



Newsletter

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Winner of the September 2020 photo competition



Sidi Fall: Sidi with his first Trout ever!

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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)).

General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the **Croatian Deakin Soccer Club, 3 Grose Street, Deakin**. beginning at 6:30 pm. All members and visitors are most welcome.

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 October 2019 Newsletter. In this month's edition, we have the latest ANSA NSW 12-month comp standings, reports from the Kalkite and Talbingo Outings, an update on Burrinjuck, and the winner for the September photo competition announced.

With great sadness, we announced on 26 September 2020 that the Club will not host the 46th ANSA Burrinjuck Convention this year. The Burrinjuck Convention has been an annual tradition for the Club for 45 years and this decision was not taken lightly. However, restrictions due to COVID-19 mean that the Convention would be significantly diminished as a meeting ground for ANSA members.

We have confirmation from the Manager of Burrinjuck Waters Reflections Holiday Park that all existing bookings and deposits will be transferred to next year (6-7 November 2021). However, I understand many of the ANSA Clubs will still travel to Burrinjuck for their own outings.

The Club will be utilising this year's booking as a club outing so that our members can still fish Burrinjuck in November. If you are interested in attending, please let Glen Malam know as soon as possible so he can book your accommodation.

After the November outing, the Club will return to Burrinjuck on 5-6 December 2020 for the Cod Opening. We may hold an Inter-Club Challenge with the Morven-Culcairn Fishing Club. If it's on again, let's see if we can win the Challenge for a fifth year running.

Our Christmas Party will be on 13 December 2020 – keep the date free as this will also be our Club Presentation for the 2019-20 Fishing Year.

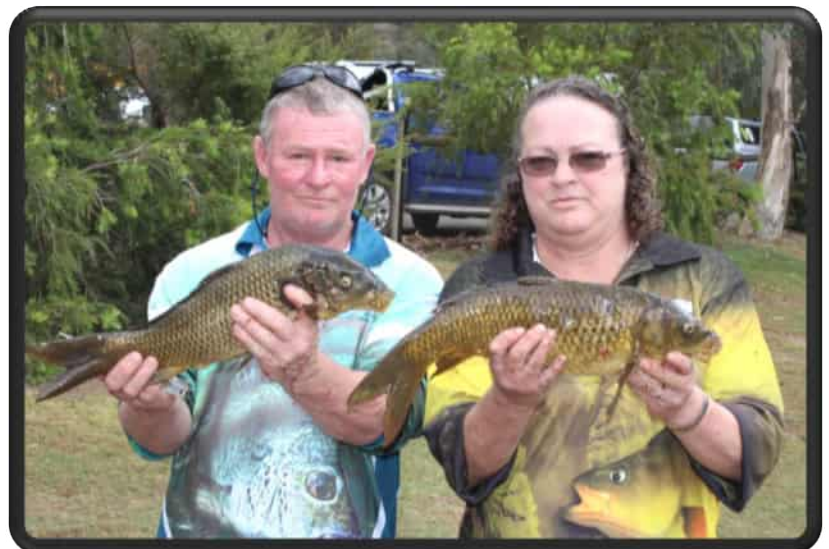
Looking ahead, the next National Gone Fishing Day will be held on Sunday, 17 October 2021. Anthony landed a few nice Carp at the 2020 National Gone Fishing Day on 18 October 2020. I've not heard any reports of other members fishing the event. Perhaps we could look at having more members fish the event next year.

I hope you get a chance to join us at the outings and look forward to hearing your news and fishing reports at the next general meeting.

The Lucky Member's Draw has reset to \$25, after Glen Malam won the \$75 Jackpot at the October Meeting. Remember, you need to be at our General Meeting to claim the jackpot if you're name is drawn next month.

Keep safe on the water

Bonnita Allen
President



Recorder's Report

Hi everyone,

I have a fairly long Recorder's Report for you this month. First up, there's the usual Club Competition update, then an update of the NSW 12 month competition, and finally a list of members' certified scales that are overdue for their annual test. If your scales are in the expired list, please get them to me fast – you never know when you're going to catch the fish of a lifetime!

Since the last newsletter, the Club held the September outing to Kalkite and the October outing to Talbingo. The Kalkite outing saw a few nice trout caught. However it's the first year in many that we missed out on Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon. However, there has been so much rain this year the trout should be on the bite for an extended period of time. Good news for anyone planning a few more trips up to the mountain lakes.

Unfortunately, the fishing at Talbingo wasn't as good. We put in a fair bit of time in Blowering Dam without any result – not even a bite! There weren't even fish showing up on the sounder, although the forward scan on the Livescope showed a few large fish right up in the shallows under large willow trees. Anthony Heiser adjusted well to the situation, driving the 50 km to Tantangara Dam for a couple of nice trout on fly.

Outside of Club outings, Steve Bailey and Andrew Butt travelled all the way to Copeton Dam to fish for large Murray Cod with great success. Andrew caught the largest at 108.5 cm, while Steve caught three trophy length fish ranging from 80 cm to 105 cm. I understand the fishing was so good they're back up there again, right now.

Steve Bailey, Chris Lemmon, Anthony Heiser and Alexander and Lindsay Steele have also been hitting the local lakes to amass points for the Freshwater Length championship (this year's target species is European Carp). In among all the fish they caught are a few that we've entered in the NSW 12-month competition (subsequent to the update provided below).

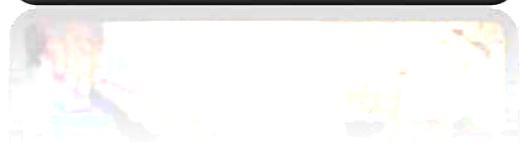
As you can probably tell, I'm pretty keen on getting members to enter their captures in the NSW 12 month competition this year. So many times over recent years Canberra Fisherman's Club members have caught fish that would have been winners in the NSW competition, if only we'd filled in an entry form. If you have a halfway decent capture over the next year, expect to have me chasing you down for a signature on an entry form!

Finally, I've included a list of Club members' scales that are overdue for their annual check. If your scales are listed, please bring them in to the next meeting so I can get them tested – we catch too many good fish in this Club to miss out on the accolades.

The next Club outing is a trip to Burrinjuck in lieu of the Burrinjuck Convention (cancelled for 2020) on the 7-8 November. Convention attendees usually catch heaps of fish, so this year, let's ditch the rosters and get stuck into some fishing!

Keep the capture forms rolling in.

Glen Malam
Recorder



Club Championship

Open

Glen Malam	631
Steve Bailey	555
Chris Lemmon	266
Zane Zhao	105
Anthony Heiser	82

Ladies

Junior

Zachary Zhao	48
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Land Based

Steve Bailey	517	
Chris Lemmon	266	
Anthony Heiser	82	
Chris Head	66	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Glen Malam	61	

Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	555
Chris Lemmon	266
Glen Malam	114
Zane Zhao	105
Zachary Zhao	48

Salt Water

Glen Malam	517	
Chris Head	66	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Anthony Heiser	55	
Mitchell Malam	47	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Most Versatile Angler

Glen Malam	11	
Zane Zhao	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Steve Bailey	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Chris Lemmon	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Janine Noack	1	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

Salt Water Length *(Australian Salmon)*

Glen Malam	2,760
Chris Head	1,260

Lindsay Steele	935
Anthony Heiser	900
Janine Noack	810

Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Steve Bailey	6,760
Chris Lemmon	3,500
Alexander Steele	2,229
Anthony Heiser	1,510
Lindsay Steele	895

Tagging Award

Board Fish - Weight

Australian Salmon	1.10 kg	Chris Head
Brown Trout	1.66 kg	Glen Malam
Eagle Ray - All	3.20 kg	Glen Malam
European Carp	5.17 kg	Steve Bailey
Fiddler Ray	5.52 kg	Glen Malam
Golden Perch	2.10 kg	Zane Zhao
Longtail Tuna	8.10 kg	Glen Malam
Mackeral Tuna	1.61 kg	Glen Malam
Rainbow Trout	0.62 kg	Glen Malam
Yellowtail Kingfish	4.08 kg	Glen Malam

Board Fish - Length

Australian Salmon	525 mm	Lindsay Steele
Black Bream	280 mm	John Martin
Brown Trout	535 mm	Glen Malam
European Carp	760 mm	Steve Bailey
Golden Perch	480 mm	Zane Zhao
Murray Cod	1085 mm	Andrew Butt
Rainbow Trout	385 mm	Glen Malam
Silver Trevally	467 mm	Lindsay Steele
Yellowfin Bream	334 mm	Alexander Steele

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

5.17kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

Blue Water

Longtail Tuna

8.10kg on 10 kg

Glen Malam

Beach

Australian Salmon

1.10kg on 2 kg

Chris Head

All Tackle Championship

Open

Glen Malam	9
Anthony Heiser	7
Lindsay Steele	5
Steve Bailey	5
Chris Lemmon	4
Alexander Steele	4
Karen Malam	4

Junior

Alexander Steele	4
Zachary Zhao	3
Sidi Fall	2
Matilda Holloway	2

Expired Scales

Number	Brand	Weight (kg)	ExpiryDate
Bosch, John			
185	Rapala	25	9/02/2020
Butt, Andrew			
58	Rapala Digital	25	30/06/2020
De La Rue, Chris			
18	Salter 15	10	1/11/2012
Head, Chris			
93	Rapala Digital	25	22/09/2016
Heiser, Anthony			
175	Rapala	8	25/11/2019
Lemmon, Chris			
91	CIL Digital	10	10/12/2019
Malam, Glen			
186	Rapala	25	26/02/2020
Marlborough, Mel			
176	Berkley	14	30/06/2020
Spriggs, Kevin			
131	Rapala Digital	25	7/01/2020
Stacy, Brian			
88	Rapala Digital	8	25/11/2019
Stanfield, Jamie			
1	Rapala Digital	8	19/11/2017
Tate, Narelle			
183	Rapala	25	21/11/2018
Zhao, Zane			
123	Rapala Digital	25	30/06/2020

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 11/10/2020

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species					
1 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	LUDERICK	0.880	2	52.800
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)					
1 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TUNA - NORTHERN BL	8.100	10	121.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater					
1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.200	2	160.000
2 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.000	6	50.000
DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater					
1 Grant Evans	Australian Land Based Angle	PERCH - GOLDEN	5.450	2	272.500
DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
DIVISION 10: Gamefishing					
1 Reece Cokun	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Clu	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	110.500	37	447.973
2 Kurt Staples	Australian Land Based Angle	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	60.600	24	378.750
DIVISION 11: Handline					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 11/10/2020

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000 0	0.000
DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000 0	0.000
DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000 0	0.000
DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000 0	0.000
DIVISION 16: Tag and Release				
1 VACANT	NO CLUB			0
DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp				
1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN		865.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	CARP		0.000
DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)				
1 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TROUT - BROWN		535.000
2 Sidi Fall	Canberra Fishermans Club	TROUT - BROWN		500.000
3 Michael Tweedie	Australian Land Based Anglers	TROUT - BROWN		470.000
DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass				
1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN		480.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	BASS		0.000
DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)				
1 Petar Perekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	BREAM - YELLOWFIN		420.000
2 Petar Perekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	BREAM		400.000
DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)				
1 Cameron Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	FLATHEAD - SAND		610.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	FLATHEAD		0.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 11/10/2020

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

1 Cameron Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		645.000
2 Blake Gough	Australian Land Based Anglers As	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		600.000
3 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		585.000

DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

1 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000
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DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper

1 Nick Maliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		860.000
2 Chris Anagnostou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		840.000
3 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SNAPPER		780.000

DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway


1 Tristan Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		770.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	MULLOWAY		0.000

DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Reece Cokun	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	5
Kurt Staples	Australian Land Based Anglers	5
Grant Evans	Australian Land Based Anglers	5
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	3
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	3

DIVISION 27: Champion Club


CLUB	POINTS
Australian Land Based Anglers	21
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	12
Canberra Fisherman's Club	6
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	3
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	3
Canberra Fishermans Club	2
Australian Land Based Anglers Assoc	2
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	1



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, F/W = 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

Fishing news and competitions

The Kalkite Outing

By Lindsay Steele



Sidi Fall with his very first Trout.

The outing to Lake Jindabyne, commonly known as the Kalkite Outing, is a club favourite. Sixteen people signed up only to find out that our usual accommodation at the Highland Lodge Farm Stay was unavailable due to the owner allowing their relatives to stay during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

In the end, Glen Malam did a great job locating a close alternative that was, ironically, only available due to COVID-19 related reasons. We stayed at the Jindabyne Equestrian Resort, which came at roughly the same price as the usual accommodation. But it came with the advantage separate rooms instead of the shared bunk room at Highland Lodge Farm Stay.

Attending the outing were Steve Bailey, Chris Lemmon, Zane and Zachary Zhao, Bruce Johnston, Sara Borman, Melissa and Matilda Holloway, Ivy Pearce, Glen and Karen Malam, Tom Harrington, Sidi Fall, Lindsay and Alexander Steele. Bruce Murray and Albert Magassey also attended the outing but stayed in their own accommodation. Anthony Heiser attended as a day trip, dropping in to catch up with everyone in the evening.

Saturday morning started out with low fog blanketing the lake, but the day turned out to be not so bad later on. Alex and I fished with Tom and Sidi in their boat. We started the morning trolling down towards Taylors Bay. Eventually, Sidi hooked a nice brown trout, weighing 1.23 kg and measuring 50 cm.

Later in the morning, we headed over to Creel Bay where Alex and I did a bit of bait and soft plastic fishing off the bank. This fishing was without luck. Especially so for Alex who, when playing near the shore, and despite told to stay away from the water multiple times, ended up slipping in and was completely soaked. He was shocked but after getting into some new warm clothes, Alex decided he didn't really want to go near the water for the rest of the weekend. That afternoon, we joined Tom and Sidi in the boat for some trolling and shore lure casting around the Snowy Arm again without a lot of success.



Saturday morning started off with low fog blanketing the lake.

Back at the boat ramp, we met Albert and Bruce Murray bringing their boat in. Their fishing count for the day was a 38 cm Rainbow Trout caught by Bruce. Albert learned a lesson on this day: while fishing out on the lake, his phone rang and he took the call. While on the phone, for some reason he reached out to grab his rod but, as he twisted around, his phone fell out of his hand, bounced off the boat's railing and into water, 12 meters down and never to be seen again.

Other captures that day included Glen Malam with a 38.5 cm Rainbow Trout, Steve Bailey with three Brown Trout ranging between 31 cm and 440 cm, Chris Lemmon with a 39 cm Brown Trout, and Zach Zhao with a 45 cm Brown Trout.



Zachary Zhao with a nice Brown Trout.



Lake Jindabyne on Saturday afternoon, looking towards Kalkite Boat Ramp and showing the current water level.

That evening, Anthony Heiser also joined the club for dinner. He had been fly fishing up the Eucumbene Arm during the day, hooking an Atlantic Salmon that busted his 2 kg break away as it made several leaps out of the water.

Sunday started out with rain early in the morning, resulting in a few of the very early risers to have a longer breakfast and wait until the weather cleared. The weather cleared about 7:00 am and ended up being a reasonable day. As this was a shorter day, we headed straight to the Snowy Arm for a few hours. After a short troll, Alex and I stepped off onto the shore so he could have a bit of a play, this time he stayed well away from the water. At the same time, Tom and Sidi kept trolling up the arm some more, again without a lot of luck before eventually joining us on the shore for some bait fishing and lure casting.

Others had more success than we did. Jason picked up a nice 38 cm Rainbow using a deep diving brown trout pattern and Bails caught one.

Glen Malam probably did his best fishing on the Sunday, not being stopped by the boat battery issues that he experienced on Saturday. Glen picked up three fish, two Rainbow Trout and a nice 1.7 kg Brown Trout which were all caught on an old battered and dull lure.



Glen Malam showing his 1.7 kg Brown Trout on Sunday.

The Talbingo Outing: 10-11 October 2020

Anthony Heiser



Jounama Pondage on Sunday morning of the outing.

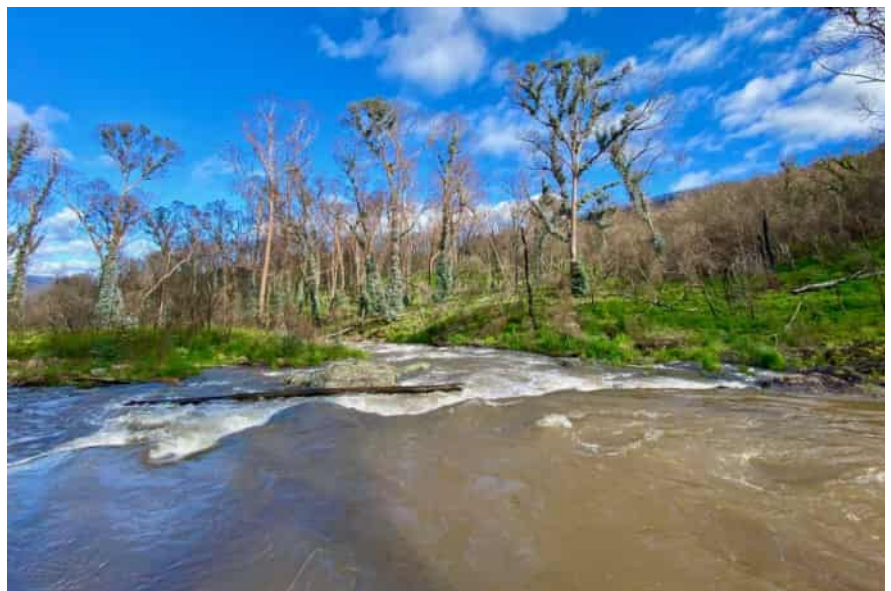
It's been six years since the last ANSA Talbingo Convention. Glen and Karen Malam, the Zhao Family, and I returned to Talbingo in an effort to relive those memories. At the 2014 Talbingo Convention, the mountains were covered in green forest, Jounama Pondage was filled with gin-clear water, and we caught some impressive Trout. The Club just missed out on winning Champion Club, which was instead claimed by the South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association.

Alas, the glory of 2014 was not reclaimed this year. This time, the mountains were covered in scorched matchsticks sprouting with green regrowth, and Jounama Pondage looked as if filled it with ice coffee. The Zhao family fished Jounama Pondage on Friday evening – while they observed plenty of Trout rises, none showed any interest in their baits.

With that in mind, I decided not to fish Jounama Pondage on Saturday morning, and explored Jounama Creek instead.

However, if Jounama Pondage was a pool of ice coffee, Jounama Creek was a raging torrent of ice coffee.

My only other option was drowning worms off the bank at Blowering, which didn't appeal to me. So I messaged Stephen Dunn via WhatsApp asking if I'd be better off driving all the way to Tantangara Dam. He reported that the lake was rising and that the fish were feeding on midges.



Jounama Creek on Saturday morning.



Tantangara Dam on Saturday Afternoon.

So I made my way deeper into Kosciusko National Park, stopping first at the Eucumbene River at Kiandra for an hour. The Eucumbene River was flowing very fast and I didn't spot a single fish, so I continued my way to Tantangara Dam. I fished with a small black nymph, but the wind tested the limits of my fly casting skills.

I received plenty of hits on the fly rod to keep me interested, and I finally converted the hits into two nice Browns weighing 0.48 kg and 0.54 kg each at a spot dubbed the 'Frying Pan' Soak. This was a relief, as I couldn't imagine what everyone back at the cabin would say if I had driven all the way to Tantangara for no fish.

As it turned out, the Zhaos and the Malams returned from Blowering empty handed.

Glen and Karen reported that the water levels were up but found few fish. After a few hours of Lurecasting, they tried offering unweighted worms to a school of Carp cruising under a Willow Tree. Sadly, the Carp showed zero interest in the worms and seemed content to just drift around near the surface.



Anthony with a 0.48 kg Brown Trout at Tantangara Dam.



My 0.54 kg Brown Trout at Tintangara Dam caught at the 'Frying Pan' Soak.



Glen and Karen Malam, Sarah Cong, Zachary and Zane Zhao enjoying the outing dinner.

Back at the cabin, we enjoyed some of glasses of locally produced Gin mixed with Ginger Beer, a bucket of Halloween Treats, followed by a sausage sizzle before finishing the night watching the footy.

We all enjoyed a nice sleep in on Sunday morning. No one seemed to be in any hurry to get back out onto the water. I eventually left the Malams and the Zhaos at the cabin around 10 am to head back to Tantangara Dam.

Just as I started fishing, I heard someone yelling my name across the Lake, to discover Stephen Dunn, together with Stephen Gaynor of [Sydney Harbour Fishing Charters](#), had just arrived. They had attempted to fish the Eucumbene River earlier that day without success and decided to give Tantangara a try.

For once, it was finally my turn to show the experts where to find the fish. I showed them the 'Frying Pan' Soak, where I landed my Trout the day before. Stephen Gaynor landed a half kilo Brown Trout and dropped a second fish. I had a couple of hits but couldn't convert them into captures. Before going home, Steve Dunn and Steve Gaynor took me to the Murrumbidgee River and gave me some lessons in fishing with dry flies.

With the outing finished, I drove home wondering whether it worth returning to Talbingo. This is our second or third outing to Talbingo since Wagga Family Fishing Club stopped hosting the Convention. The outing has not been well attended since the Convention ended, and the number of fish caught at each outing can be counted on one hand. With that in mind, I'd argue it is time we finally moved on.



Stephen Gaynor fishing the 'Frying Pan' soak at Tantangara (with Stephen Dunn in the background). This is where I landed the larger of my two Trout on Saturday and Stephen landed one and dropped on Sunday. Why did we dub this the 'Frying Pan' soak? All is revealed in the next photo.



Whether by design or accident, this frypan is placed in close proximity to a tiny stream draining into a productive section of the Lake. This spot seemed to be holding a few Trout, so we dubbed it the 'Frying Pan' Soak.



Left: Caught my Trout on this fly. In addition to the midges, the Trout were also feeding on black grubs drowned under the rising waters. Right: Christmas Beetles are making an appearance at Tantangara – does anyone know if Trout eat Christmas Beetles?

Total Length Award species for 2020-21

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2020-21, the target species are Australian Salmon for the Saltwater section and European Carp for the Freshwater Section. The new target species applies from 1 July 2020.

The target species for the 2020-21 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Australian Salmon



Freshwater section: European Carp



How many metres can you catch?

September 2020 Photo Competition

To everyone who submitted entries for the September photo comp, thank you. There was a bit of everything in September: scenery, Trout, Natives, Carp and Estuary. You can find the winners for this year's photo comp at [2020-21](#) on our website.

This month, the winner is Sidi with his very first Trout. It was a tough choice between Sidi's Trout and Bails' Cod. Bails' photo is textbook perfect. But I've seen a lot of ordinary photos of junior anglers with their fish. Sidi's photo is near textbook perfect, so I hope this can serve as an example of what to do when taking photos of junior anglers.

The photo is taken at eye level with Sidi, and Sidi is nice and close to the camera. Failing to take the photo at eye level with the junior angler is a common mistake. The result is a photo that is looking down at the junior angler.

Another common mistake is for the photographer to stand too far away from the angler and fish. Here, Sidi and his Trout fill the frame, with minimal clutter in the photo. Including too much clutter from the contents of the boat is another common mistake avoided in this photo.

My only criticism is the boat could have been positioned to get a better angle for the lighting, but at least it does not detract from the photo. For a better example of angling the boat for better lighting, see Bails' Cod photo.

It was a tough call but, having seen the entries so far for the October photo comp, the selection of the next photo comp winner should be much easier.

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.

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

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
August 2019	Jason Rogers	8 September 2020	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	8 September 2020
March 2020	Zane Zhao	13 October 2020	Zane Zhao	13 October 2020
April 2020	John Bosch	13 October 2020	Jon Vogel	8 September 2020
May 2020	Paul Breeze		Not awarded	N/A
June 2020	Mick Jewry	13 October 2020	Not awarded	N/A
July 2020	Janine Noack		Tom Harrington	13 October 2020
August 2020	Glen Malam	13 October 2020	Not awarded	N/A
September 2020	Sidi Fall		Not awarded	N/A

September 2020 Photo Comp



Anthony Heiser - Halo sunset at the Kalkite Outing.



Chris Lemmon with a 71 cm Bega River Flathead.



Chris Lemmon - Bails with a 76 cm, 517 point Carp.



Steve Bailey - 105 cm Copeton Dam Cod.



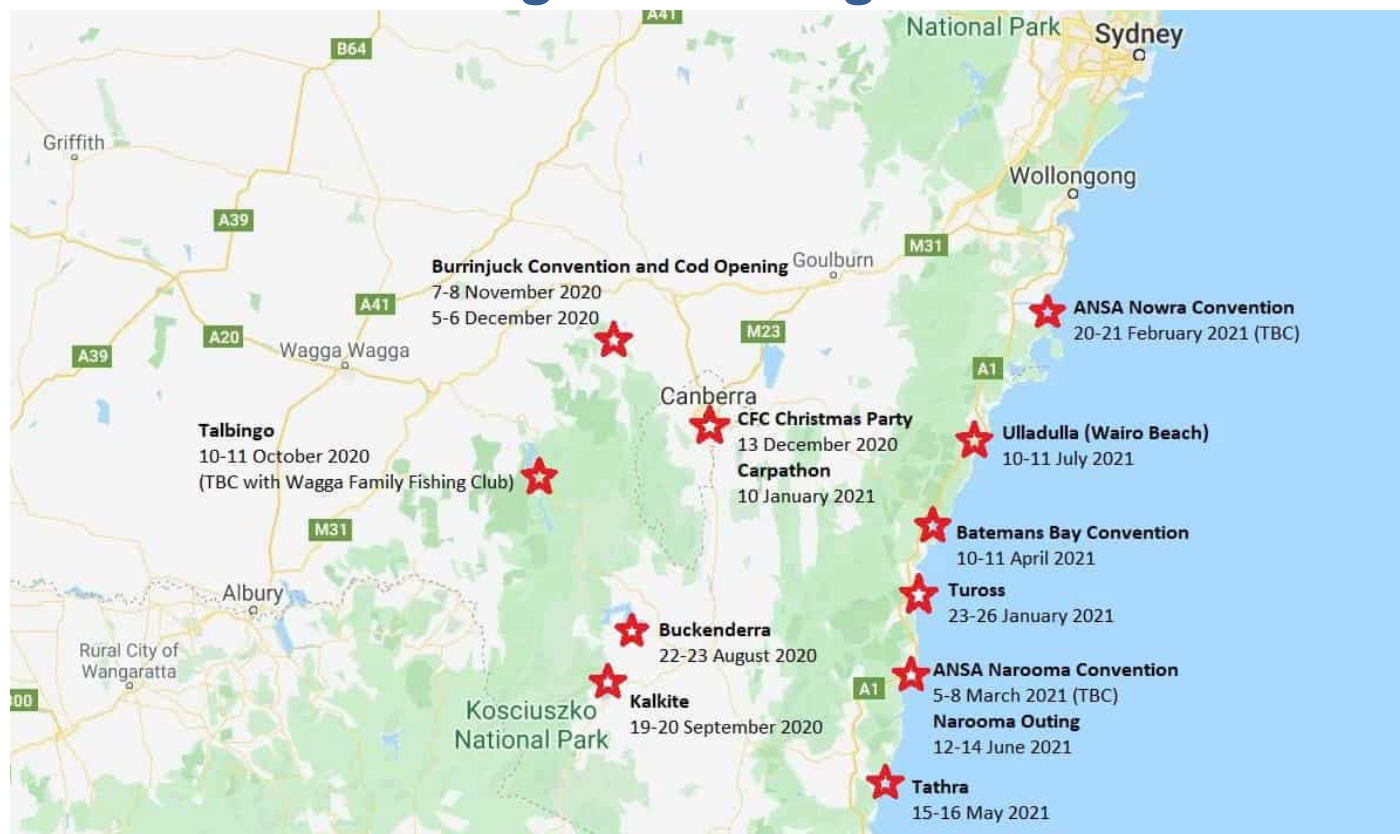
Left: Zane Zhao - Zachary Zhao with a Kalkite Trout. Right: Glen Malam - Kalkite Brown Trout.

Winner of the September 2020 Competition



Sidi Fall: Sidi with his first Trout ever!

2020-21 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar



Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
22-23 August 2020	Buckenderra	11 August 2020
19-20 September 2020	Kalkite	8 September 2020
10-11 October 2020	Talbingo (TBC)	13 October 2020
7-8 November 2020	Burrinjuck	10 November 2020
5-6 December 2020	Burrinjuck	8 December 2020
13 December 2020	CFC Christmas Party	
10 January 2021	Carpathon	12 January 2021
23-26 January 2021	Tuross	
20-21 February 2021	ANSA Nowra Convention	9 February 2021
5-8 March 2021	ANSA Narooma Convention	9 March 2021
10-11 April 2021	ANSA Batemans Bay Convention	13 April 2021
15-16 May 2021	Tathra	11 May 2021
12-14 June 2021	Narooma	8 June 2021
10-11 July 2021	Ulladulla	13 July 2021

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