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Newsletter – Jul 2009

Coming Events

Wed 8 Jul Jun – next meeting

Charles' Report



carp, 8lb 9oz from LBG 27 May 09

Stuart's Report

Bill,

Coastal fishing charter report

All arrived safely at the Flats Elite accommodation on Friday night and spent time in the Bermagui Country Club replacing fluids after the long drive and enjoying tucker from the large menu whilst listening for their number for the meat raffle.

An early start meant all were up by 5.30 for the 6.30 departure from the dock. Les the skipper and his wife Kathy (deck hand) sorted out bait and gear on the way to Golden Point about 50 mins south of Bermagui. The sea was most pleasant with a swell of about 1.0 mtr and wind not greater than 10 knots all day. We fished between 1 and 4 miles off shore all day targeting the reefs and shale areas for snapper. The skipper was continually moving and seeking new spots until we found a productive area where we did a couple of drifts. A mixed bag of fish were caught, wrasse, rock cod (in large numbers mostly caught by Kelly the rock cod queen), snapper (10 no with Steve catching the biggest), flathead, gurnard, mowong, and a few other types of fish. Alex caught a stripy Tuna while trolling between drops which ended up as fresh bait. All went home with some fish however the bag of fish was not as good as some years previous. I'm not sure if this reflects on the quality of the fisher person?

The special part which made the trip so much more enjoyable was the Eco aspect of Humpbacked whales and seals throughout the day. We must have seen a dozen whales, the occasional breach and the best was a pod of 5 whales not greater than 60 meters from the boat while we were drift fishing, the noise from the whales gave us all a start as it blew beside the boat, the oohs and ahhs were as memorable as the whales themselves. We were hoping they would breach and show themselves fully as they slowly swam North to their play ground at Hervey Bay, around Fraser island. We also had a very large fur seal follow the boat into the port hoping for a feed as tied up at the end of the day, he didn't get lucky, not enough for him as well.

Drinks and dinner at the pub was enjoyed by all with comments about the quality of the steak. It again wasn't a late night as there was the early morning fishing off the rocks for the dedicated few.

Fly or lure fishing off the rocks Sunday morning as the sun rose was pleasant with Kelly catching the first fish on a slice, a pike, all the subsequent fish caught by all were also pike. Martin caught black fish and small drummer on bait. Les and Geoff went to Blue Holes (swimmingpool) and found the salmon using unweighted cut bait, to the envy of most.

A late breakfast at the café and most were on the road by about 11am dispersing to Canberra, the highlands and Sydney.

Regards
Stuart



Waiting for a feed at the end of the day



Fit for National Geographic (thanks Geoff)



Geoff T with salmon off the rocks



Alex with nice Stripey, Stuart looks on with some envy.



Skipper with Gurnard (Neosebastes pandus) - Good eating

Bill and Alan's Report

For those who failed to brave the conditions at Lake Eucumbene on 20-21 Jun, here is some evidence of what you missed.



Bill with first of the night – the bait fishermen ten metres along the shore didn't know how to react, especially when Alan successfully encouraged Bill to release the fish.



Well, what do you know, Bill scored with the first of the early morning session.

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 10 Jun 2009

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Members present:, Stefan, Bill, Charlie, Greg, Stuart, Bob M, Michael, Norm, Steve H, Alan, Peter and Fred P. New member Scott.

Apologies: Fiore and Ian.

Bill declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed.

Matters Arising

Nil.

Inwards Correspondence

Nil.

Treasurers' Report

Stefan gained approval for expenditure of \$108.45 for LED tail-lights for the club boat trailer.

Club Events Program

The meeting discussed ideas for the forthcoming program:

- Local lakes were withdrawn
- Brogo to be restored to November
- Coast Charter to be withdrawn – replace by Estuary in the March/April timeframe
- Monaro streams/Adaminaby to be restored
- Carp with fly and bait to be included in January before official first meeting.

Secretary will prepare program for endorsement in July meeting.

Other Business

Nil.

Future meeting program is forecast to be:

- Jul – Douglas Kerruish (Willow Project Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee)
- Aug – AGM
- Sep – Nick Taransky (cane rods and general talk)
- Oct – Derek on kayak fishing

Fishing Report

Not discussed

Closure

Acting President declared the meeting closed with the next meeting to be held on 8 Jul 2009.

The floor was handed over to Danny Spelic who spoke on time he spent in Northern Territory developing a NT tourist promotion video. Fishing with Paradise Fishing Tours at Borrooloola, Pungaline Station and Aurukin featured

Stefan
Treasurer

Bill
Secretary