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Newsletter – Aug 2012

Coming Events

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

Fly Tying – Wed 22 Aug – 7:30pm at Weston Club.

Seen in the Canberra Times



News on Lake Ginninderra Water Ski Trial

CRFA was advised:

Re: Lake Ginninderra water ski training trial

The ACT Government has now considered feedback received during the pre-trial public consultation on the Lake Ginninderra water ski training trial. A total of 91 submissions were received.

In response to feedback received during the consultation period, significant changes have been made to the conditions of the trial to address concerns about noise, lake users' needs and the impact on the environment.

Modifications to the conditions include:

- * removing a wakeboard training course from the trial. This will reduce the area of the trial and potential impact on other lake users and the environment;
- * amending the trial times during winter (June to September 2012) to 12 pm - 2 pm (rather than 7 am - 9 am and 4 pm - 6 pm as originally proposed) to enable water skiing to operate during the warmest part of the day;
- * excluding weekends and public holidays from the trial; and
- * moving the slalom training course away from the shoreline towards the middle of the western arm of the lake. This will provide a minimum of 100 metres distance from the shoreline to allow ample room for other lake users to pass between the training course and the water's edge and to minimise conflict with anglers.

Training times will remain as proposed, from 7 am - 9 am and 4 pm - 6pm, from October 2012 until the end of January 2013. Wakeboarding will be allowed during the trial, however there will be no jumping.

The trial will be strictly monitored by Territory and Municipal Services, Environment Protection Authority and ACT Policing for compliance with the licence conditions. Environmental monitoring will also be undertaken, including monitoring by local bird experts, as well as noise monitoring at various locations, including near Kangara Waters retirement village.

In addition to environmental monitoring, lake users will be surveyed during the trial to allow people to provide further feedback on the suitability of this activity on Lake Ginninderra.

The trial will commence on Monday 9 July 2012 and operate until Thursday 31 January 2013 to determine whether Lake Ginninderra provides a suitable alternative location for the ACT Water Ski Association to undertake tournament training in the ACT.

More information, including a consultation report, is available at www.timetotalk.act.gov.au

If you have any questions, please contact Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

Report from the Singapore Chapter

Seems Lyall has been travelling further afield than the local waters.

From: Lyall
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2012 9:17 PM
To: secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au
Subject: Connemara Fly Fishing

Hi Bill,

Just back from two weeks in Connemara in western Ireland walking the hills and chasing trout in managed fisheries. The fly fishing process is a little different from the easy going (and better) Australian version. The process involves identifying who owns the rights to the river or lough, finding them then buying a permit then fishing by the rules of that particular water. This all means that spontaneous fishing is out but well managed, low fishing pressure waters are available across Ireland. It also means that fishing clubs have a revenue stream and can put money back into stocking and riverbank management which is good. But honestly, I would rather by an annual fishing license and hike into any river I could get legitimate access to and move from place to place according to the conditions.

The area I fished was the chain of Lough Inagh, Derryclare Lough and Ballynahinch fishery with the first two being managed out of Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel and the third from Ballynahinch Castle Hotel (they both have good web sites), each with its own fisheries managers and guides who were experts on every inch of their beats. All these waters looked very fishy and just called out to be fished. Rather than Thredbo River clarity, the water was brown with peat so sight fishing was not an option and river craft (random acts of clumsy casting on my part) was called for. Another fun challenge was fishing with a 13' 4" Sage double handed spey rod with a Wulff Ambush Taper spey line which just flew off the rod tip and, as a pair, was christened the Lethal Weapon by Colin the fisheries manager at Lough Inagh Lodge. This set up landed a nice wild brown off Pine Island on Derryclare Lough on a Silver Rat double hook fly which later doubled as ear jewellery when a gale blew up from my right (at least that's my story ...) and had to be ripped out by the gillie.

Ballynahinch fishery was set up by Indian fly fishing enthusiast Maharaja Ranjitsinhji in the 1800s with the castle having been built in the 1700s. Ranji as he was known, was also a keen cricketer for British county teams

and played the 1897-98 Test in Australia ... and lost. Like Lough Inagh, the deal with fishing guides and hiring a beat is that fishing begins at 9.30, everyone stops for lunch and fishing ends at 17.30. You and I would usually fish the dawn and dusk and fill in the hours in between with a bit of a splash around but not in Connemara. Lunch at Ballynahinch is in their pub surrounded by trophy browns and salmon in glass display cases and a twenty-plus foot spit cane rod hanging on a wall the length of the pub. One striking feature of both Lough Inagh Lodge and Ballynahinch that only Australians would notice is that the staff and patrons could be snobs, but they were not. The hotel actually encourages patrons to wear their wet waders into the bar and sit down for lunch - now that is fly fishing heaven!!! Everyone yells from table to table about the morning's near misses and what flies ought to be working.

A handful of nice brown trout and plenty of salmon and trout parr were caught on alternate days of site seeing or hill walking and fishing. Any country which has monks' cottages in the middle of salmon rivers with a hole in the floor and a net which triggers a string to the abbey to alert them to their remote-control salmon catch and stone monuments with plaques noting that "On this site in 1897 nothing happened" is OK by me and worth a return visit.

Bye for now,

Lyall

CAA member banished to Singapore



Gillie Ulrich loading up the #8 double hander



Wild brown, Derryclare Lough



Glen Inagh River



Ballynahinch Castle Fishery



Ballynahinch Castle pub



Monk's salmon catching cottage



Sign in Recess village

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 11 July 2012

Members present: Geoff, Owen, Peter, Stefan, Randy, Rowan, Damian, Steve, Greg S, Alan, Charlie and Richard.

Visitor: Susanne

Apologies: Bill B.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Meeting was opened at 8.10pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The club's attention was drawn to the outstanding requirement to comply with lodgement of an annual return to the Office of Regulatory Services, which Stefan was to raise with Mark Flint.

Correspondence

The club has received two pieces of correspondence.

1. A bank statement.
2. The NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers has sent an account for the 2012-2013 affiliation fees.

Treasurer's Report

Bank statement shows \$2961.61 in the club bank account.

Forthcoming Club Events

The AGM is scheduled for next month.

Fishing reports

Members participated in a round table discussion of recent fishing.

General Business

1. Geoff welcomed Suzanne to her first club meeting.
2. Members agreed to continue affiliation with the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers, at a nominal fee per member.
3. Geoff proposed to use club funds for a small amount of catering for the AGM. Members agreed. \$180 was agreed as a suitable amount.
4. Alan presented a draft club calendar for 2013, that was prepared by Bill who was not able to attend. Members agreed, and Stefan is to organise printing of the CAA membership card.
5. The club discussed the forthcoming September fly casting lessons for the public. It has been the practice for the final day to be held at Eucumbene Trout Farm. Geoff has spoken to the new owners and has arranged for the same to happen in 2012. The arrangement is that the club fishes their pond and the successful angler pays for the fish they catch, by the kilo. The usual barbecue will be held.
6. Committee members planned for the trophy presentations, to take place at the AGM. Alan is tasked with organising the engraving at the usual business.
7. After the formal part of the meeting members enjoyed a viewing of a dvd about trout feeding habits and implications for recreational trout fishermen.

Closure

The Chair declared the meeting closed. The August meeting is to be held on 8 August 2012.

Geoff
President

Alan
Assistant Secretary