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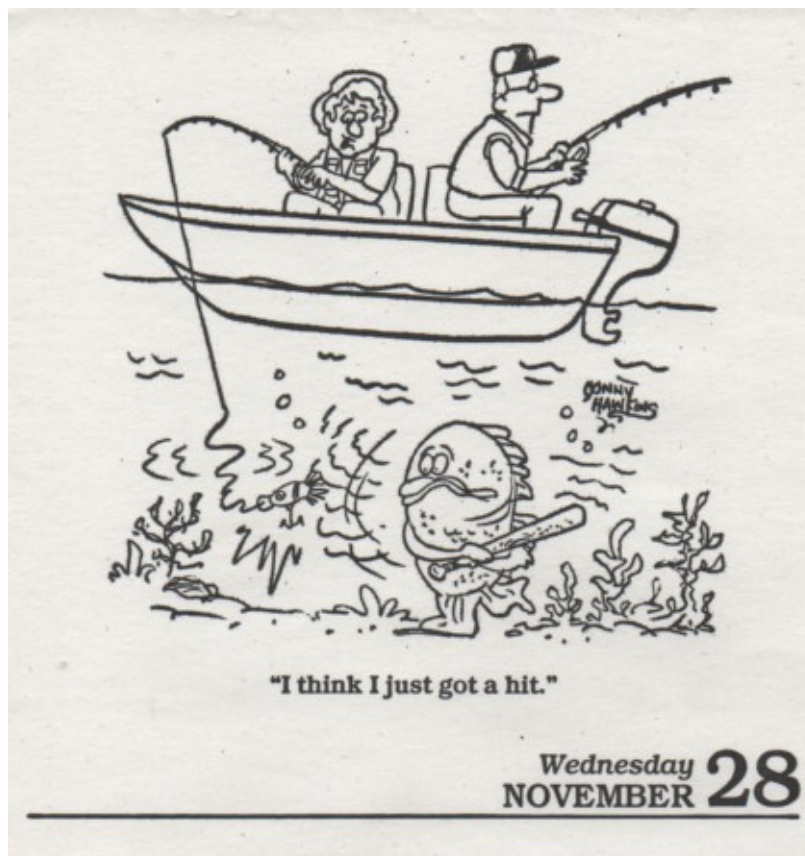
Coming Events

Natives Outing – Sat 23 Feb – Black Mountain Peninsular – organised by Charlie and Greg S.

Next Meeting – Wed 13 Feb – 8pm as usual at Weston Club.

Fly Tying – Wed 27 Feb – 7:30pm at Weston Club.

From Jason's Calendar



Health Warning from Rob Paxevanos

Little bug can cause huge problem for unsuspecting water larks

THREE blokes launching their boat at a south-coast ramp earlier this summer developed nasty lesions on their legs.

The lesions took a couple of weeks to develop but flared up quickly from there. The staff in the emergency room at the Canberra Hospital were very concerned but couldn't identify the cause at first. It took the infectious disease specialist to do a biopsy and identify the bug as *Mycobacterium marinum*, a nasty bacteria that all water lovers need to know about.

If not diagnosed, the infection



could have spread to the joints and veins, and caused serious damage, amputation or worse.

Sometimes the sores do not even appear. Instead, a swelling of the joints or an arthritic-like pain develops. Luckily, a one to six-month course of antibiotics is expected to help the trio make a

full recovery. Swimmers, fishermen, oyster workers and aquarium workers are predisposed to infection, and the bug lives in both fresh and saltwater. It was more common in swimming pools before chlorination became standard.

Most importantly, all three anglers had broken skin (from mosquito bites, leg scrapes, nicks etc) at the time they entered the water at the Mallacoota Boat Ramp, and the bug entered their bodies through this broken skin.

The infection is sometimes referred to by researchers and

doctors as Fish Handler's disease. It's also been called "aquarium disease" and "swimming-pool granuloma".

Researchers are now saying this bug is a little more common than originally suspected. But this is not a cause for alarm, rather a cause for awareness. If you have had broken skin exposed to non-chlorinated water and get some odd looking sores or a stiff arm or leg that isn't getting better, get it checked straightaway.

Make sure you tell your doctor you handle fish, clean fish tanks or

swim regularly outside non-chlorinated swimming pools, and may have had an open wound while doing so. Most patients have long forgotten having broken skin while entering water, which is why, in many cases, the bug takes six months to a year to be diagnosed.

The most frequently affected areas tend to be hands, feet, arms and legs, because this is where you get the most nicks and cuts. Furthermore, the bug likes the cooler temperatures found in our bodies' extremities.

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From Michael Moore – Delayed Report on Opening

Hey there. I know I haven't been around in a while (uni and work have been pretty heavy lately) but I thought I'd share some photos from a day trip I made opening week. Fish were 53cm and 56cm, both caught on Celtas (would have been fly fishing but wind was blowing a gale).



From Jason re November Brogo Outing

Guys,

Thanks for the great weekend. The directions were spot on. I did bottom out a few more times driving back up the hill, but I did some community service on the track clearing those fallen branches on the way out.

I think the photos might give the secret lures away, but I'll add them in case they're of use. We can tell our guest speaker to try a pearl Rapala at dead slow troll next weekend. Unfortunately I didn't get any photos of the 9pm paddle under moonlight. I think the total was 17.

cheers,

Jason



From the Canberra Times funny pages





Minutes – 14 Nov 12 Meeting

Members present: Geoff, Ian, Bill B, Greg S, Norm, Damian H, Stefan, Alan, Sue, Diane, Jessie, Jason, Charlie, Greg W, Owen and visitor Lalit.

Apologies: Peter, Randy and Stuart.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Oct 2012 were read.

Matters Arising

No action on public liability insurance.

Efforts to link with Canberra Fisherman's Club re Canberra Centenary remain.

Treasurer's Report

32 members are financial. Based on last year's membership there will be 26 members outstanding. Balance stands at \$3978.

Club Events

Bass fishing on for 24-25 Nov, Damian will send out a note.

12 Dec is final meeting to be held at Grevillea Park near the Boathouse Restaurant. Club barbeque will be brought by Stefan and start up at say 6pm.

15-16 Dec is Jindabyne and Alan is organising.

Fishing reports

Members participated in a round table discussion of recent fishing.

Closure

The President declared the meeting closed before guest speaker Dane Meunch presented on bass fishing with supporting observations from Damian.

Geoff

Bill B

President

Secretary