



HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.

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FROM THE OFFICE....

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

Now it's time to get down to the important stuff like newsletters and fishing comp weekends!

The kids Christmas party was a great turn out and thanks to people like Plumb & Towie, turning up at Chipping Norton Lakes at 4.30am, we were able to secure about 45% of the tables in our chosen site.

A big thank-you to Grant for delivering Santa (ii) in the back of the chariot. Another big thank-you to Santa (ii) for finding the time in his busy schedule to attend the kids Christmas party and hand out the trophies and presents.

Those of you whose kids have grown up and flown the nest and those that have chosen not to grace us with ankle biters, may not realise how much time and effort goes into organising and hosting, not only the kids Christmas party, but the other functions throughout the year like the ½ yearly, trivia night AGM and Adults Christmas party. I could try and remember the names of members, wives and Grandparents that assisted, but I'm sure I would leave someone out so I won't offend anyone and just leave it as a big thank-you.

It would however be remiss of me, not to put in a special mention for the efforts el-presidente, @ 'KEEF' put in for the awards night. Most of the arrangements were planned, implemented and executed by Keith and his off-sider Kurtzy. A job well done guys!

While there were no weigh-ins in December and January, as far as I am aware there were

no Kingfish caught, although Plumb did get a Flathead that was almost as big as him at around 45cm! Well done Plumb.

Over the holiday period, the weather gods were reasonably kind to us. Many of us got out in Botany, Hawkesbury and Cronulla and I'm sure those of us that ventured further afar managed to wet a line or two.

I kept in contact with most members over the break and am pleased to report that there will be several new proposed members for 2018, including some challengers for the junior trophies. Look out Lachlan and Harry!

As I type this, the 2018 comp cards are in print; don't worry Devo, I haven't forgotten you.

A timely reminder that the first fishing comp weekend for 2018 is on the 24-25 February, with Whiting the fish to catch.

For those that haven't yet paid their membership fees, another timely reminder that fees are due PRIOR to the first weigh-in. NO PAY=NO WEIGH! If you haven't paid your membership by the first weigh-in there is an additional 'late fee' of \$10.

Membership is still only \$50 for renewing members and \$70 for new members.

On the subject of keeping updated, don't forget to visit our Moorebank Fishing Club Inc. Facebook Page. Even if you don't post anything, it would be great to see more members visit the page, tag photos & leaving comments. I don't want to sound like the fun police but remember this is a page that has

been created for the club; by club members; for all to enjoy. In the interest of everyone that visits the page, posts and comments should reflect professional and appropriate content. Most of us are mature adults but we do have women and children that visit the page. As a general rule, if you wouldn't want your wife or children looking at the posts or comments, then don't put it there for others to see.

The Thursday night raffles are back on again and over the coming weeks, some minor

changes will be made to the meat trays, to mix up a bit of variety.

Without naming people, it seems there have already been a few getting a head start for the 'Dumb & Dumber' and 'Dummy Spit' trophies.

In 2018 there may be some changes to the Charter Boat, based on numbers and availability. Watch this space and stay tuned.

	
<p align="center">Diary Dates</p>	<p align="center">Birthday's</p>
<p>Meeting: 13th February.</p> <p>Valentines Day: 14th February</p> <p>Comp weekend: 24 – 25 February</p> <p>Weigh In: 25th February @ 4:00pm</p>	<p>Peter ROWLEY – 23 January</p> <p>Mark DAVIES – 2 February</p> <p>Mick BRAZENALL – 3 February</p> <p>Terry FULLER – 9 February</p> <p>Chris TOURLE – 13 February</p> <p>John LUKEZIC – 15 February</p>

WHAT'S NEWS !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jimmy RHEINBERG is continuing his recovery and has been sporadically at the pub. Welcome back Jimmy.

Unfortunately Pete McKINNON is not in the best of health. We offer our prayers to Pete and his family and wish Pete all the best.



Fish of the Month

Whiting

Distribution - Sand whiting, also known as summer whiting, silver whiting and blue-nose whiting, inhabit the inshore waters of eastern Australia including coastal beaches, sand bars, bays, coastal lakes, estuaries and rivers as far as the tidal limits. They typically form large schools across sand banks near river mouths and in the surf zone. Sand whiting generally favour sandy or muddy sand substrates in shallow water to about 6 metres depth.

Size - Sand whiting can reach a maximum length of around 47 centimetres.

Characteristics - They are silvery white in colour, with plain yellowish sides. Dark blotches are present at the base of the pectoral fins. In terms of shape, they are fairly elongate and only slightly compressed. The snout is relatively long and conical. Sand whiting feed on marine invertebrates, including crustaceans (yabbies, prawns and soldier crabs), polychaete worms and bivalve molluscs (pipis). Sand whiting use their conical snout to forage for benthic animals through sand and mud. This species is known to bury itself in soft sand and mud when alarmed.

Confusing species - Sand whiting are similar in appearance to yellow-finned whiting, however the dark blotches on the pectoral fin base in sand whiting are absent in yellow-finned whiting.

Fishing Tips - Whiting are generally caught using rod-and-line and handlines from shore or by boat with live baits, such as worms, soldier crabs and yabbies (nippers). Fresh peeled prawns can also be used.

CHARTER BOAT WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

As the warmer months start to dwindle, this does not mean the fishing does!

In the coming weeks, we will be discussing possibilities with the Charter Boat. Last year the weather was our biggest problem, closely followed by the lack of keen anglers wanting to brave the high seas.

Shaun PROBERTS, our NEW Vice President, has been making enquiries to see what boats are available and what is best for the club. As mentioned before, we need to try and improve the attendance by members on our charters. The club offers a subsidy of \$20 per head each trip for members who attend as well as negotiating the best prices any one could get to obtain a great boat.

Having a Charter is a great way of evening up the have & have nots when it comes to fishing. As the charter supplies the rods, reels and bait, everyone has an equal chance of landing the 'big-one'.

Hopefully the newsletter keeps you up to date.

Feel free to contribute; we can list things you have to sell not only in the newsletter but on our website; promote your business; keep the gossip and funnies segments full, etc, etc. I have a pretty thick skin, so if you have any gripes about the newsletter, what it needs and what doesn't feel free to drop me a line.

If you have a request for a presentation at a meeting night, let the committee know & we will see what can be arranged. If you don't ask – you don't get, As ever, we are always keen to welcome new members, particularly better halves and juniors 16 years and under, who if in anyway are associated to existing members, can weigh in at any of our competitions not only on family day. Most of us have wives, kids and grandkids and we would all love to see a wife or junior take home a prize.

If you know of members or family who are suffering from ill health and would like a special mention in the newsletter, let me know. Keep in touch with what is happening on www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au

Don't forget next meeting is Tuesday 13th February. I encourage all members to make an effort to attend & hopefully we can have a packed house to support our club, our local pub and give a warm welcome to potential new members.

A bit of humour...



Steve and his buddies were hanging out and planning an upcoming fishing trip. Unfortunately, he had to tell them that he couldn't go this time because his wife wouldn't let him. After a lot of teasing and name calling, Steve headed home frustrated. The following week when Steve's buddies arrived at the lake to set up camp, they were shocked to see Steve. He was already sitting at the campground with a cold beer, swag rolled out, fishing rod in hand, and a camp fire glowing. "How did you talk your missus into letting you go Steve?" "I didn't have to," Steve replied. "Yesterday, when I left work, I went home and slumped down in my chair with a beer to drown my sorrows because I couldn't go fishing. Then the ol' lady Snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said, 'Surprise'. When I peeled her hands back, she was standing there in a beautiful see through negligee and she said, 'Carry me into the bedroom, tie me to the bed and you can do whatever you want,' So, Here I am!"

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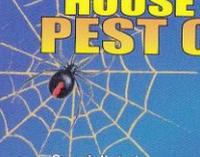
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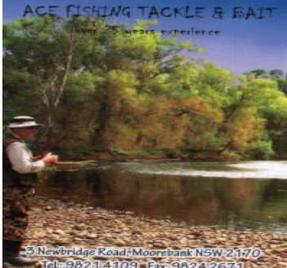
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