

Newsletter

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Winner of the December 2013 Photo Competition



Daniel McNeice with two cracker Black Bream

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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

Well summer has well and truly arrived and the fishing is pretty hot too!

I managed to squeeze in a day trip to Ulladulla just after the New Year on a wind change day. The seas were still a bit bumpy, but manageable. I planned to have a kingfish jigging session with past CFC President, Darren Hossack but all we could hook was snapper – good size snapper! We left them biting – what an awesome day!

The first Club outing for 2014 was the annual family Carpathon at Lake Burley Griffin. Great attendance with a good number of new members signing up on the day...and showing the rest of us how it's done! Well done Daniel Clarke Steel! A great day to catch up with mates and soak a bait.

Last weekend saw the Club head down to Tuross for the traditional Australia Day long weekend outing. Another well attended outing, with a few good fish caught despite the windy conditions. It was great to hear members sharing intel on techniques and location at the Club BBQ...and to see the results the following day.

By the time you read this, the Club will have made a start on promoting our annual Canberra Carp-Out at the Queanbeyan 4WD Show and at the Convoy for Cancer Families festival. This year's Carp-Out will be bigger than ever with the Committee introducing a new prize – a chance at \$20,000, as well as the traditional boat and motor package. The Carp-Out will be held on Sunday 30th March this year, in Lake Burley Griffin. As usual, the Club will also be running a Fish Stocking raffle in conjunction with the Carp-Out, with a Hobie kayak as first prize.

On the weekends between now and the Carp-Out, we will be looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at shopping centres across Canberra to drum up support.... If you are able to help us out with a half-day shift at some time over the next few weeks, please contact the Club at info@canberrafishos.com – suggestions on which shopping centres to approach would also be very welcome.

Remember, all profits from the Fish Stocking Raffle go to purchasing Golden Perch and Murray Cod fingerlings to stock our local lakes. The profits from the Canberra Carp-Out event itself will be divided evenly between fish stocking and the Cancer Support Group. It's a great cause and if you can spare some time to help out, either on the day or on a weekend leading up to the event, please contact the club email address.

Finally, for the first outing after the Carp-Out, the Club had been intending to attend a convention advertised to take place on the 5-6 April 2014. Unfortunately, the convention date was moved and now clashes with this year's Canberra Carp-Out. The Committee has now decided to hold the April outing on the 12th and 13th of April at St Georges Basin. I hope you can make it!

Keep safe on the water,

Glen



Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a nice break over Christmas and New Year's.

I had plenty of opportunity to practise my fly casting in Brisbane and tried very hard to land a masters forktail catfish in the Brisbane River. I had little success trying to land a masters forktail catfish, as the biggest weighed no more than 400 grams. However, my flycasting did improve. Within the first week of returning from Brisbane, I caught my first ever fish on fly at the Molonglo River near Oaks Estate – a small Redfin! Many thanks to Steve Dunn, who has been a great instructor. You can read his blogs on <http://flystream.com/>.



As you are aware, our monthly meetings are held at the Eastlakes Football Club in Griffith on the second Tuesday of each month. Eastlakes Football Club do not charge the Club for the venue hire, and this represented \$940.91 in savings for July to December 2013, which would equate to \$1,800 or more per year. Given the support Eastlakes Football Club provides to us, I encourage everyone to become a member of (or renew your membership if it has expired) the Eastlakes Football Club. Social membership is only \$5 per year or \$10 for three years. Finally, you will always find a few of us having dinner at Eastlakes before the meeting. So if you see us there before the meeting, feel free to join in and order a meal with us.

We have a busy few months ahead of us as we prepare for the Canberra Carp-Out on 30 March 2014. Thank you very much to the members who have put their names down for various rosters in the lead up to the Carp-Out and on the Carp-Out itself.

For our new members and visitors, the Canberra Carp-Out is a Carp fishing competition hosted by the Club to raise money for fish stocking in the local Canberra lakes and for the **Cancer Support Group, ACT Eden Monaro's Own**. The Cancer Support Group is a charitable organisation that provides financial assistance and support to cancer patients and family residing with them within the ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds. You can find out more about this organisation on <http://thecancersupportgroup.org.au/>.

We will also be selling raffle tickets to raise additional money for fish stocking of the smaller lakes (such as Dunlop Pond and Point Hutt Pond) that fall outside the ACT Government's fish stocking program. Raffle tickets will be available at the February general meeting and I encourage everyone to grab one or two books to sell to your friends, neighbours and colleagues at work.

Well that's it for me. I've set out a calendar of important dates for February and March:

1-2 February 2014 - The Queanbeyan 4WD Show

The Club will jointly host a stall with the Capital Region Fishing Alliance to promote fishing in the capital region, as well as selling raffle tickets for the fish stocking raffle and promoting the Canberra Carp-Out on 30 March 2014.

2 February 2014 – Convoy for Cancer

The Club will also participate in the Convoy for Cancer hosted by the Cancer Support Group.

Feb - March 2014 - The Club will be gearing up for the Canberra Carp-Out on 30 March 2014. The Club will be running information stalls at various locations each weekend around Canberra and Queanbeyan.

6 February 2014 - The Canberra Cup 2014 Social Fishing Competition This event is hosted by My2Hooks and Canberra on the Water. Registrations close 30 January 2013. Five dollars of every entry form will be donated to the Capital Region Fishing Alliance. For more information, contact 0422 717 077 or fishing@my2hooks.net.

11 February 2014 - the Club's General Meeting will be held at East Lakes Football Club, Griffith, at 7.30 pm.

15-16 February 2014 - The February Outing will be held in conjunction with the ANSA Nowra Convention. We will be fishing Nowra/St Georges Basin/Jervis Bay over the weekend.

7-10 March 2014 - The March Outing will be held at Narooma in conjunction with the ANSA Narooma Convention. Information about the Narooma Convention is attached for those who want to fish the convention during the outing.

11 March 2014 – Alan Hocking of ACT Inflatable Lifejacket Servicing will deliver a presentation on PFDs at the Club's General Meeting will be held at East Lakes Football Club, Griffith, at 7.30 pm. If you want to find out more about Alan Hocking, check out his website on <http://www.lifejacketservicing.com.au/index.html>.

14 – 17 March 2014 - For the keen fly fishos in the Club, the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers is hosting its **Fly Fishing Meet** at Wallerawang. I've previously emailed the info and registration forms to the members but contact me if you would like me to forward it to you. The weekend provides the opportunity for friendly competition and to share the love of fly fishing. Free tuition may also be available for fly-tying and fly-casting – dependent on the availability of volunteer instructors.

28-30 March 2014 – The South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association and St George Sportsfishing Club are hosting the **21st Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament** at the South Sydney AFA grounds located at the Corner of Hastings Avenue and Macquarie Street, Chifley. Unfortunately, it coincides with the Canberra Carp-Out weekend. However, the Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament has been held in April in previous years and the Club set the date of the Carp-Out before the new date for the Tournament was announced.

29-30 March 2014 - The Club will hold the **Kid's Fishing Clinic** on 29 March and host the **Canberra Carp-Out** at Lennox Gardens on 30 March. Half the net proceeds will go towards the stocking of native fingerlings in ACT's urban lakes and 50% to the Cancer Support Group.

For more information, email me on info@canberrafishos.com.

Anthony Heiser



Recorder's Report

Hello again all,

Well, the Tuross outing was certainly the place to be this month if you wanted some decent fishing. Almost two full pages of captures were handed to me for inclusion in this month's report. A 725mm Dusky Flathead by Chris Lemmon was pick of the captures closely followed by a mixed bag of species by Brian, Kristen and Dino. There were also a few whiting captures, something we don't always see a lot of around these parts.

Brian Stacy has taken a commanding lead in the Salt Water Length competition by spending a few days catching a ridiculous number of sand flathead offshore. It's going to take some large Dusky's to chase him down! There were also some nice Snapper entries by our President, Glen Malam, that have taken hold of the Blue Water Best Fish division.

Next up is the Nowra convention, an outing I am looking forward to. Especially after spending a day fishing on St. George's Basin with Greg Reid from Bay and Basin Fishing a couple of months back. I have never managed to fish the Nowra convention so that will be a new experience for me!

You may have noticed also that the Committee is gearing up for the upcoming Carp Out event at the end of March. The roster for raffle ticket selling at the local shops is doing the rounds at the meetings. I encourage you all to put your names down and help out! If you have an idea for a good ticket selling location I suggest you let us know too.

One small thing I would like to remind members of when they are filling in outings and capture sheets is that without all the details it is difficult for me to allocate your fish correctly. If you want your fish to count for points in the club competitions I need to know the weight of the fish, the line class (in kg, preferably), as well as the division and Section. If you are unsure of the division, at the very least let me know how you caught the fish (bait, lure, trolling, etc.) and we can work which division is the best for you.

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

John.



Club Championship

Open

Chris Clark	320
Colin Clark	311
Kyle Walton	290
Anthony Heiser	282
Steve Bailey	268

Ladies

Coralie Teer	26
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Junior

Kyle Walton	290
Connor Davis	191
Tom Stanfield	106
Daniel Clarke-Seel	30

Land Based

Anthony Heiser	282
Colin Clark	265
Chris Clark	260
Chris Head	237
Steve Bailey	196

Fresh Water

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

Salt Water

Chris Clark	320
Colin Clark	311
Kevin Spriggs	140
Greg Davis	136
Kyle Walton	132
Brian Stacy	132

Most Versatile Angler

Anthony Heiser	10
Colin Clark	7
Kyle Walton	6
Chris Clark	5
Chris Head	5

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

Brian Stacy	16,925
Susan Mcniece	5,640
Kyle Walton	5,240
Kevin Spriggs	4,180
John Bosch	4,095

Fresh Water Length (European Carp)

Luke Robbie	5,660
Daniel Clarke-Seel	2,610
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	5.60 Kg	Kevin Spriggs
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
Silver Trevally	0.60 Kg	Kristin O'Neill
Snapper	2.66 Kg	Glen Malam
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

SNAPPER

2.66kg on 3 kg

Glen Malam

Estuary

YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH

7.98kg on 6 kg

Colin Clark

Beach

AUSTRALIAN SALMON

1.91kg on 1 kg

Chris Clark

All Tackle Championship

Open

Greg Davis	14
Keith Smith	13
Anthony Heiser	11
Chris Lemmon	10
Glen Malam	10
Jamie Stanfield	10
Tom Harrington	10

Junior

Tom Stanfield	4
Connor Davis	3
Sebastian Davis	2
Tyson Davis	2
Kyle Walton	2
Lilly Mcniece	1
Justin Mcniece	1

Soon to Expire Scales

131 Spriggs, Kevin

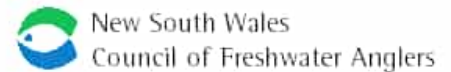
Rapala Digital

25 kg 18/03/2014

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

NSWCFA FLY-FISHING MEET 2014



INFORMATION SHEET

NSWCFA FLY-FISHING MEET 2014

The NSWCFA Fly Fishing Meet is a social fly-fishing long weekend that is held annually in March at Wallerawang NSW. The Meet will be held **14-16 March 2014**. In the past the Meet has been well patronized by a wide cross section of fly-fishers, ranging from novices to highly accomplished. The weekend provides the opportunity for friendly competition and to share the love of fly fishing. Free tuition may also be available for fly-tying and fly-casting – dependent on the availability of volunteer instructors.

Sponsors/Donors.

The major sponsors at this stage are: John Coles Fly Fishing – casting competitions; and Tiewell Fly Tying Materials – fly tying competition and John Marshall of Sydney Fly Outfitters and Guiding. Fujifilm Australia and has indicated that they may again sponsor the photographic competition. Other donors so far are Rolf Quaas and John Robertson.

Competitions

Best Club. Individuals may compete in some or all of the competitions and may do so on behalf of a fishing club. Place getters are awarded points which go toward their nominated club. A trophy is awarded to the club which accumulates the most points over the weekend.

Individual Competitions are:

Fishing – held on Saturday 15 March 2014, closing at 6pm.

Fly Tying – three flies (dry, wet & nymph) in categories: Open, Advanced, and Beginner.

Fly Casting – Dry Fly Accuracy. Cast to six target rings set in a circle at distances of 6m to 13m.

Fly Casting – Distance Accuracy. Cast to a flag 20m away.

Photography - info re competition categories and content will be provided in the next week or so.

Further detailed info re the competitions will be sent out closer to the Meet.

Accommodation

The Meet registration fee includes two night's accommodation in one of five self-contained cabins. ~~Some people attending may prefer to arrange their own accommodation in the Black Gold motel or villas but~~ there is a big demand for these rooms so attendees should book early, directly with Black Gold Country Cabins (**email:** info@blackgoldcabins.com.au; **web site:** <http://www.blackgoldcabins.com.au/>).

Other accommodation at the hotels in town may be available, but, please make your own arrangements.

Meals

The meals included in the Meet registration fee are: light supper on Friday (welcome) night, dinner on Saturday night and lunch on Sunday. All other meals are at own means.

Other Prizes

Depending on the range of donations from sponsors/donors will depend on the range and number of prizes that can be offered. In addition to the competition prizes items will be included in the information pack provided to each person registering. These could be small objects such as a spool of tippet material, a line clipper or fly; it may even be a fly rod. There will also be a 'catch sheet' lucky draw prize for those participating in the fishing competition.

For further information contact the coordinator or one of the organising committee:

John Robb (Coordinator) 322 Glenrock Pde, Tascott NSW 2250 02 4325 7363 0432145749 jrsnr99@optusnet.com.au	John Humphries 02-4324 3495 0416243495 johnmagh@bigpond.com	Ray Tang 0418422647 ray.tang@energyaustraliansw.com.au
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NSWCFA Council of Freshwater Anglers
Fostering a sustainable freshwater fishery

REGISTRATION FORM

NSWCFA FLY FISHING MEET, WALLERAWANG 14-16 MARCH 2014

Note: Please complete the form electronically and email as an attachment. Alternatively, print the form, fill out in black or blue pen and submit by post (or scan and attach to an email).

Please ensure registration forms, including payments, are received by **26 February 2014**.

I/we (Name 1):

and (Name 2):
details)

(If more names, please add list with contact

would like to attend the NSWCFA Fly Fishing Meet at Wallerawang, 14-16 March 2014

Contact Details.

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mob:

email:

I am/am not a member of a fishing club.

Name of club:

Fees: Either:

- a. \$198 per person - includes 2 nights shared accommodation, some meals and competition fees*. Or
- b. \$133 per person - does not include accommodation but includes some meals and competition fees*.

* - see Information Sheet for details.

Payment Method: (please circle one) **EFT, Cheque, Cash, Credit Card**

_____ persons attending @ \$198 = \$ _____

_____ persons attending @ \$133 = \$ _____ **Total Payment = \$ _____**

EFT. The preferred method of payment is via internet banking/EFT. Please transfer the funds to the following account:

BSB: 802 129 (Orange Credit Union Ltd)

Acct No: 50445

Acct Name: NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers Inc

Please include in the funds transfer **description** your **initial & surname** (eg J.Jones) and the description: **"FFM2014"** so that the Treasurer can identify you as making the payment and what the money is for.

Special Note: On your bank's EFT form, please tick box: 'Send a copy of this transfer receipt to the Payee' and insert email address: jrsnr99@optusnet.com.au. Record of payment must be received before registration will be processed.

Credit Card. If paying by credit card please print this sheet, sign in the space below and send it via post to John Robb, 322 Glenrock Parade, Tascott 2250.

Please charge my Visa card / MasterCard (circle one)

Number: / / / . Amount: \$

Name on Card:

Expiry date: / /

Signature:

Date: / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to **NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers** and send them to:

John Robb, 322 Glenrock Parade, Tascott 2250

(Ph 02-43257363, M: 0432145749, email: jrsnr99@optusnet.com.au)

News & Stories

Burrinjuck Waters State Park Fishing Report – January 29th 2014

Water level current: 47.5 %
Water level: 22/01/14 4.9 %
Rain last 7 days = 19 mm
Current discharge: 815 ML per day.
Current inflow: 515 ML per day.
Water visibility: up to 2.0 metres in main basin

Forecast Weather: Hot with no rain. 40 & 41 deg for the weekend with very light winds.

New Moon = Jan 31st **Full Moon** = Feb 15th **Water Temperature:** 24 - 28 deg

Murray Cod: We have had a huge weekend at the park and a lot of boats on the water. This will usually lower the catch rates. A lot of fishos reported no fish caught for the weekend, however there were the odd few that did manage to land some. Daryl from the Gundagai Anglers club trolled up a 76, 70, 67, 66 & 66. He dropped another 3. I was also emailed a picture of a 110cm cod caught while casting a red and black spinner bait in the Bidgee Arm by a very young looking angler. It was the only fish he caught for the weekend. I have managed 2 small cod this week both picked up while chasing red fin. The catch rates have picked up from my last report. There is not as much water going out of the dam, most of the skiers have gone, we have a high barometer and the new moon is approaching on the 31st Jan. If you can handle the hot conditions it's looking good for the weekend.

Yellow Belly: Have been quiet. I just had a report of 13 being caught on bait on Tuesday by the usual method, Trees in the deeper water. Note this is after the boat traffic has gone from the weekend. Again I would expect there will be a lot more fish caught over the coming week.

Redfin: Have also been on and off also. I have still been picking up a few, we managed 15 on Monday evening but only 7 on Tuesday. The fish we have been catching seem to either have small redfin in their stomachs or nothing. We were using small blades & small plastics on light gear in 5 to 7 metres of water. The lure has to be on or near the bottom. To find a school try trolling small lures such as Stucky's.

Trout: No reports this week.

Silver Perch: Still hearing of 1 a week on average

Carp: Plenty about. Target with worms, corn or on fly.

Park News: The opening round of the 2014 Australian Yellow Belly Championships will be staged from BWSP on the 22nd & 23rd of Feb. Registration and information available www.yellowbellychampionships.com. It is a catch and release event run over 3 x 5 hour sessions. Teams of 2 per boat. Lure only.

Dean Brind Manager
Burrinjuck Waters State Park



The Canberra Fisherman's Club Putting the Fish Back!



The Carpathon, 12 January 2014

By Anthony Heiser

On 12 January 2014, the Club held its annual Carpathon at Bowen Park, Lake Burley Griffin at Bowen Park. In contrast to the overcast and comfortable temperatures we enjoyed at the previous Carpathon, it was hot, sunny and very still, until just after the presentation of trophies, when we were farewelled with gale force easterlies.

A few members got there before the official start time of 10:00 am to bag their "special" spot on the bank. By 10.00 am, members lined up their fishing rods from the Bowen Park Car Park to the Kings Avenue Bridge. Then we all sat and waited for a bite. And there was a lot of waiting, unless you were new member Daniel Clarke Seel, who caught more fish than all the adult anglers combined. He landed five carp, taking out the Junior Boy Carp Trophy and the Champion Team Trophy. Well done Daniel!



Jon Vogel tackling a small Carp

Jon Vogel, being one of the few adults who caught a carp, took out the Senior Men's Trophy. And the Encouragement Award went to yours truly for a small Redfin Perch caught on fly.

Overall, I believe everyone agreed that it was an enjoyable day of fishing and it was good to see many members coming out for the event, let's hope we can get even more members (and fish) for next year.



Greg cooking up a feast for hungry anglers



Daniel Clarke Seel with the winning fish



John Bosch holding up one of the few carp caught by the senior anglers



Anthony Heiser's Redfin Perch caught on fly



Anthony Heiser with the 'Encouragement' Award



Jon Vogel with the Best Carp Senior Male Trophy



Daniel Clarke Seel with the Best Carp Junior Boy Trophy



Daniel Clarke Seel with the Champion Team Trophy

The Tollgates Classic, Batemans Bay, January 2014

Chris Head, Brian Stacy and I went in the recent Batemans Bay Game Fishing Club's Tollgates Classic. We decided early in the piece that "whatever happened on the trip, stayed on the trip", however I don't recall any "pinkie swear" so it's open slather!

It was a great weekend, bloody bumpy on Friday, not bad and got better on Saturday and getting back to bumpy on Sunday. Overall the fishing was hard, Chris managed to tag two small Dolphin Fish, while Brian and I managed one each. There was another one, however it was fairly lifeless by the time we realise it was "on". The tag bit would have worked OK, but the release would have been an epic fail!

I think the pictures tell it all, what do you think?



The picture doesn't really show how bumpy it was!

Chris showing off one of his Dolphin Fish.





A new "Catch and Release" technique developed over the weekend ☺

It's a hard life being the skipper in a Game Fishing Tournament, eh Brian!



It must be tiring, another one's gone!!

Is this the same day, or another??



There appears to be a common theme here....

You'll notice there are no photos of me. There were also no photos taken of me sleeping! I know one thing for sure, I'll be frisked, and have my cameras confiscated before I'm allowed on the boat next time!!

Was a great time!!

Cheers,

Greg Davis

The Davis' at Tuross, January 2014

For the last 3 years we've joined the rest of the gang and gone to Tuross for the Australia Day long weekend. I'd have liked to write a decent article, but I'm a bit pressed for time, so what we have here is just a bit more than a collection of photos from our weekend.

The weather forecast for Saturday wasn't the best, so we'd decided to have a tackle day, and re-spool some reels. So I went armed with the drill and all the goods to do that. We stayed in bed while the others headed out for the day, however I did get up just before 7:00am to catch Kevin sneaking out for the day.

Throughout the day we did fish, we had three rods out in front of the cabin, with little result.

As it turned out, we made the wrong decision, the wind didn't come up in the morning, so we lost a half day on the water before the wind come up.



The Club BBQ on Saturday night was great. We took over the camp kitchen area and I think everyone had a great time. Thanks to all those involved in making that a great evening, the meat was good, lots of salad, and a great time.



You could be forgiven if you're thinking they're related!

Sunday morning saw us head off early (well, early for us, with the three grandsons in tow).

We used bait and caught some undersized fish in various locations, mainly out in front of the Boatshed and a bit further towards to the mouth. Tyson got close to a capture with a 35 cm Flathead, and Connor got busted off on 1 Kg by what may have been a nice fish!



After a nice lunch at the Boat Shed, we pumped some nippers. I'll have to admit that I need to improve my technique, as the boys lost interest in fishing by the time we gathered the bait.

So it was back to the cabin and pool for them. At about 3:00pm I went back out by the mouth of the lake and caught a small feed, a legal Flathead, Bream and Sand Whiting, and about 9 undersized fish.



Sunday evening Sebastian lost his top bunk licence, as he slipped on the ladder and had to go to hospital to get his head glued up. It's all OK now, something he's put down to experience, I'm sure. Thanks to Sarah for taking him and Rose into the hospital, as she had to get up early the next day to come home for work.

Monday morning saw Connor and I head off early. The day started well with him into a fish on his 2nd or 3rd cast, unfortunately just too small.

We trolled for a fair bit after that, taking Keith's advice, however we didn't get anything to talk about.



As can be seen in the photo, Connor has attended the "Chris Head School of Fishing," quite a relaxed style for such a young fisho!

And to finish the weekend, just before we got home, we had a flat tyre on the boat trailer (3.5 Km short of home, out by Gold Creek Village). I'm very thankful that I went to the effort of getting a spare rim and tyre a few years back, as we were back on the road in 15 minutes.



With sunsets like this, and the fact that we all had a great time, we'll back there next year!!

Greg Davis

From the Editor

Thanks to Anthony's great article on the Carpathon, and a few words and photos from me, we have some reasonable articles in the Newsletter this month. Have a look at what I've written, fairly basic, but it conveys the great time I've had over a couple of weekends. It'd be great if you were willing to share your experiences with us as well.

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.

I'll keep on encouraging everyone to send in your photos for the monthly photo competition, it'll help you hone your fisho-graphic skills, and may make your next tackle purchase a little cheaper.

The winner of the December Photo Competition, as seen on the cover, is Daniel McNeice, with a catch of two fantastic Black Bream. 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:- "There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot. - Steven Wright"



Work fills in time between fishing trips!!

Cheers,

Greg Davis

December Photo Competition



Daniel with Black Bream, 43cm and 42cm.



Daniel with a 43cm PB Black bream.



Zach Zhao checking his line. They learn early nowadays!



Well done Zach on catching your first fish!

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

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
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7th-10th March	Narooma Convention	11th
12TH-13TH April	St Georges Basin	8th
24th-25th May	Kalkite	13th
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