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Newsletter – Apr 2012

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 11 Apr – 8pm as usual at Weston Club.

Goodradigbee – 20-22 April – organised by Bill Blair and Greg Wood. Get bids in by end of March meeting.

Further Floods on the Goodradigbee

Club Member Cate provided me with photos showing damage due to the rains in March. Locals have asked that users of the area be considerate of the damage done and the time it will take for the river to be restored when planning fishing trips up there.

Valley residents, Bill Franklin and Frank Tesseyman's, have kindly given us permission to use the following pictures of the bridge, unofficial campground area and The windmill flat area. Bill also noted in his email that there had been some people doing the wrong thing given the conditions already.



The road bridge to Tumut over the Goodradigbee is under there



Bridge after some drop in river level



The Brindabella Valley Road at Camping Area



What's Left of the Camping Area



the river in flood below the windmill



similar outlook with so many of the willows gone

February Club Event at Googong

Greg and Charlie did a great job organising this trip chasing natives in Googong. The water level, post all the rains, meant that the water was right up against the boardwalk/fishing platforms, which I personally had not seen in years. Quite a number of the club turned out and rallied at lunch time to compare notes. Some of the boaties were inspected by the Maritime authorities and received warnings over the use of personal flotation devices. Fishing was quite hard with some members adding tortoises to their catch records to bolster up their score.

Whilst measurements were taken (due to the relatively small numbers and relatively small sizes) there was general agreement that my grandson Xander most likely brought in the best fish for the day.



Xander and his very first fish – best of the day?

March Club Event at Tuross

Owen and a total of 6 members (and one very patient wife) braved the challenging weather forecast and headed down to Tuross. It was a very successful trip with all members pulling in a good number of fish from the beach, kayak, sandflats and boat. Any number of personal bests achieved and all-in-all a great weekend.



Attendees (less Alan away fishing somewhere)



Ed with his fabulous Australian Salmon – probably best Salmon for the weekend 60cm , 2.6kg (5.75lb)



Owen's Tuross 52cm Tailor on the slab



John with his 57cm Flathead

Report from the Singapore Chapter

From: Lyall

Subject: Supertanker Fishing in Singapore

Hi Bill,

Just a few photos of a unique fishing experience I had a couple of weekends ago. I would call it supertanker fishing but it should more correctly be called dodging supertanker fishing. A colleague invited me for a night's hand line fishing in a secret and un-named fishing location near Singapore. What I didn't realise was that it was to be in a major supertanker shipping lane and it probably wasn't illegal ... and the police launch which flashed its red and blue lights as it came towards us at around 04.00 was probably just being friendly as we upped lines and took off. Although one of our number used a conventional rod, I was introduced to traditional hand lining using an upturned index finger as a fishing rod to sense around one hundred metres of line with Clements booms and heavy sinkers and live squid as bait caught at dusk. When a reasonable fish was on, it was a matter of hauling hand over hand and fighting the fish with line slipping back through your hands cutting your fingers. You will note in one photo that an un-named fisherman took to wearing gloves as the night drew on.

With fishing boats having been struck by tankers and sinking a couple of months ago there was no sleeping on the boat and I for one kept an eye out for approaching ships which had us bringing up the lines and heading to new locations all through the night. As well as barra,

snapper, sooty grunter and thick lips, we each caught what are known locally as sleepy sharks (probably gummy sharks) which became a bit of a nuisance. I credit the night's catch with being the result of the location, the shipping lane, which for very good reason doesn't experience too much fishing pressure. It probably wasn't illegal, but just in case I have not mentioned the names of my accomplices Eric and Mok or the un-named location. It was too much excitement for one night!!!

Bye for now,

Lyall



Dusk. Departing from an un-named location in Singapore



An un-named fisherman observing an un-named container ship



An un-named fisherman with the lights of parked super tankers in the background



An un-named fish in the hands of an un-named fisherman



Dawn. An un-named grouper - nice catch Mr M



The night's catch on an un-named berth at 08.00

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 14 Mar 2012

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Members present: Stefan, Bill B, Steve, Alan, Peter K, Max, Charlie, Damien H, Richard, Owen, Greg S, Greg W, John, Dan (new member), Ian, Norm and Randy.

Apologies: Geoff and Bill L.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting held Feb 2012 were read.

Matters Arising

Richard reported on motor matters. Stuart had advised via email that much had already been done. Richard and Stuart will consider the idea of replacing the motor. Damian will pursue the possible opportunity of a good second hand motor.

Secretary will pursue Mark F re water access laws.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported no activity since last meeting.

Steve continues to check on financial standing of members.

Club Events

1. March trip (to Tuross Head and arranged by Owen) 16-18 Mar.
2. April trip – some concern due to flooding earlier this month. Greg W is away, so Bill B will pursue access.

Fishing reports

Member's present participated in a round table discussion of fishing.

Closure

Vice President declared the meeting closed. James Morgan from Tackle World spoke at length on beach fishing to an appreciative membership. He provided a Shimano Catana and Alivio reel (suited to beach fishing) donated Dumphy Sports Fishing (Shimano agents). The rod/reel will be raffle prize at the fly casting later this year.

Stefan
Vice President

Bill
Secretary