



HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.

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FROM THE OFFICE....

What can I say, another month over and one closer to the guy in the big red suit.

The September meeting for 2017 was a reasonable turn-out with 16 members attending. Hopefully this newsletter will be a bit better than the last. I can see light at the end of the tunnel and I hope it's not an oncoming train!

The weather gods have finally given us a break, especially over the Greenwell Point weekend. Friday was great & Saturday was even better weather. Sunday was blowing a gale with a few of us having a hard time retrieving boats.

I have been given a timely reminder for those with perpetual trophies such as dummy spitter & dumb'n'dumber to return them to the club house for this years' recipients.

There was no charter boat for September, but a timely reminder the next one is THIS MONTH, so start making plans & let Mick OVERTON know with plenty of notice.

Speaking of Greenwell Point, for those lucky enough to not have heard me ramble on, Mark DEVERE and I taking out the golf by 1 Point. To back it up, the following day Tom CURRAN and I cleaned up on the fish. Luckily I had 2 competent partners for both vents!

This month the weigh-in winners were: Biggest fish went to Justin BOLD with a .840KG Blackfish; Best fish went to Colin EGAN with a .802 flathead and the most was won by Barry BARNES with 4 fish. 4 people weighed in with a total of 19 fish. Did I mention that's about the number of fish Tom and I caught at Greenwell Point?

Just a reminder.

The guzzlers was won by Colin EGAN and the Wahoo was won by Rob COOPER. The mystery fish was a Kingfish which wasn't won and the fish of the month, a Morwong wasn't won either. The raffle was won by someone different for a change, Tom CURRAN!

	
Diary Dates	Birthday's
<p>Meeting: 10th October.</p> <p>Comp weekend: 14-15 October</p> <p>Weigh In: 15 October @ 4:00pm</p> <p>Carp-a-thon: 29 October</p>	<p>Garry ANDERSON – 5th October</p> <p>Peter BARNES – 7th October</p> <p>Garry ALLEN – 19th October</p> <p>Warren SIMMONS – 14th October</p> <p>Mick BISHOP – 19th October</p>

SEPTEMBER WEIGH-IN PICS



Barry Barnes
Most fish



Colin EGAN
Best fish



Justin BOLD
Biggest fish

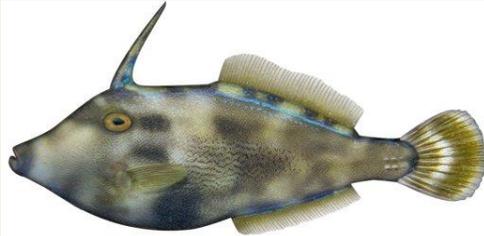
WHAT'S NEWS !!!!!!!!

Jimmy RHEINBERG is continuing his recovery and has been seen enjoying a cleansing ale at the pub. Welcome back Jimmy.

We are approaching the date of the 'Carp a thon' with Wattle Grove Fishos. A reminder to keep the date, 29th October available & if you are interested in coming along, let Keith know so we can plan ahead. Cost is \$20 per person, with prizes & nibbles. WE CANNOT BRING OUR OWN BEER, however there is a beer cart coming around on the day.

Hopefully we can match their turn-out and make it a fun-filled day. Just another reminder that Brighton Lakes have requested that children DO NOT ATTEND as the risk of injury from wayward golf balls and an un-fenced dam is too great. While it is regrettable that kids can't join in, I personally believe the Golf Club decision is both understandable and reasonable.

I know I keep harping on about this one but I'm going to do it again. It would be great if we could see a few more members attending the meat raffles on Thursday night. The Moorebank Pub has generously started donating a \$50 prize to complement our meat raffles. The pub prize can be spent on food and/or drink on the premises.



Fish of the Month

Leatherjacket

Distribution – There are more than 20 species of leatherjackets found throughout NSW waters and, depending on the species, can be caught in estuarine, coastal and offshore waters to depths of 250m or more. In estuarine waters these fish are often found around artificial structures such as pylons and wharfs or are found near seagrass beds e.g. fan-belly, six spine and rough leatherjackets. In coastal and offshore areas they can be found on rocky reefs, sand/mud bottom or in sponge beds e.g. six spine, yellow-finned, black reef, velvet and chinaman leatherjackets.

Size – Are generally found under 1kg in weight but some offshore species can grow to 3kg.

Characteristics – Several features set leatherjackets apart from other fish species, these include: a small mouth with beak-like teeth, rough sometimes sandpaper like skin, small gill openings, and a single serrated spine on the top of the head that fits neatly into a groove. Most leatherjackets are considered opportunistic feeders and readily feed on many different items including algae, crustaceans, molluscs, fish and polychaete worms.

Confusing species - could be confused with Triggerfish, however these fish have a dorsal fin rather than a single, serrated dorsal spine.

Out and About

The below pics show some of our members in their natural habitat...



Greenwell Point
PGA champions



Winners are grinners!



Greenwell Point golfers 2017.

CHARTER BOAT WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

Ring Charter Boat Captain - Mick Overton

Mobile: 0449 900 016

The warmer months are coming and the Charter Boat is back! The next Charter Boats THIS MONTH, so get onto Mick OVERTON and book your spot.

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.

'Fishfinder' can take 10 people, and as the guys from the last trip can testify, you just walk on and off. All gear bait, tackle and rods provided.

Having a Charter is a vital backbone in allowing MFC to provide fishing opportunities' for our club members not possessing all the gear, or boats and ensures good participation at weigh ins.



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.

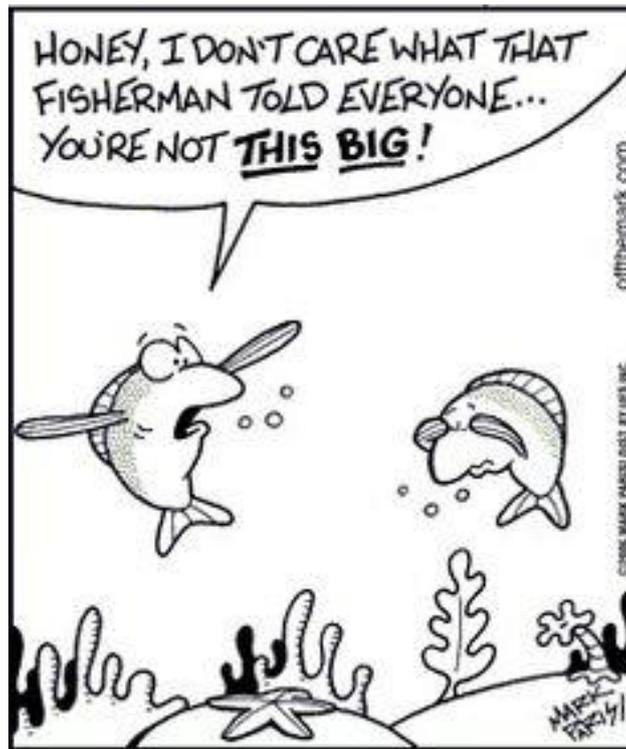
If you have a request for a presentation at a meeting night, let the committee know & we will see what can be arranged. If you don't ask – you don't get. Hopefully at the next meeting I will arrange 'Peter' a local boat mechanic from Chipping Norton.

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 10th October. I encourage all members to make an effort to attend & hopefully we can have a packed house to support our club and our local pub.



A bit of humour...

A man was stopped by a game-warden in Northern Algonquin Park recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing.

The game warden asked the man, “Do you have a license to catch those fish?”

The man replied to the game warden, “No, sir. These are my pet fish.”

“Pet fish?!” the warden replied.

“Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home.”

“That’s a bunch of crap! Fish can’t do that!” replied the warden in disbelief.

The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, “Here, I’ll show you. It really works.”

“O.K. I’ve GOT to see this!” The game warden was curious.

The man poured the fish into the river and stood and waited...

After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, “Well?”

“Well, what?” the man responded.

“When are you going to call them back?” the game warden prompted.

“Call who back?” the man asked.

“The FISH,” the warden said sternly.

“What fish?” the man asked.

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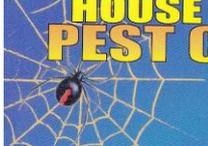
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