

Newsletter

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Winners of the March & April photo competitions



March: Zane Zhao: Zane with Zachary's 94 cm Flathead



April: John Bosch: 62.7 cm, 6.06 kg Golden Perch.

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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.

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)).

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee has the Committee voted to suspend future General Meetings and Outings until further notice. We will review this each month.

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 our April Newsletter. We're still in the middle of the COVID-19 Pandemic and it's difficult to say when we can resume business as usual for our Club. I hope you and your families are keeping safe.

You would have seen in our email of 4 April 2020 that, sadly, our Club competition has been suspended. This is in line with the announcements of ANSA National, ANSA NSW, and ANSA Qld to suspend records, Masters, and the state 12-month competitions. As stated by ANSA NSW when it suspended the NSW 12-month competition, fishing competitions are not a reasonable excuse to go fishing.

However, fishing is still legal in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. As it is not easy to interpret how other rules of social distancing and not engaging in non-essential travel apply when going fishing, individual members should make their own decisions on whether to go fishing based on their own circumstances.

Hopefully, it won't be too long before the COVID-19 social distancing rules and other restrictions can be relaxed so that we can resume our Club activities.

In the meantime, ANSA NSW is running a CO-VIDEO 19 challenge. The rules are simple and open to all our members:

1. The competition will run for 90 days.
2. Post the videos to the [ANSA NSW Facebook Page](#).
3. ANSA NSW will then drag them across to the [ANSA NSW YouTube Channel](#).
4. Try and use the word "Co-Video 19 Challenge" in the video via an edited heading or closing credit.
5. No swearing or offensive behaviour.
6. ANSA NSW will chose 3 random videos after 90 days that will win some great prizes and then ask the members to vote on the ANSA NSW Committee selection from our Top 5 for the ultimate winner.

Anthony Heiser and Chris Lemmon have already submitted the following entry using a video they shot in March 2017.



If you have any old fishing videos, why not edit them and submit them to the ANSA NSW CO-VIDEO 19 Challenge.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your families. We hope to be back fishing as a Club again in the near future.

Bonnita Allen
President



Recorder's Report

G'day all,

Well, what can I say? This has probably been the quietest month of fishing in the six years or so that I have been doing the recorder role. With the competition closed for the time being, the only captures I had to process were the few for captures before the cut off. Speaking of which, please keep in mind that you only have until 5 May 2020 to get any outstanding capture sheets to me. Only capture sheets for fish caught before fishing closed on 5 April 2020.

Just to keep the mystery alive, I did receive several capture sheets full of European Carp captures from the local area just before the shutdown. It's a shame as the freshwater length competition was shaping up to be a close one. Who could be in the lead now, I wonder? With a little luck, we may get a handful of weeks at the end of the club year to add to the totals.

I for one am itching to get back out there among them, especially the native species. Fortunately, working from home has kept me busy enough that I probably wouldn't have had time to go anyway!

Other than that, there's not much else to say so that's it from me this month. Tight lines and start getting those captures rolling in.

John Bosch
Recorder



Club Championship

Open

Steve Bailey	364
Chris Lemmon	321
Lindsay Steele	238
Alexander Steele	223
Glen Malam	186

Ladies

Janine Noack	30	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Sarah Cong	25	

Junior

Alexander Steele	223
Zachary Zhao	10

Land Based

Steve Bailey	326
Chris Lemmon	190
Lindsay Steele	128
Alexander Steele	106
Zane Zhao	98

Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	326	
Chris Lemmon	190	
Lindsay Steele	178	
Alexander Steele	129	
Chris Malam	111	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Salt Water

Chris Lemmon	131	
John Bosch	130	
Glen Malam	106	
Alexander Steele	94	
Mitchell Malam	63	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Most Versatile Angler

Chris Lemmon	4	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Steve Bailey	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
John Bosch	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Glen Malam	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Robert Schneider	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

Salt Water Length *(Bartailed Flathead, Dusky Flathead, Eastern Blue-spotted Flathead, Sand Flathead)*

John Bosch	10,260
Glen Malam	2,720
Zachary Zhao	1,880
Chris Lemmon	1,760
Mick Jewry	1,755

Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Alexander Steele	11,484
Lindsay Steele	8,319
Chris Lemmon	2,780
Steve Bailey	2,280
Anthony Heiser	1,660

Tagging Award

Board Fish - Weight

Australian Salmon	2.88 kg	Lindsay Steele
Brown Trout	0.85 kg	Jason Rogers
Common Shovel nosed Ray	1.77 kg	Janine Noack
Dusky Flathead	2.60 kg	John Bosch
European Carp	4.33 kg	Steve Bailey
Golden Perch	6.06 kg	John Bosch
Mullet	0.66 kg	Steve Bailey
Rainbow Trout	2.94 kg	Steve Bailey
Snapper	0.52 kg	Lindsay Steele
Yellowfin Bream	0.67 kg	Alexander Steele

Board Fish - Length

Brown Trout	480 mm	Chris Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	940 mm	Zachary Zhao
European Carp	720 mm	Steve Bailey
Flounder	283 mm	Alexander Steele
Golden Perch	627 mm	John Bosch
Mullet	390 mm	Steve Bailey
Rainbow Trout	630 mm	Steve Bailey
Sand Flathead	460 mm	Brian Stacy
Sand Whiting	350 mm	Glen Malam
Snapper	320 mm	Sarah Cong
Tailor	365 mm	Alexander Steele
Yellowfin Bream	351 mm	Alexander Steele

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

2.60kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

Estuary

Dusky Flathead

1.31kg on 1 kg

Chris Lemmon

Beach

Yellowfin Bream

.32kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

All Tackle Championship

Open

Steve Bailey	24
Chris Lemmon	15
Glen Malam	13
Lindsay Steele	13
Alexander Steele	12

Junior

Alexander Steele	12
Zachary Zhao	6
Jack Butt	4
Zalen Csiszar	3
Alexis Csiszar	3

ANSA NSW Notice: COVID-19 and our fishing for the immediate future

Dear ANSA NSW Members,

Following advice we have received from ANSA National, ANSA NSW has agreed to implement the following actions with regards to ANSA activities in NSW.

In accordance with the current NSW Health Regulations and Public Health Orders, we should try and stay home, at the very least for the next 90 days. [Read more here.](#)

In this pandemic, ANSA NSW cannot and will not advocate that its members should fish in competitions. ANSA NSW does not believe its competitions are a reasonable excuse to go fishing.

It is the individual's choice to go fishing. Fishing is still legal under the new Government guidelines. Although you can still legally fish in NSW, please be mindful that many anglers are choosing not to fish due to the circumstances.

In order to keep a level playing field, ANSA NSW will be suspending ANSA NSW fishing activities. As of midnight THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2020 all ANSA NSW Conventions, NSW Record Claims, the 12 Month State Competition and Masters Claims are suspended until further notice.

Please be advised, that ANSA NSW 12 month competition captures made prior to this announcement will still be allowed within the nominated 35 day submission period. Captures made as of Friday 3rd April 2020 will not be accepted.

In the meantime, we will launch a few interactive online competitions to keep us all occupied.

Stay tuned and stay safe.

Joe Garufi

Secretary

Update on the CFC 12-month competition

Dear Members and Supporters,

Following on from the ANSA National advice we received on 1 April 2020, the Committee voted in favour of suspending the Club's 12-month competition until further notice.

It is our understanding that it is still legal to continue fishing in NSW and the ACT. However, the circumstances under which fishing is still permitted is limited, meaning not all members will have access to the same fishing opportunities. In addition, some members have chosen not to go fishing to ensure their own personal safety and for that of their families and co-workers.

To keep a level playing field for all members, all CFC fishing activities from midnight tonight are suspended until further notice.

Capture forms for fish caught on and from 5 April 2020 will no longer be accepted. In accordance with the 30-day rule, members have until 5 May 2020 to submit capture forms for fish caught up to midnight tonight. IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED YOUR CAPTURE FORM YET, DO SO NOW.

It is customary that updates to the Club Championship Leader Board are not published after 1 May 2020. Given the COVID-19 lockdown measures are in place for 90 days, there will be no further updates to the Club Championship Leader Board.

In summary, captures are no longer eligible for:

- National records (from 2 April 2020)
- Masters Awards (from 2 April 2020)
- NSW State records (from 2 April 2020)
- ANSA NSW 12-month competition (from 2 April 2020)
- CFC 12-month competition (from 5 April 2020)

A further advice will be provided once ANSA NSW has advised whether members are still covered under ANSA's Sports Cover Liability insurance for accidental death or injury while fishing.

Finally, please stay safe during this difficult time.

Regards,

John Bosch
Recorder
Canberra Fisherman's Club

What I do when I'm not doing it

Jon Vogel, aka the Armchair Angler

These are the six podcasts I presently follow, the most interesting of which to me are Anchored by April Vokey, Australian Lure Fishing by Greg Vinall, and Mill House by Andy Mill – but all hold a special place.

Anchored (April Vokey):

<https://anchoredoutdoors.com/anchored-podcast/>



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Ep. 35: Dean Butler on Marlin and the IGFA

Dean Butler's recognition extends far beyond the Southern Hemisphere. A famed off-shore captain, Dean has been at the heart of more fly-fishing ...

April Vokey definitely conducts the best interviews since her skill and passion is drawing out stories focused on people & place than tackle & technique. For me April's rich content is dripping with personal insights into people I thought I knew, or knew of, but about whom I quickly learned I didn't have a clue, for example, Peter Morse, Dean Butler, Greg French, Rob Sitch, Jono Shales, Rex Hunt, Paul Worsteling, and that's just a few. Be prepared to be surprised.

Australian Lure Fishing (Greg Vinall):

<https://doclures.com/podcast/>



DOCLURES.COM

Podcast - Doc Lures

Episode 208: Lake Eildon Murray Cod With Paul Worsteling Apr 27, 2020 | Murray Cod Fishing, Victoria Lake Eildon has been mightily stocked ...

From a species, location, and angling skills perspective nothing comes even close to Greg Vinall's Australian Lure Fishing. Over the past few years Greg has interviewed over 150 of Australia's most capable and accomplished lure anglers and has established an encyclopaedia of fishing know-how. The depth & breadth of talent Greg has compiled is way too comprehensive to list here, but each episode introduces an individual fisho sharing their favourite location & species, and covers everything from the humble trout, flathead, bream & squid to Aussie icons like Barra, Bass, Golden Perch & Murray Cod, and everything in-between from tuna & tailor to Triple-tail & Trevally.

Social Fishing (Rhys Creed):

www.socialfishing.com.au/podcast/



Those looking to understand Australian native fishing scene in and around the ACT & Southern NSW could do a lot worse than drop in on Rhys Creed's Social Fishing podcast. For some this will be a bit of challenge given Rhys' exuberant presentation style, but there's no doubting his enthusiasm for fishing and his willingness to share, which means there are plenty of golden nuggets to be fossicked (and heaps of cod gems to be mined too).

The Big Fish (Scott Levi):

www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/thebigfish/

The Big Fish

with Scott Levi

Overview

Episodes



The Big Fish has been hosted by Scott Levi every Saturday morning at 5am for the last umpteen years and is mostly for entertainment. But for me it's also become a weekly ritual,

especially the segment with John 'Stinker' Clarke. While John doesn't fish with a fly or lure he knows more about anglers & angling than most; plus he's a cracker down to earth story teller.

Mill House (Andy & Nicky Mill):

www.millhousepodcast.com/media



Mill House Podcast

Episode 9: Capt. Skip Smith Part 2 - Globetrotter, Author,

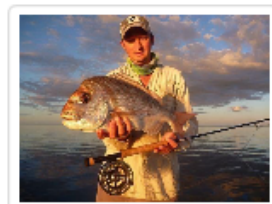


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Andy Mill has recorded some of the most amazing historical content I've ever heard, much of which forms the bedrock of IGFA/ANSA sports-fishing in both the US and Australia. If ever you wanted to know more about Steve Huff, Flip Pallot, Tom Evans, Dean Butler, or Chico Fernandez then this is the place, and the series is just getting started.

The Intermediate Line:

<https://ammoflies.podbean.com/>



Episode 42 - Andrew "Chozza" Chorley

May 8, 2020

On Episode 42, we chat to Andrew Chorley (Chozza) from Hervey Bay Fly and Sportfishing. Chozza has been on the water in Hervey Bay as a full time guide for 10 years and currently runs a 4 boat fleet for everything from flats to Bluewater to impoundment Barramundi. On the show we go over whats available and in addition to some boat talk, how to dodge whales and some cool shark stories.

Also, the Muppets talk about cold water fly line options and tying material substitutes in addition some very immature humor

Checkout Chozza'a website - <https://herveybaysportfishing.com.au/>

Intermediate Line definitely needs the BS filter set to high and also comes with a language warning, as does some of the Mill House content too. My suggestion is to skip the general rant at beginning & end if it's not to your taste, and cut straight to the chase with the weekly guest which normally starts about 20 minutes in. Guests of personal interest to me include Al Simson, Andy Vockler, Dave Bradley, Paul Dolan and Peter Morse because all have guided or tutored me in the past. However, there are many other luminaries in the Australian fishing scene such as Scotto Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Chris Beech, Pip Clement, Dan Ivanoff, and Andy Thomsen, some I have the pleasure of knowing well enough from whom to occasionally seek advice.

Naturally there are many more podcasts to choose from, but these are the ones which best match my own interests & inclinations. And that means some are fly fishing centric, but others are conventional angling or pure entertainment.

I'm a great believer in transferable skills and that the best anglers are those with the broadest experience, so the mixed content represented by these six very different podcasts is, for me, a great bonus. Certainly the most successful anglers I know are those who don't

create artificial boundaries twixt fly & lure, or who concentrate only on one species, location or technique. Rather they see angling in terms of understanding each species and its behaviour & environment, and then set about mastering how to beguile that fish using everything they know about every other species, location and technique . or just have fun trying!

Over the years I've listened to every episode of these podcasts except from April, and I'm now slowly but surely working my way through those too. In fact I've listen to most more than once, and while I'm definitely older and perhaps no wiser, I've been very well tutored and entertained along the way.

Ah, the places I've been, the people I've met and the fish I've angled all from the comfort of my armchair.

I hope you enjoy sharing part of my angling world and what I do when I'm not doing it.

The Armchair Angler.



Items for Sale: the reel thing!



The editor received a mysterious email from a member who would like to remain anonymous offering the goods and chattels depicted above. Our mysterious vendor also asked me to convey the following message:

No tyre kickers please.

All genuine offers will be considered with the respect they deserve.

Am prepared to swap for items of equal value.

Due to social distancing requirements, all expressions of interest should be submitted in writing to the editor (anthony.heiser@bigpond.com).

With good reason the vendor wishes to remain anonymous.

Total Length Award species for 2019-20

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



How many metres can you catch?

March and April 2020 Photo Competition

I have the gallery for [2019-20](#) up on the website. Please send me your photos.

- Members can submit up to two photos per month.
- Photo comp entries can be submitted via the website, the Club email address (info@canberrafishos.com) or anthony.heiser@bigpond.com or via SMS to 0402 560 880.
- Acceptance of photo comp entries submitted by other means is at my discretion – please don't make it too hard for me to access your photo comp entries.
- 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.

I've seen some great captures on our Facebook Page. For equally good photos:

- Fill the frame with the angler and the fish
- Be careful not to chop the angler's head or arms or the fish in the photo
- Shoot at eye level (especially for junior anglers and anglers kneeling or sitting)
- 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 – both settings can easily fill the photo with distracting clutter in the background or around the angler

List of photo comp winners and recipients of Editor's Choice for best newsletter contributions: 2019-20

We've been a little behind on the awarding of vouchers for the monthly photo competition and best newsletter contributions. To make sure we don't lose track of all the winners, I'll keep a running list of the winners in the Newsletter.

Month	Photo comp winner		Editor's choice for best newsletter contribution	
	Name	Voucher awarded	Name	Voucher awarded
July 2019	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020	Not awarded	N/A
August 2019	Jason Rogers		Not awarded	N/A
September 2019	Chris Lemmon	11 February 2020		
October 2019	Lindsay Steele	11 February 2020	Not awarded	N/A
November 2019	Bonnita Allen	11 February 2020	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020
December 2019	Andrew Butt	10 March 2020	Lindsay Steele	11 February 2020
January 2020	Jon Vogel	11 February 2020		
February 2020	Glen Malam	10 March 2020	Jon Vogel	
March 2020	Zane Zhao		Zane Zhao	
April 2020	John Bosch		Jon Vogel	

March 2020 Photo Comp



Zane Zhao: Zachary fighting a 94 cm Flathead



Anthony Heiser: Picking up Zach's leftovers with a 42 cm Flathead on Fly



Anthony Heiser: Last fish before Coronavirus lockdown



Mel Marlborough: Fish are quiet and the swans don't want to play 😞

Winner of the March 2020 Competition



Zane Zhao: Zane proudly holding up Zachary's 94 cm Flathead

Winner (and only person to submit an entry) of the April 2020 Competition



John Bosch: 62.7 cm, 6.06 kg Googong Golden Perch.

2019-20 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

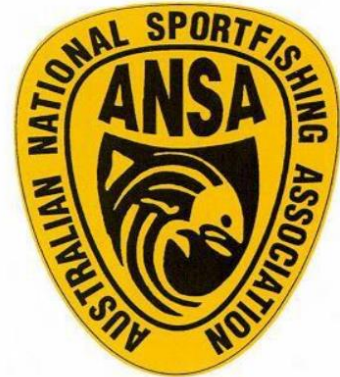
Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
21st – 22nd September	Kalkite	10th
12th – 13th October	St Georges Basin	8th
1st – 3rd November	Burrinjuck	12th
7th – 8th December	Burrinjuck	10th
15th December	CFC Christmas Party	
12th January	Carpathon	14th
25th – 27th January	Tuross	
14th – 16th February	ANSA Nowra Convention	11th
6th – 9th March	ANSA Narooma Convention	10th
27th – 29th March	Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament	
17th – 19th April	SES Recovery Appeal Fishing Competition	14th
23rd – 24th May	Kalkite	12th
6th – 8th June	Narooma	9th
18th – 19th July	Ulladulla	14th

All meetings and outings suspended until further notice

Canberra Fisherman's Club Sponsors 2019-20



THANK YOU BURRINJUCK SPONSORS 2019



The Canberra Fisherman's Club executive and members thanks all our sponsors that have so kindly donated products and services to help make this event successful. Without the sponsors, this event would not be able to run.

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Membership Fees

	CFC	ANSA
Junior	\$5	Nil
Senior	\$20	Nil
Family	\$30	Nil

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