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Newsletter – Oct 2011

Coming Events

Lyle Knowles – Sat 8 – Mon 10 Oct. Eucumbene River. Club bbq get together at 4pm near the big trout in Adaminaby on Sat. Experienced members willing to tutor newcomers are asked to contact Geoff

Next Meeting – 12 Oct – club member Jim will be the speaker with topic “techniques for lake fishing” and “how and what fly`s to use”.

Words of Wisdom

At the September meeting, Michael Traynor's talk covering “*Fishing for Good Health, Good Cheer and Fish*” challenged us to adapt some well (and not so well) sayings to reflect the fishing culture. Some responses are below:

1. *Life is like FISHING ...*

you need to keep casting
mostly tiddlers with the occasional whale
lots of boredom with the occasional rush
the stories always outdo the reality
because it's not life or death, it's just a bad cast
in the dark, a lot of activity, a lot of hope but in the end you're still waving in free space
it's more enjoyable with a good attitude
; fishing is life/sharing fishing exploits/exploring nature/sharing nature
nearly always there a chance to do it all again tomorrow

2. *I never let FISHING interfere with ...*

catching
the father-son bond
angling

3. *Trust in the best FISHERMAN but ...*

cast your own fly
keep your secrets secret
never write it down
always grab the scales
never lend them your Sage
watch what he does

be aware that the fisher get bigger as times goes by
never his mud maps or directions
not how many fish or how big

4. *The lure of a FISHERMAN ...*

is the moment of the strike
is the bling
is tricking an animal with the brain the size of a pea
is his dedication
is the appeal of his stories

5. *A FISHERMAN cannot step into the same river twice ...*

yes he can but the water is not the same
as each step washes away the layers of rhetoric
as no two days are ever the same

6. *The FISHING fly is safest ...*

when the fish is hooked
on the bench
in the water

7. *One repays a FISHERMAN badly ...*

when one offers him the fish
by becoming only a 'catcher'
if you continue to spook their fish

8. *Only one thing matters in FISHING and that is ...*

being there
having tried
being able to do it
solitude
the lies and the beer
knowing it's not about the fish

9. *He that lieth down with FISH ...*

gets water in their waders
may not be pleasant company
will drown
sleeps in the dog house
needs some serious psychiatric treatment
smells fishy

10. *No FISHERMAN in a tinny full of grog ...*

is a true fisherman
ever wet a line

Odd Spot

Whilst we've been lobbying for salmonids in ACT, look what was caught in the wetlands near Banksia St in O'Connor (off Facebook, so who can tell if fake :-):



The person was eventually identified as Matt Beitzel (Conservation Planning and Research, ACT Govt) who spoke to the club some time ago. When I asked Matt about the situation I got the following reply:

Hi Bill,

The photo is no fake and it was about the last thing that I expected to see in that pond. We were looking at *Gambusia* and training some waterwatch staff.

The fish I'm fairly confident to be from a live fish tank either a restaurant or markets. The worn nose and rounded fins are fairly typical of farm raised fish. Stocking into ponds or public waters isn't legal without conservator approval. The source and time it has spent in the pond could be determined through laser ablation of the otoliths though it is unlikely that we will undertake that analysis

There is no possible way that the fish trout would survive in the urban wetlands in Canberra as they get very hot in summer and the water quality fluctuates. The fish was covered in slime and I will gut it to see if it had been in there long enough to eat anything. The existing data on the feeding from fish farmed pellet raised fish is that most don't eat much and tend to die pretty quickly once released (Tasmania cage escapes).

Stocking of any kind even private waters requires a permit. In order to import and release live fish you need approval under the Fisheries ACT and potentially the Nature Conservation Act. There are obviously some caveats ie should be consistent with the current stocking policy not be

in conflict with the management plans of the area or lake or other policies or acts.. Canberra Fishermans Club went through the process to stock West Belconnen and Point Hut.

Shooters and Fishers Party actions in NSW parliament

Love them or hate them, the Shooters and Fishers Party are certainly making some waves:

[Marine Park Moratorium Bill](#)

[Proposal to legalise bow hunting for carp](#)

With regards the bow hunting – this is to be discussed in our October meeting in order to establish our support or otherwise through NSW Council for Freshwater Angling. In particular we need to think about whether this might be supported in carp 'hot spots' only.

Fly Casting Weekends

Some images:



Geoff coming in to provide advice. Look at the lovely split cane rod working in the background.



Arguably our oldest member, Norm, passing on his skills to one of the younger students.



New member Peter winning the major raffle prize. Many thanks to Bryan Pratt (Pratt's Tackle Box) for the donation of the fine fly rod/reel/line. (thanks also to the Secretary for not claiming the prize with the first draw :-)

Would never happen in our household

Or would it ? :-)



News from NSW CFA

Electric motors approved on Pejar

Community effort has persuaded Goulburn Mulwaree Council to allow electric motors on watercraft on Pejar Dam near Goulburn. Numerous submissions were made by local and other NSW anglers and angling organisations including the NSW CFA and the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW. A total of 15 submissions from industry and government was received by the Council - all broadly supportive of the idea - as well as a petition of 377 signatures organised by the local Tackle World store.



We understand there will also be a review of fishing regulations on Sooley Dam in the near future.

Community effort improving Numeralla River

Bank stabilisation and revegetation on the Numeralla River north of Cooma in the Murrumbidgee catchment area will help arrest soil erosion and lead to improved water quality, river health and native fish habitat. Two sites were identified as point sources for sediment input.

At one site, rock armouring was used to improve earlier erosion control works, willows were removed and the area replanted with native species.

The other site benefited from the construction of cribs and pin sets, both of which have been

designed to stabilise the eroding river bank. This site was also revegetated with native plants. The Numeralla River In-Stream Project has been a community based effort, involving Landcare, local landholders, the Murrumbidgee CMA, the Land and Property Management Authority, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch and Cooma-Monaro Shire Council.

For more information, contact Matt deJongh at the Murrumbidgee CMA on 02 6932 3232.

Gaden Trout Hatchery Open Day

Gaden Trout Hatchery's Family Picnic Day will be held on Saturday 5 November from 10 am - 4 pm, at the Hatchery, just a few minutes out of Jindabyne on the Kosciuszko Road.

The first open day was held last year and was a resounding success with over 1,000 locals and visitors to the area attending. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the hatchery, its importance to the sustainability of recreational fishing along with its economic value to the community.

This year the free event includes tours of the hatchery, fly casting lessons for adults and fishing lessons for kids in one of the hatchery ponds. There will be officers from Fisheries and Maritime as well as local emergency services providing information and demonstrations.

Other activities on the day include musical performances by local students, a jumping castle, horse and cart rides, face painting, trout cooking demonstrations and producers from the Snowy Mountains will showcase regional produce of food, wine, beer and craft.

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 14 Sep 2011

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Members present: Geoff, Bill B, Steve, Stefan, Randy, Alan, Bill L, Mark S, Bruce , Ian, Peter, Norm, Max , Charlie, Damien, Paul and new members John and Richard.

Apologies: Stuart, Greg S and Greg W.

Guest: Michael Traynor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Previous Minutes were not read as it was AGM.

Treasurer's Report

Bank statement shows \$2268 in the club bank account. Membership subs are still to be banked, also \$120 from raffle takings at Fly Casting

Club Events

1. Fly Casting.

2. Lyle Knowles – 8-10 Oct (Canberra Holiday means three day event). Barbeque stays at Sat 4pm at the big trout in Adaminaby. Geoff will email members seeking volunteers to coach new members.
3. Bass in November with Damien.

Fishing reports

Member's present participated in a round table discussion of fishing report including Ian speaking about his time in Canada.

Some warnings were given that snakes are starting to make their re-appearance up in the mountains.

General Business

Stefan confirmed as Vice President in Capital Region Fishing Alliance.

In Feb, CRFA will be hosting a stand at the Queanbeyan 4WD Show. CAA might consider being involved

Guest presenter

Michael provided an entertaining and unique session on general well-being. Some details will be given in the October newsletter.

Closure

President declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 12 Oct 2011.

Geoff
President

Bill
Secretary