

Hook, Line & Sinker



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From the Office.

Well we are off any running in 2014, but true to form the weather for our first comp of the year was shocking. Don't forget that fees are now overdue and attract a \$10 late penalty.



Dates for the Diary



March Meeting: 11th March

March Comp: 22nd & 23rd.

Fish of the Month: Tailor.

Shellharbour Weekend away: 15/16 March.

THE FISHO FUNNIES

A guy rings his boss and says "I can't come to work today The boss asks why and the guy says "it's my eyes." "What's wrong with your eyes?" asks the boss. "I just can't see myself coming to work, so I m going fishing instead..."

A man asked his wife what she would like for her birthday. "I'd love to be eight again" she said.

So he pulled out all the stops to make her dream come true. He whisked her off to Disneyland, made her go on all the scariest roller coasters, and force-fed her candyfloss and ice cream.

Then he took her to McDonald's for a special kids' meal before rounding the day off with a trip to the cinema to see a two-hour cartoon carnival.

That night she slumped into bed, feeling exhausted and queasy.

"So what was it like being eight again?" asked the husband.

"Actually," she said, "I meant my dress size?"

Position Vacant

Charter Boat captain for 2014.

At the AGM we were unable to fill this position. Are you interested? If you would like to take this position on, please see one of the committee members.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Membership matters

Reminder: Membership renewals are now over-due. Club fees for 2014 are \$50.00. A late fee of \$10 is now applicable.

New Members: Yes we do have vacancies and if you know anyone that may be interested please invite them along to our first meeting.

Member Records: Have you changed your address, phone number or email address recently? If the answer is yes please advise the Secretary ASAP so club records can be updated.



Box Puzzle: Answer on Page 4



February Competition - Results.

What a start to 2014, rain and more rain. It has been mentioned that if you need to break a drought, just get MFC to arrange a fishing competition! That aside, 6 members presented their catch to the weigh-master. A couple of nice size Groper were amongst those caught.

Results for our first competition of the year were as follows:

Best Fish: Justin with a 5.027 Groper

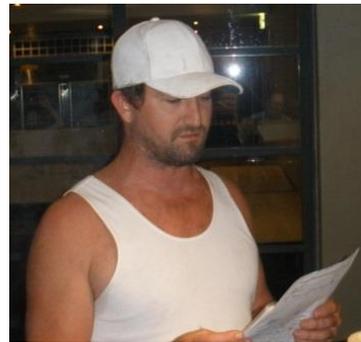
Biggest Fish: Simon with a 3.090 Groper

Most Fish: Col E again with a total of 4

The mystery fish was a Salmon which was won by Barry. The **Wahoo** was won by Barry. The **Guzzlers Mug** was won by Simon.

D1 won the raffle this month.

February happy snaps this month



Well done lads



Tune into boating weather using VHF radio

A recent study by NSW Roads and Maritime found that 25% of boating incidents are caused by weather and wave factors. So it's a surprising statistic that 1 in 5 boaters don't follow the Bureau's 5 vital weather checks before they go out on the water. Take a look at the advice on their website at <http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/about/vital-checks.shtml> And once you're out there, you still need to keep an eye on the weather conditions.

Compliance news

Fines for illegal kingfish

A tip off from a member of the public to the Fishers Watch Phonenumber has resulted in the apprehension of four men and the seizure of 11 yellowtail kingfish, says DPI Acting Director of Compliance, Tony Andrews.

"On December 1, fisheries officers received a tip off on our illegal fishing hotline that a particular boat was suspected of catching and keeping prohibited size yellowtail kingfish off Longreef, on Sydney's Northern Beaches," Mr Andrews said.

"Fisheries officers coordinated a response with NSW Roads and Maritime Services and NSW Police Force officers who patrol the area popular with fishers. With assistance from fisheries officers, NSW Roads and Maritime Boating Safety Officers identified the vessel. Police were then able identify the prohibited size kingfish, secure them for evidence and direct the vessel back to port. Fisheries officers seized and measured the fish at Five Dock Bay Boat Ramp and interviewed the four men. They were each issued with a \$500 dollar fine for being in possession of prohibited size fish."

The minimum legal length for yellowtail kingfish in NSW is 65cm and the possession or bag limit is 5 per person.

"Bag limits and possession limits are scientifically determined and put in place to ensure our fish stocks are fished sustainably and that the resource is shared fairly between all user groups," Mr Andrews said.

"Prohibited size, undersize or "rat" yellowtail kingfish can occur in large schools off the NSW coast at this time of year and anyone found keeping or in possession of these prohibited size fish can expect harsh penalties.

"We applaud the quick thinking member of the public who reported these illegal fishers to our Fishers' Watch Phonenumber which enabled us to make this apprehension."

Anyone with information on illegal fishing is encouraged to contact the Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536 and include as much information as possible including locations, car and boat regos, type of illegal activity and number of persons involved.





THE PRESIDENT WRITES;

Well guys a reasonable weigh in considering the weather, and an fair roll up to the weigh in. Although some guys did not fish in our first competition it is good to see them role up to the pub.

As I mentioned at the weigh in we have good year planned. Our first social event being Shellharbour on 14 March.

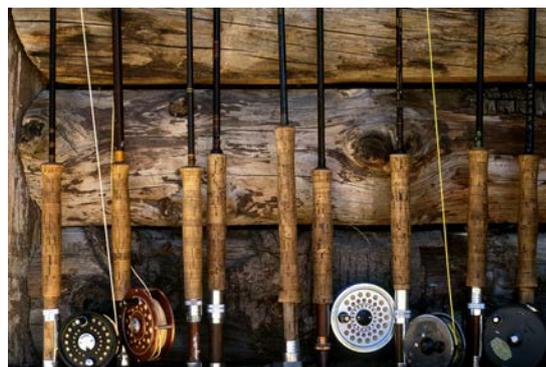
All fees are now overdue and a late fee of \$10 applies (\$60 to rejoin)

Hope to see ya at the raffles on Thursday and the next meeting.

If you need anything our web site is <http://www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au>.

The Gossip, the facts and the bullsh1#

- ☺ ***Belated Happy birthday to the January babies, Matthew H & Peter R, the February babies, Braz, Lorne, Mark D, Terry, & MickO & March babies: Kel D.***
- ☺ ***Know any gossip or tales 'out of school' please let the editor know so we can share them with the rest of the members.***



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