

Newsletter

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Winner of the December photo comp



Phil Lawrence: More bycatch, this time Threadfin Salmon. I won't admit to this one being caught while the rod was in the holder..... :)

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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

I hope you are all enjoying the Australia Day long weekend. Right now, a handful of our members are enjoying the pleasant climes of Lake Tuross. Hopefully, the fishing will meet up to its usual high standards this weekend.

In our January newsletter, we have a write of our first outing for 2018, the Carpathon, and the recent release of 41,000 fingerlings into Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra and Upper Stranger Pond, as well as Jon Vogel's article on the 80th Tollgate Island Classic. You will also find details of the Nowra Convention which will be held on 16-18 February 2018, and our guest speakers for the February and March General Meetings.

As most would be aware, ANSA NSW celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. Fifty years is a major milestone for any association or organisation. ANSA continues to be a leader in promoting sport, conservation and integrity. The ANSA NSW committee is in the throes of organising several special events and competitions this year to celebrate ANSA NSW's birthday.

To begin, ANSA NSW will target its conventions and will offer each registered ANSA member who fishes an ANSA NSW Convention in 2018, a chance to win a prize simply for entering into a convention.

The scheduled 2018 ANSA NSW Conventions are:

- Nowra Convention
- Narooma Convention
- Sydney Sportfishing Tournament
- South Coast Convention
- Lake Lyell Convention
- Glenbawn Dam Convention
- Burrinjuck Convention

Fish all seven ANSA NSW Conventions in 2018 and have seven chances of winning.

There will be seven winners, one from each ANSA NSW Convention for 2018 who will receive a prize. These seven winning ANSA members will then go into a major draw to win the grand prize.

The official launch for this particular promotion is scheduled for the first week in February 2018, so stay tuned for more details to come.

Not only is ANSA celebrating fifty years, but the Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club is hosting its 50th ANSA Narooma Convention next March. Our Club often walks away with the 'Silver' Medal at the Narooma Convention – to help our prospect of claiming Gold this year, I've asked Glen Malam to give us his tips and tricks for fishing the ANSA Conventions and 12-month Competition at our February General Meeting.

At a more local level, there is a lot happening in the ACT. Firstly, submissions for the ACT Government's review of the *Fisheries Act 2000* are due on 5 February 2018. I'll admit that I've not started on writing the Club's submission. On the other hand, I've not received anyone's feedback or comments of the review so far, so I'm not sure what you're all expecting me to write on your behalf. Amanda Slade from the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate gave a great presentation on the review. If you missed the presentation, then jump on the [ACT Government's Have Your Say web page on the Review of the Fisheries Act 2000](#).

Secondly, consultations on the possible release of the Carp Herpes Virus has now reached Canberra. I will be attending a stakeholder workshop, together with a representative from the Canberra Anglers Association and ACT Fly Fishers on 19 February 2018. This will be followed by a public information session later that evening at 6 pm at the Ainslie Football Club. You can find more information at the [ACT Government's Have Your Say webpage on the National Carp Control Plan](#).

I don't have much more information about the workshop let alone an agenda. However, I suspect the ACT Government will be wanting to know whether our Club has any concerns about the virus, what we know about the virus, what our club can do to assist in the release of the virus and the aftermath, and what support our Club will need to do this.

In the meantime, I encourage everyone to visit the NCCP website at www.carp.gov.au, and pass on any concerns or questions you would like the Club to raise on your behalf at the workshop next February. The Club also has its own [FAQ on the Cyprinid herpesvirus 3](#).

Thirdly, the ACT Government has released a draft Aquatic and Riparian Conservation Strategy. The Strategy outlines how the ACT Government proposes to conserve and manage ACT's waterways including action plans for seven threatened aquatic species:

- Two-spined Blackfish
- Macquarie Perch
- Murray River Crayfish
- Silver Perch
- Trout Cod
- Murrumbidgee Bossiaea
- Tuggeranong Lignum

Submissions close on 11 March 2018, it is important that the Club has its say and I encourage everyone to read the draft strategy and send me your comments. You can find out more information at the [ACT Government's Have Your Say webpage on the Aquatic and Riparian Conservation Strategy](#).

Finally, it pays to attend our meetings – Sarah Borman's membership number came up in the December Lucky Member's Draw. Fortunately, she was there and claimed the \$75 cash prize. The Lucky Member's Draw went back to \$25 in January and went unclaimed. The Lucky Member's Draw will be worth \$50 at our February general meeting.

Anthony Heiser
President



Secretary's Report

Happy New Year!! ... it has been a quiet month this month for me from a secretary's point of view with not a lot to report.

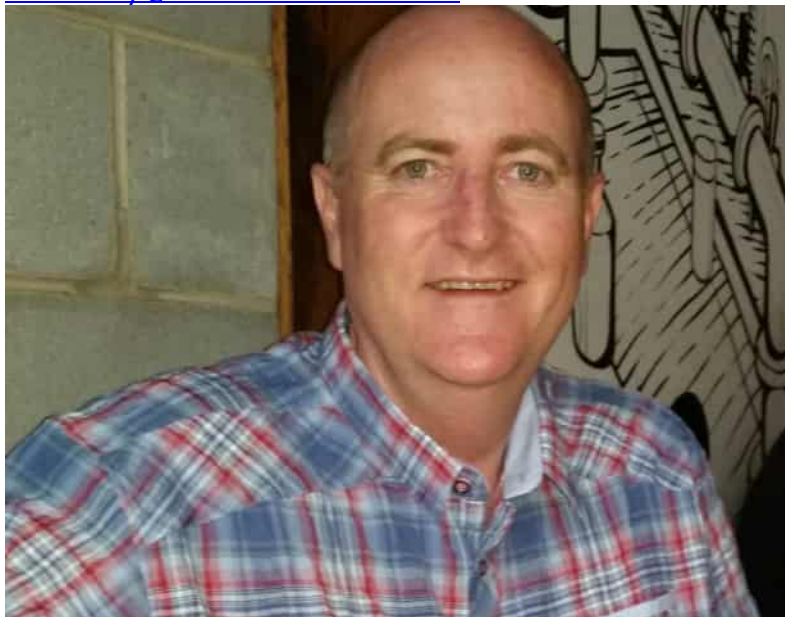
At our last general meeting, there was an interesting talk to members by Amanda Slade from the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate regarding the upcoming review of the *Fisheries Act 2000*. Many of our members expressed ideas that they have for the review. But keep in mind that if you have comments you would like to put forward regarding the fisheries review, please pass them onto Anthony or myself so we can collate them into a group response.

I enjoyed the Carpathon that was recently held at Bowen Park, the wind on the day was not the best but we still had a good turnout of 25 people with a mixture of existing and guests turning up. I only caught a few Redfin on the day but there were some carp being caught and I think everyone enjoyed the day getting out and doing some local fishing.

For anyone who has not renewed their Club membership yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on everything our Club has to offer. You can renew your membership through the Club's web site, at a monthly meeting or via mail by downloading a membership form from the website.

Lindsay Steele
Secretary

secretary@canberrafishos.com



Recorder's Report

Hi Everyone

I hope that you have been able to wet a line in over the Christmas period and been skilful enough to get some good catches.

I am not receiving any capture sheets so if you have been lucky enough to catch a fish, please get the recordings in to me as it has been a slow year to date. You can email those captures to me at either recorder@canberrafishos.com or my personal account of mickpeel@tpg.com.au.

As I am writing this report, it is another 38 degree day in Canberra. We have just over a month left of summer so soon the temperature will be milder. While we still have daylight for a number of hours after work, I encourage you to try out the local lakes or rivers on your way home from work. I have not been flooded with capture sheets over the Christmas period so I hope that is not an indication of either the amount of fishing that is occurring or how difficult the fish are to find over this period.

I was lucky enough to go out for a fish with John Bosch to Googong late December and I was skilful (read lucky) to capture my PB cod of 94 cm (my new profile picture). A special thankyou to the skipper of the Minnow for being an excellent guide and a very skilful netter. A couple of happy snaps and the fish was returned to be captured another day.

I was fishing 6 lb which is far too light for these larger cod. Since then I have purchased a baitcaster, after some good advice from John Vogel, and will spool it with line that is better suited for fishing for cod.

I though seeing we are just over the half way mark for the club competition I would mention a few statistics. So far, we have recorded the following:

Total Captures	153
Barramundi	12
Trout	32
Australian Salmon	3
European Carp	21
Golden Perch	43

Mick Peel



Club Championship

Open

Angela Hartley	283	
John Bosch	266	
Mick Jewry	228	
Steve Bailey	221	
Brian Stacy	170	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Ladies

Karen Malam	58	
Narelle Tate	34	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Junior

Bryce Hartley	93	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
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Land Based

Karen Malam	58
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Fresh Water

Angela Hartley	283
John Bosch	232
Mick Jewry	228
Steve Bailey	221
Lindsay Steele	94

Salt Water

John Bosch	34
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Most Versatile Angler

John Bosch	8	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Mick Jewry	6	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Angela Hartley	5	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Steve Bailey	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Brian Stacy	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

Salt Water Length *(Australian Salmon)*

Lindsay Steele	960
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Fresh Water Length *(Atlantic Salmon, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout)*

Steve Bailey	5,140
Mick Jewry	2,160
John Martin	1,680
Glen Malam	1,125
Lindsay Steele	835

Tagging Award

Board Fish - Weight

Albacore	17.00 kg	Brian Stacy
Barramundi	4.00 kg	John Vogel
Brown Trout	1.17 kg	Glen Malam
Brown Trout	1.17 kg	Karen Malam
Coral Trout	1.61 kg	Ben Lemmon
European Carp	4.63 kg	John Bosch
Gold Spot Cod	6.05 kg	Chris Lemmon
Golden Perch	3.56 kg	Angela Hartley
Red Throated Emperor	1.18 kg	Ben Lemmon
Redfin Perch	0.68 kg	Narelle Tate
Samson Fish	3.32 kg	Ben Lemmon
Snapper	6.06 kg	Ben Lemmon
Southern Bluefin Tuna	18.00 kg	Brian Stacy
Spangled Emperor	1.88 kg	Ben Lemmon
Wa Jewfish	1.30 kg	Chris Lemmon
Yellowfin Bream	0.56 kg	John Bosch

Board Fish - Length

Australian Salmon	520 mm	Lindsay Steele
Barramundi	1040 mm	John Vogel
Bronze Whaler Shark	830 mm	Brian Stacy
Brook Trout	335 mm	Glen Malam
Brown Trout	560 mm	Steve Bailey
Coral Trout	520 mm	Ben Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	440 mm	Mick Jewry
Emperor	340 mm	Chris Lemmon
Estuary Perch	440 mm	Mick Jewry
Gold Spot Cod	760 mm	Chris Lemmon
Golden Perch	540 mm	Ty Schneider
Murray Cod	940 mm	Michael Peel
Rainbow Trout	410 mm	Mick Jewry
Red Throated Emperor	450 mm	Ben Lemmon
Silver Trevally	355 mm	Mick Jewry
Snapper	800 mm	Ben Lemmon
Spangled Emperor	540 mm	Ben Lemmon
Tusk Fish	520 mm	Ben Lemmon
Wa Jewfish	520 mm	Chris Lemmon
Yellowfin Bream	335 mm	John Bosch

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

4.63 kg on 2 kg

John Bosch

Blue Water

Albacore

17.00 kg on 15 kg

Brian Stacy

Estuary

Yellowfin Bream

0.56 kg on 2 kg

John Bosch

Shark or Ray

Bronze Whaler Shark

0.00 kg on 6 kg

Chris Head

All Tackle Championship

Open

Mick Jewry	17
Steve Bailey	12
Lindsay Steele	10
Glen Malam	9
John Bosch	9
John Martin	9

Junior

Bryce Hartley	4
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Fishing news and competitions

Guest speaker for the February General Meeting: Glen Malam – Fishing the ANSA comps

Speaker: Glen Malam

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2018

Venue: Eastlakes Football Club
3 Oxley St, Griffith



With ANSA celebrating its 50th Anniversary, ANSA NSW is offering additional prizes for those who compete in the ANSA Convention Circuit in the 2018 calendar year. And there is still time to claim a spot in the ANSA 12-month Competition for 2017-18. It would be special to have our Club represented at this year's ANSA NSW Presentation Dinner.

The first ANSA Convention for 2018 will be held at Nowra on 16-18 February 2018 and now is the time to get serious about sportsfishing. And no one in our Club could be better qualified to give us tips and tricks on how to fish the ANSA Comps than our own Glen Malam.

Glen is the Club's former President and Recorder, the 1995-96 and 2013-14 Club Champion, and holds the current NSW State Line Class Records for Albacore on 4 kg and 6 kg in the Sportsfishing Division, the NSW All-Tackle Length Record for Atlantic Salmon, and the National and NSW Line Class Record for Brook Trout on 1 kg in the Landbased Gamefishing Division. He has also claimed a number of awards in the ANSA NSW 12-month competition over the years.

The ANSA NSW 2018 Calendar



ANSA NSW Calendar 2018

Issue 2, 6th November 2017. Note that contact details for each convention are subject to change without notice.

January	Happy New Year	July	
February	16/17/18 - Nowra Convention Hosted by Nowra Sportfishing Club Contact: Faye Hanson: Tel: 0244439748 Mob: 0410 422 263 E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com	August	
March	9/10/11 - Narooma Convention Hosted by Narooma Sport & Gamefishing Club Contact: Les Waldock Mob: 0411 392 608 23/24/25 - Sydney Sportfishing Tournament Hosted by South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association & St George Sportfishing Club Contact: Tony Steiner Mob: 0412 611 778	September	1 Sep ANSA NSW AGM, Delegates' Meeting & Presentation 14/15/16 - Glenbawn Convention Hosted by Newcastle Sportfishing Club Contact: Greg McFarlane Mob: 0435 222 861 Eddie Sitarz Mob: 0428 294 176
April	1 April - Happy Easter Sunday 13/14/15 April - South Coast Convention Hosted by Euro Fishing Association Adam Martin Email: makitaman82@hotmail.com	October	
May	25/26/27 May - Lake Lyell Convention Hosted by Sea Bees Boating Club Contact: Rob Sinclair Mob: 0487017018 Email: sydneyseabees@gmail.com	November	2/3/4 Nov- Burrinjuck Convention Hosted by Canberra Fisherman's Club Contact: Canberra FC info@canberrafishos.com
June		December	Merry Christmas

ANSA NSW Convention Memo to Clubs



Australian National Sportfishing Association N.S.W. Branch

PO BOX 481 MATRAVILLE NSW 2036

MEMO

TO: All Club Secretaries
FROM: ANSA NSW State Executive
DATE: 5th January 2018
SUBJECT: ANSA NSW Convention Entrants 2018.

RE: ANSA NSW CONVENTION MEMO

With the 2018 ANSA NSW Conventions kicking in to top gear it is critical that all ANSA NSW Clubs ensure that membership fees are paid to ANSA NSW a minimum of 7 days prior to any Convention their members are fishing.

With the ANSA NSW Convention Circuit, 12 Month Competition and Sporting Injuries Insurance to coordinate, the ANSA NSW Executive needs to ensure all participants who fish under the ANSA NSW banner are financial.

In order to assist the Host Clubs, ANSA NSW will be providing a current membership list to all ANSA NSW Convention Host Clubs in the week prior to their Convention commencing.

It is mandatory that when a Host Club accepts Club registrations a full list of competitors and their current ANSA number and status MUST be provided by each competing club to the Host Club, when registering their entrants and these be cross checked with the current list ANSA NSW provides.

This process will ensure that those ANSA NSW members who choose to fish the Conventions are covered by Insurance and are eligible to participate in the array of annual competitions.

Whilst the intention is to ensure all ANSA NSW members that fish Conventions are covered by Insurance, ANSA NSW will do its best to assist Clubs in ensuring their member's fees are processed and ANSA numbers issued in a quick and efficient manner in the lead up to any Convention.

Regards,

J. Garufi
Secretary/Club Liaison Officer
ANSA NSW
Mob: 0417 491 868

INCORPORATING – SPORTFISHING NSW AND NEWTAG

The ANSA Nowra Convention: 16-18 February 2018



NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC. ANNUAL SPORTFISHING CONVENTION 16th 17th & 18th February 2018



The Committee and Members of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. invite anglers who are financial members of a club affiliated with ANSA to compete in the Nowra Sportfishing Convention at the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park on 16th 17th & 18th February 2018

Anglers wishing to participate who are not affiliated with ANSA NSW are welcome to compete, but are not eligible to compete for Trophy Categories other than those indicated as Other Angler Trophy Categories. Nowra Sportfishing Club membership is available

1. ACCOMMODATION:

People requiring accommodation contact the Crookhaven Heads Tourist Park, phone 4447 2849 or toll free 1300733026 and book early.

2. CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. Committee is sole adjudicators of all aspects of the Convention and Rules, their decision shall be final. However, you may seek clarification from the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) if required.

3. ENTRY:

Made by submitting a completed entry form together with the appropriate fees or copy of EFT Receipt, as detailed on the entry form, to the Secretary, NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC, PO Box 2079, BOMADERRY NSW 2541

4. REGISTRATION:

Competitors must register at Convention Base located at Caravan Park, Crookhaven Heads prior to commencing fishing.

5. FISHING RULES:

Fish are to be Captured, Tagged and Released in accordance with ANSA Rules and Regulations as are in effect at the time of this convention, with the exception to the following:

🐟 **1 kg line class will not be eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention.**

🐟 **Rays are not eligible for this convention.**

🐟 **Sharks are eligible for tag and release only.** (Sharks and Rays may be weighed for individual master points)

All lines, doubles, traces or leaders may be subject to measurement as weigh masters and recorders see fit. It is not the intention of this rule to cast aspersions on the integrity of the anglers.

6. CONVENTION BRIEFING:

A Convention Briefing will take place on Thursday 15th February 2018 at 8:00 pm at the Convention Base located at the Caravan Park for competitors regarding rules, weather conditions and restrictions on any events due to inclement weather.

7. CONVENTION BOUNDARIES:

Northern: due east of Blackhead, and Southern: due east of the entrance into Sussex Inlet.

8. FISHING TIMES AND WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES:

Fishing begins 6:00am on Friday 16th and may continue until twelve noon on Sunday 18th February 2018. The weigh station opens 4:00 pm Friday 16th and closes Sunday 18th February 2018 at 12:00 midday sharp.

To be eligible for convention points, fish or tags must be in the roped off area and under control of the Weighmaster by that time

9. PROTESTS:

Any protest must be in writing and handed to a member of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. committee by no later than 12.30 pm Sunday. The Convention Committee's decision shall be final. All tackle involved in a protest shall be held by the Tournament Committee for further clarification until the protest is resolved.




10. POINT SCORE:

Capture Points awarded using the current ANSA Point Score System, to be eligible for convention points captures must score a minimum of 50 ANSA points. Juniors and sub-juniors must score a minimum of 30 points. The formula for the calculation of points is:

$$\frac{(\text{MASS (kg)} \times 100 \times \text{Factor})}{\text{LINE CLASS (kg)}}$$

Tag and release points are awarded in accordance with the ANSA system for tagging masters using game Fish tags on eligible species...

11. CONVENTION TROPHIES:

-  1 kg line class is not eligible in the Blue Water section of the convention.
-  It is the policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. that **“ONE FISH ONE TROPHY”**.
-  Anglers must nominate the section they wish to enter their fish in, e.g. Open, Lady, Junior or Sub-junior. Final decisions on all awards shall be at the discretion of the Convention Committee, whose decision shall be final.

12. CONVENTION TROPHY CATEGORIES:

BLUEWATER GAME: This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters. **The waters inside Jervis Bay are offshore waters and shall be included in this section.**

ROCKS:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a rocky outcrop, ledge or headland anywhere on the oceanfront. The rocks inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section. **FOR SAFETY PLEASE WEAR LIFE JACKETS**

ESTUARY:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from the shore or vessel in estuary waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

BEACH:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from sand or gravel beaches, coves and bars anywhere on the oceanfront. **The beaches inside Jervis Bay shall be included in this section.**

CATCH & RELEASE LENGTH ONLY

These trophies are competed for an individual angler basis only. All fish must be of legal size.

The eligible species are Snapper, Bream, Flathead, Australian Salmon and Luderick.

All fish are required to be measured & released in good health.

Proof of catch and release will consist of a photo of the fish laying on an approved measuring mat clearly showing the full fish and measurement. The photo must be presented to the weights recorder at time of entering the fish.

LADIES:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by a lady angler fishing from the shore or a vessel. **Should a lady angler win any of the open sections, she shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

JUNIOR:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 16 years of age at the time of the capture. **Should a junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

SUB-JUNIOR:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 10 years of age at the time of capture. **Should a sub-junior angler win any of the open sections, she/he shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.**

CHAMPION CLUB:

This trophy is for the club with the highest aggregate point score. Aggregate point scores will be evaluated as follows:

- 🏆 The five (5) highest point scoring fish in each section are awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis.
- 🏆 Tag and release shall be the five (5) highest point scoring anglers.
- 🏆 Points awarded in each section shall be totalled, the club having the highest aggregate shall win.

MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE:

This capture will be decided upon by the convention committee. It need not be a winner of any section. The tackle, conditions and any extenuating circumstances will be considered in the decision, so please give the recorder all details of capture.

TAG & RELEASE:

This trophy is competed by an individual angler. The angler with the highest tag & Release aggregate point score wins, except Champion Club where it shall be five (5) highest point scoring anglers.

NON-ANSA AFILIATED ANGLERS:

This trophy is for the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from land or vessel, in estuary waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

14. TIED RESULT:

With exception to the "Champion Club" category, "FIRST PAST THE POST" resolves a tied result.

15. CONVENTION CIRCUIT CATEGORIES:

The six (6) angling categories for the convention circuit for this convention are:
Blue Water, Game, Rocks, Estuary Beach, Ladies, Junior

SAFETY:

The seaworthiness of vessels is the responsibility of the Captains and their crews. Vessels putting to sea do so at their own risk. All vessels must comply with the safety requirements as laid down at any time by the Roads and Maritime Authority Any "Skipper" and Crew not complying with the regulations will risk disqualification.

WEAR LIFE JACKETS when fishing from rock platforms that are subject to tide and wave action.

The Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. and the NSW branch of ANSA will not be responsible for any accidents or injury during the entire convention and competitors enter entirely at their own risk.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

We STRONGLY RECOMMEND that all competing vessels log on daily with Shoalhaven Marine Rescue on VHF16, 27.88 MHz or by use of the MRNSW PHONE APP.

The convention committee will monitor VHF73 and 27.940 for personal messages and progress reports, call sign "CONVENTION BASE" or Mobile 0410422263

17. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Presentation of the Convention Trophies will commence 1:00 pm approximately on Sunday, includes the Lucky Anglers Draw, (see notes to remember), and a sausage sizzle.

18. CONVENTION CONTACTS:

President: Barry Preston, Mobile: 0402300240








Secretary: Faye Hanson, Phone/Fax: 44439748 Mobile: 0410422263: E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com

19. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Saturday evening 17th SPIT ROAST and RAFFLE at Convention Base all welcome

Sunday 18th 1:00 pm (approximately) Trophy Presentation, RAFFLE, SAUSAGE SIZZEL.

NOTES TO REMEMBER:

-  As members of an ANSA club, you are requested to observe etiquette on and off the water
-  Competitors must comply with the rules and regulations as laid down by Statutory Authorities.
-  To be eligible for convention points, fish or tags must be in the roped off area and under control of the Weighmaster by 12noon Sunday.
-  The policy of the Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc. is that one fish shall win only one trophy.
-  Each angler may be queried on the brand and labelled breaking strain of their line. If any doubt exists in the mind of the committee, sampling may be requested, and trophy withheld pending official testing.
-  Fish tails are marked when weighed, so please identify your fish in some other manner.
-  To be eligible for the Lucky Angler Draw anglers must be present at the Convention Presentation on Sunday



**NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.
ANNUAL SPORTFISHING CONVENTION
16th 17th & 18th February 2018**



ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE:

Senior: \$40.00

Junior / Sub - Junior: \$12.00

CLUB:

CLUB CONTACT: **PHONE N^o**

ANSA N ^o	Surname	Given Names	SM, SL, J, SJ	Paid

Note: Please return the completed Entry Form together with the appropriate fees or copy of EFT receipt to:

**The Secretary,
Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc.
PO Box 2079 BOMADERRY NSW 2541**

Convention Contacts for further details:

President: Barry Preston, Mobile: 0402300240

Secretary: Faye Hanson Phone/Fax: 02 44439748, E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com

Payment by EFT details:

Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc.

BSB: 082-762

Account N^o: 69098-5336

Carp Virus Information Session: 19 February 2018



ACT
Government

CARP VIRUS

INFORMATION SESSION

Did you know carp make up 80 per cent of the total weight of fish in many Australian waterways? A national project is underway exploring the possible release of a virus to control carp populations. Find out more and let us know your views on the proposed release of the carp virus to help with local and national planning.

- » **What:** Carp virus community briefing session
- » **When:** Monday 19 February 2018, 6pm to 8pm
- » **Where:** Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie

Find out more www.yoursay.act.gov.au/fish



NATIONAL CARP CONTROL PLAN
RESTORING NATIVE BIODIVERSITY

Guest speaker for March 2018 General Meeting: Brett Richards – Chasing Flathead and Tailor in SGB

Chasing Flathead & Tailor in SGB

Speaker: Brett Richards
Fishing Guide
Bay & Basin Sportsfishing

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Venue: Eastlakes Football Club
3 Oxley St, Griffith

The Canberra Fisherman's Club invites members and visitors to Brett Richard's presentation on chasing Flathead in St Georges Basin. This is a good opportunity for those attending our April Outing in St Georges Basin to learn new tips and tricks on chasing Flathead and Tailor in this wonderful fishery.

Brett Richards is a fishing guide at Bay and Basin Sportsfishing (www.bbsf.com.au) and he has a deep-seated affinity for the largely pristine estuaries along the NSW south coast. With an inquiring mind, he is constantly developing and refining the most efficient and effective techniques for casting lures to the species that inhabit these beautiful waterways, and enjoys sharing these techniques with fellow sport fishers.

Brett is also the President of the Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association of Australia (PFIGA) and a fishing guide at National Capital Sportsfishing (www.canberrasportfishing.com.au).

News & Stories

The Carpathon: 14 January 2018

by Anthony Heiser



Edward Butt lands the first fish for the day: 1.64 kg European Carp.

The Club's first outing for 2018 took place on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin at Bowen Park. Although attendance at the outing got off to a slow start, we ended up with 25 members and friends to chase those elusive Carp.

Edward Butt landed the first fish of the day – a 1.64 kg European Carp, giving Edward the lead in the heaviest fish overall and heaviest fish junior boy. Minutes later, new member Aaron Jacob was reeling in the second fish for the Carpathon – this time, a European Carp tipping 1.31 kg on the scales.



Aaron Jacob reeling in the second fish for the day.

Meanwhile, the fishing was a little slow for the rest of us. Mick Jewry and myself landed three Redfin Perch, the combined weight of which did not exceed 100 grams.

Mick also tried his hand on fishing 2 kg line class, only to get smoked by something large and unseen.

Lindsay and Alex Steele took some time out of fishing to feed the ducks, which worked well as those ducks were playing with my fishing line earlier on.



Aaron Jacob with a 1.31 kg Carp



Lindsay and Alex feeding the ducks.



Ducklings looking for a feed.



Mick Peel and Steve Bailey cooking lunch.



Rip Van Winkle catching up on some sleep.



Denise Borman lands the heaviest fish for the outing, weighing 1.87 kg



David Tipping tips the scale with a 1.77 kg Mirror Carp.

As the day continued, the weather started to get more overcast and the wind picked up, resulting in the capture sheets getting blown all over Bowen Park on a couple of occasions. However, the fish still were still biting. Lindsay landed a midget Redfin, Caden Douglas took the lead with heaviest fish overall with his 1.7 kg European Carp, only to be overtaken by Denise Borman who landed a 1.87 kg Carp. David Tipping landed the last two fish for the afternoon: a 1.77 kg Mirror Carp followed by a 0.56 kg Mirror Carp.

Fishing ended at 2.00 pm and the winners were as follows:

Heaviest Carp Senior Lady:	Denise Borman (1.87 kg European Carp)
Heaviest Carp Senior Male:	David Tipping (1.77 kg European Carp)
Heaviest Carp Junior Girl:	Not awarded
Heaviest Carp Junior Boy:	Caden Douglas (1.7 kg European Carp)
Encouragement Award:	Paige Rogers
Champion Team:	Tipping Cousins (David and Daniel Tipping with a combined catch of 2.33 kg of Carp)

Seven Carp and four Redfin were weighed in, with a couple fish dropped. Moving the event from 10 am to 8 am appears to have paid off. While the fishing was a little slow, the Carpathon was a great way for members to catch up after the end of the festive season. Hopefully, next year's Carpathon will see more fish caught.



Caden Douglas with a 1.7 kg Carp.

Large scale release of 41,000 small scale fingerlings in Canberra's waterways

By Anthony Heiser



Peter Beutel, CEO of the National Capital Authority, releasing some of the 18,413 Murray Cod fingerlings into Lake Burley Griffin

It's that time of year again when your hard work selling raffle tickets and running the Carp-Out culminates in the release of native fish fingerlings in our local lakes

On 18 January 2017, the Canberra Fisherman's Club and the National Capital Authority released 18,413 Murray Cod fingerlings at Acacia Inlet, Lake Burley Griffin. Our contribution was \$4000, which purchased 6349 Murray Cod fingerlings.

The ACT Government also released 21,000 Murray Cod fingerlings into Lake Ginninderra, as well as 1000 Murray Cod fingerlings and 1000 Golden Perch fingerlings into Upper Stranger Pond.

The release of the 2000 fingerlings at Upper Stranger Pond was attended by Peter Beutel, CEO of the National Capital Authority; the Hon Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for the Environment and Heritage; Mark Jekabson and others from the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate; members of the public who saw our invitation to attend the event on our Facebook Page, and distinguished members of the world press (WIN News, ABC News, and the Canberra Times).

The ACT Government stocked Upper Stranger Pond after it drained the pond, removed 2.6 tonnes of Carp, re-snagged it with tree stumps and root balls, and filled it back up again. Since Thursday, the ACT Government has had to release a little bit of water from the pond. However, Daniel Iglesias, Acting Executive Director of Environment Division, emailed me on

19 January 2018 assuring me that this *'by no means impacts the fingerlings'* and the Directorate *'will watch levels carefully over the next four weeks during the works upstream.'*

Since 2008, the Carp-Out has raised \$31,000 for Rise Above Capital Region Cancer Relief (formerly the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own) and \$30,000 for fish stocking. In addition, the annual fish stocking raffle raised an additional \$30,000. This has enabled the Club to partner with the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority to release over 460,000 Yellow Belly and Murray Cod fingerlings in Canberra's urban lakes.

To read more see:

[WIN News Canberra's video](#)

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Right: Minister Mick Gentleman being interviewed about the release of fingerlings; Left: Anthony Heiser releasing fingerlings into Upper Stranger Pond



Murray Cod fingerlings about to be released into Lake Burley Griffin.

Fond Memories of the 80th Anniversary Tollgates Classic (Batemans Bay, 19-21 January 2018)

Words by Jon Vogel / Pictures by Anthony Heiser & Jon Vogel

Captain Brian accompanied on the good ship Day Off 2 by scurvy crew Anthony & Jon, a team which was to become affectionately known by us as The Donut Kings.



Jon reeling in a 40 cm Flathead.

Having arrived in Bateman's Bay mid-afternoon Thursday with time up our sleeve, I took up Anthony's offer to borrow a rod and join him to explore a local waterway near Brian's house.

After a slow start on the ocean side of the sand bar due to weed constantly fouling the hook, what then followed on the estuary side was nothing short of my best session on soft plastics, and certainly among the most enjoyable land-based Flathead sessions in a very long time.





Anthony drenched head to toe from the wash of a larger boat that overtook us at the bar crossing on Friday morning. While Anthony eventually dried out, his digital SLR did not and was permanently ruined.

Eight Flathead between 38.0-46.5 cm caught & released in just under an hour, plus a few tiddlers hardly worth mentioning.

Oh, and just for the record, Anthony caught five Flathead of similar size – the largest of which I reluctantly concede just pipped me by a skerrick at 47 cm.

However, after all that unexpected excitement on Thursday afternoon, when we commenced fishing for Marlin the following day – which was, after all, our primary objective – everything was the exact opposite.

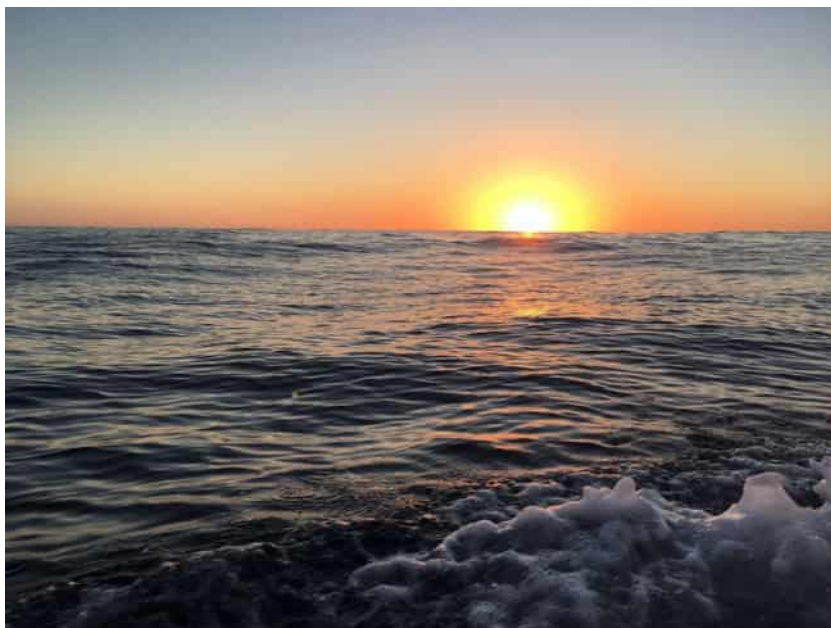
That is, by comparison, first impressions were that Marlin fishing was a rather sedate and uneventful cruise – but one which was all new and totally unique to me, and definitely a rare opportunity not to be missed.

Each of the three days in competition started with breakfast at 4 am and a pre-dawn launch in the dark, followed by an hour or more travelling at full speed of up to 30 knots to the designated Marlin hotspot du jour. Competition fishing would then commence at 6 am and consisted of trolling skirted lures & natural skip baits (slimy mackerel, care of bait-master Anthony) on five 15 kg & 24 kg stand-up rods, at speeds of between 4 and 8 knots (1500-1800 rpm).

Results throughout the day were called in on an 'as needed' basis, and formal "Sked Checks" were conducted every two hours when the entire fleet was required to report their present boat position according to a designated map grid, and also the cumulative boat tally based on a Strike/Fight/Tag numbering system, where no result was often called in as "all donuts".

Calls for 'Last Marlin' were made at 4:30 pm sharp at which point the fleet, apart from those who'd previously radioed-in as still being in the fight, would return to port at a slightly more sedate pace of 20 knots due to driving into a sloppy, steeply rising NE seas.

Distance covered on a typical day was about 75 nm which equated to about 100 litres fuel being consumed by *Day Off 2's* smooth running 150 hp Yamaha which didn't miss a beat the



Sunrise over the Tasman Sea.



Jon Vogel hooked up with 80 kg of Striped Marlin explodes through the water on Sunday morning.

whole time; or quite a bit more in the rougher conditions encountered on Saturday which resulted in a fuel bill of 140 litres.

Weather across the entire weekend was hot, with moderate to gusty NE winds. Sea conditions were lumpy at best rising to condition red rough on Sunday, with chop and short period swells at 2.0-3.0 m a constant companion.

And since I'm prone to sea sickness even on a mill pond, I need to remain heavily dosed-up with anti-seasickness tablets which then tends to dull the senses, especially when also sleep deprived, though this is definitely the lesser of two evils (just ask Anthony!) Another unfortunate side effect of taking strong anti-seasickness medication is that an end-of-day celebratory ale or two is highly inadvisable, and so it turned out to be three very dry days.

However, our well-oiled leisurely routine established over the first two days (daze?) of untroubled trolling, all changed in an instant when Mr S. Marlin finally decide to grace us with an unannounced visit at about 8 am on Sunday.

More by good luck than good management, I just happened to be closest to the port side out-rigger





Jon Vogel's Striped Marlin leaping out of the water. Can you spot Brian's yellow skirted lure hanging off the fish?

which went off like a rifle shot, and so I was up and into him in a flash. And given the speed of my reactions, perhaps not enjoying a few beers at the presentation dinner the night before was all about to pay off.

And for a time, it did with barely controlled chaos ensuing as Brian expertly manoeuvring the boat while at the same time offering encouragement and much needed instructions to a rank beginner, which I could barely hear above the roar of my own heart wildly pumping blood through an oxygen starved body. And all this time, Anthony had been quietly packing away rods, clearing the deck, and then capturing the moment.

And then, just as suddenly as it all had started, the wild action abruptly ceased with what can only be described in game fishing circles as a piscatorial calamity.

Having quite literally put in the hard yards for over 20 minutes without so much as a hiccup, and with the game almost won with leader in sight and tiring fish on the surface, I decided to take a brief but well-deserved breather before lightening the drag from fighting mode of 5-6 kg down to a lighter 3-4 kg in preparation for the final manoeuvres of tagging & releasing (which is where the real fun & games begin). And it was then without warning or provocation that the 15 kg IGFA rated main line just popped under very little pressure other than what was necessary to let Mr S. Marlin know who was boss.

The gig was up and all I could do was take a few moments to contemplate what had just happened as I rapidly came back down to earth still gasping for breath, while Brian & Anthony retrieved rods from the overhead rocket launcher and set about establishing the next trolling pattern ready to have another go.

Apart from Tuna, Striped Marlin are the primary game fish caught along the NSW Far South Coast, though a single Blue and a few Tuna were also reported out of nearly 90 captures

officially logged across three days. In a competition where the vast majority of fish are tagged, measured and released, deemed weight is based on prescribed weight-to-length tables. This means that a typical South Coast Striped Marlin in the 1.8 m-2.4 m range will be recorded as 40-90 kg.

Based on Anthony's photographic evidence, my Striped Marlin is estimated to be in the upper range of normal and so probably would have measured about 2.1-2.3 m. Or about 60-80 kg, which is well over 4 x the rated breaking strain of the IGFA approved 15 kg mainline.

Anyway, that's marlin fishing for you, but since a solid hook-up is such a rare event, and certainly something which I'm not likely to get another chance to repeat, it was a real bugger not to have been able to convert this opportunity of a lifetime into a life time of bragging rights. However, none of that will cloud my fond memories of getting so close on my maiden Marlin voyage.

As previously mentioned, and as the picture right below now prove – trolling for marlin can, to the untrained eye, seem a rather relaxed form of fishing because the action is few and far between which can then give the impression that there's very little to do other than burn fuel and search blindly ... and perhaps even catch a few Z's!

But there's actually a lot more to it than just sitting around waiting for a rod to go off since one is constantly scanning the rod tips and how the lures or baits were travelling as they skip along the pressure waves created by the hull. Plus, one is also searching for birds, checking the sounder for bait-balls, keeping an eye out for other vessels, as well as monitoring feeding seals and dolphins and being alert to any other sign which may indicate that a piscatorial predator is lurking below.

So, thank you Brian for inviting me on board, and thank you Anthony for being there to share the experience.

Over.



Your President sleeping on the job!



Total Length Award species for 2017-18

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2017-18, the target species are Australian Salmon for the Saltwater section and all Salmonoid species (which includes Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Atlantic Salmon and Chinook Salmon). The new target species applies from 1 July 2017.

The target species for the 2017-18 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Australian Salmon



Freshwater section: All Salmonoid species



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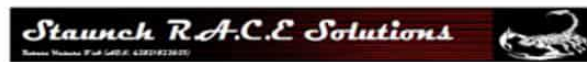
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Thank you to the sponsors of the 2017 Canberra Carp Out!

We thank you for support and for being such a big part of this year's event!



From the Editor

If you've been following our Facebook Page, you will probably notice I've been very busy this January.

I am yet to write the President's Report as I'm writing this report so I'm just going to be short and sweet.

A big thank you to the everyone who submitted photos to the December and January Photo Comps. I've been a bit slow posting the January photo comps on our website and I've posted them straight to the Previous Month photo gallery on our website.



Matt Pedrau from Otto's Tackle World Canberra has his hands full on most days and he is happy to relinquish his role as photo comp judge. We will see if we can find someone new to pick our monthly photo comp winners. In the meantime, the Committee will pick the winners of the monthly photo comp for now.

Please start sending me your entries for the February photo comp competition for a chance to win a \$20 Tackle World voucher if you are the monthly winner.

Following Phil Lawrence's suggestion at the December general meeting, the Committee has agreed to trial the following rules for the next 12 months:

- 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 holding their capture
- Minor image corrections and cropping is allowed provided this does not lead to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation of the photo
- The Committee reserves the right to exclude any entries it suspects has been subject to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation

We're not playing for oil wells or sheep stations so we trust there will be no motive for cheating in the monthly photo comp. The Committee will review how the new photo comp rules at the end of 2018.

Finally, if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details to info@canberrafishos.com. Also, a reminder for the lucky member number draw at each general meeting, you must be there to win the cash or it JACKPOTS each week until a winning member is present.

Anthony Heiser

December 2017 Photo Competition



Jon Vogel: Kinchant Kraft #1 – Petrol Powered Porta-Bote (capable of transporting two fishos in comfort on calm water)



Jon Vogel: Kinchant Kraft #2 – Paddle Powered Jackson Coosa Kayak (strictly one-up)



Phil Lawrence: Limmen Bight Barra - bycatch when chasing black-jewfish!

Winner of the December 2017 Photo Competition



Phil Lawrence: More bycatch, this time Threadfin Salmon. I won't admit to this one being caught while the rod was in the holder..... :)

As always, a huge thank you goes out to our major sponsor, Otto's Tackle World Canberra.



Thank you to everyone at OTWC for supporting this photo competition. More than that, thank you OTWC for the ongoing support extended to the Canberra Fisherman's Club throughout the fishing year. Not to mention, thank you for continually stocking such a great range of gear and always being happy to extend some of the best fishing advice available in Canberra.

2017-2018 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Monthly Meetings
17th-18th February	ANSA Nowra Convention	13th
9th-12th March	ANSA Narooma Convention	13th
7th-8th April	St Georges Basin	10th
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9th-11th June	Narooma	12th
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