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Newsletter – Mar 2011

Coming Events

Mar 9 – next meeting Mar 19-20 – Tuross – check with Geoff or Bill Apr 2-3 – Koorabri on the Goodradigbee – check with Greg W or Bill

Trout Fin Clipping

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From: Lyall Sent: Wednesday, 26 January 2011 7:42 PM Subject: Gaden Hatchery Volunteers

Hi Bill,

Attached are a few pictures of Canberra Anglers' Association members volunteering at Gaden trout hatchery. There were around a dozen people including a few Nerrandra NSW Inland Fisheries staff clipping the right hand pectoral fins of Rainbow fingerlings accompanied by lots of trout talk. The Fisheries staff said the released fingerlings will be a representative sample of hatchery fish which they will track for migration and longevity.

The breeding pools had us all drooling and there are now fifteen thousand Rainbows which have been released in the Snowys swimming in tight clockwise circles, so if you catch one you know who to blame. The day ended with polaroiding on the Thredbo River and a handsome Brown (with all its fins!!).



Inside Gaden hatchery



Ian and Peter at work



Clipping the right pectoral fin



Only half a dozen left to clip!



Thredbo Brown



Thredbo River at dusk

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From: Lyall Sent: Sunday, 20 February 2011 5:43 PM Subject: RE: Canberra Anglers Association: FW: Googong Fishing trip

Hi Bill,

Just back from the Googong Dam club outing - see the photos attached. The weather was perfect and the dam full. Small Redfin were the order of the day apart from the hundred pound Murray Cod which got away from Peter (yeah, sure mate ...). The most innovative fishing technique was Owen's sneak attack from behind the bushes - it would have made 007 proud (and as a bonus he salvaged his lure from the bush).

Surf rods are at the ready for the Tuross outing on 19 and 20 March. Fish and chips at the Tuross Boatshed Cafe is compulsory!!!

Bye for now,

Lyall



Lyall bait fishing



Owen sneaking up on a fish



The one that got away was THIS big!

So It's not Lost in the Archives



Kelly's wedding day – photo of the month for Dec/Jan.

News from CRFA

From: Shane Jasprizza Sent: Friday, 4 February 2011 1:09 AM Subject: CRFA Update - Jan 2011 Members and Supporters,

Trout Forum:

On 1st December, Queanbeyan Anglers Club and CRFA hosted a forum to discuss trout stocking in the region. Invited speakers from TAMS, Canberra Uni and NSW Fisheries discussed the history, current situation and future prospects for trout in the local area. The meeting was a very informative and frank discussion and left a couple of doors slightly ajar for the future. Attached are my notes from this meeting.

Carp Control Workshop:

On 16th December, Steve Samuels and I attended a round table discussion on the possibilities of carp control work in Canberra's lakes and ponds. In attendance were TAMS and NCA staff as well as MDBA Native Fish Strategy representatives and other researchers. There were presentations on available control technologies (nets, traps, pheromones etc) and a discussion around several options for control work. A follow-up meeting is to be scheduled shortly to discuss more detailed proposals. Funding to do some control work is being requested in the upcoming ACT Budget, so hopefully some trials might not be far away.

As you may have read in the Canberra Times, Carp were found in Yerrabi Pond for the first time in sampling done by TAMS just after Xmas. This is disappointing to anglers, as it was a great little native "secret spot". Only time will tell how carp (and the redfin that got in a couple of seasons back) will impact on this fishery. If you can, get out there and target them before they take over!

Resnagging our lakes:

On 19th January, I met with the CEO and the Lake Manager from the National Capital Authority to discuss the possibilities of resnagging in Lake Burley Griffin. This discussion arose due to the media about the numbers of trees washed into the lake during the recent storms and the fact that they appeared to be going to waste. The NCA were upfront in saying that they support the concept, but have very limited funding to allocate to any works. However, they proposed a few potential locations around Weston Park and asked me to check them out for suitability.

There is another meeting in a couple of weeks to continue the discussion, which will involve TAMS as well. If anyone knows of any existing freshwater impoundment resnagging work or research, please let me know, as it would be useful info for the next meeting.

Recent fish stocking:

In early January, 23,000 Murray Cod were stocked into Yerrabi (8,000 fish) and Tuggeranong (15,000). This was part of the ongoing TAMS stocking program. About half the fish that went into Yerrabi were calcein marked (a chemical "tagging" method) to assist in monitoring survival and growth rates.

Yesterday (Wednesday), Golden Perch were stocked into Gungahlin Pond (I think it was 8,000) from the TAMS stocking program. Also yesterday was the first lot of Golden Perch stocking under the Canberra Fisherman's Club's 5-year program for smaller lakes. 3,000 went into West Belconnen Pond in Dunlop and 4,500 into Point Hut Pond. These lakes have never been formally stocked before.

This has been funded by the major raffle that CFC held alongside last year's Canberra Carp-Out. Another raffle is being organised, so please help out by buying some tickets (or taking some to sell) when they become available. The more we raise, the more fish and potentially the more ponds that can be stocked.

Well, that's it from me for now. Good fishing to you all.

Cheers Shane

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MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 13 Oct 2010

http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/

Members present: Owen, Alan, Derek, Max, Norm, Peter, Randy, Mark F, Fred P, Stuart, Manuella and Martin, Paul and Michael.

Apologies: Ian, Bill, Lyall, Stefan

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Acting Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were accepted.

Correspondence

The club has received a registration renewal and reminder for the club boat, from the Road Transport Authority. Payment of \$61.40 (for 12 months) is due by 6 November 2010.

Westpac has sent a book of deposit slips for the club account, and the club bank statement.

Snowy Hydro Southcare has asked the club for a donation towards funding the rescue helicopter.

Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, the Acting Secretary opened the bank statement. The club had an opening balance of \$1536.42, and a statement closing balance of \$2470.60. The increase is due to membership renewals and the club raffle.

Club members' reports on Lyle Knowles Trophy

Peter, Owen and Alan reported on the weekend event. All members who stayed together at the Portal caught rainbows. Some of these were fresh out of the lake spawning fish. Others had been there a while. The largest fish caught was a 49cm rainbow, caught by Peter Kilfoyle.

Forthcoming Club Events

20-21 November. Bass fishing.

After some discussion about the height of Brogo lake following the recent rains, it was decided that Brogo would again be a good venue. Stefan is the organiser.

Fishing reports

Members present participated in a round table discussion of fishing reports.

<u>Closure</u>

Stuart declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 10 November 2010.

Stuart Public Officer Alan Assistant Secretary

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 10 Nov 2010

http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/

Members present: Ian, Stefan, Bill, Alan, Paul, Greg, Bruce, Mark S, Col, Max, Lyall, Owen, Peter, Randy, Geoff, Stuart and Shane (visiting).

Apologies: Charles.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary had failed and not brought along October minutes previously produced by Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

The club has closing balance of \$2470.60. Treasurer noted that \$378 for the raffle and \$100 from sausage sizzle not yet included. The club currently has 33 financial members and is growing.

<u>President</u>

CRFA has held its AGM. Stefan has been appointed Vice President.

Trout Stocking will be conducted on 1 Dec and CAA support was requested. Stefan is co-ordinating.

Forthcoming Club Events

20-21 November. Bass fishing at Brogo.

Stefan is the organiser. Potential for camping from Fri 19 Nov. (advanced apologies from Pres and Secretary who are travelling to New Zealand).

8 December. Last meeting for year - barbeque at Lotus Bay LBG.

11-12 December. Jindabyne.

Bill is the organiser. Anticipate staying at Snowline.

February/March 2011. One week in New Zealand.

Ian and Stuart looking for extras to accompany them.

Fishing reports

Members present participated in a round table discussion of fishing reports.

<u>Closure</u>

Ian declared the meeting closed. First meeting for 2011 is to be held on 9 February.

Ian President Bill Secretary

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Feb 2011

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Members present: Ian, Bill, Stefan, Stuart, Max, Greg S, Geoff, Peter, Andrew, Fred P, Damian H, Alan, Owen, John, Steve and Greg W.

Apologies: Lyall.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary read the minutes of the November meeting, and they were accepted.

Matters Arising

Brogo event had a good turnup including Queanbeyan Fishing Club. A suggestion was made that we might seek to co-ordinate the event this year.

Jindabyne was a successful trip - at least for those who caught fish in the evening. Little success during the day.

New Zealand trip - there remains one spot for 21-28Mar. Low cost \$27 per day including use of the 4WD. \$389 airfares currently available.

<u>General Business</u>

CRFA Trout Forum (examining opportunities for local stocking of salmonids) was conducted. Notes will appear on the web at next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

No bank account available so can't advise. CAA has received additional member subs, but also cost of \$161.50 for bearings in boat trailer. Stefan promoted the use of the club boat - \$5 per day with maximum charge of \$50.

Funds are sufficient for CAA to consider again contributing to fish stocking funds. Committee will monitor opportunities.

Forthcoming Club Events

20 Feb is Natives being run by Charlie. Anticipate it being on the Molonglo opposite Plant Road RMC though concerns were expressed about conditions noting the recent floods. Bill will arrange an email.

19 Feb is CFA AGM - Ian is going for one day and offers opportunity for another to participate.

19-20 Mar is Tuross. Ian is away and can't run. Geoff will confirm if he can organise.

16-17 Apr is traditionally 'Monaro Streams'. Some discussion was had on whether to fish the Goodradigbee at Koorabri Homestead. Two huts are available for \$30 per night each plus \$20 per person per night. Greg W will make enquiries and work with Peter.

Next fly tying is at the Weston Club starting 7:30 on 23 Feb. Stuart is away for March and Geoff will stand in.

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Ian President Bill Secretary