



Newsletter

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Keith Smith (1942 – 2019)

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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 **Canberra Deakin Football Club ACT** beginning at 6:30 pm. 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.
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President's Report

Hi everyone,

This month's report is very difficult to write. As most of you would be aware, long-time Canberra Fisherman's Club member, Keith Smith, died suddenly last Friday, the 3rd May. As we all know, Keith has been a fixture of the Club for about 25 years and a keen attendee at our monthly meetings and fishing outings. His name is still on the attendance list for our next outing! Keith had a gift for livening up the conversation, and will be sorely missed.

Keith's funeral will be held this weekend - Saturday 11 May at the Norwood Park Crematorium (66 Sandford Street, Mitchell) at 10:30. I hope you can join us in celebrating his life. Anthony has prepared a short remembrance of Keith, below.

The next Club meeting will be held on 14th May. It will feel strange not having Keith there, but keeping with tradition for our May meeting, we will discuss dates for next year's (2019-20) club outings. It's important that the Club Outings go to places where the fish are biting and where you'd like to go - so come along and have your say! We will also discuss target species for next year's Total Length Award Competition at the May meeting.



Keep safe on the water,

Glen

In remembrance of Keith Smith (1942 – 2019)

by Anthony Heiser



Keith Smith with a pair of Bream caught on soft plastics at the Narooma Outing, 13 March 2016.

Keith joined the Canberra Fisherman's Club in 1994 when his son Bevan was around eleven. They had started fishing together when one of Keith's golfing mates, a previous CFC member, suggested he join and attend the outings as a good way to further his fishing interests. Keith loved his fishing and, not only did he further his fishing interests, he never stopped sharing his interests with others in the fishing club.

I did not meet Keith until I attended my first Canberra Fisherman's Club meeting, in early 2007. It was Keith who first greeted me and asked me what brought me to the meeting. I told him I decided to come along after bumping into a member whose name I couldn't remember. All I could offer was 'this young bloke who was Carp fishing one night in the Queanbeyan River'. Straight away, Keith worked out I had bumped into Steve Borkowskis and he reintroduced me to Steve when he arrived for the meeting. And in doing so, he seamlessly drew me into the camaraderie of the Club.

Just like that, Keith was always welcoming of visitors and new members. Anyone feeling a little anxious or shy could not help feeling they were among friends as soon as Keith greeted them and introduced them to other members. And Keith continued to make new members feel part of the club fellowship at the outings. This made him ideal for the role of Outings Officer.

Keith often made room in his boat to accommodate a new member at his or her first outing, and never held back in sharing his vast angling knowledge. Indeed, Keith took me on his boat at my very first outing, and later taught me how to target Flathead and Bream on soft

plastics. If Keith couldn't offer a spot on his boat, he would often pair up novices with other Club members.

For many new members, this was a fantastic introduction to the Club, and many are still in the Club today. Occasionally, there was the odd person who, despite Keith's best efforts, caused him and other members considerable grief. However, this never dulled Keith's dedication to welcoming new members and he took it all in with a good sense of humour.

Keith was possessed with a dry sense of humour and never missed an opportunity to offer his witty observations. He put this skill to great use as King Rat in 2009-10, and he would often weave a tall tale to accompany each rat fine he handed out. At each outing, Keith would greet us with 'get your sorry asses out of bed', followed by a rhetorical 'is it yesterday, today or tomorrow?' And if you asked Keith how he was, he would quip 'that's confidential.'

Keith loved his fishing and never missed a Club Meeting or Outing, except during his trips to Queensland to visit his son Bevan and to chase the big Barra at Kinchant Dam. Keith captured many Board Fish over the years and still has an All Time Length Board Fish for a 400 mm Yellowfin Bream. Keith was also the Saltwater Total Length Champion in 2015-16 for 12,440 mm of Bream.

In addition, Keith's daughter Amelia Smith was the Junior Club Champion in 1999-2000 and Most Improved Junior Angler in 2000-01, while his son Bevan, was Vice President in 2002-03 and again in 2006-07, and President in 2003-04.

Keith Smith was a great member whose contributions to the Club will be remembered for many years to come. His passing is a sad loss to his family and the Club.



Keith on board *Nitro* at the Narooma Outing in March 2014. Keith never missed a meeting or outing (except when visiting Queensland to catch up with his son Bevan and to chase Barra at Kinchant Dam).



CFC President Glen Malam presenting Keith Smith with the Saltwater Total Length Champion Trophy for 12,440 mm of Bream in 2015-16.



Keith reeling in a Blue Morwong on board *Nitro* at the Narooma Outing, 6 June 2015.

Recorder's Report

G'day all,

As we start winding down in to winter I will, as I do each year, start keeping the final tallies of the club competitions to myself. It builds a little suspense for the run in to the end of the year and for the presentation night. But don't stop sending in those capture forms. You never know, you just might overtake someone and earn yourself a trophy and the adulation of your fishing peers.

Outside of the Bateman's Bay outing there has been very little reported fishing activity. Brian Stacy submitted the capture of a very nice sized Flathead, while Anthony Heiser has been trying to make me have to find the Fly Fisherman's trophy.

The Bateman's Bay outing was held in conjunction with the South Coast Mighty Fishing Bonanza, an event organised as an ANSA event as well as a public one. As a club, we entered several captures, but the event was well and truly dominated by several local anglers. Karen Malam managed a 700+mm Flathead from Tuross, Anthony a nice sized Salmon and for me a few Trevally, Bream and an 815mm Long Tom.



Finally, please remember that the Bass and Estuary Perch closed season is in effect from 1 May through to the end of August, if fishing below a freshwater impoundment. You can still target these species, and still enter them as captures, but they are a catch and release only species for the duration of the closed season.


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

Club Championship

Let's build some suspense!!!

Soon to Expire Scales


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



CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB - CAPTURE FORM

DIVISION: 1 = Sportfishing, 2 = Lurecasting, 3 = Flycasting, 4 = Gamefishing, 5 = Handline, 6 = Landbased Gamefishing, 7 = All Tackle


SECTION: BW = Bluewater, FW = Freshwater, BCH = Beach, RCKS = Rocks, EST = Estuary



SPECIES	WEIGHT KG	LENGTH MM	LINE CLASS	PRE TEST Y/N	LOCATION	DATE	LAND BASED	DIVISION	SECTION	POINTS

CERTIFICATION OF WEIGHING: I Declare that I witnessed the weighing of these captures on certified scales# DATE: / / SIGNED:


CERTIFICATION BY ANGLER: I Declare that I Captured these fish in accordance with the rules of ANSA. DATE: / / SIGNED:



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ANSA N.S.W 12 MONTH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Date Received by State Recorder: ____/____/____



Angler: _____ Club: _____

ANSA No: _____ DOB (jnr & sub-jnr): _____ Phone: _____

Weight Captures:

Was Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line used in these captures (circle) **Yes / No**

If Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line **was not used** in the captures, a 5 metre line sample must be provided with this entry form.

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Weight	Line Class	Division 1-15

Tag & Release:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Tag Number

Length Captures:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Division 17-25	Length (mm)

ANGLERS DECLARATION

I _____, declare that this capture was made by me, and weighed or measured on an appropriate device, in accordance with ANSA rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WITNESS TO WEIGHT / MEASUREMENT

I _____, certify that I witnessed the weighing or measuring of the capture.

CLUB RECORDER

I _____, declare that the captures listed above have been authenticated in accordance with ANSA rules.

Notes for LENGTH captures:

1. Fish to be measured length overall i.e.: end of tail to the leading edge of the jaw, fish laying flat and tail in a natural position.
2. If no witness to length only measurement, a photo of capture on an appropriate measuring device must be submitted.
3. Preferably all claims should be accompanied by a photo of the fish on the appropriate measuring device. Video is acceptable.
4. One entry, per division, per angler, per year across divisions, upgrading of fish is acceptable.

Eligible Divisions for 12-Month Comp:

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Land Based Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 9. Flyfishing Freshwater | 17. Length Only Carp (All) |
| 2. Land Based Non - Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 10. Gamefishing | 18. Length Only Trout (All) |
| 3. Sportfishing in Saltwater Estuaries & Saltwater Lakes | 11. Handline | 19. Length Only Bass (Australian) |
| 4. Sportfishing from a Boat (outside) | 12. Capture by a Lady | 20. Length Only Bream (All) |
| 5. Sportfishing Freshwater | 13. Capture by a Junior Boy | 21. Length Only Flathead (All) |
| 6. Lurefishing Saltwater | 14. Capture by a Junior Girl | 22. Length Only Salmon (Australian) |
| 7. Lurefishing Freshwater | 15. Capture by a Sub-Junior | 23. Length Only Kingfish (Yellowtail) |
| 8. Flyfishing Saltwater | 16. Tag & Release | 24. Length Only Snapper |
| | | 25. Length Only Mulloway |

General Notes:

1. Each fish submitted may only be entered in **one** of the eligible divisions 1-25 above.
2. Fish submitted for Weight Captures, cannot be submitted for Length Captures and vice versa
3. To be eligible all 12 month competition entry forms must be with the state recorder within 35 days from date of capture

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 04/05/2019

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species

1 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.750	2	105.000
2 Mark Holland	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.180	2	88.500
3 Mark Holland	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	0.950	2	71.250

DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.600	2	120.000
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.540	2	115.500
3 Mark Holland	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	LUDERICK	0.840	2	50.400

DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	KINGFISH - YELLOWT	2.400	2	180.000
2 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.350	2	167.500
3 Steve Siarakas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	KINGFISH - YELLOWT	2.150	2	161.250

DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Ben James	Narooma Sport & Game Fishi	MARLIN - BLACK	82.000	24	410.000
2 Ryan Nemec	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	WAHOO	41.600	15	360.533
3 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Angle	TUNA - NORTHERN BL	13.000	10	195.000

DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.370	2	168.500
2 Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	PERCH - GOLDEN	2.180	2	109.000
3 Stuart Bell	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.800	2	90.000

DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - STRIPED	3.600	4	135.000
2 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	1.700	2	127.500
3 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.550	2	116.250
2 Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	PERCH - GOLDEN	1.400	2	70.000
3 Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - REDFIN	1.300	2	65.000

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DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater

1 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	0.710	2	35.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 10: Gamefishing

1 Michael Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	86.000	24	537.500
2 Marcus Sterianos	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	65.000	24	406.250
3 Darcy Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	43.000	24	268.750

DIVISION 11: Handline

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	1.400	3	70.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady

1 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	71.000	24	443.750
2 Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	47.500	24	296.875
3 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	3.150	6	78.750

DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy

1 Jett Deighton	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	0.820	2	61.500
2 Jett Deighton	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	0.750	2	56.250
3 Jett Deighton	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	0.710	2	53.250

DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 04/05/2019

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior

1 Jett Deighton	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.260	2	94.500
2 Zachary Zhao	Canberra Fisherman's Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN	1.100	2	66.000
3 Hamish Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	CATFISH - FRESHWAT	1.200	2	60.000
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DIVISION 16: Tag and Release

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				260
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				200
3 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3 Peter Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club				100
3 Ryan Nemec	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100

DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp

1 Neil Kemp	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	CARP - EUROPEAN			960.000
2 Chris Lemmon	Canberra Fisherman's Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			700.000
3 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			630.000

DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)

1 Stan Konstantaras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	TROUT			630.000
2 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TROUT - BROWN			600.000

DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass

1 Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			462.000
2 Greg Harrison	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			455.000
3 Ella Mckinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			450.000

DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)

1 Jake Mikolic	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			450.000
2 Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			445.000
3 Evan Knithakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			440.000

DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)

1 Robert Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			950.000
2 Deborah Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			930.000
3 Karl Rasmussen	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			925.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon

1 Les Waldock	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		740.000
2 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON		680.000
3 Chris Moran	Euro Fishing Association	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		605.000

DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

1 Paul Baker	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1180.000
2 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1110.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000

DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper

1 Stan Konstantaras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		840.000
2 Mark McGrath	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		830.000
3 Nick Malliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		810.000

DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway

1 Jeremy Abbott	Euro Fishing Association	MULLOWAY		1320.000
2 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY		1280.000
3 Tommy Ivanovic	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	MULLOWAY		1130.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 04/05/2019

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	7
Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	6
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	6
Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	5
Ben James	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	5
Michael Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Marcus Sterianos	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Chris Lemmon	Canberra Fisherman's Club	5
Ryan Nemec	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Steve Siarakas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Darcy Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5

DIVISION 27: Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	53
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	24
Canberra Fisherman's Club	13
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	10
Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	9
St George Sportfishing Club	7
Australian Land Based Anglers	6
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	5
Euro Fishing Association	4

Fishing news and competitions

The ANSA NSW 2019 Calendar



ANSA NSW Calendar 2019

Issue, 27th October 2018. Note that contact details for each convention are subject to change without notice.

January	1 January – Happy New Year	July	
February	15/16/17 - Nowra Convention Hosted by: Nowra Sportfishing Club Contact: Faye Hanson: Tel: 0244439748 Mob: 0410 422 263 E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com	August	31 August – ANSA NSW AGM, Delegates' Meeting & Presentation Hosted by: Wollongong Sportfishing Club
March	08/09/10 – Narooma Convention Hosted by: Narooma Sport & Gamefishing Club Contact: Les Waldock Mob: 0411 392 608 29/30/31 – Sydney Sportfishing Tournament Hosted by: South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association & St George Sportfishing Club Contact: Tony Steiner Mob: 0412 611 778	September	13/14/15 - Glenbawn Convention Hosted by: Newcastle Sportfishing Club Contact: Eddie Sitarz Mob: 0428 294 176
April	13/14 April – South Coast Convention Hosted by: Euro Fishing Association Adam Martin Email: makitaman82@hotmail.com 21 April - Happy Easter Sunday	October	
May	12 May – Mothers Day 24/25/26 May – Lake Lyell Convention Hosted by: Sea Bees Fishing Club Contact: Rob Sinclair Mob: 0487017018 Email: sydneyseabees@gmail.com	November	01/02/03 Nov – Burrinjuck Convention Hosted by: Canberra Fisherman's Club Contact: Canberra FC info@canberrafishos.com
June		December	25 December – Merry Christmas

News & Stories

Club Success at the South Coast Mighty Bonanza

by Lindsay Steele

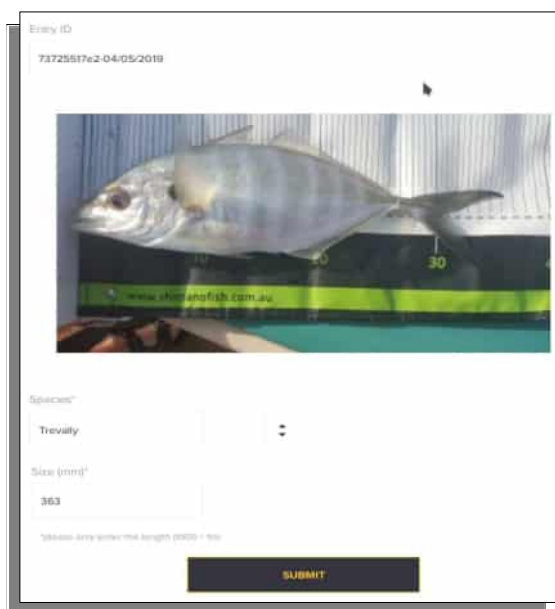
The April club outing to Bateman Bay was arranged to coincide with the South Coast Might Bonanza on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of April. This competition is part of the ANSA Convention circuit and run by the Euro Fishing Association (EFA).

The South Coast Mighty Bonanza allows fishing from Midnight on the Saturday to Midday on the Sunday. The competition was a length based competition and promotes sustainable fishing as one of its primary aims. Entry is open to both ANSA club members as well as the general public with the presentation and displays being shown and held in the heart of Batemans Bay.

As mentioned, this is a length only competition that uses a formula to calculate the number of points that an Angler will be allocated for each fish. They refer to their formula as The Burke/Moran/Lewis System. The number of points that an Angler receives per fish = Actual Length / EFA Trophy Length x 100.

From what I can work out the formula tries to equalise the points across species. This makes it fairer for those teams that might be targeting estuary species such as Bream or Flathead compared to a team that might be focusing on an ocean species such as Kingfish. This hopefully makes it fairer when individual total or team scores for the weekend are compared.

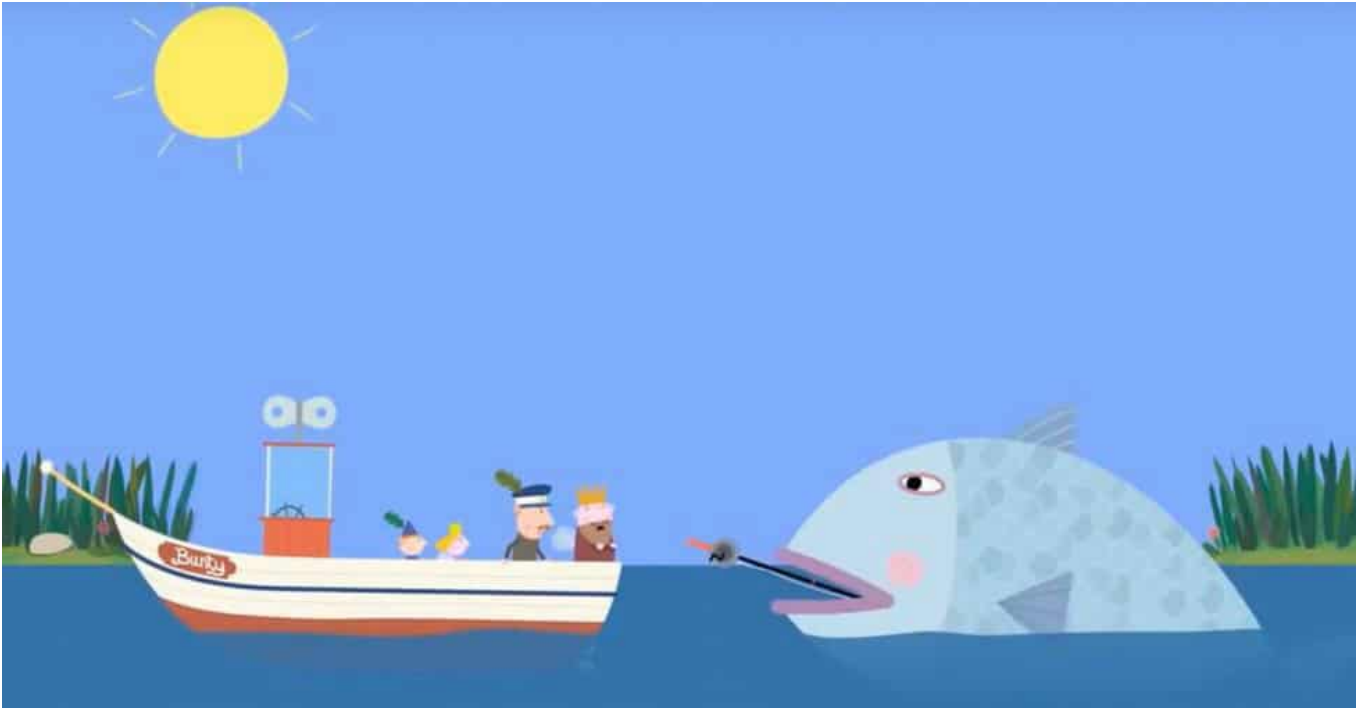
To allow anglers to easily and quickly release their fish, they provide a web based application that allows you to take a photo of your fish on a brag mat with your phone and then upload it directly or at a later stage during the competition or use a laptop computer to upload your photos via the web. When uploading you enter the fish length, species and photo evidence. Your points are then shown to you straight away as well as your totals for all of your captures. This is good for the fish as it is released quickly, it is good for the angler being very quick and easy and it is good for the recorder who has entries straight into a system and only needs to verify fish photos that have gone in. The way that it is done is possibly the way that many of the competitions could be run and promoted in the future.



An example capture entry using their web app

As part of this competition, seven of members of the club attended, staying at the Coach House Marina Resort in Batemans Bay. Attending were Anthony Heiser, John Bosch, Mick Jewry, Glen and Karen Malam, Alexander and myself. We managed to fit one three bedroom cabin making it an affordable weekend. Alexander was very excited to find out that Anthony

had talked to Big Bad Barry and retrieved the rod taken by Big Bad Barry at Burrinjuck. This of course caused a thousand questions about how, when, why and what was said, most of which I deferred to Anthony to answer for the rest of the evening and next morning.



Negotiations with Big Bad Barry to get the fishing rod back.

Fishing started on Saturday morning with most people heading south to Turross Lakes and beyond. John Bosch and Mick Jewry were the first to leave and didn't travel far from the ramp when they were onto fish. Possibly one of John's best fish for the weekend was a 815mm (.84kg) Long Tom caught on 1kg – that in John's words "went bananas, leaping out of the water and racing full pelt in laps about the boat". In addition, an ANSA record claim has been submitted as there are no other state records of a Long Tom on 1kg. This should be accepted if the weight is recognized on posthumously tested scales. Apart from that, John also picked up two nice Trevally and a Bream all on 1kg.



John Bosch with his possibly record breaking Long Tom

Alex and I also went to Turross Lakes getting out onto the water a little later. I launched the boat and threw out one of Alexander's rods with a prawn, which quickly caught a Flathead that we quickly photographed and released. I then put Alexander's rod out again and before I could get fully rigged Alexander had pulled in a Bream, which was again photographed and released. This pattern continued, as before I could get rigged up, his rod was going off again with some undersized fish and eventually another Bream that we photographed and released. By midday the fishing action diminished.

After a request from Alexander to have a play on a beach we ended up on a small beach along the river. I continued to probe with soft plastics and put out Alexanders rods for him with some bait. As was the norm for the weekend, both of Alex's rods caught fish and I didn't get any hits. Total score for the day was Alex with five entered fish and me with an undersized Flathead on soft plastic.

The real success of the day and one might say the entire weekend were the Malams' who only fished on the Saturday and spent the Sunday picking up a new boat. Glen announced his plan for fishing on the weekend at the Club meeting in the week proceeding and on the Friday night before, letting everyone know exactly where he was going to go, how he was going to collect bait, the lures he would use and the species that he expect to catch. On the Saturday morning without any rush he executed this plan perfectly, going to his planned area with Karen on Tuross Lakes, catching bait and then a range of good sized Flathead and Whiting on both lure and bait. These were fish that would get both Karen and Glen onto the Winners podium on Sunday afternoon with third place for Karen's 725 mm Flathead and Glen in second place for his 305 mm Whiting.



Karen Malam's 725 mm Flathead that might have even been long if the tail was straight

As most headed off to Turross, Anthony headed down to Cullendulla Creek to chase Flathead on Fly. There were no Flathead to be seen but he did come away with a couple of Flounder, his first legal on Fly. Later in the day he moved to Cemetery Beach and ended up fishing a larger gutter on the northern end of the beach. Fishing was tough at first but as the afternoon progressed he landed a few small Salmon on Lure and finally a 1.75 kg salmon on 2kg line. Before he landed the fish it look hundreds of meters of line and could be seen leaping out of the water beyond the furthest breakers keeping him on the edge as he tried to get it under control with 2kg in the surf. Although it didn't win any prizes, this fish put points on the board and helped with the general team score.



One of Anthony's two Flounders on Fly



Anthony's 1.75 kg Salmon on 2 kg

Saturday night it was back to the cabin for Pizza, stories of the days fishing and plans for the next day.

On Sunday the wind was up early and there was only half a day's fishing to be had, so most people stuck around locally. John and Mick hit the Clyde River as did Alex and myself. Anthony battled the wind at Cullendulla Creek with his fly and spin rod managing to land a 31 cm Southern Blue Spotted Flathead.

We launched at Nelligen and headed up river with not a lot of action whether on the drift or anchored. In the end Alex wanted to play on a beach so I landed on one of the islands downstream from the bridge where we were attacked by swarms of mozzies. After a lot of swatting we decided to move onto another beach a bit further upstream. On this beach, although I probed and got a single hit on soft plastic, Alex's rods seemed the most productive on bait catching two bream of 25cm and 29cm that could be entered into the competition.

The highlight of Sunday was the presentation where after a range of entertainment and presentations from fishing celebrities, the club was able to secure a number of the prizes on offer. Alexander was lucky to get second with his 363mm Trevally from the previous day. Karen Malam received a third place for her 725 mm Flathead and Glen Malam received second place for his 305 mm Whiting. Glen was also unexpectedly roped into being the ANSA representative the day and presenting the ANSA category prizes.



Alexander being presented second prize for Sub Junior Trevally category.



Karen Malam being presented third place in the Seniors Flathead category.



Glen Mallam being presented second place in the Seniors Whiting category.



Glen Malam standing in as the ANSA representative to present to the winners of the ANSA categories.

For me it was a great weekend, the accommodation facilities were cosy and reasonably affordable. It was good to be part of the larger competition where club members came together to work as a team, see how competitions in the future could possibly operate and see a big presentation on the Sunday. It was also good to teach Alexander throughout the weekend that unlike catching Carp you can let fish go and get enjoyment in seeing them swim off to be caught another day, This was something he was really enjoying and appreciating by the end of the weekend. Thanks to must go to Glen Malam for the organisation of the accommodation in the weeks beforehand and the EFA for hosting such a well-run and modern feeling competition.

Total Length Award species for 2018/19

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2018-19, the target species are Flathead for the Saltwater section and European Carp. The new target species applies from 1 July 2018.

The target species for the 2018-19 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Flathead



Freshwater section: European Carp



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Photo Competition

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 (e.g. changing the colour of a bucket of blood from red to black – yes someone has submitted such a photo).
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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.

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Outing Date	Outing	Monthly Meetings
29th Sept – 1st October	Talbingo	9th
14th October	National Gone Fishing Day (Garan Scout Group Fishing Clinic)	
2nd-4th November	Burrinjuck	13th
1st-2nd December	Burrinjuck	11th
13th January	Carpathon	15th
26th-28th January	Tuross	
February (TBA)	ANSA Nowra Convention	12th
8th-11th March	ANSA Narooma Convention	12th
13th-14th April	South Coast Mighty Bonanza	9th
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