



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc

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Winner of the March 2015 Photo Competition



Zane Zhao – 3.1kg Narooma Kingfish on Nitro Charter

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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

Hello all,

Well as they say, the best laid plans... and that was indeed the case for me for the St Georges Basin outing, was looking forward to a good fishing session but the lurgy got me on the Thursday afternoon and I was history for a few days so ended up having to miss out. Wendie even said that I must really feel crook not to go fishing because I usually push myself through the pain, out of bed and by the first cast, feel a whole lot better but this time I just could not do it.

The outing was well attended with a few good captures but mother nature once again had other ideas and from what I was told most only fished till about 3pm on Saturday when the rain came in and the Sunday was a total blow out so apparently there was a bacon and egg cook off before people headed home. Anthony will expand on the outing in his article later on in the newsletter.

Don't know where this fishing year has gone but we only have a couple of month left with the next two outings being Bega/Brogo on 16 – 17 May followed by Narooma on the 6 – 8 June (June long weekend) the last outings for the 2014/15 fishing year so keep sending those capture sheets to the recorder. I'm hoping to be there for the Narooma outing because I really need some fishing time and a few kingies for the board.

This leads me into announcing that it's time again to consider our outings for the 2015/16 fishing year. These will be decided at the May general meeting on Tuesday 12th May. Some of our outings are already locked in because we have had to lock in accommodation 12 months in advance to keep our good bookings going. If you want to have some input into where we fish in the coming year then bring your ideas along to this meeting.

The committee is still finalising the financial results of the Carp Out and hopefully will be able to report this at the general meeting too. In the meantime the committee is meeting with Melissa from The Cancer Support Group and Gary from Tackle World to have a Carp Out de-brief and to do some brain storming for the 2016 Canberra Carp Out. The major discussion I am sure will focus around trying to secure an annual permit for the venue, as this has been a major reason for delays in getting this done early most years.

Our Facebook page continues to grow and we have reached 860 likes as of writing which is fantastic. This certainly gives us the ability to get information out in real time about what the club is doing and what is going on in the fishing community, So if you haven't done so already, give us a LIKE...

Finally I am making plans to head off to the Gold Coast Flathead Classic again and this year I am teaming up with a couple of our members Anthony Heiser and Daniel McNeice as "Team Canberra Fishos". The Classic runs from the 30th September – 3rd October and is a great event so preparations have already started.

Until next time

Tight lines!
Chris Head



Secretary Report

April has been a slow month however I would like to welcome our new member, Timothy to the club. Our meetings as you know are on the second Tuesday of every month at Eastlakes club in Kingston and all members and their friends are welcome.

April brought the St Georges Basin club outing, I didn't get to attend because I was working and had other family commitments. The Facebook posts made it look like a good weekend away, which shows that there's always a good time at our outings, regardless of the weather.

I am still taking a well-earned break and looking forward to the Bega/Brogo outing. I've never been that far down the coast before and plan to do some touristy things as well as some fishing.

This month at the General Meeting we also had a great presentation by Scott Heiman from Heiman Habitat on Basic Survival. He touched on a lot of tips that relate to fishing and boating and I think we all learned something new. Scott's presentation was very informative and well explained. Scott himself is extremely experienced and extensively trained and knows his stuff very well. Scott also had some of the very handy products that he sells such as the fish dongers that were used in the killing tent at this year's Canberra Carp-Out, survival kits, playing cards that double as survival guides for any situation and even his own patented survival axe. Scott sells all of this stuff and more on his website that also has some tips and fact sheets.

Scott also runs short information sessions and courses (overnight and longer) that expand on the principals discussed in the presentation P.R.W.F. Protection, Rescue, Water and Food. If interested, drop us a line and we'll put you in touch with Scott.

The next General Meeting is on 12th May 2015.

See you there and tight lines!

Sarah.



Recorder's Report

G'day all,

This month's captures pretty much all came from the St. George's Basin outing. Anthony Heiser managed his personal best Bream off the surface while fishing from the S.S. Minnow, while I jagged my first legal sized Flathead on a surface lure. Brian Stacy landed a nice 54 cm Flathead in a snag filled creek at the western end of the basin. Otherwise, it's been a pretty slow month.

Now that May has rolled around again keep in mind that Bass and Estuary Perch are now catch and release only if caught in rivers below fresh water impoundments. Also, if you're fishing in trout spawning streams the legal length for Trout is 50 cm and the bag limit is 1 fish.

As a club we continue to hold third position in the ANSA NSW club championship. Glen Malam continues to hold the lead in the Sports fishing – lakes and estuaries division, with Anthony in second position in the same division. I am currently the only ANSA NSW member with an entry in the Sports fishing – Freshwater division, so I lead that by default.

I have also received word from ANSA NSW that they are still waiting on the NSW DPI to respond to a question I raised on the new Murray Cod gap limits. The question was asked after reports that some anglers were threatened with fines for taking photos of Murray Cod greater than 75 cm, rather than immediately returning them to the water. This has possible implications for Murray Cod as an ANSA species if they can't be weighed above 75 cm.

That's it from me for another month. Keep those capture forms rolling in!

John.



Club Championship

Open

Anthony Heiser	691	
Glen Malam	574	
Chris Head	417	
Shane Jasprizza	416	(less than 2 outings attended)
Chris Clark	345	

Ladies

Karen Malam	228	
Angela Bandulet	214	(less than 2 outings attended)
Rose Davis	61	
Wendie Mcdonald	42	

Junior

Kyle Walton	329	(less than 2 outings attended)
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Land Based

Anthony Heiser	548	
Shane Jasprizza	416	(less than 2 outings attended)
Chris Clark	345	
Kyle Walton	250	(less than 2 outings attended)
Colin Clark	249	

Fresh Water

Glen Malam	401	
Anthony Heiser	288	
Kyle Walton	250	(less than 2 outings attended)
Paul Hoath	237	
Karen Malam	228	

Salt Water

Chris Head	417	
Anthony Heiser	403	
Chris Clark	345	
Colin Clark	249	
Shane Jasprizza	222	(less than 2 outings attended)

Most Versatile Angler

Anthony Heiser	13	
Glen Malam	9	(less than 3 sections entered)
Shane Jasprizza	6	
Chris Head	6	(less than 3 sections entered)
Chris Clark	5	

Salt Water Length (Tailor)

Chris Clark	2170
Shane Jasprizza	780
Brian Stacy	430
Daniel McNeice	420
Colin Clark	400

Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Zane Zhao	11,370
Darren Hossack	9,905
Shane Jasprizza	9,415
John Vogel	8,155
Anthony Heiser	2,870

Tagging Award

Greg Davis	120
Chris Head	120
Brian Stacy	120

Board Fish

Australian Bonito	2.06 kg	Glen Malam
Australian Salmon	2.11 kg	Wendie Mcdonald
Black Bream	1.39 kg	Susan Mcneice
Brown Trout	2.28 kg	Karen Malam
Dusky Flathead	5.00 kg	Brian Stacy
European Carp	5.00 kg	Kyle Walton
Golden Perch	4.29 kg	Angela Bandulet
Morwong	2.42 kg	Coralie Teer
Mulloway	3.11 kg	Glen Malam
Murray Cod	6.65 kg	John Bosch
Nannygai	0.50 kg	Coralie Teer
Rainbow Trout	1.10 kg	Anthony Heiser
Redfin Perch	1.39 kg	John Bosch
Sand Flathead	0.75 kg	Chris Clark
Snapper	1.46 kg	Zane Zhao
Tailor	1.11 kg	Chris Clark
Yellowfin Bream	0.63 kg	Keith Smith
Yellowtail Kingfish	3.10 kg	Zane Zhao

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

5.00kg on 2 kg

Kyle Walton

Blue Water

Snapper

.60kg on 1 kg

Chris Head

Blue Water

Sweep

.40kg on 1 kg

Chris Head

Estuary

Dusky Flathead

1.20kg on 1 kg

Anthony Heiser

Rocks

Tailor

.91kg on 1 kg

Chris Clark

Beach

Australian Salmon

1.85kg on 1 kg

Shane Jasprizza

All Tackle Championship

Open

Anthony Heiser	26
Kevin Spriggs	21
Brian Stacy	19
John Vogel	18
Chris Clark	14

Junior

Connor Davis	5
Kyle Walton	4
Zachary Zhao	2
Lilly Mcneice	2
Justin Mcneice	2

Soon to Expire Scales

75	Clark, Chris	Rapala Digital	25 kg	3/06/2015
80	Davis, Greg	Rapala Digital	25 kg	3/06/2015
96	Butt, Andrew	Shimano	45 kg	11/05/2015
118	Magassy, Albert	Rapala Digital	25 kg	15/06/2015
135	Clark, Colin	Rapala	8 kg	3/06/2015
136	Vogel, John	Berkley	23 kg	3/06/2015
137	Vogel, John	Rapala	8 kg	3/06/2015
138	Liong, Carl	Okuma	25 kg	15/06/2015

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!

News & Stories

The Canberra Carp-Out – 29 March 2015

By Anthony Heiser

The 2015 Canberra Carp-Out was held on 29 March 2015 at Lennox Gardens and attracted 860 entrants. It was pleasing to see many families fishing together at Lake Burley Griffin.

The Canberra Carp-Out is a family-friendly fishing event at Lake Burley Griffin held during the Canberra Festival. It promotes recreational fishing in the ACT, educates people about the adverse environmental impact of carp and redfin, and raises money for the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group and stocking native fish in ACT lakes.

Kid's fishing clinic

As part of the Canberra Carp-Out 2015, Canberra Fisherman's Club ran a **kids fishing clinic** at Lennox Gardens on Saturday, 28 March 2015, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. The clinic was attended by junior anglers and their parents and provided information on fishing rules and regulations, safety, and practical tuition on tying knots, rigging lines and casting.

The juniors had a great time and the afternoon concluded with everyone trying their new skills fishing off the banks.



Mel Marlborough teaching junior anglers the art of tying knots



One junior angler has learnt to tie a clinch knot.



Jake Borman learning the art of casting.



Jake Borman lands his first Carp the day after the fishing clinic.

Canberra Carp-Out

Although the event did not officially kick off until 8.30am, an army of volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club, Tackle World Canberra, and ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group arrived at Lennox Gardens at 6.30am to set up the Carp-Out Head Quarters, the Weigh-in Tent, and the registration tent. The marquees were hired from Barlens Hire, toilets were hired from Canberra Hire Pty Ltd, and Action Buses supplied tables and chairs. Our own Mel Marlborough was our First Aid Officer and volunteers from The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's own ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks at the registration tent.



Glen Malam assisting participants who registered on the day.

Registrations opened at 8.30am and fishing officially commenced at 9.00am. In previous years, approximately 20% to 30% of participants registered for the Carp-Out on the day. This year, 28% of the competitors left it to the last minute to register on the day. An army of volunteers assisted over 239 people complete registration forms, finalise registration fees as well as key in registration details into the computer database.



Left: Volunteers Colin Ah You and Sarah Borman and Shane Jasprizza assisted 239 participants who waited till the last minute to register for the Canberra Carp-Out. Right: Rose Davis and Shane Jasprizza entering new participants into the database.

The Weigh-in Station opened at 10.00am. Fish were required to be humanely dispatched prior to weighing. Volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club inspected all fish before allowing competitors to proceed to the Weigh-in Station.

Keying in data on captures was again made easy with the use of bar code scanners to automatically register captures against bar codes on each participant's registration cards. This allowed data on captures to be quickly recorded, without the need to manually enter any further data into the computer database.



Left: Anglers lining up to weigh in their fish. Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers inspected all fish passing the blue marquee in the background to ensure all fish had been humanely dispatched. Right: Mick Peel weighing in Jonah Anderson's fish at the Weigh-In Tent.

Once the fish were weighed, they were disposed of in bins provided by the Mulloon Institute and transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm (between Bungendore and Braidwood) to be turned into organic fertiliser. Mulloon Creek Natural Farm is a grazing, cropping and carbon building enterprise covering two farms in close proximity to each other on the Mulloon Creek, east of Canberra. Both properties are organic using the biodynamic system of agriculture. Mulloon Creek Natural Farm is a member of Biological Farmers of Australia.



Left: Lindsay Steel with a tub full of carp weighed in at the Weigh Station. Right: Albert Magassey and Bruce Murray disposing of carp into the bins supplied by the Mulloon Institute. The white bins were later transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm to be turned into organic fertilizer.

A total of 908 fish weighing 1,223.37 kg were weighed in on the day. The average weight per fish was 1.35 kg.

Species	Quantity	Total weight	Heaviest	Average weight
European Carp	629	1188.68	9.23	1.89
Redfin Perch	279	34.69	0.57	0.12
Total	908	1223.37		1.35

The top five captures for adult males, adult females, junior males and junior females were as follows:

Top five adult males

Brad Jones	European Carp	9.225 kg
Stuart Valentine	European Carp	7.135 kg
Geoff Knight	European Carp	6.675kg
Andrew Pritchard	European Carp	6.415 kg
John Jenkins	European Carp	6.215 kg

Top five adult females

Myndee Hannaford	European Carp	3.594 kg
Amanda Kyburz	European Carp	3.486 kg
Lyn Vanaalast	European Carp	3.298 kg
Jenna James	European Carp	2.982 kg
Amanda Kyburz	European Carp	2.690 kg

Top five junior males

Jeremy Gulliford	European Carp	5.990 kg
Duane Best	European Carp	4.438 kg
Nicolas Onorato	European Carp	3.798 kg
Daniel Clarke-Seel	European Carp	3.238 kg
Nicolas Onorato	European Carp	3.118 kg

Top five junior females

Lara Montagnino	European Carp	6.430 kg
Amber Graham	European Carp	3.850 kg
Claire Murphy	European Carp	3.370 kg
Lily McMahon	European Carp	3.280 kg
Chloe Crampton	European Carp	3.238 kg

Fishing finished at 3.00pm with competitors given until 3.30pm to make their way to the registration tent to weigh in their fish. Unfortunately a couple of anglers missed the 3.30pm deadline. Unlike the previous year, there were no technical glitches with the computers but our second set of scales failed so there was a slight delay in the weigh in and the presentation commenced at around 4.20 pm.



Chris Head addresses the crowd as the presentation commences while a WIN News cameraman films the proceedings.

The presentation commenced with Canberra Fisherman's Club President Chris Head thanking everyone for supporting the event. Chris Head then proceeded with the presentation of the prizes with assistance from Melissa Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own who drew the winning tickets for the Canberra Fishermans Club's fish stocking raffle.

The winners of the Carp-Out were as follows:

Early Bird Winner



Chris Head presenting **Heidi Milsted** with the \$500 early bird cash prize.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 9.00 am – 10.00 am



Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to **Margaret Cooper**.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 10.00 am - 11.00 am



Melissa Gardiner, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to **George Kostovski**.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 11.00 am 12.00 pm



Melissa Gardiner, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to **Geoff Knight**.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to **Jie Hua**.

Heaviest Carp Adult



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Brad Jones** for his 9.23 kg European Carp

Heaviest Redfin Adult



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Billy Holloway** for his 0.57 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Junior Boy



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Jeremy Gulliford** for his 5.99 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Boy



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Connor Graham** for his 0.42 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Junior Girl



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Lara Montagnino** for her 6.43 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Girl



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Loean Hopkins** for her 0.53 kg Redfin Perch.

Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$100 Tackle Box (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Liam Ausling** for the Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin.

Corporate Challenge



Melissa Gardiner presenting the Corporate Challenge Trophy to Team '**Crap Anagram**' from **Department of Veteran Affairs** for weighing in 5.03 kg of European Carp.

Tagged carp capture



Melissa Gardiner presenting a Tackle World Gift Voucher to **Roy Collins** for catching tagged carp #37.

Chance to win \$20,000

The Canberra Fisherman's Club once again ran the Chance to Win \$20,000 competition. The Club purchased insurance for a one in fifty chance of winning \$20,000 from Loyalty.com.au and supplied a sealed envelope containing the winning number (a random number from one to fifty).

Every angler who weighed in one or more untagged carp received one entry for their first carp to be in the draw to win \$20,000. Three tagged carp were available for capture and any angler catching a tagged carp gained an additional 50 entries. Only one angler gained an additional 50 entries (**Roy Collins** for catching tagged Carp # 37). One entry was drawn at random, **Myndee Hannaford**. To win the \$20,000, Myndee had to select a number from 1 to 50 and then open the sealed envelope to see if she selected the winning number. Unfortunately, Myndee didn't select the winning number but instead won a rod and reel package (rrp \$140). The very nice consolation prize was generously sponsored by Tackle World Canberra.



Mick Jewry holding up the envelope containing the lucky number required to win \$20,000.



Myndee Hannaford's name was drawn out for the chance to win \$20,000. To win the \$20,000, Myndee had to pick a number from 1 to 50 and then open the envelope to see if it matched the lucky number



Myndee Hannaford picked number 39.



Myndee Hannaford opened up the envelope to reveal the magic number. Unfortunately she was only six numbers shy of winning \$20,000.



Chris Head presenting Myndee Hannaford with a \$140 rod and reel package from Tackle World Canberra.

The major fishing prize was the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by Fyshwick Marine and Tackle World Canberra. The winner was determined by mystery weight draw so everyone who weighed in a Carp was eligible to win the prize. The winner was Nicolas Onorato, whose Carp of 3.12 kg was closest to the mystery weight.



Chris Head presents the major prize to Nicolas Onorato.



Nicolas Onorato gets a family photo with his new tinny.



Nicolas ringing his Mum to tell her the good news!

The captures



John Jenkins with a 6.215 kg Carp



John Jenkins with a 1.578 kg Carp



Liam Rowley with a 0.242 kg Redfin Perch



Stuart Valentine with a 7.12 kg Carp



Lyn Vanaalst with a 6.675 kg carp caught by brother Geoff Knight



Henry, Arthur and Sam Oliver displays a Carp caught by Dad Mark Oliver



Jack Fretwow holding Sharni Warner's carp.



Blake Laws with a 2.386 kg Carp posing with his brother Tyler Morris.



Angela and Vincent Wang with carp weighed in by Dad Jie Hua. Jie Hua won the 12 - 1 pm Hourly Mystery Weight Prize (\$50 Tackle World Voucher)



Sari and Fletcher Bridgeman posing with their 1.962 kg and 1.862 kg Carp respectively.



Tarah Manthongsy with a 1.616 kg Carp



Roy Collins captured tagged carp #37. Roy won a Tackle World Voucher for his capture.



Jason and Taine Vetsavong with a 1.422 kg Carp.



One of two blind Carp weighed in at the Carp-Out.



The second blind Carp weighed in at the Carp-Out caught by Bowyn Beatty.



Nick Smolcich with Bowyn Beatty's blind carp.



Jack Fretwow holding Sharni Warner's carp.



Jason Vetsavong with a 0.036 kg.



Jeremy Gulliford holds up his 5.99 kg Carp, which won him a \$50 rod and reel combo from Tackle World Canberra for catching Heaviest Carp Junior Boy.



Andrew Pritchard waiting in the line up for the weigh in station with his 6.47 kg carp.



Matthew Whittacker takes a seat at the line up for the Weigh in Station (holding up Bradley Sommerauer's carp)



Zac and Cody Owen proudly wearing their Tackle World shirts and holding their 1.714 kg and 1.924 kg Carp respectively.



Luke and Ryan Molyneux bring in 36 Redfin Perch for the weigh in station.



Jay Allen and Bill Holloway bring in 27 Redfin Perch for the Weigh in Station.



Bill Holloway posing with his 0.57 kg Redfin Perch which won Heaviest Redfin Adult.



Jonah Anderson posing with his carp at the Weigh in Station.

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Club Outings

The St Georges Basin Outing – 17-19 April 2015

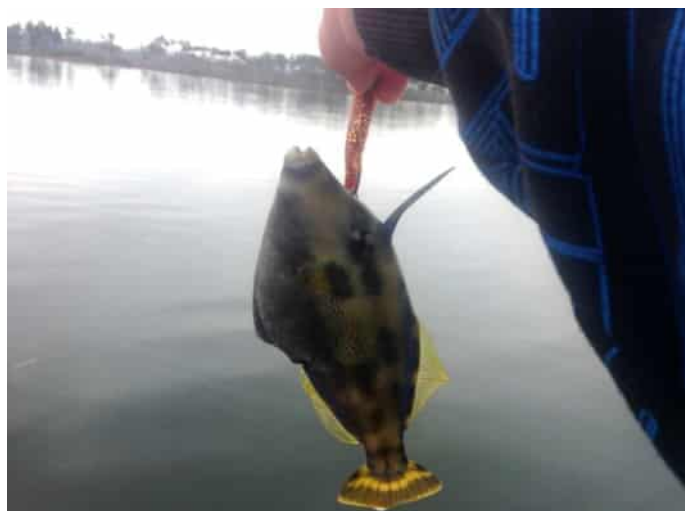
By Anthony Heiser

When you think of St Georges Basin, monster lizards and green backs often come to mind. However, this year's outing saw only a few Flathead weighed in and one legal size Tailor caught on the Friday of the outing. Nevertheless, it was a great weekend for those who attended and we were fortunate that the wild weather didn't eventuate until after the outing.

I think John Bosch and I were the only ones to pre-fish the outing on the Friday. We launched the *S.S. Minnow* from the Sussex Inlet boat ramp just after lunch and made our way to the Grassy Knoll. The weather was dead calm although we did get drenched at different time throughout the afternoon. We started by flicking lures at a school of fish 'busting up the surface' until we realised it was only a large school of mullet. Unfortunately, the mullet were not being harassed by Tailor.



My Flathead caught on an unweighted pillie



One Leather Jacket jagged on the nose

We had little luck chasing Flathead on soft plastics. We lost a few soft plastics to the leather jacket but John did manage to land an undersized Flathead. I was also drifting an unweighted pillie on gang hooks and landed a half-kilo Dusky Flathead. I had some other hits on the pillie but no hook ups. I also jagged a Leather Jacket.

We tried the artificial reefs and had no hits or bites so we made our way back to Sussex Inlet. On our way in, we decided to explore under the River Road Bridge and flick surface lures in the creek that leads to Badgee Lagoon. John hooked a 34 cm Tailor and some undersized Tailor. I also hooked an undersized Tailor and also got bitten off by a larger fish. It was soon getting dark after this leg and the heavens threatened to open up on us so we decided to head back to the house 'Southern Comfort'.

Southern Comfort was a hive of activity when we arrived – Daniel, Susan, Justin and Lilly McNeice, Kevin Spriggs, Brett and Karen Allwood, Brian Stacy and Andrew Lee had already arrived. Greg, Rose and Connor Davis arrived soon after but I went to bed around 8.15 pm, not realising the clocks in the house were still set on Daylight Savings Time.

The next morning saw blue skies and none of the wind that had been predicted for Saturday. We all headed for the Basin View Boat Ramp – Brian, Kevin and Andrew set off in their

kayaks to the nearby bays, the McNiece Family and Allwood Family set off for the artificial reefs, and John and I set off for the flathead grounds in the middle of the Basin.

We fished blades and soft plastics in 6 metres of water with no hits. We then fished the first bay from Basin View and fished surface lures in the shallows.

At first, we had no luck but eventually we started getting follows and boils of water chasing our surface lures. I struck first with my Lure Casting Masters Bream – a PB weighing 0.89 kg on 1 kg line. John followed this with a Flathead masterfully caught on a surface lure. We kept flicking the surface lures and it was awesome hearing the hoof noises from the Bream chasing our lures.



38.5 cm 0.89 kg Black Bream



John's Flathead on the surface lure



36 cm 0.7 kg Black Bream



36 cm 0.7 kg Black Bream

We then flicked soft plastics in the second bay and – John did better than I did with the Flathead. I did get one Flathead hit my soft plastic as I was retrieving it from under the boat. John also lost a 50 cm Flathead that shook the lure out of its mouth at the surface.



Greg and Rose (with Connor sound asleep and out of sight).



Greg with his 36 cm lure casting Bream

Greg and Rose picked up some undersized Whiting and Snapper and then joined us in the second Bay where they flicked surface lures. There was no mistaking Greg's voice from across the Bay when he landed a 36 cm Bream on the surface lure.

We also heard Brian when he landed a 54.5 cm Flathead in one of the nearby creeks. I don't recall how the others went other than I heard the McNiece Family got some undersized squire at the artificial reefs.



At 3.30 pm, the heavens opened up and we all made a beeline to the boat ramp. The finale for the afternoon was the mini-regatta as the three kayakers raced to the boat ramp. Kevin came first, followed by Brian and Andrew at a distant second and third place.

It became clear at the cleaning tables that Brian won the competition for the biggest Flathead – weighing in at 0.92 kg.

The day ended with the traditional Saturday Night BBQ. The next morning, some of us returned to the Basin View Boat Ramp but only to think better of it and return to the house. We had a bowl of free-range eggs from the chooks in the back yard so we finished the outing with a Bacon and Egg cook up on the BBQ.

Once again, a big thank you to Kevin for organising the outing, Greg and Rose for organising the Saturday Night BBQ and to the chefs, cooks and kitchen hands who helped out, to Brett and Karen for buying the bacon for our bacon and egg cook up, and to the chooks for their free range eggs.



Above: Brian Stacy with his 54.5 cm 0.92 kg Dusky Flathead. Below: Saturday night



From the Editor

G'day all, it has indeed been one of the busier months of the year for me and unfortunately, fishing has not occupied much of it other than in my thoughts. 'A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work' indeed comes to mind because I haven't even had one of those yet. A bad day fishing that is, I've actually had a couple of good days at work... Here's a thought keeping with that theme, how would one start this sentence?

_____ is still better than a bad day at work?

As Sarah mentioned, we had the pleasure of hosting Scott Heiman give us all a crash course in basic survival that included a lot more than just prior planning and preparation prevents piss poor performance. Scott has decades of experience and knowledge in surviving the breadth of the Australian landscape and was more than happy to pass on some of that info at the general meeting. Scott also displayed a lot of basic and high-end survival gear that he manufactures and sells and he also runs short and long courses on survival. If interested, drop us a line (not the fishing kind this time) and we'll put you in touch with Scott.

Proving that there are some decent kingies biting out there is Zane Zhao of the cover of this issue with a nice 3.1 kilo Narooma kingie caught off Montague Island aboard Nitro Charters. Fish like that are not only worth the photo comp prize, they also make next few club trips look very promising... especially the June long weekend Narooma outing. 'Good Greef' is well overdue for a kingie on board.

I think I'll be brief in my photo comp plugging this month, keep it up members! I wish I could say the same for me but Murphy has had other plans. Photos can be submitted directly onto our website or via email. If you have difficulties with either, let me know and I'll talk to my people who will contact their people, who will then call your people to let you know how to reach the website people, sea what I mean? (yet another nautical joke).

The rules of the photo comp are really simple:

- 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. If you're struggling and need help compressing the photos, feel free to contact me, or any of the committee members.

If you submit your photos directly to the website you will not have to do any of the above as they will be automatically resized as they upload so this is clearly our preferred method. Don't blow a valve if you do not see your photo on the site straight away, all photos will need some minor human intervention to get to the right place with text you have supplied.

Lastly, if you have some gear to sell, swap, want to purchase, barter or are hoping to give away because you broke it, please send through the details.

All of the above should be emailed to info@canberrafishos.com.

To sign off this week,

There's almost no situation in life that doesn't offer an... op-perch-tuna-ty for a good fish pun.

Catch you next fish!

Dino



Catch, Clean, Cook. (aka *Fish 2 Dish*)

For those who might recognise the “before” part ... Yes, this particular Kingfish was caught on the Nitro charter during last year's Canberra Day long-weekend Narooma outing. It was then partially cured by the local butcher in a secret solution of salt, sugar and spices prior to being hot smoked, then cryo-vacc'd and deep-frozen.

12 months later it was eaten by the lucky few that attended this year's event. Sure it was just a tad on the dry side, but very tasty and perfectly safe to eat.



March Photo Competition



Zane Z and his 3.1 kg Narooma Kingie
C/- Nitro Charters



Zane with a very nice 1.46 kg Snapper
also caught on Nitro



Anthony H with a sensational Cemetery
salmon selfie



'Montague Island Blues'
Photo by Anthony H



Jon V with an LBG Carp PB!
Photo bombed by a pelican, Jon with a nice
4.02 kg 70cm European Carp



'Fish-eyed Fisho' Jon V and a nice Bream
thanks go to Keith for providing the
photographic skills to capture the moment
perfectly.



Chris Head's first Tasmanian Brown Trout.



The same trout being released to fight another day



Paul H - 'He Royally wulffed that one!'

FYI (Fish-Yielding Insomnia)

Upper Murrumbidgee Rec Fishers- Please RELEASE tagged carp if caught

31 tagged carp have been released into the upper Murrumbidgee River at Scottsdale (near Bredbo) and Murrells Crossing (downstream of Cooma). The tagged carp are marked with a long yellow tag near their dorsal fin (see below). These carp are implanted with electronic tags so their movements can be tracked to tell us how carp move up and down the river system.



We are asking recreational fishers to please RELEASE tagged fish if caught and report details to Bush Heritage Australia (mob: 0407 700 431). A reward will be given for making a report. Please take photos if possible.

Carp movement is being studied as part of the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach Carp Research project in partnership with Bush Heritage Australia, NSW DPI (Fisheries) and the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. For more information about the UMDR Carp Research project go to: www.upperbidgeereach.org.au or contact Antia (UMDR Facilitator) on 0429 778 633.

Public Holidays & other fishy events for your calendar

ANSA Lake Lyell Convention:	15-17 May 2015
Bega Brogo Tathra Outing:	16-17 May 2015
Narooma Outing:	6-8 June 2015
Queen's Birthday:	8 June 2015

2014-2015 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
16th – 17th May	Bega/Brogo	12th
6th – 8th June	Narooma	9th
11th – 12th July	Ulladulla	14th
15th – 16th August	Buckenderra	11th – AGM
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