



HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.

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FROM THE OFFICE....

Another one down & it will be my Birthday before I know it. Good thing that some things improve with age! School holidays are over and the rug rats are out of your hair (except for those like Tom that are lacking in that area). Hard to believe it's almost ½ way through the year already!

That means in 2 more days, there will be no Illuka count-down by Dennis SOLARI.

Last comp I got down to Port Kembla but obviously the fish decided to go elsewhere. From what I saw at the weigh-in, there were some great fish caught over the weekend. Well done to all those that wet a line & got a few,

There has been rumblings regarding private Fish Attracting Devices, (FAD's) and what is & isn't illegal.

Keith wrote an email to Department of Primary Industries & Maritime Services so we would all be aware what we are allowed to do. I know there will be members that may not agree, but the rules are pretty simple. It **IS ILLEGAL** to put down a **PRIVATE FAD**, however it **IS NOT ILLEGAL** to fish in an area where a man-made or natural obstruction is located. If there is a shipping container, sunken boat, tree debris or an old jetty for example, it

IS NOT ILLEGAL to fish around these areas.

We had a new first time junior fisherman for the last comp, Kiara McGLINCHY, if I recall correctly it was a decent brim too. Congrats Kiara! It seems Harry has even more competition now with Lachlan. Cody & Kiara. Great to see the junior out there!

Last weigh-in we had an exceptional turn-out, which put our limited space to the test. We are still working with Management & changes can be made. If you are unhappy with the location, eating/seating arrangements, let us know. If Management don't get feedback things can't be improved.

Results from April weigh-in:

Best: Under review

Biggest: Shaun PROBERTS = 1.842 dolphin fish

Most: Rob COOPER = 12 fish

Wahoo: Mick MARTIN

Guzzlers: Hayden PLUMB

Mystery: Salmon won by Rob COOPER

Raffle: Number 97 won by Greg OXLEY

Total: 16 members with a total of 66 fish.

The brag mats are available for \$15 and the first run of the long sleeve shirts are

available for those that pre-ordered. If there are enough takers, there will be another run.

We continue getting interest in our Facebook page. Remember, even if you don't post anything, it would be great to see more members visit the page, tag photos & leaving comments.

I got a message the other day when Tom & his family went to Port Macquarie during the School Holidays. Apparently Tom got crabs while he was away but apparently good eating.

Remember the Facebook page is a page created for the club; by members; for all to enjoy. In the interest of everyone that visits the page, posts and comments should reflect appropriate content. Most of us are mature adults but we do have women and children that visit the page. 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.

Thursday night raffles continue to be a reasonable turn-out, however the next two Thursdays (10 & 17/5) will see many of the regular members traveling to Illuka. It would be great to see some new faces, 'flying the flag' & helping out with the raffles.

Shaun PROBERTS, is continuing to make enquiries to see what Charter Boats are available and what is best for the club.

If we want a Charter and members to be subsidised, we need to improve the attendance by members on our charters. The club offers a subsidy of \$20 per head each trip for members, as well as negotiating the best prices.

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'.



Diary Dates

Birthday's

Meeting:
8th May.

Comp weekend:
19 – 20 May

Weigh In:
20th May @ 4:00pm

Ron BOLD – 9 May

Vic HUDSON – 12 May

Geoff TAYLOR – 17 May

Mick MARTIN – 20 May

Dennis SOLARI – 23 May

Keith HOWDIN – 30 May

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

The trophies that were kindly donated by Richard WARRING and Shaun PROBERTS have now been named and are in the process of being mounted with plaques. Thank's again guys for the addition of these wonderful carvings. It was great to see Jimmy RHEINBERGER at the April weigh-in. There have been a few faces absent from our meetings, raffles & weigh-ins of recent months. People like Mick OVERTON, who is still recovering from shoulder surgery and Pete McKINNON but I'm sure they will be back with us in good time.



Fish of the Month

Bream

Distribution - The black bream is commonly referred to as the blue-nose bream or southern bream and is found in brackish and fresh waters of estuaries and rivers (occasionally found in coastal waters of southern and western Australia in times of flood). The black bream's range extends from southern NSW, Victoria, South Australia and into Western Australia as far north as Shark Bay.

Size - The black bream is known to grow to a maximum length of 54cm (approx. 3.6kg).

Characteristics - The upper body of the black bream is typically a silvery-olive brown colour or bronzy-black, even greenish at times, depending on habitat. The ventral and anal fins are brownish-black in colour, with a small black spot at the base of the pectoral fin.

Confusing Species - In southern NSW the black bream is often confused with the yellowfin bream. The yellowfin bream has whitish-yellow ventral and anal fins, as opposed to the black bream, which has greyish-brown/black ventral and anal fins. The yellowfin bream and the pikey bream both lack the characteristic dark spot at the base of the pectoral fin.

Fishing tips - Bream of all species are quite timid and very sensitive to light and sound. Try keeping unnecessary noise to a minimum. Some of the best live bait items include yabbies, prawns and bloodworms; even mullet gut proves very effective.

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, etc, etc. I have a pretty thick skin, so if you have any gripes about the newsletter, 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, Tuesday 8th May. Although there are no presenters this time, all members are encouraged to make an effort to attend to support our club, our local pub and give a warm welcome to potential new members.

Name the faces

Members that frequent Vic's place would have had the pleasure of meeting Morrie. It turns out Morrie is quite a dab hand with a lead pencil and he has completed several caricatures of those members. See if you can identify them all...



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