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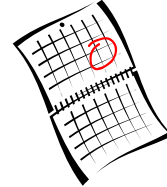
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From the Office

Well the first quarter of 2012 has already passed and the cooler weather will be upon us very soon. The car rally was another great day, however it was a pity that the numbers were down. See story in this issue. The Charter Boat goes into hibernation for a few months (October is the next trip) but Captain John is looking for expressions of interest for Greenwell Point. See you at the meeting.



Dates for the Diary



April Meeting:

10th April

April Comp:

28th & 29th April

Charter Boat:

No charter boat this month.

FISHO FUNNY

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse.

In the defence's closing statement, the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly.

A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I, therefore, put it to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed, and I insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied:

"Yes, we did look, but your client didn't."

Car Rally

Another great outing for those who made the effort to attend. Entrants started at the pub in brilliant sunshine after having an extra hour sleep!

This year the event cruised through the 'shire' with the half way spot being a very a very nice picnic area near the Como Hotel.

Winding their way back to Chippo via the Penshurst Jewellery shop the cars eventually ended up at the Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club unit for a BBQ lunch and a cool drink.

Big winners were the Tourle Team and the big losers were the double act of the Braz & Devo.

A big thanks to Carol, Keith, Joanne and Peter. Also to the special guest cooks who did a magnificent job.

Will the event be held next year.... that is still to be decided.

Charter Boat 2012.

Want to join the Charter Boat in 2012?

13 October – Sydney

17 November – Port Hacking

Contact Captain John to book your spot.

Don't forget that a Charter Boat Gift

Certificate is a great present for the fisho who has everything!

Wanted: Expressions of interest for Greenwell Point – see Captain John.



Was at a wedding the other night when the DJ said " go and stand beside the one who makes your life worth living".

The poor old barmaid was almost crushed to death!

March Competition - Results.

Another reasonable rollup for the second comp of the year. The Charter Boat lads had a 'hard day at the office' but it was good to see another full crew with the majority being members. Overall 12 members weighed in for 58 fish weighing 39.1kg

Results for our March competition were as follows:

Best Fish: Sparrow – Bream (1.056)

Biggest Fish: Plumb – Drummer (2.767)

Most Fish: Ron – 14 fish

The mystery fish was a tailor which was won by Ron.

The **Wahoo** was won by **Jimmy** and the **Guzzlers Mug** was won by **Towie**.

Charter Boat results were, First Fish was won **John C**, and most fish was won by a visitor.

March Competition happy snaps:



Charter Boat Report.

This was the second trip for the year and the last until October. It was good to see eight members on the boat this time round.

Leaving from Rose Bay the 'Fishfinder' headed north and early indications were that it was going to be a big day as the first fish were landed very quickly. However, this was not the case and the boys had to work hard for a catch.

The next Charter Boat is not now until October and John C holds a 13 point lead in the championship over the Secretary leading into the winter break.

A great day and big thanks to skipper John for his efforts.

The Gossip, the facts and the bullsh1#

- ☺ **Happy birthday** to the April babies: Towie, John C, Bob T, Chris & George
- ☺ Lost one 70c Lemon, believed to be in Shellharbour Target. Reward offered.
- ☺ Who locks his esky up outside his caravan with a plastic chain and expects it to be there in the morning? This smells of an award!
- ☺ Did you know that you can save fresh nippers that you have left over after fishing by putting them in a fish tank with an aerator and feed them sliced carrot! Me either!.

Mulloway madness

Over the past month rumours were heard of possible changes to recreational and commercial mulloway catch and size limits. Puzzled grumbles quickly turned into an uproar when the inequity of the changes became known.

Mulloway, or jewfish, are one of our most prized sport and table fish. They are a challenging and magnificent fish for shore based anglers to fish for, with success often coming only after many, many hours fishing in trying conditions.

It seems that DPI had ideas for a recreational bag limit of just 1 fish over 75 cm in NSW waters while commercial fishers would be allowed to net up to 50 juvenile fish, i.e. those between 45 cm and 75 cm.

We hear this was not a plan cooked up by desk-bound bureaucrats...it was developed after consultation with commercial and recreational interests and environmentalists...and was headed for the office of Fisheries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson. The group that was consulted reportedly includes the Mulloway Resource Planning Group (members unknown), the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing, the (former) Ocean Trap and Line Management Advisory Committee, the Professional Fishermen's Association and EcoFishers.

After a storm of protest from anglers and the fishing media NSW DPI denied that such a drastic proposal was on the cards and now says that there will be public consultation before it goes much further.

There is widespread support among recreational anglers for an increase in size limits (currently 45 cm) to allow fish to get to breeding size (which starts at about 70 cm, with all females thought to be mature by 80 cm) before they are caught by anglers or commercial fishers, and there also seems to be strong support for reduced bag limits (down from the current limit of five mulloway per day). The *Fishing World* website ran a survey that showed that around 90 per cent of respondents do not agree with commercial netting of juvenile mulloway.

Increasing the size limit to allow the fish to breed before they are extracted is considered by many anglers and scientists as being vital if stocks are to remain viable.

Stan Konstantaras, from ANSA NSW and RFA of NSW says "Recreational anglers are responsible custodians of the resource, and if we have good, current and solid science that says we need to make some changes in our practices at a recreational fishing level to rebuild the stocks then we will accept this.

"We also want to see meaningful reductions in the commercial harvest of mulloway and a no-take on undersized fish and some changes to the estuary prawn trawl practices that impact on juvenile mulloway. ANSA NSW would like an opportunity to provide our members' input in a truly transparent process."



THE PRESIDENT WRITES;

Well another good weekend for our competition weekend, weather was good and the charter boat had a full crew again. Unfortunately, not so good on the fishing front, 12 members weighing in with a total of 58 fish.

The March meeting went well with our guest speaker. Thanks to Tony for organising this.

The car rally was a good day with 25 people participating and more join us for a BBQ and a cool drink. Thanks to all that helped on the day and congratulations to Chris & Wendy Tourle and their guests, on winning the day.

If you get a chance, call into the pub on Thursday's around 5:30pm and get involved in our raffles.

See ya soon,

Helpful Tips for Better Boating


Wear it Australia

www.wearitaustralia.com.au is a new website promoting the use of lifejackets (PFDs) in all on-water activities in Australia. It contains information about lifejacket types, brands and their care, as well as a rundown on regulations for all Australian states, videos about lifejackets and fishing safety issues, news items, links to other relevant sites and resources.



More tips next month.....

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