

# CANBERRA ANGLER'S ASSOCIATION Inc.

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#### Newsletter – Jul 2012

# **Coming Events**

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

**AGM** – Wed 8 Aug – 8pm as usual at Weston Club.

# **Apology from Editor**

Newsletter production has been on hold whilst I was overseas. I will need to be more assiduous in future or I'll be fired!

# It Happens to the Best of Us

Whilst one of our members won two meat trays at the flytying night in Jun, the Secretary was relating (to much unsympathetic laughter) how he had once won up big similarly and then promptly forgot about the trays until a curious phone call came the next day. At the end of the night, the winner was seen doing a rushed U-turn back to the club after travelling over 1 km – one wonders why he would have had to do that!

## **Buckenderra**

Alan certainly organised for a chilly reception; albeit the promised snow down to 900m – note that Buckenderra is some 1170m – did not actually arrive. Nevertheless, Peter, Bill and Alan – the only attendees arriving Friday night – spent Saturday morning battling frozen lines and guides for not a lot of action. Peter then pulled in a magnificent 61cm brown from the shallows and morale skyrocketed. He followed up with a 40 odd cm rainbow the next day along with a scattering of hits and losses. Meantime the other fly fishermen languished – Alan claims some on but lost, meantime Bill was totally skunked.

The three intrepids were joined during Saturday by Rowan, Stefan and Damien. What a mixed bag they were with fly, lure and bait on the agenda. In the end I believe only powerbait prevailed especially on Saturday evening when they claim the wind dropped to a zephyr – the other hut wouldn't know after settling in for the evening with a wee dram of single malt and other such.

The fishing was indeed hard, but more than compensated by the great company and conversation.



For a change, Peter is smiling – a brilliant fish and worthy of a New Zealand catch

# A Late Photo by Peter from Our April Trip



"the Long and Short of It" - Greg W and Bill B set to go

# Message from lan

Sent: Saturday, 9 June 2012 6:09 PM

To: Secretary CAA

Subject: Burrum Heads report from Ian

Hello everyone

I've been at Burrum Heads in Queensland for 3 weeks now. The weather has been mixed but I have been able to get out on the river with my friend Neil most of the time. We tend to go out in worse weather (or at least worse forecasts) than most people and have caught some good fish. The forecasts are for Hervey Bay waters and quite often the winds on the river are much less and the rain seems to go around us. We're up to 14 species so far, well short of the 26 we got several years ago.

Last Saturday night we had about 130mm of heavy rain overnight. This seemed to stir up the mudcrabs. While fishing with yabbies (nippers) in dirty water 2 days later we brought about 15 crabs to the boat. All were released as they were either females or just short of the legal size. The dirty water didn't affect the fishing much, as we still caught good whiting, flathead and bream. Unfortunately we also continued to catch stingrays!

The happy hours here at the riverside are often accompanied by spectacular sunsets. I know Canberra has had some cold mornings but here when it gets down to about 8 degrees people walk around shivering. I've attached a few photos.

lan



Burrum Dawn start



Burrum Sicklefish



Burrum Sunset



Burrum Flathead (and Ian)



Burrum bream, whiting

## MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 May 2012

Members present: Stefan, Steve, Bruce, Rowan, Greg S, Greg W, Ed, Richard, John, Alan, Charlie, and Peter.

Apologies: Bill B, Daniel and Geoff.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Meeting was opened at 8.00pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were not read as the Acting Secretary did not have them available. A copy will be available next meeting.

## **Correspondence**

Mercedes Grant of the Raiders Club has written to confirm that the Raiders club is happy to continue to provide a room for club meetings at no charge.

- a. We have been asked to ensure that club members who attend meetings are members of Raiders Weston.
- b. To accept the offer we must write to the Raiders club, confirming our not for profit status, that the club serves the local community, and describing what the club does. The letter must include a statement that we intend to continue using a room at Raiders Weston for the 2012-2013 financial year.

- c. A representative from the club must sign a document each time the club uses Raiders facilities.
- d. Raiders has asked for a detailed list of times, numbers attending and any other requirements for the 2012-2013 financial year. They also want a contact person with phone number and email.

It was resolved that the Publicity Officer will attend to this matter when he returns. Alan Salisbury will call to explain the potential delay.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bank statement shows \$2959.07 in the club bank account.

#### **Forthcoming Club Events**

- 1. Tumut weekend 18-20 May. Stefan will book two cabins.
- 2. Koorabri Huts. Greg has spoken to the owner about the flood. It isn't suitable now, but is likely to be available next year. Some discussion has occurred about club members offering to carry out repairs.

#### Fishing reports

Members participated in a round table discussion of recent fishing.

#### **General Business**

Members are asked to return perpetual trophies soon to allow for 2012 engraving and presentations.

#### Closure

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.58pm. The June meeting is to be held on 13 June 2012.

Stefan Alan

Vice President Assistant Secretary

#### MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 13 June 2012

Members present: Geoff, Stefan, Stuart, Randy, Rowan, Norm, Greg S, Alan, Charlie and Peter.

Apologies: Damien, Owen and Bill B.

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Meeting was opened at 8.00pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A copy of the April minutes were made available to members.

## **Correspondence**

The club has received two pieces of correspondence.

- 1. A bank statement.
- 2. The Senior Manager of Business and Industry Licencing, Office of Regulatory Services has written to remind the club of the need to lodge an annual return by 30 December 2012.
  - a. The annual return includes an auditor's report and a copy of audited financial statements.
  - b. A fee of \$5,000 is levied if the club lodges the return later than 30 December 2012.
  - c. The club was also reminded that if it fails to lodge within two years the association may be cancelled and its assets vested with the Registrar-General.

Stefan will approach Mark S to help ensure the requirements are complied with.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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## **Forthcoming Club Events**

The Lakes trip to Buckandeera 23/24 June. Organised by Alan.

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#### **General Business**

- 1. Geoff has dealt with the request from the Raiders Club, and the club may use their facilities as a meeting room for the 2012-13 financial year.
- 2. Committee members need to prepare the club calendar for 2013.
- 3. Trophies from 2011 were collected for the next presentation.

#### Closure

The Chair declared the meeting closed. The July meeting is to be held on 11 July 2012.

Geoff Alan

President Assistant Secretary