, particularly on vulnerable/threatened species. This will require the undertaking of surveys and population estimates of existing species before stocking commences.
4. Should trout cod become a recreational take species, there is need for consistent rules (size limits etc) to keep things simple for recreational anglers.

With these concerns being appropriately addressed, CRFA sees no reason why this project wouldn't be a great success.

Yours sincerely



Shane Jasprizza
President

About the CRFA

CRFA is an association representing the interests of recreational anglers in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region. Our membership comprises of local fishing clubs and individual members, totalling around 500 anglers.

From the Editor

A great big thank you to Brian Stacy, Chris Head, Jamie Stanfield, and Jon Vogel for submitting great articles for this month's newsletter. With Christmas just around the corner, I am grateful for the time they have taken to share their fishing adventures with the rest of the Club during this hectic time of the year. Also a big thank you to John Bosch, Daniel McNeice and Chris Head for sending me photos to include in the December Outing Report. Jon Vogel also sent some fantastic photos he took during the Talbingo Convention. Unfortunately, the sheer size of content in this month's newsletter meant that I couldn't fit it in so look forward to seeing his brilliant photos in the January newsletter.

I've manage to include a photo of every kid with Santa at the Xmas Party in the newsletter. The photos were not the best quality but a couple of parents did ask me at the Xmas Party for copies of photos of their kids. Unfortunately, I can only put names to a couple of the faces but I will bring my lap top to the Tuross Outing and the February meeting (I will still be in Brisbane at the January meeting) and parents are welcome to pick photos from my lap top which I can then email to them straight away.

If you are going fishing over the Christmas holidays, be sure to have your camera handy so that you can send us your photos for the monthly photo competition for a chance to win a \$20 Tackle World voucher if you are the monthly winner. The rules if the photo comp are:

- Members can submit up to two photos per month
- The photo must either be taken by the member submitting the photo or a photo of the member
- No photo shopping or other digital enhancements are allowed

Preferably, photos should be 300 KB to 2 MB in size. Photos greater than 2 MB will need to be compressed if you are attempting to email them. You can contact me if you need help with compressing photos.

The lucky winner for the November photo comp was Darren Hossack with a Burrinjuck Carp on soft plastic. Well done Darren!

Also if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details.

All of the above should be emailed to info@canberrafishos.com. Also a reminder for the lucky member number draw at each general meeting, you have to be there to win the cash or it JACKPOTS each week until a winning member is present.

Finally, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to get the opportunity to go beach fishing either on the Sunshine Coast or Gold Coast and try and get a Masters Dart. If you don't see any photos of captures in the next newsletter, then either my relatives got the better of me and didn't give me an opportunity to get some fishing done or I my run of poor fishing since October has not abated!

Membership forms for 2012 – 2013 year are available on the website.



November Photo Competition



Zane Zhao 3.07kg, 55cm Golden Perch on 3kg line @ Burrinjuck



Chris Head 1.3kg Golden Perch on 1kg @ Burrinjuck



Keith Smith 92 cm North Queensland Barra



Dave Walton day time trolling Barra (85cm) after getting tired of casting lures for zip



Steve Bailey 115cm Barra that was caught trolling at night



Chris Head with a PB 9.6kg Albacore from JB



Brian Stacy with a Jervis Bay Albacore



Darren Hossack with a nice Burrinjuck Golden Perch



Darren Hossack with a Burrinjuck Carp caught on soft plastic



A Tim Jones carp

2012-2013 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
21st – 22nd July	Kiola/Ulladulla	10th
18th – 19th August	Buckenderra (Lake Eucumbene)	14th AGM
15th – 16th September	Kalkite (Lake Jindabyne)	11th
12th – 14th October	Talbingo Convention	9th Alan Hocking - All about your life Jackets Presentation
2nd – 4th November	Burrinjuck Convention	13th James Morgan AKA Kooka - Reading and fishing the beach
1st – 2nd December	Burrinjuck – Cod Opening Morven vs CFC inter club comp	11th Andrew McGovern – Fishing Canada Presentation
13th January	Carpathon	8th
26th – 28th January	Tuross	
15th – 17th February	Nowra Convention St Georges Basin	12th
8th – 10th March	Narooma Convention	12th
25th – 28th April	Windamere	9th
18th – 19th May	Bega Brogo Tathra	14th
8th – 10th June	Narooma	11th
20th – 21st July	Kioloa / Ulladulla	9th

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