



# **Newsletter**

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### **August-September 2017**

**Winner of the July Photo Competition**



**Ben Lemmon: Nice Samson Fish**

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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

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new 2017-18 Committee.

Thank you to those who put their hand up to be on this year's Committee. I am very grateful for their dedication and commitment to the Club. Our Committee members all have busy jobs and plenty of family commitments but have still taken the opportunity to volunteer their time to the Club. Without them, we would have no one to run our Club so please give them your support.

The new committee has already met and decided on holders for the following important club roles:

- Recorder and Tagging Officer: Mick Peel
- Editor: Anthony Heiser
- Web Master: Lindsay Steele
- Facebook Administrator: Anthony Heiser
- Property Officer: Mick Peel
- Outing Liaison Officer: John Martin
- Safety Officer: Chris Lemmon
- Activities Officer: Anthony Heiser
- Burrinjuck Chairperson: Sarah Borman
- Burrinjuck Sponsorship Officer: Mick Jewry

The new committee also discussed the future of the Canberra Carp-Out. The event has been running for ten years and has helped raise close to \$30,000 for native fish fingerlings for our local lakes. However, it is a lot of hard work and the committee considered whether it was worth continuing. The Club does not gain any financial benefit from running the event.

On the other hand, we are the only fishing club in Canberra raising money for stocking native fish in our lakes and this contribution is recognised outside our Club. As Glen mentioned in his President's Report at the AGM, whenever the media or the Government seeks feedback or comments on issues relating to our fisheries, they come to us. After much debate and discussion, the committee agreed to hold another Carp-Out in 2018. We will look at ways we can lighten the workload associated with the Carp-Out and to reduce the cost of running the event.

In addition, the Carp-Out fulfils one of the objectives under our Club's Constitution: to promote sportsfishing and foster the art of angling. While we have not been able to translate attendance at Carp-Out to increased club membership, encouraging more families to go fishing in Canberra will ensure fishing continues to remain a viable sport.

The committee has deferred the question of whether to hold another fish stocking raffle next year.

There are a lot of fishing competitions coming up – in particular, I encourage everyone to register for the South Coast Fishing Bonanza hosted by the Tomakin Fishing Club in the outing after Kalkite. It's not often that we get a new ANSA Convention and the prizes on offer are quite big.

There's more stuff I'd like to write about, including the ANSA AGM and Presentation Night hosted by the South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association on 26 August 2017. However, I am running out of spare time - I'm in the middle of a well-earned holiday so you will hear more from me when I return on 1 October 2017.

Finally, our ANSA Burrinjuck Convention is now around the corner. A lot of anglers from Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club and Wollongong Sportsfishing Club mentioned to me at the ANSA AGM and Presentation Night that they are looking forward to Burrinjuck. They all provided positive feedback about last year's Convention. I encourage everyone to lend a hand to our Burrinjuck Chair Sarah Borman and our Burrinjuck Sponsorship Officer Mick Jewry. We will start circulating rosters for Burrinjuck at the September General Meeting.

Keep safe on the water,

Anthony Heiser  
President





# Secretary's Report

The Annual General Meeting has come and gone again which means another year has passed us by. The AGM was held at Eastlakes Football Club, Griffith, on 9 August 2017. After the President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports, the executive and committee positions were declared vacant and Anthony Heiser presided over the election of the new executive and committee members. Congratulations to the new Committee appointed at the AGM:

- President: Anthony Heiser
- Vice President: Glen Malam
- Treasurer: Sarah Borman
- Secretary: Lindsay Steele
- Assistant Secretary: John Bosch
- Committee Members:
  - Mick Peel
  - Mick Jewry
  - Chris Lemmon
  - Steve Bailey
  - John Martin

Many thanks to outgoing President Glen Malam who has fortunately kindly agreed to stay on the Committee as Vice President. Many thanks also to outgoing committee members Greg Davis, Kevin Spriggs, and Alex Butler. They have made many contributions to the Club over the years and they will be missed.

With the change in the executive I have assumed the role of secretary and will try my best to manage the club's affairs as well as Kevin Spriggs did for the last year.

By the time the Newsletter is published and distributed, the Club's Presentation Night on 1 September 2017 will have been and gone. At the last count, we had 28 or 29 people RSVP so I'm looking forward to seeing the photos of the night in our next newsletter.

After the Presentation Night will be:

- 12 September 2017: September General Meeting
- 16-17 September 2017: Kalkite Outing
- 30 September – 1 October 2017: ANSA Tomakin Convention
- 10 October 2017: October General Meeting
- 4-5 November 2017: ANSA Burrinjuck Convention
- 2-3 December 2017: CFC – Morven Culcairn Inter-Club Challenge at Lake Burrinjuck
- 10 December 2017: CFC Christmas Party
- 12 December 2017: December General Meeting

## **Burrinjuck Convention: 3-5 November 2017**

The Club's own ANSA Burrinjuck Convention is on 3-5 November 2017. The Committee is working hard to make this a memorable event and we will be posting more information on the website and Facebook page as we get closer to the event.

## **Membership**

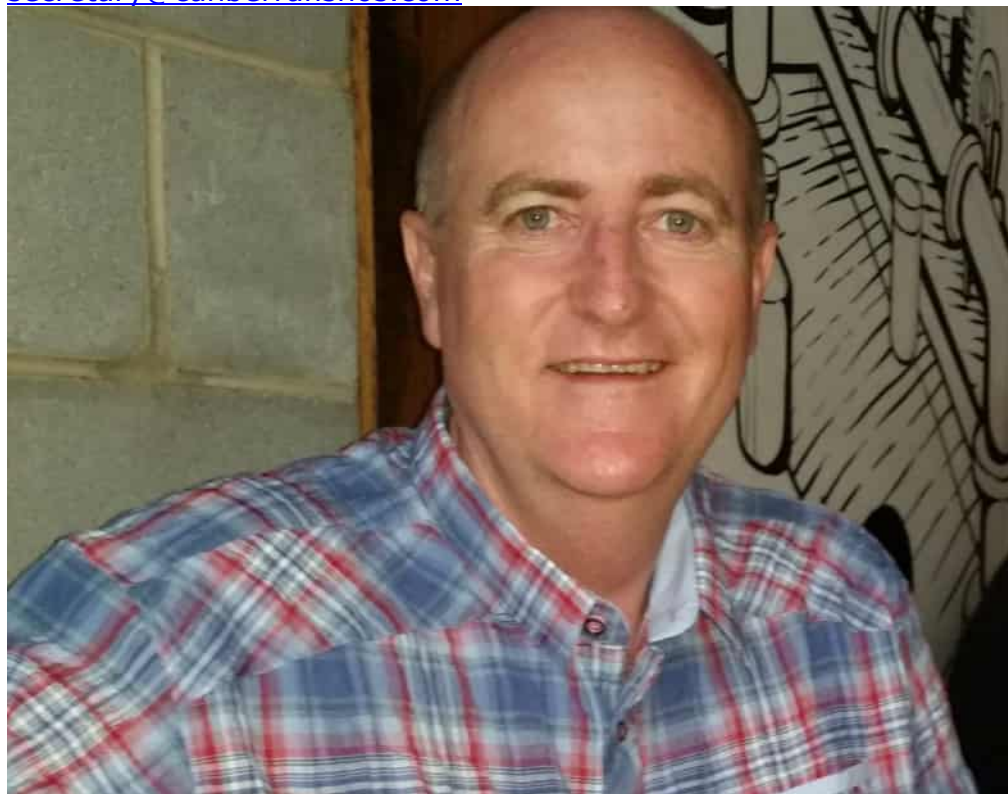
If you haven't renewed your CFC membership yet, the grace period has well and truly lapsed. Captures cannot be accepted from non-financial members so I encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible.

With the club spending money over the last few years on its website, more information is being uploaded and I encourage you to log in and have a look. Those that don't have or forgotten their logon details, email me ([secretary@canberrafishos.com](mailto:secretary@canberrafishos.com)) and I will reset your password.

Lindsay Steele

Secretary

[secretary@canberrafishos.com](mailto:secretary@canberrafishos.com)



# Recorder's Report

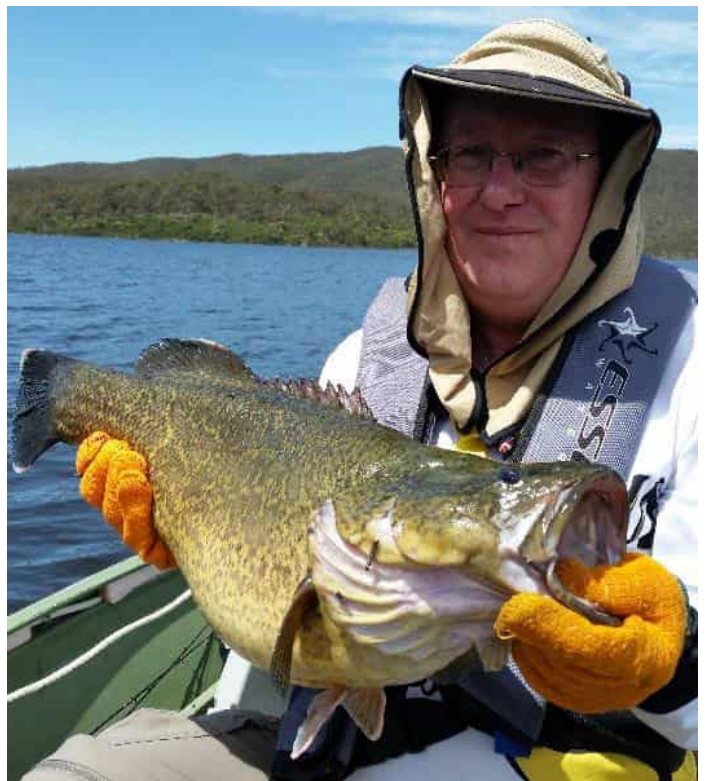
Hi Everyone

I hope that you have been able to wet a line in this past month and get some good catches. By the time you are reading this report our annual dinner will have occurred and I congratulate all prize winners.

The club has had two outings so far for this year's competition, but only a few fish have been caught or capture sheets submitted. I encourage you to put in your capture sheets so that you can be in the running for our yearly competition.

I have decided not to run a report on the current status of the competition until after the September outing, which I am looking forward to at Kalkite. I missed the last outing due to coming down with a cold but I understand that it was very cold out on the water at Eucumbene with Spring upon us I am hoping that it will be a bit warmer at Kalkite.

Mick Peel  
Recorder





## Soon to Expire Scales

3	Walton, Dave	Salter Super Angler	10 kg	11/09/2017
80	Davis, Greg	Rapala Digital	25 kg	11/09/2017
97	Walton, Dave	Shimano	45 kg	11/09/2017
106	Bailey, Steve	Rapala Digital	25 kg	11/09/2017
179	Heiser, Anthony	Ecooda	25 kg	11/09/2017

# Fishing news and competitions

## ANSA NSW Calendar 2017



### ANSA NSW CALENDAR 2017

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January	Happy New Year	July	
February	17/18/19 - Nowra Convention Hosted by Nowra Sportfishing Club Contact: Faye Hanson Tel: 0244439748 Mob: 0410 422 263 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:secretarynowrafc@gmail.com">secretarynowrafc@gmail.com</a>	August	26 ANSA NSW AGM, Delegates Meeting & Presentation
March	10/11/12 - Narooma Convention Hosted by Narooma Sport & Gamefishing Club Contact: Les Waldock Mob: 0411 392 608  17/18/19 - Sydney Sportfishing Tournament Hosted by South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association & St George Sportfishing Club Contact: Tony Steiner Mob: 0412 611 778	September	15/16/17 - Glenbawn Convention Hosted by Newcastle Sportfishing Club Contact: Greg McFarlane Mob: 0435 222 861 Eddie Sitarz Mob: 0428 294 176  29/30 & 1 <sup>st</sup> October - South Coast Convention Hosted by Tomakin Fishing Club Further Info: <a href="http://www.scmf.com.au">www.scmf.com.au</a>
April	16 April - Happy Easter Sunday	October	
May	19/20/21 May - Lake Lyell Convention Hosted by Sea Bees Boating Club Contact: Jenny Ravell Mob: 0404 934 985 Jenny Ravell Email: <a href="mailto:jennyravells@gmail.com">jennyravells@gmail.com</a>	November	3/4/5 Nov- Burrinjuck Convention Hosted by Canberra Fisherman's Club Contact: Canberra FC <a href="mailto:info@canberrafishos.com">info@canberrafishos.com</a>
June		December	Merry Christmas

NB: Contact details for each convention are subject to change without notice.

## The ANSA Freshwater Slam



Fish the three ANSA NSW Freshwater Conventions and register a capture or catch and release in each convention to go in the draw to win a Rapala freshwater lurin' kit valued at \$500.00

### Freshwater Convention Dates;

Lake Lyell Convention 19,20,21 May 2017

Glenbawn Convention 15,16,17 September 2017

Burrinjuck Convention 3,4,5 November 2017



# Talbingo 18-Hour Fishing Challenge: 8-9 September 2017



## TALBINGO 2017 18hr Fishing Challenge

**WHEN:** 8 - 9 September 2017

**WHERE:** Talbingo Country Club NSW

**ENTRY:** Adult - \$40, Under 18 - \$20, Family - \$100 (2+2)

**Your Entry Fee Includes:**

- > Entry into the Talbingo 2017 18hr Fishing Challenge
- > Information Pack with Comp ID and Measure
- > Chinese Smorgasbord dinner Saturday Night

**3 DAMS ....18 HOURS**

**4 Target Species**

**PRIZE POOL \$6000**

(Subject to entry numbers received)

**Golden Perch**

**Brown Trout**

**Rainbow Trout**

**Redfin**

Raffles & Lucky Door Prizes

Competitors **MUST** be in attendance to claim prize

**FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT FISH RE-STOCKING IN LOCAL WATERWAYS**



## ENTRY FORM

NAME 1:	NAME 2:
NAME 3:	NAME 4:
Email:	
Mobile:	Over 18 (Y or N): <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
I/We agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the Competition Rules & Regulations over the page:	
Date:	Signed:
Adults - \$40.00 per person	Under 18 - \$20.00 per person
Family - \$100.00 (2 adults + 2 U18)	TOTAL Payable: \$
Entry Form to be posted to:- WFFC, PO Box 5510, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 or Email: waggafamilyfishingclub@hotmail.com	
Payment by Cheque or Money Order made to WFFC or EFT - Name: WFFC BSB: 112-879 A/C: 486603222 Reference: Surname)	
*** ENTRY FORMS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017 ***	



# Competition Rules & Regulations

1. Competition commences 10pm Friday 8th September & Finishes at 4pm Saturday 9th September 2017.
2. Entrants can fish Talbingo Dam, Blowering Dam, Jounama Pondage (land-based ONLY) or combination of all 3.
3. Photographic evidence of all fish to be entered in competition to include the following -:
  - \* Whole fish on measure (head to 0—zero).
  - \* Individual Competition Identifier Tag to be visible in photo.
  - \* Clearly visible length marking of measure.
4. Only Best 5 of each species can be entered in to the competition. (Target species, Rainbow & Brown Trout, Redfin, Golden Perch)
5. All fish MUST be greater than/equal to NSW Fisheries Regulation length.
6. All entrants to abide by NSW Fisheries and NSW Maritime Rules & Regulations
7. Life-Jackets MUST be worn at all times in Alpine Waters on boats less than 4.8m. Both Talbingo & Blowering Dams are declared Alpine Waters. NO watercraft allowed on Jounama Pondage.
8. 2 competition points will be awarded per centimetre of each eligible fish entered (measured to the nearest 0.5cm).
9. All photographs to be presented to competition organisers by 6pm Saturday 9th September at Talbingo Country Club.
10. All protests to be referred to competition organisers on the day and organisers decision is final.
11. Prizes will be awarded for Champion Point Score of each species (Total of Best 5), Champion Angler Senior and Champion Angler Junior (Combined Total of Each Species Best 5).
12. Lucky Door prizes drawn following Saturday Presentation.
13. Competition primarily held for fun so by all means fish hard but try hard not to take it too seriously...HAVE FUN & hopefully catch a fish or two (2).

## FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT FISH RE-STOCKING IN LOCAL WATERWAYS



# Competition Schedule



**Competition Headquarters** located at Talbingo Country Club, Bridle St, Talbingo NSW

**WFFC Contacts:** Danielle Pitstock (Treasurer) - 0409 501 096, Stephen Gyles (Secretary) - 0408 335 627

### FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

6:00pm - Registration  
 7:45pm - Competition Briefing  
 8:15pm - Raffle Draw  
 9:00pm - Competition Identifier Tags handed out  
 10:00pm - Competition START Time

### SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

4:00pm - Competition END Time  
 4-6pm - Catch registration area open at HQ  
 5:30-7pm - Chinese smorgasbord dinner for entrants  
 7:00pm - Competition Presentation  
 7:30pm - Raffle & Lucky Door Prize Draw

### *Talbingo Accommodation Suggestions.....*

#### **Talbingo Tourist Caravan Park**



24 Whitty St, Talbingo NSW 2720

Ph: 02 6949 5239 - James & Di

Web: [www.talbingocaravanpark.com.au](http://www.talbingocaravanpark.com.au)

#### **COTTAGE ACCOMMODATION**

[www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/nsw/snowy-mountains/talbingo](http://www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/nsw/snowy-mountains/talbingo)

#### *Talbingo Mountain Retreat*

Whitty St, Talbingo NSW 2720

Ph: 02 6949 5253 - Ian & Marie

Web: [www.talbingomountainretreat.com.au](http://www.talbingomountainretreat.com.au)



# ANSA Glenbawn Dam Catch and Release Convention: 15-17 September 2017



## GLENBAWN DAM CATCH AND RELEASE ANSA CONVENTION 2017



hosted by NEWCASTLE SPORTFISHING CLUB Inc.

*Open to ANSA members, invited guests and fishing clubs affiliated with ANSA*

### ***RULES AND ENTRY FORM***

#### **DATES AND TIMES**

Midday Friday 15th September to 11:00am Sunday 17th September 2017.

#### **ENTRY FEES**

Uncatered Senior \$20

Uncatered Junior \$10

**Entry does not include any site or Park fee.**

#### **CLOSING DATE**

Friday 8th September 2017.

#### **REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING**

Convention Base - Scone Fishing Club clubhouse Eastern foreshore of Lake Glenbawn. Competitors must register at the clubhouse prior to commencing fishing. At this time details of car, boat and contact phone number will be required if not previously provided and Capture forms will be issued. Late registration will be available Friday 10am to 12noon. A \$5 late entry fee will apply.

#### **BOUNDARY**

Lake Glenbawn.

#### **LINE CLASSES**

Fishing rules as per ANSA rule book (but no line classes) and NSW Fisheries regulations. Braid type fishing lines (i.e. Gorilla Braid, Bionic Braid, Spiderwire Fusion, etc...) are permitted to be used. Other rules are as per ANSA handbook in relation to rod length, leader/trace length, number of hooks, fishing methods, etc.

#### **ELIGIBLE SPECIES**

Australian Bass, Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Catfish and Carp. All fish are to be released in good condition, except Carp which are to be killed. Bait fishing is permitted but care should be taken when using this method. **Note:** to give the released fish the best chance of survival, **circle hooks are now compulsory** when bait fishing. Dead fish (except Carp) are not eligible. Measure fish to nearest millimetre.

#### **POINT SCORING**

As per Newcastle Sportfishing Club point score sheet, **using anglers' top five fish in each category.** Score sheets are to be handed to Newcastle SFC Recorder daily (to assist with a speedy tally and not hold up the Presentation on Sunday) and by 11:15am Sunday 17th September 2017.

#### **FISHING TIMES**

Fishing cannot commence prior to 12noon on Friday 15th September 2017, and may continue until 11:00am on Sunday 17th September 2017.

#### **BOAT SAFETY**

All boats must comply with the safety requirements as laid down at any time by the NSW Roads and Maritime. Any boat owner not complying with the regulations will risk disqualification.



## DISCLAIMER

Newcastle Sportfishing Club and ANSA NSW Branch will not be responsible for any accident or injury during the entire convention. Competitors enter entirely at their own risk.

## TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for the following sections:

- LONGEST - AUSTRALIAN BASS (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 1)
- LONGEST - GOLDEN PERCH (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 2)
- LONGEST - SILVER PERCH (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 3)
- LONGEST - CATFISH
- LONGEST - CARP
- HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL POINT SCORE - JUNIOR (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 4)
- HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL POINT SCORE – LADIES (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 5)
- HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL POINT SCORE – MENS (ANSA Convention Circuit Category 6)
- ANSA CHAMPION CLUB (ANSA affiliated clubs only)



**Note:** In case of a tie for trophies - Disputes committee will decide.

## ANSA CHAMPION CLUB

The method of determining the ANSA champion club will be as follows:

- The eligible sections are: Australian Bass, Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Catfish and Carp
- The first five placings from each eligible section shall be awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. (In the case of a tie, points will not be awarded for the next lowest placing)
- The points so awarded in each section shall be totalled and the club having the highest aggregate shall win.

## ANSA CONVENTION CIRCUIT (ACC)

The method of determining the ANSA Convention Circuit will be as per the "ANSA Convention Circuit (ACC) Competition Rules":

- The nominated sections are: Australian Bass, Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Junior, Ladies and Mens
- The first five placings from each nominated section shall be awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis.

## PROTESTS

Any protests must be in writing and handed to the convention committee by 11:15am on the last day, or within half an hour of the results being declared.

## DISPUTES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: (their decision is final)

Newcastle President

Newcastle Recorder

ANSA State Representative or Nominee

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Free sausage sizzle before Presentation on Sunday 17 September. Please note: BYO drinks.** Competitors are requested to observe etiquette both on and off the water and in proximity to other boats. At the Convention competitors must also comply with any rules laid down by any Statutory Authority. At the trophy presentation a draw will take place and a prize will be given to the holder of the lucky number.

## ACCOMMODATION

Lake Glenbawn Holiday Cottages Phone: (02) 6543 7752

Lake Glenbawn State Park Phone: (02) 6543 7193

Website: [www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au/lake\\_glenbawn](http://www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au/lake_glenbawn)

Tent camping available on foreshore - fees apply for camping and day entry.

## ENQUIRES

All enquiries should be directed to our convention email address: [glenbawn.convention@gmail.com](mailto:glenbawn.convention@gmail.com) or Eddie Sitarz 0428 294 176.

## Name of Club:

Complete this PDF Form and email to: [glenbawn.convention@gmail.com](mailto:glenbawn.convention@gmail.com) Under the Men, Ladies and Junior sections type the number 1

EFT / CHEQUE ENCLOSED FOR \$\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BOATS: \_\_\_\_\_

☐

Bank Details for Direct Deposit:  
**Bank:** Westpac  
**Name:** Newcastle Sportfishing Club Inc.  
**BSB:** 032-505  
**Account No.:** 118051  
*Use club name as reference*

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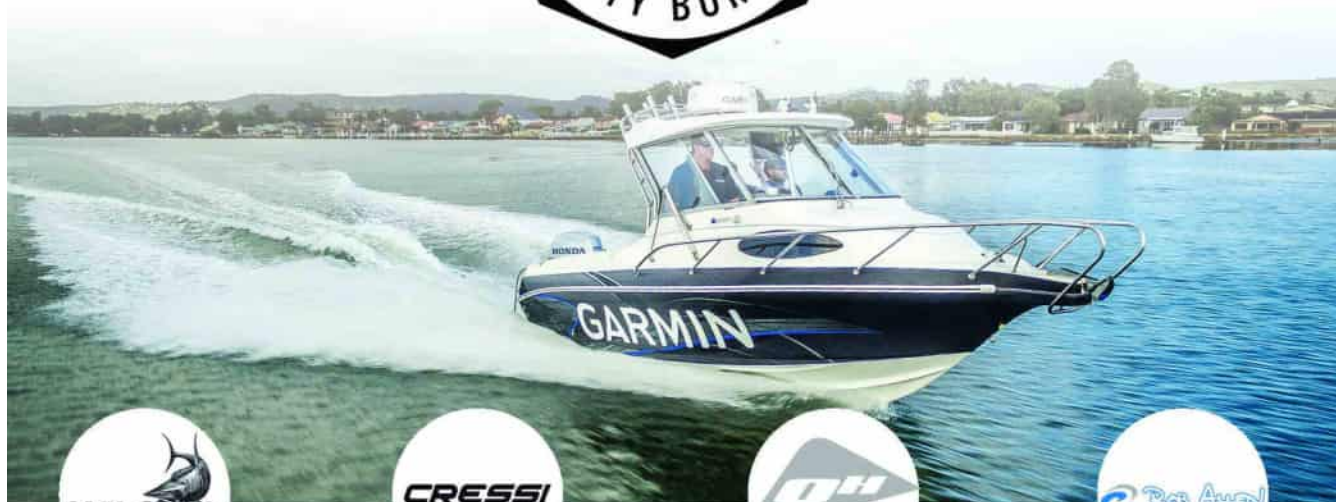
Please make cheque/money order out to:  
Newcastle Sportfishing Club Inc.

And post with completed entry form to:  
PO BOX 1 ISLINGTON NSW 2296

# ANSA Tomakin Convention – South Coast Mighty Bonanza: 30 September – 1 October 2017



**SHIMANO**



## ANGLING & SPEARFISHING COMPETITION 2017

OVER \$80,000 OF PRIZES AND CASH  
RANDOM GIVEAWAYS & FANTASTIC PRIZES!

12:00AM 29 SEPTEMBER 2017 TILL 12:00PM 1 OCTOBER 2017

EVENT LOCATION TOMAKIN NSW - FISH BETWEEN BENDALONG TO BERMAGUI

ALL REGISTERED JUNIORS GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE A COMPETITION BAG FULL OF GOODIES VALUED \$150

CELEBRATING ALL KINDS OF RECREATIONAL FISHING



REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AT 8PM ON SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENTED BY TOMAKIN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
FISHING CLUB

FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION  
VISIT [WWW.SCMB.COM.AU](http://WWW.SCMB.COM.AU)

**USFA**







**SUNPATCH PARADE, TOMAKIN NSW 2537**

Fishing Club President Adam Martin: 0418 570 131

Reception: 02 4471 7327

Facsimile: 02 4471 7685

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PO Box 141, Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Email: [enquiries@tomakinclub.com.au](mailto:enquiries@tomakinclub.com.au)

Website: [www.tomakinclub.com.au](http://www.tomakinclub.com.au)

ABN: 84 001 383 142



Greetings fellow ANSA clubs,

On behalf of the Tomakin Fishing Club's committee and its members, I warmly invite all of you to join us for the 2017 Mighty Bonanza. The Bonanza is now an ANSA NSW convention scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Our dedicated website is now online which has all the information you need to visit our beautiful location on the south coast. A comprehensive list of accommodations within the Eurobodalla can be found on the website, along with the Entry Information that contains the rules and conditions, an impressive prize list and the online registration. It is preferred that registration is completed online which is very simple to do. We encourage those who plan to use a boat to please fill out the Boat Safety Registration form. The website can be found at [www.scmb.com.au](http://www.scmb.com.au)

We are in the final design stages of the Bonanza tournament shirt which will soon be available for purchase on the website.

The Bonanza has been running for 36 years in different capacities but has grown to focus on the family unit. There is a fantastic prize section allocated to the All Tackle Non-Line Class that is aimed towards the public, in particular the children.

We are excitingly anticipating 300 juniors to attend this year and delighted that Shimano, Wilson Tackle and Compleat Angler has guaranteed that each and every junior will receive a competition bag full of goodies with a minimum value of \$150 each.

I have attached a copy of the entire prize pool which also indicates the 6 ANSA Divisions with their allocated prizes. Please distribute the invitation flyers accompanying this letter to your members and encourage them to use the website. We hope many, if not all of you, can make it as it is a grand time of year to enjoy the great outdoors and wet a line.

See you soon.

Adam Martin

President, Tomakin Fishing Club

Competition Director

0418570131, 44572265, [makitaman82@hotmail.com](mailto:makitaman82@hotmail.com)



The TSSC Tomakin Fishing Club is proud to be affiliated club members of the above associations.





## News & Stories

### Fishing photography tips & tricks – part 2: ‘framing’ the catch

by Anthony Heiser



I won't name and shame the person who took the photo on the left. While this was not a monster Flathead, I was obviously pleased enough with the capture to ask him to take my photo. I handed him my iPhone and he just snapped the pic from the veranda of the Cabin at Lake Tuross and handed me back the phone. I was pretty annoyed and didn't bother submitting this one to the photo comp. But I kept this photo so I could one day use it as an example of what not to do. The photo on the right is a selfie I took holding the same fish.

In this month's newsletter, I will cover the basics of framing or composing your photographs for your garden variety 'grip and grin' photos. These make up the majority of the Club's monthly photo comp entries.

Last month, I covered the pros and cons of your three basic camera types: smart phones, compact digital cameras and digital single lens reflex (DSLR) cameras. All three camera types are capable of shooting great photos provided you stay within the limitations of your camera. For example, your Smart Phone will take great grip and grin photos of you and your fish and wide-angle scenery shots. But unless they are very close to the boat, a smart phone won't do a great job of photographing that pod of dolphins swimming by.

Regardless of what camera you use, you still need to know how to frame or compose your photographs. The photograph should showcase the angler and the fish. Even if I handed the person who took my photo at Tuross my DSLR instead of the iPhone, the result would still be a forgettable happy snap. To avoid this, here are my tips:

- Fill the frame with the angler and the fish
- Don't just stand there with the camera, move in closer to the angler and fill the frame
- Whatever angle you use to hold the fish, make sure the fish still dominates the photo
- Shoot at eye level (especially for junior anglers and anglers kneeling or sitting)
  - A slight exception applies if you're overweight like I am – shooting slightly above eye level can make the fat under your chin magically disappear!)
- Keep the background in the photo as simple as possible
  - Simple water and sky is best
  - Pay careful attention when taking photos on boats and boat ramps
  - Watch out for rubbish or clutter in the background or around the angler
- Shoot in the sunlight if possible
- Try and shoot with the sun behind you so the anglers is not silhouetted



Here's is your garden variety grip and grin photo (Colin Clark at Cemetery Beach) taken with my iPhone at the Narooma Convention, March 2017.

#### **What's good**

- Colin Clark and the fish fills the frame
- Fish dominates the photo
- Photo taken at eye level
- Photo taken under good lighting and with sun to the back of the photographer
- Simple background, no distractions
- Shadows on face not so dark you can't tell who this is

#### **What could be better**

- We could have washed the sand off the fish before taking the photo
- Less fingers on the front of the fish

#### **Things to note:**

- Silvery fish like Bream can act like a mirror on sunny days
- When using smart phones, hold the phone with both hands
- Don't just default to holding the phone vertically with one hand and pressing the shutter button with your thumb.
- In close up photos, the position of the horizon is not too important.
- But in this photo, positioning the horizon one third or two thirds up the photo would have looked better (this is the rule of thirds which I'll explain in Part 3 in the next Newsletter)



Chris Head with a Jerra Cod taken with my Panasonic Lumix.

#### **What's good**

- Chris Head and the fish fills the frame
- Photo taken at eye level
- Camera flash does a good job lighting up Chris and the fish
- Simple background, no distractions at all!
- It's probably a comment that belongs under the 'what could be better' column but the facial expression is priceless and unscripted!

#### **What could be better**

- We should have washed the grass off the fish before taking the photo
- Always wash away any dirt, sand, blood or grass off the fish before taking the photo
- Less fingers on the front of the fish
- The fish could have been held at a better angle.
- The standard grip and grin hold would have prevented the edges of the fish blending into the darkness.

#### **Things to note:**

- Always check the photo as soon as you take it
- Re-shoot the photo if necessary
- Make sure the angler is happy with the photos





Steve Borkowskis with a Rainbow Trout caught on Tassie Devil off the bank near Kalkite, Lake Jindabyne one the June long weekend, 2009.

**What's good**

- Crouching or kneeling can help make the fish look bigger
- Using both hands can also help make the fish look heavier
- Camera is at eye level (could have been a crap photo if photographer was not at eye level)
- Angler plus fish fill the screen
- Fish nice and clean, not dirt, leaves, blood etc
- Facing the sunlight
- Simple background
- Holding the fish at a 45° often looks better than a horizontal or vertical hold

**What could be better**

- Not much really

**Things to note:**

- Silvery fish like can act like a mirror on sunny days
- Excessive reflection can be avoided by tilting the fish slightly as Steve has done in this photograph



Junior anglers are not always cooperative in front of the camera. They are sometimes unwilling to get their photo taken (and I don't have any special photography tips for that problem) or they are unwilling or unable to hold the fish (for example, some fish such as Flathead and stingrays can easily injure junior anglers). In that case, you just have to take the best photo you can under the circumstances. If you don't have a second adult, you might be left with no option but to place the fish in the ground on the deck next to the junior angler when taking a photograph. However, don't forget to shoot the photo at closer range and at eye level with the junior angler. In the photo above, Chris Lemmon held the fish for Jackson as he did not want to touch the fish. Both Chris and I were kneeling when we took this photo so that the camera was at eye level with Jackson.



Don't think a flash is needed on a bright sunny day? Think again. I took this pair of photos of Chris Head with a Murray Cod (caught on a Gold Bomber at Googong Dam) with my DSLR with and without the flash.





On overcast days, the sky can silhouette the angler or just turn into a featureless white background. If possible, avoid using sky as background on overcast days. Kneeling behind a backdrop can help in overcast conditions. Sometimes, using an overcast sky as a back drop is preferable, to say, taking the photo in the cabin of your boat with all the clutter in the background. I would use a DSLR with the flash as my first option rather than my Smart Phone.



Steve Bailey with a nice Brown at the Kalkite Outing in September 2017 taken with my DSLR with a flash. Despite what I said about shooting with the sun behind your back, shooting with the sun behind the angler can work in certain situations. In this photo, the sun was not too bright thanks to the clouds and the flash ensured Steve was not silhouetted. You could probably take this shot with a compact digital camera but the flash on your smart phone may not be powerful enough.



Brian with a lovely Snapper at the boat ramp at Batemans Bay. The lighting is good despite the overcast weather and Brian is holding the Snapper perfectly. Unfortunately, we also get a good look at the Yamaha Outboard, the hose nozzle above Brian's head, and everything else there is to see in the boat. It's generally not a great idea to take photos next to the boat or around boat ramps as there are too many things that detract from the angler and the fish. Sometimes, the angler wants to get a photo with the boat.

I don't really have a straight forward method for including the boat in grip and grin shots as they usually just clutter the photo. Next time, I'd recommend photographing the fish while out at sea with the sea and sky in the background or taking the photo away from the boat. In

this case, I'd walk to the breakwall near the boat ramp and have Brian stand in front of the bay.

I have photoshopped Brian's Snapper photo against the scenery at Hyam's Beach to illustrate how much more the fish dominates the photo when you keep the background free of clutter and distractions.

**Next newsletter: scenery and other photos.**





# The Canberra Fisherman's Club Presentation Night

by Anthony Heiser



The 2017 Canberra Fisherman's Club Annual Presentation Night was held at the Eastlakes Football Club from 7 pm on 1 September 2017. Twenty-five members and guests attend the presentation night. The event was presided over by Glen Malam as Master of Ceremonies, who handed out a number of trophies and certificates.

The Presentation Night is all about rewarding our members who were lucky enough to be able to put in the fishing time and be rewarded with some terrific catches. It is also about those who were not as fortunate and had some mishaps throughout the year. Full details of all the winners and gridders for 2016-17 can be found in the Annual Report which will be available at the monthly General Meetings and all members should grab a copy.



**Best Fish – Blue Water:** Brian Stacy



**Best Shark or Ray:** Brian Stacy



**Best Fish - Freshwater:** Steve Bailey



**Best Fish - Estuary:** Steve Bailey



**Most improved Junior:** Zachary Zhao



**Most Meritorious Capture:** Steve Bailey



**Best Fish - Beach:** Chris Lemmon



**Most Improved Angler:** John Martin



**Member of the Year:** Kevin Spriggs



**The Gold Badge:** Albert Magassey





**The Mario Manoeuvre:** Kevin Spriggs



**The Net Award:** Anthony Heiser



**The Stirrer's Spoon:** Mick Peel



**The Prop:** Greg Davis



**The Albino Shark Award:** Steve Bailey



**The Prop Award:** Steve Bailey



**The Graham Butt Memorial Trophy for Heaviest Trout:** Steve Bailey



**Freshwater Total Length Award:** Narelle Tate





**Saltwater Total Length Award:** Steve Bailey



**Tagging Champion:** Brian Stacy



**Most Versatile Angler:** Steve Bailey



**Junior All Tackle Champion:** Zachary Zhao



**All Tackle Champion:** Steve Bailey



**Freshwater Champion:** Steve Bailey



**Saltwater Champion:** Steve Bailey



**Land Based Champion:** Steve Bailey



**Ladies Champion:** Karen Malam



**Club Champion – Runner Up:** Anthony Heiser



**The Club Champion:** Steve Bailey

## 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

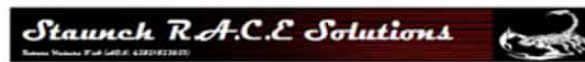


**How many metres can you catch?**



# 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

Once again, another busy month for me. I suddenly found I am both President and Editor!

I will be on holidays for an entire month doing a road trip across Australia to Broome via Queensland and back via the Stuart Highway and Broken Hill.

So I will rest my editor's hat for a month and the next newsletter won't be out until October 2017.



A big thank you to the everyone who submitted photos to the June Photo Comp. There were great entries from everyone in June. Please start sending me your entries for the September photo comp competition for a chance to win a \$20 Tackle World voucher if you are the monthly winner.

The rules if the photo comp are:

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

The winner for the July photo comp is Ben Lemmon with his fantastic photo of the Samson Fish from WA.

You will see that I've finally got around to writing my article on tips and tricks for better fish comp entries I promised several months ago in an earlier newsletter. It has taken me a while to get started on this. I will continue with more tips and tricks in the next newsletter. For anyone needing more tips and tricks before the next Newsletter, then have a look at my article '[Smarter Photos with your Smart Phone](#)' I published back in 2014.

Finally, if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details to [info@canberrafishos.com](mailto: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

# July 2017 Photo Competition



Chris Lemmon: 76 cm 6.05 kg Gold Spot Cod



Ben Lemmon: Nice Samson Fish



Ben Lemmon: Shark on a jig



Chris Lemmon: 51 cm 2.18 kg Dhu Fish



Anthony Heiser: Not a Snapper!



Jackson Guion: Crimson Banded Wrasse

**Winner of the July Photo Comp:**



Ben Lemmon: Nice Samson Fish



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
<b>16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Kalkite	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept-1 Oct</b>	Tomakin: South Coast Mighty Bonanza Fishing Comp – ANSA Tomakin Convention	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Gone Fishing Day	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	ANSA Burrinjuck Convention	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Burrinjuck: CFC – Morven-Culcairn Inter Club Challenge	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	CFC Christmas Party	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Carpathon	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuross	
<b>17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	ANSA Nowra Convention	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	ANSA Narooma Convention	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St Georges Basin	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Kalkite	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Narooma	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Wairo/Ulladulla	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>

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