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Winner of the November 2013 Photo Competition



Connor Davis with a 1.91 Kg Burrinjuck Golden

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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 fantastic month December has turned out to be! A great way to draw 2013 to a close.

First up, the Canberra Fisherman's Club had another successful December cod-opening outing to Burrinjuck...and the Murray Cod were on the chew! This year the Canberra Fisherman's Club out-fished the folks from the Morven Club and came home with the trophy. A big congratulations to John Bosch, Mick Jewry, Greg Davis and the rest of the CFC team that helped to get the result.

The CFC Christmas Party was held the following weekend. Unfortunately I had a last minute emergency at home and missed it, but the photos on the Canberra Fisherman's Club Facebook page showed a good time was had by all ... Santa even made an appearance, despite a few challenges with his sleigh (check out the photos on the Facebook page).

In between these two weekends, we hosted a special "New Members' Night" at this month's Club meeting. The aim of the night was to provide potential members with a bit of information on what the Club's about and what it offers members. It was a great night with good discussion, an extra-large raffle and we kicked the night off with the presentation of a cheque to Melissa Gardiner from the Cancer Support Group – the funds raised by CFC at this year's Canberra Carp-Out.

Finally, on Thursday 19 December, the Canberra Fisherman's Club and the ACT Government jointly stocked Yerrabi Pond and Lake Tuggeranong with almost 30,000 Murray Cod hatchlings. Once again, using funds raised by CFC at this year's Canberra Carp-Out.

Looking ahead, the annual Lake Burley Griffin Carpathon takes place on 12th January. This is 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 outing attendance list at the next meeting.

I hope to see you at an outing or meeting soon. Have a Happy New Year and a relaxing break.

Keep safe on the water,

Glen



Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is looking forward to a nice break over Christmas and New Year's.

The New Member's Night held on 10 December 2013 was a success and nine new members joined on the night. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members Edward Cook, Terry Cook, Mick Holley, Darren Boaden, Garry Race and the Longhurst Family.



Santa trying not to fall off, while his reindeer reacquaints himself with driving a manual sleigh!

The Christmas Party was a great day out on Black Mountain Peninsula, even if Santa's reindeers were a bit rusty on the clutch on Santa's sleigh. Unfortunately, the reindeer in question hadn't driven a manual sleigh since his drive to Broome in a Nissan Tida in April 2012, so poor Santa almost fell off his sleigh at the Xmas Party. If anything, the collection for next year's Christmas pressies for the juniors will receive a nice boost after Mr Rat fines the reindeer at the January meeting.

This year, the Christmas Party was held at a slightly different location on Black Mountain Peninsula as some sort of Holden HSV club and their soon to be limited edition vehicles were parked in our usual spot. However, this probably proved to be a blessing in disguise as the location was very shady and very close proximity to the water. Indeed, it was encouraging to see our juniors fishing most of the afternoon.

Looking towards 2014, the Annual Carpathon will again be held on 12 January 2014 at Bowen Park. This is always a fun family day and the Club will provide drinks and a BBQ as well as some trophies for the winning anglers. It's also a great way to get the juniors involved in fishing so I encourage everyone to come along and have a fish at the Carpathon.

The next outing will be held at Lake Tuross on 25-27 January 2014. This is always a popular outing so if you want to come along, let Kevin Spriggs know.

The ACT Government has approved our grant for the Canberra Carp-Out which will be held on 30 March 2014, so please keep your calendar free for that date. The Club uses this event to raise money for the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group and to contribute to the stocking of native fingerlings in Canberra's lakes.

A lot of planning has already taken place to help make this event bigger and better and more details will be released next year. To promote this event, we will be holding a number of stalls on the weekend leading up to 30 March 2014, starting with the Queanbeyan Four Wheel Drive Expo on 1-2 February 2014. If you can spare a Saturday or Sunday (or two) between 1 February to 30 March 2014, then why not lend a hand. We will provide more details at the General Meeting next January.

If you were present at the New Members Night, then you would have heard that the outing in April has been changed to St Georges Basin – Jervis Bay. We were approached by the Basin Lure and Fly Anglers Club about starting a twice yearly inter-club fishing competition. The members present at the New Members Night overwhelmingly supported the proposal and the first inter-club comp will take place at St Georges Basin – Jervis Bay on 5-6 April 2014. The second comp for 2014 will be held at Burrinjuck. The details of the inter-club competition are still being sorted out so I'll try and provide this in the next newsletter.

Finally, I hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and that the fishing gods smile on us all in 2014. I have just started fly fishing lessons with Steve Dunn and bought myself a nice six weight fly fishing kit. So far, my progress after three lessons has been slow but thank goodness Steve is a patient instructor. I am a notoriously slow learner when it comes to hand-eye coordination so to try and speed things up a bit, my New Year's Resolution for 2014 will be to catch my first trout on fly.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Anthony Heiser

Recorder's Report

Hello again all,

We did it. The CFC-Morven cup is finally ours after being taken by Morven the last two years! We landed a little over 4 metres of natives, including 4 Murray Cod, compared to Morven's result of a little less than 4 metres. There was less than one legal Cod length separating the two teams, so it was another close fought competition. Overall, the length was down a little on last year – proving that the fishing was tough going.

The pick of the captures was definitely Daniel McNeice's 77cm, 7.68kg Murray Cod caught on the Saturday. I managed to land two 72cm Cod, one not counting as it was landed on the Friday afternoon. Mick Jewry opened his Murray Cod account with a respectable 74cm version and also landed his first Yellow Belly, also of a respectable size at 40.5cm. Greg Davis also contributed well with a 66cm Murray Cod.

Club competition wise, Brian Stacy has made a leap for the salt water length trophy by spending some time on the sand flats outside Durras. Otherwise, there has been little movement with just a smattering of European Carp and a few other species registered for the month.

We're now looking forward to a few months of Flathead hunting with the Tuross and Nowra/St. Georges Basin outings coming up. Hopefully we'll see that salt water length competition really take off.

That's it for this month. I'll see you on the water!

John.



Club Championship

Open

Kyle Walton	290
Anthony Heiser	282
Steve Bailey	268
Colin Clark	253
Chris Head	237

Ladies

Coralie Teer	26
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Junior

Kyle Walton	290
Connor Davis	191
Tom Stanfield	106

Land Based

Anthony Heiser	282
Chris Head	237
Colin Clark	207
Steve Bailey	196
Kyle Walton	158

Fresh Water

Anthony Heiser	282
Steve Bailey	268
Connor Davis	191
Kyle Walton	158
Chris Head	149
Shane Jasprizza	149

Salt Water

Colin Clark	253
Chris Clark	180
Kyle Walton	132
Brian Stacy	90
Chris Head	88

Most Versatile Angler

Anthony Heiser	10
Kyle Walton	6
Colin Clark	6

Chris Head
Shane Jasprizza

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Salt Water Length (*Bartailed Flathead, Dusky Flathead, Sand Flathead, Tiger Flathead*)

Brian Stacy	5,575
Kyle Walton	5,240
Susan McNiece	3,770
Daniel McNiece	2,485
Kevin Spriggs	2,270

Fresh Water Length (*European Carp*)

Luke Robbie	5,660
Timothy Jones	1,130
Zane Zhao	1,070

Board Fish

ALBACORE	2.70 kg	Greg Davis
ATLANTIC SALMON	1.07 kg	Keith Smith
AUSTRALIAN BONITO	1.22 kg	Glen Malam
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	3.04 kg	Colin Clark
BARRAMUNDI	25.00 kg	Steve Bailey
BROOK TROUT	0.56 kg	Anthony Heiser
BROWN TROUT	2.10 kg	Keith Smith
DUSKY FLATHEAD	2.68 kg	Kyle Walton
ESTUARY PERCH	1.10 kg	Kyle Walton
EUROPEAN CARP	4.48 kg	Timothy Jones
GOLDEN PERCH	1.91 kg	Connor Davis
HAIRTAIL	1.69 kg	Chris De La Rue
HAMMERHEAD SHARK	2.73 kg	Colin Clark
MORWONG	1.50 kg	Brian Stacy
MURRAY COD	7.68 kg	Daniel McNiece
RAINBOW TROUT	0.72 kg	Steve Bailey
SNAPPER	1.30 kg	Brian Stacy
SWALLOWTAIL DART	0.61 kg	Anthony Heiser
TAILOR	1.10 kg	Colin Clark
TARWHINE	0.57 kg	Anthony Heiser
YELLOWFIN BREAM	0.52 kg	Chris Clark
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	7.98 kg	Colin Clark

Best Fish

Fresh Water

EUROPEAN CARP

1.96kg on 1 kg
Steve Bailey

Blue Water

ALBACORE

2.70kg on 10 kg
Greg Davis

Estuary

YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH

7.98kg on 6 kg
Colin Clark

Beach

AUSTRALIAN SALMON

3.04kg on 2 kg
Colin Clark

All Tackle Championship

Open

Keith Smith	10
Greg Davis	9
Anthony Heiser	9
Tom Harrington	9
Steve Bailey	7
Glen Malam	7

Junior

Tom Stanfield	4
Connor Davis	2
Kyle Walton	2

Soon to Expire Scales

None, other than the club scales!

When giving me scales to test please provide a new battery with them as well. Your scales have a better chance of passing if the battery is fresh, and it's worth replacing it once a year anyway!

Notices

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

News & Stories

Photos from the CFC Christmas Party on 15 December 2013



Burrinjuck Waters State Park Fishing Report – December 18th 2013

Rain last 7 days: 0 mm

Water level current: 60.4 %

Water visibility: up to 3.0 metres in main basin

Water level: 11/12/13 64.0 %

Current discharge: 6300 ML per day.

Current inflow: 0 ML per day

Full moon: Dec 17th

New Moon: Jan 1st

Water Temperature: 22 - 24 deg

Forecast Weather: Hot for the week with temps reaching 38c on Saturday a possible shower on Saturday and Sunday. Winds from the west up to 13 kmh on Saturday morning.

Murray Cod: Ben Johnston from Bulli has kept the run going with a 102 cm cod taken on a Codger Hard Body while trolling in the Murrumbidgee Arm. Tim from Wagga also went close to joining the club with 2 fairly good fish measuring 97 & 98 cm, Tim and Anthony picked up 6 cod in total trolling spinner baits & Hard bodies late afternoon until after dark in the main basin. Trolling is the main method being used to target the big fish. The dam gate has been opened this week with over 6000 ML per day going out for the last 5 days. Let's hope the falling levels do not shut down the fishing.

Yellow Belly: The catch rates have increased this week. Gordon from Wollongong reported 20 + fish over the weekend up to 2.2 kg on bait. The fish have also been taking small trolled hard bodies such as AC Invaders. Anthony from Leeton reported 11 yellows in the main basin trolling late evening sizes up to 48 cm. There is a mass of small fish (smelt) in the shallows as well as plenty of shrimp being caught.

Redfin: No big numbers this week, the odd fish being picked up on the troll.

Trout: No reports this week.

Silver Perch: No reports this week.

Carp: Heaps being caught, worms corn.

Park News: Entertainment/ activities for the Christmas New Year period are being organized at the park. We will be handing out info sheets on check in. There will be Movie nights, a disco for the teenagers and young ones and DJ Ando on New Year's Eve. Unpowered camping is all we have left for this period.



Dean Brind Manager
Burrinjuck Waters State Park

From the Editor

We're a bit light on for content this month, but that's OK, everyone is busy. If you want to try your hand at an article, send it into the Club email account below. It'd be great to keep the good articles from Club members going. I'm sure there's something that you can share from your summer holidays.

Even though we continue to get some great photos submitted to the monthly photo comp, the numbers have been down little lately. I encourage everyone to keep sending in your photos for the monthly photo competition, it'll help you hone you fisho-graphic skills, and may make your next tackle purchase a little cheaper.

The winner of the November Photo Competition, as seen on the cover, is Connor Davis with his first Golden Perch on 1 Kg. Remember, the winners of the monthly photo comp get a \$20 Tackle World Canberra voucher for their winning pic. The rules of 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.

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.

This month's quote is:- "The gods do not deduct from man's allotted span the hours spent in fishing. ~ Herbert Hoover."



Work fills in time between fishing trips!!

Cheers,

Greg Davis

November Photo Competition



Jon Vogel – A not so Mini Skinny



Connor Davis – First BJ Golden Perch on 1 Kg



Jon Vogel – A nice North Western sunset.

2013-2014 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
12th January	Carpathon	14th
25th-27th January	Tuross	
15th-16th February	Nowra Convention St Georges Basin	11th
7th-10th March	Narooma Convention	11th
5th-6th April	Bermagui	8th
24th-25th May	Kalkite	13th
7th-9th June	Narooma	10th
26th-27th July	Kioloa / Ulladulla	8th

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