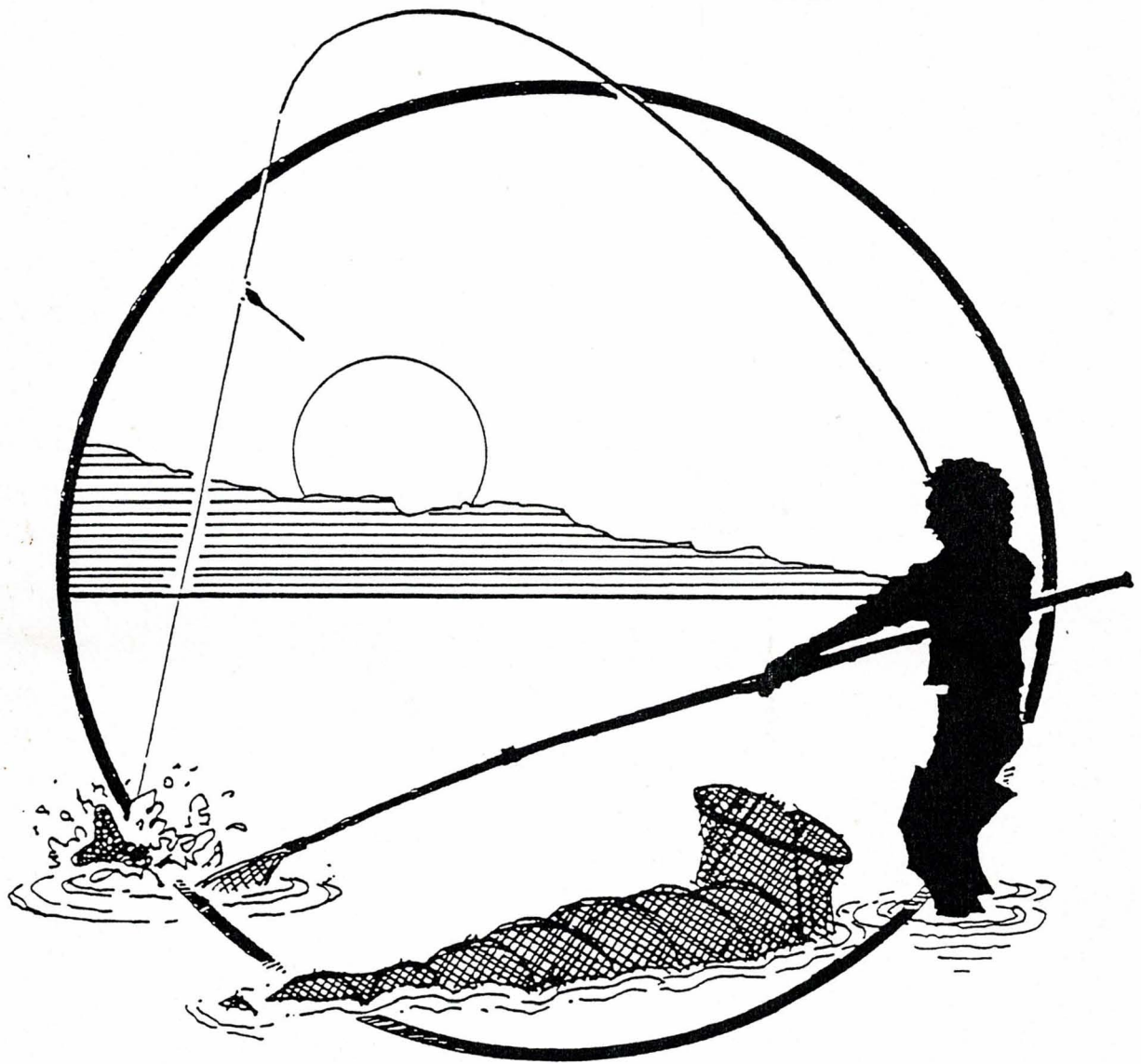


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THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well here we are again a new season has started and things seem to be heading in the right direction. Howard and John (Fluro) our new committee members have settled into their respective roles well and we also have several new members in the club so if you are new on behalf of all Welcome.

This magazine is somewhat different from what has been produced in the past as I have included some of the more important letters sent and received so that you are all informed as to what is going on behind the scenes. Also included is an article called the "right angles" which was produced for my organisations in house magazine. What I would like to see is that the "right angles" becomes a regular feature and would like to see Ralph and John Draper versions of their history. I hope this is not presuming too much.

Once again, many thanks to Bill Talbot NSW Fisheries have granted us rod and bag limit dispensation for matches it is important that you realise that the dispensation does not cover size limits or leisure and SAS events. Please read the enclosed NSW laws covering these issues so that at least you will know if you decide to fish contrary to the provisions.

S.A.S - So far the club has only had one SAS do which has resulted in Scott being in the running for the shield with a 10 Lbs Koi at 83% (to be verified). We also have four qualifiers for best of species trophies a Koi of 11Lbs 7oz Mirror of 8 Lb 7oz a Common of 15 Lbs 5oz and a new record Bully Mullet of 3 Lb 14oz.

The leisure days are fairly close and the species lists will be published in the next magazine at the moment John Draper and myself are equal leaders with four species.

On a less pleasant note those of you who have not forwarded your club fees are now up for the extra \$10 for late payment. Please ensure that all fees are paid up before the October match.

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On a brighter note the match and leisure day attendances are already up on last year which shows that the membership is not losing its passion for angling and our video library is first rate thanks to Howard.

Well if I have forgotten anyone or anything sorry about that.

Regards,

Steve

P.S I did forget something, the meeting to be held in Vic to decide or plan the Nationals etc. did not take place therefore all I can suggest is stay tuned and as soon as we hear anything we will let you know.

Other than that the letter to the AFCAA Inc is a result of the phone survey that you may remember regarding the Commonwealth Cup. Further to this its result is that an article has been drafted (yet to be finalised) and the federation will provide a grand plan to work with in the near future.

Audley Weir

Picture the scene: A beautiful quite river location in the Sydney National Park. The weather was fine. Along the shore of the



puddle.

This was the start of the competition with Steve trying desperately to defend his three species lead from the daunting attack from Richard. In the first hour everybody added to their species list with Bream, Butter Bream, River Blackfish all coming early on into the session. The rock was becoming crowded so Richard decided to move further along the bank to another rocky ledge, where he was fishing with a friend from work, to whom he was trying to explain the finer arts of coarse fishing. The gnome approach and comradeship generated by sharing such a small space on the rock was not sufficient to convince his colleague that not ^{all} coarse fishermen were insane.

Steve remained in the lead until the weather turned nasty and persistent rain arrived. Steve, Pete, and the others decided to hold a team brief in the car park. During this period Richard continued to brave the elements and added a further six species to his list.

By the time the others returned he had taken the lead and was two species ahead of Steve and Pete. In a last desperate attempt to save the championship Steve moved back to his rock, and carried on impersonating gnomes. Time was running out and the addition of a Yellowtail to Richard's list finally sealed the championship. This last day of the 1994/5 season proved to be a real challenge with the weather turning foul, and every body learning how to



cast in a rugby scrum, however a large number of fish were caught and a great time was had by all. Richard clinched the Leisure series championship by one species in what was the SCAC's best series ever.

Deepwater Park

First day of the new season I arrived at the park at approximately 6 am only to be greeted by two farm dogs who chased my car all the way to the car park and were intent on keeping me firmly placed inside. I waited for 10 minutes until my hero came past walking his two Rottweilers and asked if I was ok. Undaunted by this I moved to set up in the bottom lake with the plan to catch a large eel.

The others soon arrived Steve, Howard, John, Ralph and the rest. They all decided to fish the top lake in an attempt to catch one of the Bass stocked last season. Action was very slow in both lakes until the silence was broken by my bite alarm. A few minutes later an eight pound eel was in the net. After showing it to Steve I discovered that the top lake was fishing very poorly with only very small bream being caught with no evidence of the 1200 Bass stocked last season. Not even the resident mullet were showing.

A couple of hours later John Draper came and joined me on the bottom lake and by this time after having landed four eels and successfully glueing my landing net to my box, I was tiddler bashing close in. The remainder of the session resembled Audley Weir with seasoned coarse anglers sitting together fishing at their feet for one inch specimens which could be described as a new species. Most of who was there managed to catch a small bream in this way and John Draper who was fishing in Richard's swim caught a small Blenny to add to his list.

All in all there was little to report it proved to be a difficult days fishing on a cold clear winters day, the scenic silence was not even broken by the call of "You F***** beauty" from our intrepid scholar Steve. Lets hope we have more action at the next venue Mirrambeena, and that I can chisel out the thick solid layer of eel slime from my brand new micro-mesh landing net, before my wife smells it!

Dams blamed for fish crisis

A WATER crisis caused by dams built along the State's Murray-Darling river system is threatening to destroy popular fishing species, a new report has found.

Stocks of the once abundant silver perch have fallen so dramatically that researchers caught only three fish in nets during three years of field work.

The report's researchers say it was obvious that Murray cod and golden perch numbers have also fallen.

The silver perch has now been placed on the "threatened" list.

An Australian freshwater fish has never been declared extinct and scientists say action needs to be taken to help save the silver perch.

Written by the NSW Fisheries Research Institute and the Co-operative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology, the report says the construction of dams along the rivers during the past 70 years has devastated its population.

The report calls for more water to be released to help fish spawn, but this has already been opposed by farmers.

Up to 100 major dams have been built in the Murray-Darling system.

The study says the numbers of silver perch moving through a fish ladder at Euston, on the NSW-Victorian border, have fallen by 93 per cent since the 1940s.

Project leader Dr Peter Gehrke said that while this did not mean the entire numbers of silver perch had fallen by 93 per

By MARK SKELSEY

cent in all areas of the Murray-Darling, it was a concerning figure.

While anglers catch silver perch in dams where they are artificially stocked by hatcheries, the numbers of silver perch breeding in the wild in rivers has dropped to alarming levels. Dr Gehrke said.

During the three-year study, the researchers caught about 60,000 fish in nets. Only three silver perch were caught.

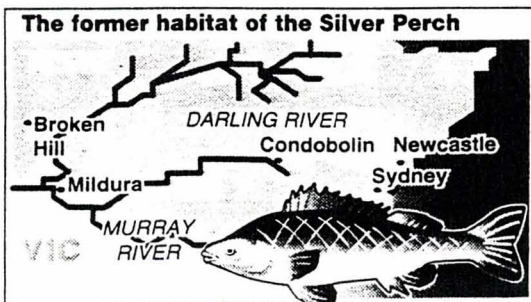
"Silver perch are used to a variable flow of water during the year, depending on weather, but they do not get this with all the dams," Dr Gehrke said.

"Anglers have noticed the silver perch have been getting harder and harder to catch."

The report also notes that rivers where dams are prominent are more likely to be dominated by introduced European carp, while native species appear to survive in rivers less affected by water control measures.

The silver perch has been listed in Jack Pollard's Australian Illustrated Guide To Fishing as being the "third most important native freshwater species after Murray cod".

About Time



WERRINGTON MATCH RESULTS 23 July 1995

Position	Name	Weight	Points
1	John Draper	8.05.00	10
2	Steve Scott	3.12.00	9
3	Peter Shire	3.02.00	8
0	Mark Triston		0
0	Ralph Czichon		0
0	John Dockerty		0
0	Richard Crake		0
0	John Alemen		0
0	Howard Hill		0
0	Ron Waits		0
0	Eric Willacy		0
0	Scott D'Ombra		0
0	Mick Latimer		0
0	John Davis		0
0	Colin Draper		0

N.B. Due to the confused start peg Nos are not available.

Werrington re-visited

by Peter Shire

I can't recall the last time I went fishing but it seemed weeks ago, despite being given the grim news of Mark Triston's fishing trip the previous weekend to Werrington Lake I was still looking forward to going there. With the added benefit of not being treasurer I thought I would just hand out the maggots, sit back and relax, this seemed exceedingly appealing to me, for a few years it has been almost a job of work. The match secretary and the treasurer always get to their pegs last despite the location of the respective pegs at any venue. Howard, thankfully, has filled this position and now enjoys the last minute running about to get everybody's money before he himself can head to his allotted spot for the ensuing five hours, whilst passing other more fortunate members of our club who have not only reached their pegs but had probably plumbed up two float rods already and were getting to know their maggots personally, this was a thing of the past for me, or so I thought.

It was in the later part of the week when I received a phone call from Stuart Deans. Stuart had suffered a sudden bereavement in the family and requested that I act as match secretary, which of course I agreed to do. I was in a bit of a dilemma, I actually didn't know what being a match secretary involved. I knew I had to peg out the lake and conduct the weigh-in but was there any other crucial job that was needed that I was unaware of? For instance, actually knowing the club's rules in case of a dispute? But I dispelled all such worries when I realised that Steve Scott our loyal leader would jump into the breach. I think it was the following day when I received a message on my answering machine from Steve (our disloyal leader) who said he was sick and didn't think he would make it to the match. Now what was I to do, I wasn't even in possession of a set of scales let alone the pegs.

I woke up really early that Sunday morning to get myself to the venue in plenty of time. I figured, stupidly, that I could still enjoy a Macdonald's breakfast, which as we all know is the main nutritional nourishment for anglers and still be at the venue in time for pegging out the lake. When I arrived at the twenty four hour Macdonald's in Penrith to my horror I found it was no longer a twenty four Hour Macdonald's but one that opened at six in the morning. Now I was in trouble I couldn't face five hours of blanking without eating something with high cholesterol content, so with the thought of all the others waiting at the venue for some official to do the pegging I joined the line of cars at the drive through. Six came and went without a person being served. I was in the line of cars unable to go forward or reverse back, I was stuck! I actually got to the first drive through window at about six fifteen but still had to wait until they had warmed up the hot plates due to, what they said was a power loss earlier that morning (smacks of a cover-up).

After eventually receiving my Bacon and Egg Mac Muffin, Hash Brown and coffee I was so pissed off at, what at the time I thought was their incompetence, but in retrospect was just my lack of will power, that when the young girl offered me my breakfast and uttered those carefully scripted and rehearsed lines, "sorry about the delay, please call again" I let her have it. Not stopping to consider this young persons feelings. As I pulled out of the drive I glanced in the rear vision mirror to see this young girl being consoled by an equally juvenile manager, her lip quivering. I was speeding to the venue where I expected to see at least ten pissed off anglers cursing anyone who slightly resembled a committee member namely me! Lucky for me though, Steve had actually managed to prise himself out of his sick bed and was there waiting for me with the others. Unfortunately he was also unaware of Stuarts absence and like the others was waiting for someone to peg out the lake. I explained the situation. Steve and a couple of others circumnavigated the lake, pegging as they went, whilst I struggled to unload my ever increasing tackle supplies from the car.

Howard did the honours with the petty cash tin whilst I handed out maggots and the last consignment of magazines. The draw went extremely well for me, I put in my thumb and pulled out a plum (peg One) which entailed walking the dizzying distance of fifty feet, but with the tackle I now carry this must equate to scaling Mount Everest without oxygen. Once at the sought after peg I began to unload large quantities of superfluous fishing tackle. I bring it "Just in case". In case of what I haven't figured out yet. Maybe in case Dick Clegg happens to be walking the bank I'm sure he'd be suitably impressed by someone with more tackle than the whole Drennen England team put together, who knows? I would probably feel naked without twelve rods, 3 catapults, 6 reels, 3 ground bait bowls, 2 landing nets and a partridge in a pear tree with me all the time.

At the all in whistle, which was actually a shout due to Stuart having the whistle, I put in on the pole line at 11 metres. After sitting there until, as all you pole devotees know, you can no longer sit without continually moving the position of the pole or putting it in the rests, I decided to go out on the waggler not much further than the pole line but far more comfortable. I did manage to miss several bites, which on reflection was a bad thing, but at the time I was just pleased for the break in the monotony. On one such occasion the float dipped and unlike my normal self, I struck quickly enough to make contact with the fish at the other end. I mentioned this to Eric who was in the next peg out of sight but I'm sure definitely there. I did however say it loud enough for all to hear.

Just as I simultaneously told Eric of my triumph and slipped the landing net under it's wide girth the hook length snapped and it swam away reducing me to vulgar language and then silent sobbing into my groundbait.

I was however entertained enormously by our newest member, John Davies who was situated on the other side of the lake to me but still within earshot. In fact you would have been in earshot if you were sitting in the drive through lane at MacDonald's. John who is obviously a dog lover, this I inferred by the great big

fluff ball that accompanied him (this is in no way a reflection on his wife Lynn who also accompanied him), began to shout to or rather at a local resident which apparently was beating his own dog with a stick. John left no doubt that he disapproved of such behaviour and after ten minutes of audible abuse things returned to the tranquillity of my blanking. Some time went by without anything happening when out of the blue I got another bite. This time I managed to land what turned out to be my only fish of the day, just over three pounds. As the end drew near Mark Winton came round the reed bed for a bit of a chat along with Lynn and the big ball of Fluff. John Davies soon appeared but then left to go to Mr T's assistance. Mr T was being harassed by some twelve year old boys who were throwing stones at him and calling him names. This is something we have all felt like doing to him at some time or another but John was unaware of this fact so went to the rescue anyway. Mark Winton, Lynn and myself were all chatting nicely. I was showing them various items of new tackle that I had acquired, of which Lynn found the orange Skid bung for my pole the most interesting (strange, I hadn't thought of that), about then I happened to look at my float or should I say my slowly reappearing float, another bloody missed bite!

The final all out scream came from Steve, who I'm sure is on some kind of hormone treatment due to his illness. I think, going by the all out scream it must be Oestrogen, poor bastard. I began the long and tedious task of packing away all that fishing tackle. To put it in some kind of prospective the whole match had managed to pack up and return to the draw area whilst I was still working out which of the 12 rods belong in which tube. I'll have to re-think this match fishing thing, I mean do I really need a boat rod with me?..... ok I've thought about it, I'd better bring it 'just in case'.

Well, the upshot of the day was about eleven people biteless or without a fish and three people with a fish. I happened to be one of the three but as it turned out the smallest weight of the three, this I can solely contribute to dumb luck and although I would rather it be known that my superior fishing ability triumphed again nobody would believe such a blatant lie. As expected I enjoyed participating regardless of fish caught or not as the case maybe.

When I had finally managed to cram every piece of tackle back where it belonged I made the three trips up the hill to the others carrying as much as possible each time, this task made more frustrating by the others who by now were enjoying a second beer and making sarcastic remarks. I now realise the price of fishing tackle, it's not the tangible one that depletes the bank balance, it's back ache and social ridicule a heavy price to pay for not winning anything.

See ya at the next Match.

Peter

The School of Graduate Fish?

The new year has only just started, but I managed to organise the first *do*; an explorative mission/SAS day at *The University of Wollongong*. I knew there was at least ONE fish in the three ponds to be tested, and we ended up with.... TWO. But at least the one that was caught is good enough to be included on the list already.

I arrived first and waited long enough to start fearing that all my instructions and maps had failed; fortunately this time I was wrong and at around 7.30 Howard also arrived. After a quick inspection of the place we decided to test the top pond; we would have then moved to the middle one, which I knew contained a red Koi, and eventually to the bottom pond (which is the bigger one - or should I say the less small).

We had only just started fishing when John Draper and Scott arrived to *double* the numbers. I took them around the place, and as soon as they spotted the koi, they decided to target that first (foolish me! I thought I would have chased that fish. But never mind.)

John soon lost patience and Scott was left by himself literally following the koi which was leisurely strolling around and totally ignoring all the offerings.

All of a sudden the peaceful silence was broken by a rather anxious voice calling for *uncle John*. I knew the koi had fallen for his bread bait. I rushed to get my video camera and continued my run toward the middle pond. There, from a distance, I could see what seemed an *albino dolphin* (?) trying to jump through a loop. By the time I got closer the picture was much clearer: young Scott was so eager to land this beautiful orange fish that it had most of its head sticking out of the water with no chance of putting up a fight. Scott finally reached the landing net and brought the beast to the bank. And it was much bigger than I anticipated. That is because from the bridge you could not tell that this fish had a rather fat belly: it turned out to be a healthy 10 lb, exactly. Well above the new qualifying weight of 7lb 2oz. Well done Scott.

So we thought we started the day well, but it definitely slowed down, or rather, it never took off. We all tried several spots, several baits and you name it but.... nothing. The place is really nice, very picturesque but was not producing fish. The water is not very deep, on average 5-6 feet, but there are a few spots where you would bet there are fishes. As the day progressed, things did not change much, but all of a sudden a man with a FLY rod came around, then another: soon we were more than outnumbered. It turned out that they belong to the *South Coast Fly Fishing Club*, and they use the pond, once a month, for practice. Soon we were all exchanging information, ideas and stories; John even had a try with one of their rods. What came out of the conversation was that in the university ponds there are definitely big eels (just what we wanted to hear); also in the past the pond had too many carps and local fishermen were called to clean up the place. This was better: we all agreed that if there *were* carps, there must still be a few.

No more carps were caught, but John managed to catch what he DIDN'T want to catch: you guessed it, an eel on bread.

The other interesting thing these people told us is that near Dapto, there is a creek, *Mullet Creek*, firing very well with breams, mullets and CARPS.

Just as we were contemplating moving to another venue, this Mullet Creek perhaps, guess who arrived? Peter and Danny who, despite leaving for England on the following day, could not resist the temptation to check out this new venue (or was he only trying to flog some more gear?).

On final analysis we had a pleasant day and we had an opportunity to chat with other *fishos* who at least know what catch and release mean. The spot looks great and we suspect that there might be more than what we caught. (Maybe these fishes have been educated to fool fishermen!!!)

It would make a great *leisure day* venue and I don't think we would have problems in stocking it with some different variety of fish (roach and tench perhaps!?). For a match it would be a tight squeeze (Then again if you are drawn opposite Ralph, you probably wouldn't mind it, since you could share his ground bait!). Considering also the two ponds situation, a team event would probably work best. In any case it's a spot to keep in mind.

Don't forget to give me a call if you want to organise an SAS or if you are interested in knowing when others get together.

Fluoro (John Alimeni)

Mirrambeena August 6

by Peter Shire

I'm finding it more and more difficult to get my fat arse out of bed in the mornings. This phenomena was only manifesting itself on work days which is not a real problem, but it has recently been on weekends too, this fact has started to concern me greatly as I only expect such lethargic bodily functions when I don't want to do something, fishing is something I do want to do. I considered a trip to my Doctor but settled for consulting my 1971 Scouting medical handbook, the diagnosis was somewhat of a shock, I mean where would I have had the opportunity to be bitten by a Tetsi Fly. I have recently been to Adelaide... but contracting sleeping sickness there is I suspect, unusual if not impossible. The prognosis is a slow and peaceful death, shit! maybe I should contact Lord Baden Powell in case there is a revised addition of the Scouting medical handbook, I wouldn't like to jump to any conclusions after all.

So without the benefit of a second opinion I was late to the leisure day at Mirrambeena (pretty good excuse don't you think?), Steve, John Alemeni and Howard were already in residence. I unloaded the semi trailer wondering if I'd forgotten anything, deciding that it would probably be alright because it's only a leisure day, I made my way to the Island to join the others. I dropped all my gear between Howard and Steve, not because I particularly wanted to fish there but because I could no longer

take a step without suffering a coronary.

I decided to have a quick rest before tackling up, I thought I might watch the others to see what method would be most successful. I should have just set up a couple of rods without waiting to find out which method would be more successful because my quick rest turned into an hour of sitting on my box waiting for someone to get a bite. I decided that there was not a successful method and should just go back to bed!

John Draper and Scott had arrived and were setting up on Steve's left. I had still not even attempted to get a rod out of my holdall. It was about 9 o'clock when John Draper managed to hook a fish, this fish took him all round the lake, at one stage he played the fish by gripping the butt of his rod with his left hand and with clutch screaming used his right hand to adjust the lie of his underpants, an interesting method. John finally got control of his fish and brought it to the net, this was obviously no tiddler despite our pleas for him to "swing it to hand" Steve Scott had to lend him his specimen net and it still took two or three goes at getting in. A quick run back to Steve's car to get the scales served to warm me up and further exhaust me. The fish when weighed took us all by surprise, a Common of 15lb 5oz's this saw John Draper performing an 'all blacks' war cry, a pitiful sight to behold.

John Alemeni hooked and proceeded to lose a couple of fish in quick succession. I was then spurred into

action, setting up a single carp rod and bite alarm (I didn't want to over do it). Steve Scott then hooked his first fish of the day, after missing more bites than anyone else (sorry Steve), with three pound line and a 18's hook he landed a Koi of 11lb 7oz's a beautiful specimen. After Steve had told us all, several times I might add, about how he managed this, punching the air and doing some kind of American super bowl touch down dance each time, things returned to normal. Barry Edmonson arrived soon after Richard and his daughter Amber-leigh. Barry sat down, cast in, caught a carp and went home. Amber-Leigh explained to anyone willing to listen that she was "helping my Daddy", this help manifested itself in ways that I'm sure Richard appreciated, including, turning the shot dispenser upside down and slowly twisting the lid, which to Amber-leigh's delight saw Richard's shot bouncing all over his tackle box, she also assisted Richard in attracting the fish by throwing all his slices of bread into the lake, Richard was then instructed by the two year old that it was time to go home because "I'm going to Emerly's Birthday, she's my friend".

John Draper had just returned from a trip around the lake 'stalking', on his return he respectfully kicked Scott out of his swim. Scott had, in Johns absence, caught a Bully Mullet of 2lb 10oz's just six ounces off the club record. John then proceeded to snatch any glory this had given Scott by catching a 3lb 14oz Bully Mullet, apparently Scott is now looking for a new uncle.

John Davis had arrived some time earlier and to my horror was inflicted by the disease that I too had suffered 'tackle rat itis' which to those who are unaware is a slippery slope to bankruptcy and divorce. Steve Scott managed to catch another common Carp to add to the very short list of those who caught.

I had only one option left and that was to gate crash Emerly's party!

Peter

PARRAMATTA MATCH RESULTS 20 AUG 95

Position	Name	Weight	Points	PEG No
1	John Dockerty	27.11.00	10	18
2	Barry Edmonson	25.02.00	9	19
3	Steve Scott	24.13.08	8	17
4	Ron Waits	14.03.00	7	16
5	Stuart Deans	8.02.00	6	10
6	Eric Willacy	7.00.00	5	12
7	Peter Shire	5.01.08	4	9
8	John Draper	5.00.08	3	8
9	Mark Triston	4.08.00	2	4
10	Scott D'Ombra	4.00.04	1	6
11	John Alemen	3.14.00	1	7
12	Andy Hicks	00.14.00	1	11
0	Ralph Czichon	00.00.00	0	3
0	Richard Crake	00.00.00	0	1
0	Howard Hill	00.00.00	0	14
0	Doug Richardson	00.00.00	0	15 5
0	John Davis	00.00.00	0	15
0	Colin Draper	00.00.00	0	2

N.B. Peg No 13 spare

Match Report
Parramatta Pound
20/8/95

Before I start this match report I would like to thank Peter Shire for writing the last report and state that I will not try to compete with his epic novel, War & Peace.

The turn out for the match was the best the club has seen, with eighteen expectant anglers (not pregnant) waiting to do battle with the fish and each other. I had been challenged by Richard and we had a side bet of \$25 on who was to finish the highest between us, so the pressure was on.

The match stretch had been pegged with five swims above the road bridge and these all produced good bags of fish in quite shallow water. The normal stretch did not live up to its usual form with just over 8lb being the top weight from this stretch.

The winner on the day was John Dokerty who landed a weight of 27lb 11ozs and from all accounts lost just as many fish. Second was Barry Edmonson with 25lb 2ozs using his legendary "Ultra Fine Technique". Third was Steve Scott with a weight of 24lb 13ozs.....Well done boys!.

I think it worth a mention that all the carp weighed in looked in excellent condition and hopefully all will go well for the future with this venue.

Well if anybody is interested in the result of the \$25 side bet, let me just say very quietly that Richard **BLANKED**

PROGRESSIVE MATCH TABLE 20/8/95

POSITION	NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS	MATCHES
1	S Scott	28.09.08	17	2
2	J Draper	13.05.08	13	2
3	P Shire	8.03.08	12	2
4	J Dockerty	27.11.00	10	2
5	B Edmonson	25.02.00	9	1
6	R Waits	14.03.00	7	2
7	S Deans	8.02.00	6	1
8	E Willacy	7.00.00	5	2
9	M Triston	4.08.00	2	2
10	S D'ombrain	4.00.04	1	2
11	J Alimeni	3.14.00	1	2
12	A Hicks	00.14.00	1	1
13	R Crake	- - -	0	2
14	C Draper	- - -	0	2
15	R Czichon	- - -	0	2
16	H Hill	- - -	0	2
17	J Davis	- - -	0	2
18	M Latimer	- - -	0	1
19	D Richardson	- - -	0	1

S.C.A.C. RECORD FISH LIST

SPECIES	WEIGHT	CAPTOR	METHOD	BAIT	VENUE	DATE
Australian Bass	2lb 8oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Pound	2/5/93
River Blackfish	2oz8d	Jon Wilson	Q Tip	Worm	Crookwell	25/4/91
Common Carp	19lb 8oz	Paul Cosgrove	Waggler	Corn	Prospect Ck	9/10/94
Mirror Carp	11lb 14oz	David Kowalick	Waggler	Bread/corn	Prospect Ck	3/11/94
Koi Carp	12lb	Darran Cox	Waggler	Corn	Prospect Ck	9/10/94
Goldfish	2lb 13oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Cobbity	9/3/92
Eeltail Catfish	2lb 15oz	Jon Wilson	Optonic	Mag/Worm	Parra Lake	92/93
Murray Cod	8oz8d	Steve Scott	Q Tip	Worm	Girinderra	93
Trout Cod	Vacant					
Longfin Eel	15lb 2oz	Steve Scott	Freeline	Pilchard	Pound	2/9/92
Shortfin Eel	9oz	Jon Wilson	Optonic	Mag/Worm	Parra Lake	15/2/91
Greyling	Vacant					
Nepean Herring	6oz8d	Janet Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Cobbity	9/3/92
Bully Mullet	3lb 14oz	John Draper	Waggler	Bread	Mirambeena	6/8/95
Freshwater Mullet	3lb 9oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Bread	Nepean	92/93
Redfin Perch	1lb 12oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Gambusia	Melbourne	91/92
Silver Perch	5lb 4oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Cornworm	Crookwell	3/3/91
Maquarie Perch	Vacant					
Golden Perch	4lb 6oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Crookwell	3/3/91
Roach	1lb 1oz	Danny Brown	Stick	Maggot	Paterson R.	5/5/95
Tench	3lb 1 oz	Steve Scott	Waggler	Corn	Vic	10/5/95
Brook Trout	Vacant					
Brown Trout	1lb 15oz	Danny Brown	Waggler	Maggot	Pondage Vic	11/93
Rainbow Trout	3lb 1oz	Keith Climson	Ledger	Crust	Pejar	92/93
Empire Fish	8d	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Pound	30/1/93
Jap Longfin Goby	Vacant					
Galaxia	2d	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Pound	30/1/93

Specimen Weights and 60% Qualifying Weights

SPECIES	SEPC WT	QUAL WT	SPECIES	SPEC WT	QUAL WT
Australian Bass	3lb 8oz	2lb 1 oz 8d	River Blackfish	2lb	1lb 3oz 4d
Common Carp	18lb	10lb 8oz	Mirror Carp	12lb	7lb 2oz
Koi Carp	12lb	7lb 2oz	Goldfish	3lb	2lb 1oz 8d
Eeltail Catfish	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Murray Cod	15lb	9lb
Trout Cod	12lb	7lb 3oz	Longfinned Eel	14lb	8lb 6oz 8d
Shortfinned Eel	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Nepean Herring	7oz	4oz 4d
Bully Mullet	5lb	3lb	Freshwater Mullet	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d
Redfin Perch	2lb	1lb 3oz 4d	Silver Perch	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d
Maquarie Perch	3lb	1lb 12oz 12d	Golden Perch	10lb	6lb
Roach	1lb 7oz	1lb	Tench	5lb	3lb
Brook Trout	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Brown Trout	5lb	3lb
Rainbow Trout	5lb	3lb	Empire Fish	To be set	To be set
Jap Longfin Goby	To be set	To be set	Galaxia	To be set	To be set

N.B. Not listed fish

Specimen weight and certificates etc may be granted at the committee's discretion.

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SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB
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Please inform the president of any changes to this list.

Steve Scott, a member of Combrook's safety team in Market Street, began his passion for angling as a ten year old, using a bent pin as a hook in London's Hyde Park. These days, as President of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club (whose members participate in local, national and international events), Steve has been match fishing for four years but says he still has a lot to learn.

A Sport With Tradition

Coarse angling in Australia is a relatively unknown branch of freshwater fishing, which is made up of three separate disciplines - Match Angling (weight based competition fishing), Specimen Angling (catching the biggest fish of a species) and Leisure Angling (fishing just for fun).

The term coarse angling has its foundations in England where land owners prevented the less wealthy from fishing for, and taking game fish, such as trout and salmon. The less desirable fish which don't have the same culinary qualities were named 'coarse fish' and were caught



The one that didn't get away - a 19lb 4oz Specimen Common Carp caught on a 6lb line in a Sydney Creek

by those unable to fish for the better quality 'table' species.

From these humble beginnings, the sport of coarse angling has grown to become a multi-billion dollar industry in Europe, with some of the better match anglers earning in excess of \$1 million annually in endorsements. Regardless of which form of coarse angling is favoured, there is an overriding ethic of environmental protection and the safe return of fish to the water regardless of size and 'table' quality.

Steve's Team Wins Prized Catch

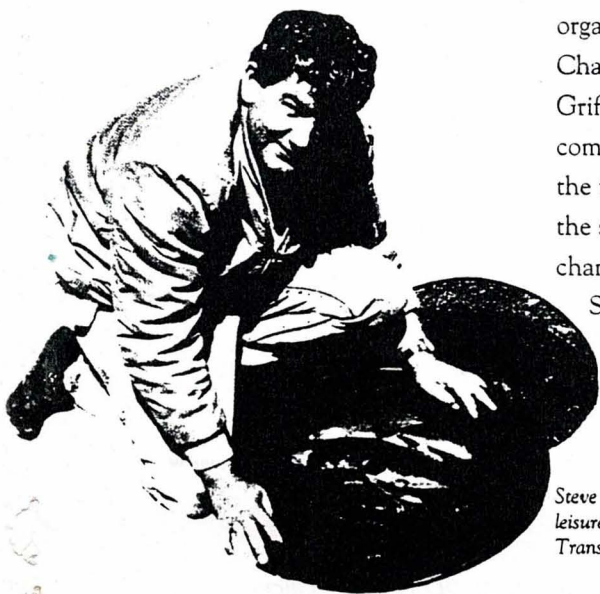
Steve recently assisted in the organisation of the National Championships held on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. The competition was run over two days, the first day being a team event and the second being the individual championship. Anglers from New South Wales, Victoria, ACT and South Australia took part in

the Championships and over the two days approximately 900 pounds of fish were caught.

The results of the National Championships were very pleasing for Steve as he was part of the winning team, whilst a fellow club member won the individual title. The event was covered by television and print media for the first time this year, in similar fashion to the coverage of the World Championships.

Following the National Championships, Steve then went on to fish for Australia against New Zealand in the Trans Tasman event, staged in Victoria. Unfortunately after a close fought two day battle, the Kiwis won the shield by two points.

Steve would like to see the sport of coarse angling develop in Australia to the stature it holds in Europe, with highly lucrative corporate and fishing tackle dealer/manufacturer sponsorships and endorsements. His ambition is to participate in a World Championship event overseas and he hopes to see this event staged in Australia. But above all, his aim is to just enjoy his passion for angling!



Steve displays a catch of Tench, the result of a leisure fishing session in Victoria prior to the Trans Tasman event

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* PLEASE NOTE

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FRESHWATER FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

* IN 1991, NSW Fisheries initiated a review of angling laws for native freshwater fish. A discussion paper was released and submissions from the public were analysed by a committee representing NSW Fisheries and major angling groups. Major changes to the regulations have resulted from this review, and include:

- a closed season for Murray cod (1 September–30 November)
- total protection for trout cod and Macquarie perch
- size and bag limits for Murray cod, golden perch, silver perch, Australian bass, estuary perch and eel-tailed catfish
- banning the use of live fish as bait
- reduction in the number of set lines permitted in rivers, and the banning of setlines in impoundments

* CLOSED SEASON FOR MURRAY COD

There has been a significant decline in the numbers of Murray cod, our most prized inland native species. They have a well-defined breeding season and are easily caught immediately prior to and after spawning.

To protect them during spawning, there is a closed season for Murray cod in all waters of New South Wales from 1 September to 30 November until at least 1995. It is illegal to take Murray cod during this period each year.

* PROTECTION FOR TROUT COD

There is a total ban on taking trout cod, an endangered species, from all New South Wales waters.

The largest remaining breeding population of the trout cod in New South Wales occurs in the Murray River downstream from Yarrawonga Weir.

To protect this species, and allow its populations to recover, there is a total closure to ALL forms of fishing in the Murray River from Yarrawonga Weir to the Barooga Road bridge from 1 September to 30 November until at least 1997.

When fishing in this stretch of water outside this closed season, only one attended rod or handline, one tagged shrimp trap and up to five tagged hoop nets may be used.

* SIZE AND BAG LIMITS FOR NATIVE FISH

Size and bag limits apply for some native fish species.

These limits should help to conserve the species and ensure that everyone gets a fair share of the catch.

* AUSTRALIAN BASS AND ESTUARY PERCH

BAG LIMIT: 2 per day, 4 in possession, in total

SIZE: Only one of the four fish can be above 35cm

* MURRAY COD

BAG LIMIT: 2 per day, 4 in possession.

MINIMUM SIZE: 50cm

* MURRAY CRAYFISH

BAG LIMIT: 10 per day, 20 in possession

MINIMUM SIZE: 8cm orbit-carapace length

* GOLDEN PERCH, SILVER PERCH

MINIMUM SIZE: 25cm

* EEL-TAILED CATFISH

MINIMUM SIZE: 30cm

* DAMS

Golden perch, silver perch, eel-tailed catfish

BAG LIMIT: 5 per day 10 in possession (of each species)

* RIVERS

Silver perch, eel-tailed catfish

BAG LIMIT: 2 per day, 4 in possession (of both species)

Golden perch

BAG LIMIT: 10 per day, 20 in possession

* TOTALLY PROTECTED

Trout cod, Macquarie perch, eastern freshwater cod, Australian grayling.

* GEAR RESTRICTIONS OUTSIDE NOTIFIED TROUT WATERS

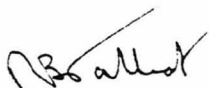
In rivers west of the Great Dividing Range you may use up to four setlines, each with a tag showing your name and address, and a single hand-held rod with no more than two hooks attached. Setlines may have one hook only. Rods may be substituted for setlines in these rivers, provided that the

April 21, 1996
Parramatta Pound

May 21, 1996
Lansdown Reserve

June 16, 1996
Parramatta Pound

2. Any fish that are showing any signs of trauma , such as heavy bleeding or loss of equilibrium must be released immediately. All other fish caught must be released in good condition as soon as possible after the end of the match.
3. This permit must be kept on hand at all times during the events. Both the permit, and a list of club members participating on the day, must be produced to a Fisheries Officer upon request.
4. All other NSW Fisheries regulations must be complied with.
5. Any breach of these conditions may result in the immediate cancellation of this permit.
6. Unless cancelled or suspended, this permit is valid for the periods listed above and expires midnight 16 June 1996.



Bill Talbot
for Paul A Crew
DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES

17 August 1995

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TROUT FISHING LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Trout fishing is an extremely popular pastime. The waters of New South Wales boast some of the finest trout fishing in the Southern Hemisphere, and attract anglers from around Australia and overseas. Four species of trout and salmon (salmonids) have been introduced into inland waters. Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) and rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) breed in the wild, but brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) and atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) do not.

About three million salmonid fry are produced each year by NSW Fisheries' two trout hatcheries, Jindabyne and Ebor. They are used to stock the public waters of New South Wales where spawning is poor or nonexistent.

The trout fishing laws allow stocks to be managed for everyone's enjoyment. The laws in New South Wales were last changed in 1990 and are due for review in 1994.

WHEN CAN I FISH FOR TROUT?

In general, there is a closed season, during winter, to protect breeding trout, in 'notified' trout streams. This closed season extends from the end of the June long weekend to the beginning of the October long weekend.

There is no closed season for impoundments or dams because trout do not spawn in these waters. The Trout Schedules (pages 2, 3 & 4) give full details of closed seasons.

WHERE CAN I FISH FOR TROUT?

In 'notified' trout streams (pages 2, 3 & 4), you can fish for trout only during the open season. You can fish for trout at any time in trout impoundments and other waters. Bag and size limits apply.

Legal size

The smallest trout or salmon you may keep is 25 cm (tip of snout to tip of tail), smaller fish must be released immediately with minimum harm. If the hook has been swallowed, cut the line.

Bag limit

There is a bag limit of 10 trout or salmon, in total, per day. If you have been fishing for more than one day, you may have up to 20 fish, in total, in your possession.

Gear

Rods You may use one rod only on 'notified' trout streams, but you can carry one other fully rigged rod on all 'notified' streams and impoundments. There are limitations, however, on what types of rods can be carried on different waters. Check under the Trout Schedules, on pages 2, 3 & 4, as to what gear is allowed.

Hooks Each rod may have no more than two hooks. A lure such as a Flatfish (which can have up to nine hook points on three treble hooks) is considered to be a single hook. On a single rod, therefore, you may legally use two lures, or two flies, or two baits, or a combination of these (up to two hooks), where the Trout Schedules (pages 2, 3 & 4) permit.

Bait

You may not use trout or salmon roe, or products which contain trout or salmon roe, or any live finfish, as bait for trout.

Frogs are protected in NSW and may not be used for bait.

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combined total is not greater than five per person and that unattended rods are also tagged.

In rivers east of the Great Dividing Range, and in impoundments, setlines are prohibited, but you may have up to two hand held lines or rods with no more than two hooks attached.

The rods or lines may be left set provided you are not more than 10 metres away and they are in your sight.

You cannot have more than the prescribed number of setlines or rigged rods in your possession. Untagged setlines or unattended rods may be confiscated by a Fisheries Officer.

*** BAIT**

Live finfish cannot be used as bait. This is to prevent noxious fish species and fish diseases from spreading throughout New South Wales. The use of frogs as bait is also prohibited.

TRAPS

Yabby traps and shrimp traps are the only kinds of trap you may use in inland waters.

Yabby Trap

A yabby trap must not exceed 1 metre in length, 0.6 metres in width and 0.3 metres in depth. The mesh must not be less than 13mm. The entrance funnels are not to be more than 90mm in width at the narrowest point measured on any axis.

The location of the trap must be marked with a stake extending above water level or a buoy with the user's name and address attached. You may use up to *five* yabby traps at a time.

Shrimp Trap

A shrimp trap must be no larger than 600mm long, 500mm wide and 500mm deep; must be made of netting with a mesh not greater than 13mm and have entrance funnels in which the smaller holes measure no more than 35mm at its widest point, so that larger species cannot get into the trap.

A tag with your name on it must be attached, and only one shrimp trap may be used at a time.

Traps must not be used to take Murray crayfish, which may only be caught with hoop or lift nets, up to *five* may be used.

TROUT FISHING

The recent review did not examine trout fishing regulations and the laws have not changed. Trout fishing laws were last changed in 1990 and will be reviewed in 1994. For a complete outline of trout fishing rules see Fishnote DF/2, *Trout fishing laws in New South Wales*.

LEGAL SIZE: Minimum 25cm for trout and salmon

BAG LIMIT: 10 trout or salmon in total, per day; 20 in possession

OPEN SEASON

In general, trout streams and rivers are open from the Saturday of the October long weekend to the Monday of the long weekend in June, (both days inclusive).

2 October 1993 – 13 June 1994

The Eucumbene River is open from the Saturday closest to the 31 October to the Sunday closest to 30 June.

30 October 1993 – 3 July 1994

There is no closed trout season for rivers and streams which are not notified trout waters or for impoundments or dams.

GEAR RESTRICTIONS IN NOTIFIED TROUT WATERS

RODS

On trout streams only one rod may be used. You may, however, carry a second fully rigged rod. On notified trout impoundments two rods are permitted.

HOOKS

Each rod may have no more than two hooks attached.

NETS AND TRAPS

You may use only a landing net. All other nets, gaffs and traps are illegal.

FLIES AND LURES

Some trout waters are set aside for the use of artificial flies and lures only. Bait fishing is prohibited here.

BAIT

The use of live finfish as bait is prohibited, as is the use of trout or salmon roe (or products containing them). Frogs cannot be used as bait; they are protected in New South Wales.

INLAND OFFICES OF NSW FISHERIES

DISTRICT	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
ALBURY	512 Dean Street	(060) 230958
BATHURST	Agricultural Research & Advisory Station	(063) 322858
BOURKE	31 Darling Street	(068) 722481
CONDOBOLIN	Agricultural Research & Advisory Station	(068) 952099
COOMA	39 Bombala Street	(064) 523996
DARETON	Agricultural Research & Advisory Station	(050) 274401
DENILIQUIN	449 Charlotte Street	(058) 811499
INVERELL	24 Andrew Street	(067) 221129
JINDABYNE	2a Gippsland Street	(064) 562115
MENINDEE	Landelle Street	(080) 914301
NARRANDERA	Inland Fisheries Research Station	(069) 591393
NEWCASTLE	Wharf Road	(049) 293801
TAMWORTH	72 Gunnedah Road	(067) 654591
TUMUT	89 Clarke Street	(069) 474085
WELLINGTON	Commonwealth Bank Bldg, Nanina Cr	(068) 451866
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FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE OF NSW FISHERIES OR RING
THE FISHERIES INFORMATION SERVICE
02~566~7800 OR 008 802 533

ILLEGAL FISHING

REPORT ILLEGAL FISHING ACTIVITIES TO YOUR
LOCAL FISHERIES OFFICE OR RING FISHERMAN'S WATCH
008~043~536

PENALTIES OF UP TO \$5000 APPLY FOR ILLEGAL FISHING

Waters	All the waters listed below. Where an impoundment is included in these waters, it is not part of this schedule. However, all waterways that flow into these impoundments are part of this schedule.
Bell River	Upstream of the Belgravia road crossing.
Meadow (Molong) Creek	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, Borenore Creek.
Moonbah River	All its waters.
Swampy Plains River	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, the Geehi River.
Thredbo River	Upstream of the backed-up waters of Lake Jindabyne, but excluding a 2.4 km reach upstream of the reserve known as Paddy's corner (adjacent to the Gaden Trout Hatchery) and excluding Sawpit Creek, both of which are closed to fishing.

SCHEDULE B—Fly and artificial lure streams (tributaries of Lake Eucumbene)

The opening of the Eucumbene River during June is to allow the capture of fish which would not otherwise be caught. Research has shown that the majority of brown trout die of natural causes and are not caught by anglers.

Closing this area until the end of October additionally protects rainbow trout, which would be heavily exploited during their later spawning migration.

Permitted method	A rod and line with not more than two hooks with artificial flies or lures, attached. Bare hooks are prohibited. A second rod, rigged only with artificial flies or lures, may be carried. It is against the law to have a rod rigged for bait fishing when you are adjacent to 'artificial only' waters.
Open season	Saturday closest to 31 October to Sunday closest to 30 June, both days inclusive 31 October 1992 to 27 June 1993 30 October 1993 to 3 July 1994 29 October 1994 to 2 July 1995

Waters	Eucumbene River Upstream from the dam wall and including Providence Portal outfall. The backed up waters of the Eucumbene Dam (Lake Eucumbene) and any other impoundments are not part of this schedule. However, all waterways that flow into these impoundments are part of this schedule.
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SCHEDULE C — General trout streams

Permitted method	One attended rod and line with not more than two hooks attached. The rod must be within 10 metres, and in your sight. One other rigged rod may be carried but it must not be rigged for bait fishing.
Open season	Saturday of October long weekend to Monday of June long weekend (both days inclusive).
Waters	All the waters listed below. Where an impoundment is included in these waters, it is not part of this schedule. However, all waterways that flow into these impoundments are part of this schedule. The waters listed in Schedules A and B are not part of this schedule.

SOUTHERN TROUT WATERS

Bell River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Molong River.
Belubula River	Upstream of the Cherry Tree Falls bridge on the Canowindra-Mandurama Road.
Bemboka River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Tantawangelo Creek.
Coxs River	Upstream of the backed-up waters of Warragamba Dam (Lake Burragorang).
Goodradigbee River	Upstream of the backed-up waters of Burrinjuck Dam.
Ingeegodbee River	Upstream of the Victorian border.
Lachlan River	Upstream of the Wyangala-Cowra road bridge at Darby's Falls.
Macquarie River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Lewis Ponds Creek.
Molongolo River	Upstream of the railway bridge at Burbong.
Murray River	Upstream of the road bridge at Tintaldra.
Murrumbidgee River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Bredbo River.
Queanbeyan River	Upstream of the fence boundary of the Googong Dam reserve (about 1 km downstream of the dam wall).
Shoalhaven River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Mongarlowe River.
Snowy River	Upstream of the Victorian border.
Tumut River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Gilmore Creek.
Tuross River	Upstream of Tuross Falls.
Wollondilly River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Tarlo River.

Other rules

You may use a landing net to capture a legally hooked fish.

It is illegal to take trout by

- intentional jaggging or foul-hooking
- using a light to assist in their capture
- net (other than a landing net for a legally hooked fish)
- tickling
- spear or firearm
- poison or other noxious substance

Fines

There are penalties of up to \$5000 for offences in trout waters.

WHAT IS AN IMPOUNDMENT?

An impoundment is all the waters 'backed up' behind a dam or weir. For the purpose of these regulations, the 'backed up' waters, is all water on the downstream side of an imaginary line drawn across the stream where it merges with the impoundment. Use your commonsense, and if this point is not readily identifiable, play safe and stay on the downstream side.

WHAT METHODS CAN I USE OUTSIDE TROUT WATERS?

In all waters that are not 'notified' trout streams and 'notified' impoundments, you may fish using the standard inland methods.



For rivers west of the Great Dividing range, you may use up to four setlines, each with a visible tag showing the name and address of the owner, and a single hand-held rod with no more than two hooks attached. Setlines may have one hook only. The rod may be left set provided you are not more than 10 metres away and it is in your sight. Rods may be substituted for setlines in these areas, provided that the combined total is not greater than five per person and that unattended rods are also tagged.



For rivers east of the Great Dividing Range and in impoundments, setlines are prohibited, but you may have up to two hand held lines or rods with no more than two hooks attached. The rods or lines may be left set provided you are not more than 10 metres away and they are in your sight.

No person can have more than the prescribed number of setlines or rigged rods in their possession. Untagged setlines or unattended rods may be confiscated by a Fisheries Officer.

WHAT IF I SEE SOMEONE BREAK THE LAW?

Contact your local Fisheries Officer. Describe the offence and where and when it occurred, in as much detail as you can, including registration numbers. You need not give your name, but it will help us to follow up or clarify your report.

OR Contact FISHERMAN'S WATCH on 008 043 536—a free call in NSW.

TROUT SCHEDULES

These Trout Schedules detail which waters in New South Wales are 'notified' trout waters, when you may fish and what methods you may use.

Summary

Waters

Schedule A	Notified trout streams Fly and lure waters	Open season Saturday of long weekend in October to Sunday of long weekend in June
Schedule B	Notified trout streams tributaries of Lake Eucumbene Fly and lure waters	Saturday nearest November 1 to Sunday nearest July 1
Schedule C	Notified trout streams Bait allowed	Saturday of long weekend in October to Monday of long weekend in June
Schedule D	Trout impoundments	All year
Other waters	All year, generally, but local closures may apply	

Only the major streams are listed here, all creeks and tributaries upstream of the prescribed point are also 'notified' trout waters.

If the stream you want to fish is not listed, then check whether the major stream it runs into is listed in the Schedules.

SCHEDULE A — Fly and artificial lure streams

Permitted method	A rod and line with no more than two hooks with artificial flies or lures, attached. Bare hooks are prohibited. A second rod, rigged only with artificial flies or lures, may be carried. It is against the law to have a rod rigged for bait fishing when you are adjacent to 'artificial only' waters.
Open season	Saturday of long weekend in October to Monday of long weekend in June (both days inclusive).



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Mr Steven Scott
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Dear Mr Scott

I am writing in reply to your letter regarding the Sydney Coarse Angling Club's attempts to gain access to waters currently closed to angling.

Thank you for supporting my initiatives to have recreational angling allowed on urban water storages where angling is currently banned. There is obvious merit in maximising the recreational value of these areas, and with adequate controls, I believe angling can be allowed without any negative impacts on water quality.

As you are aware, the power to alter operating conditions for Sydney's water storages rests with the Minister for Planning. For many years my Department has recommended that anglers be given access to these areas, and as Minister for Fisheries I will give this my full support. During this process I will pursue the issue of access for SCAC competitions as I believe there is great potential to allow organised events of this type.

I would like to congratulate your club on its responsible attitude, professional approach and competitive achievements. It would be very pleasing to see your club host the National Championships in Sydney. I am also well aware of the tremendous popularity of coarse angling in Europe and the United Kingdom, and realise the economic benefits that may flow from hosting the World Championships.

Yours faithfully

BOB MARTIN MP
MINISTER FOR MINERAL RESOURCES AND
MINISTER FOR FISHERIES

NORTHERN TROUT WATERS

Apsley River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Tia River.
Barnard River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Gulf Creek.
Barrington River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Moppy River.
Beardy Waters	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Furracabad Creek.
Blicks River	Upstream of the road bridge at Dundurrabin.
Chandler River	Upstream of its junction with, and including the Wollomombi River.
Cobark River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Dilgry River.
Cooplacurripa River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, the Mummel River.
Deepwater River	Upstream of New England Highway road bridge near Deepwater.
Dungowan Creek	Upstream of crossing near Ogunbil.
Georges Creek	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Louisa Creek.
Gloucester River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Sharpes Creek.
Guy Fawkes River	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, the Aberfoyle River.
Gwydir River	Upstream of the road bridge at Torryburn.
Laura Creek	Upstream of the ford at Baldeslie Station
Macdonald River	Upstream of New England Highway road bridge at Bendemeer.
Macintyre River	Upstream of the road bridge at Elsmore.
Manning River	Upstream of the Gummi Trail crossing.
Moonan Brook	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, the Hunter River.
Moredun Creek	Upstream of the ford immediately below its junction with Limestone Creek.
Mulla Mulla Creek	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, the Cockburn River.
Myall Creek	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Tuggolo Creek.
Nowendoc River	Upstream of the Nowendoc Falls.
Nymboida River	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Wild Cattle Creek.
Oaky River	Upstream of the backed-up waters of Oaky River Dam.
Oban (Ann) River	Upstream of its junction with, but not including, the Sara River.
Omadale Brook	Upstream of its junction with, and including, Polblue Creek.
Swanbrook Creek	Upstream of the Kings Plains road crossing near Inverell.
Styx River	Upstream of the Armidale-Bellbrook road crossing but excluding the reach of the Serpentine River from the top of Serpentine Falls to the Lookout Point road crossing near Dutton Trout Hatchery (this reach is closed to all fishing).
Wellingrove Creek	Upstream of the Gwydir Highway road bridge.

SCHEDULE D Trout impoundments

Permitted method	Two attended rods each with a line and no more than two hooks attached. Both rods must be within 10 metres, and in your sight. No other rigged rods may be carried.
Open season	All year
Waters	Includes the waters of all impoundments contained in the waters listed in Schedules A, B and C plus Wentworth Falls Dam, Fitzroy Falls Dam, Sheba Dam, Dumaresq Dam and Black Lake. Excludes Wyangala and Blowering Dams.

The impoundments listed below are the major ones that are 'notified' trout waters. The list is not exhaustive and does not include many of the smaller trout impoundments.

Beardy Waters	Happy Jack's Pondage	Pejar Dam
Ben Chifley Dam	Island Bend Dam	Red Ground Dam—
Black Lake	Jounama Pondage	(Crookwell water supply)
Captains Flat Dam	Khancoban Pondage	Sheba Dam
Carcoar Dam	Lake Canobolas	Talbingo Dam
Cochrane Dam	Lake Jindabyne	Tantangara Dam
Dumaresq Dam	Lake Lyell	Three Mile Dam
Eucumbene Dam	Lake Wallace—	Tooma Dam
Fitzroy Falls Dam	(Wallerawang Dam)	Tumut Ponds
Geehi Dam	Malpas Dam	Tumut 2 Pondage
Googong Dam	Murray 2 Pondage	Wentworth Falls Lake
Guthega Lake	Oberon Dam	

Further information

Contact your local office of NSW Fisheries, or ring the Fisheries Information Service 008 802 533.

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Dear Mr Scott

I refer to your letter concerning Warragamba Dam and Prospect Reservoir.

Sydney Water has advised that restricting human access to direct water supply storages is essential if the quality of Sydney's supply is to be maintained.

All Sydney Water's direct water supply storages, including Warragamba Dam and Prospect Reservoir, are listed as Schedule 1 Areas under the Water Board (Special Areas) Regulation 1989. Clause 16 of this Regulation prohibits fishing within Schedule 1 areas.

However, you may not be aware that limited fishing opportunities are available at the Corporation's storages of Fitzroy Falls and Tallowa Dam, which are not used for direct supply. Fishing is also permitted on rivers within the Warragamba catchment, outside the water quality protection zone surrounding Lake Burrangorang.

If you would like to pursue these possibility, Sydney Water's Mr David Joy, telephone (02) 795 4312, will be pleased to provide specific information.

Yours sincerely

**Craig Knowles MP
Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning
Minister for Housing**



2nd August, 1995

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The Honourable Bob Martin MP
Minister for Mineral Resources and Fisheries
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter (reference M1447), in which you provide your full support in our efforts to gain access to Prospect Reservoir etc.

The club has also received a letter of response from the Honourable Craig Knowls MP, in which it is stated that access to water storage areas for fishing purposes is prohibited under Clause 16 of the Water Board (Special Areas) regulation 1989.

If the regulation falls under the same legal provision as the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983, it is my understanding that regulations may be changed by the responsible Minister under advisement. If this is the case and given the responsible attitude of the SCAC Inc. we look forward to receiving your full support.

Yours Faithfully,

Steven Scott
President, SCAC Inc.

Further to this we would also participate in any objective environmental impact study undertaken. While it is easy to say no to requests such as ours we would greatly appreciate your favourable consideration of this matter.

Finally, thankyou for your information regarding Fitzroy Falls and Tallowa Dam, we will no doubt contact Mr. David Joy in the near future.

Looking forward to our further discussions.

Yours Faithfully,

Steven Scott
President, Sydney Coarse Angling Club.



**SYDNEY
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2nd August 1995

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The Honourable Craig Knowles MP
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Dear Sir,

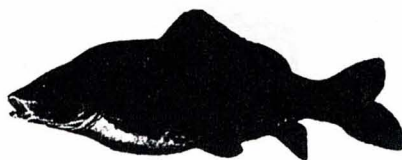
Thankyou for responding to our initial approach regarding the use of Warragamba Dam and Prospect Reservoir for coarse fishing activities.

The Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc understands the need to ensure direct water storage security, however we do not believe that coarse angling poses any threat to Water Board integrity or the safety and health of the end user.

The rationale for the above statement is that overseas water storage's have full public access or limited access. In 1993 the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc participated in the Australian National Championships held on Sugarloaf Dam in Victoria under direct supervision of appropriate officers and without incident. This Victorian impoundment is used for public consumption.

The proposed use of Prospect Reservoir or indeed Warragamba Dam by the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc would not require the use of boats as during a match competition each angler must remain at his or her allotted spot until the competition is completed. The typical baits used by a coarse angler are bread, sweet corn, maggots, barley and worms, which, if not consumed by fish or bird life decay in a similar manner to other organic material. Further to the above, match angling requires stable banksides, a consistent depth of water and shoaling or at least obliging fish. Our records show that Prospect Reservoir was stocked in the 1900's with king carp, an ideal match fishing species. Therefore Prospect Reservoir would appear to be an obvious venue given its central location to Sydney.

It is our understanding that a Clause such as 16 of Water Board (Special areas) Regulation 1989 prohibiting fishing can be amended or indeed repealed at the discretion of a minister under advisement. For this to occur, obviously the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. requires your direct support. To attain your support the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. would like to demonstrate our commitment to protecting our valuable water resources and at the same time prove our responsible methods of angling.



2nd Aug, 1995

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Steve Scott
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Dear Andrew,

Following our conversation the other night regarding the Commonwealth Cup and other matters the following is a consensus of opinions from the various SCAC Inc. members and or the committee.

Accomodation - The SCAC is happy with the Federal Hwy Tourist Pk if you or others are not then it is respectfully suggested that you make your own arrangements or provide exact requirements which the SCAC Inc/organising committee may be able to assist in attaining.

Trophies - If Brian Pratts offer is not acceptable it is respectfully suggested that the proposed Canberra Tournament is staged as the Drennen Cup. For which a truly prestigious trophy would be available.

T.V - I will not be forwarding any correspondence to Fish International regarding the Canberra Tournament until firm plans and numbers are reasonably formalised. The rationale for this is that we can't approach any TV coverage with a "half baked" plan.

Sponsorship - As stated it will be difficult to attain corporate sponsorship for flights, accomodation or prize money at short notice. However Drennen or other tackle dealers may "put in" if the event as you say is significant in terms of numbers etc.

Fees - A total of 23 members have been contacted out of a possible 33. Two members permanantly reside in the UK, four are overseas and four could not be contacted. The results are as follows once the question was posed as to how much the person would be prepared to pay to fish in such an event.

12 persons indicated that they would be prepared to pay up to \$100 (This is not a commitment to attend the event).

6 persons indicated that they would be prepared to pay \$40-50 (This is not a commitment to attend the event).



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Dear Mr Scott

I refer to your further letter concerning Warragamba Dam and Prospect Reservoir.

The Minister has noted your comments, which will be considered with other submissions regarding Sydney Water's proposed catchment management regulation and accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement.

Yours sincerely

Steven Baxter
Senior Policy Adviser to
Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning
Minister for Housing

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For example if we had seen the marketing plan submitted to the Canberra Tourist commission or been fully conversant with your goals and objectives for the Canberra event, it would be unlikely that this correspondence would be required.

Once again, Andrew the AFCAA Inc does have the full support of the SCAC Inc. and we are all looking forward to hearing the results of the meeting in late August.

Yours faithfully,



Steven M Scott
President SCAC Inc.

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5 persons stated that they would not participate in the event.

Further to the above 12 persons stated that it was unfair to expect people to pay \$100 to participate in such an event when they are not well off financially. And regarded such fees as an impost when they are still learning and at the same time wanting to be exposed to such competitions.

ACT Team - it was stated that it would be unlikely that an ACT team would be fielded if entry fees are set at the \$100 mark and combined with AFCAA Inc fees.

A possible solution - it has been suggested that the Drennen Cup holds significant prestige and will attract numbers. Further to this it was also suggested that a two tier fee structure would solve the issue of money ie. all those who want to participate but are inhibited by cost could pay a minimal fee and in turn if they are successful be returned a minimal cash prize in line with what they payed. For those persons who wish to be party to large prize money returns they could pay the \$100 and be awarded accordingly. (Better still get significant sponsorship)

AFCAA Inc. National Champion - your suggestion that I/the SCAC Inc provides an article to the Match Angling magazine regarding Mr Ron Waits winning the AFCAA Inc. National Championship while initially accepted by myself was found to be unacceptable by the SCAC Inc. committee. The rationale for this is that the AFCAA Inc's credibility is on the line and not the individual who won the trophy. It is suggested that it be clearly sated to all affiliated clubs or membership that Ron won the AFCAA Inc. trophy (National) and that Glenn won a different trophy which was not a AFCAA Inc. event. This statement should also be clearly outlined to the Match Angling magazine and of course should be made by the AFCAA Inc. and not the SCAC Inc. otherwise the trophy which Ron holds may not have any credibility with the Australian Course angling movement.

This correspondence is not designed to be a rebuttal of your ideas and indeed the AFCAA Inc has our full support. Further to this not one of the contacted members disagreed with the principles of the Canberra tournament ie. being prestigious. Enclosed with this letter is our proxy vote assigned to your good self and as such you may chose to use any of the information contained. We do suggest that a "grand plan"/strategy (including marketing plans sent to the likes of C.U.B etc) is formulated that is devised based upon true consultation and two way communication so that all parties are playing on the same field, rather than you having your ideas and as having ours.