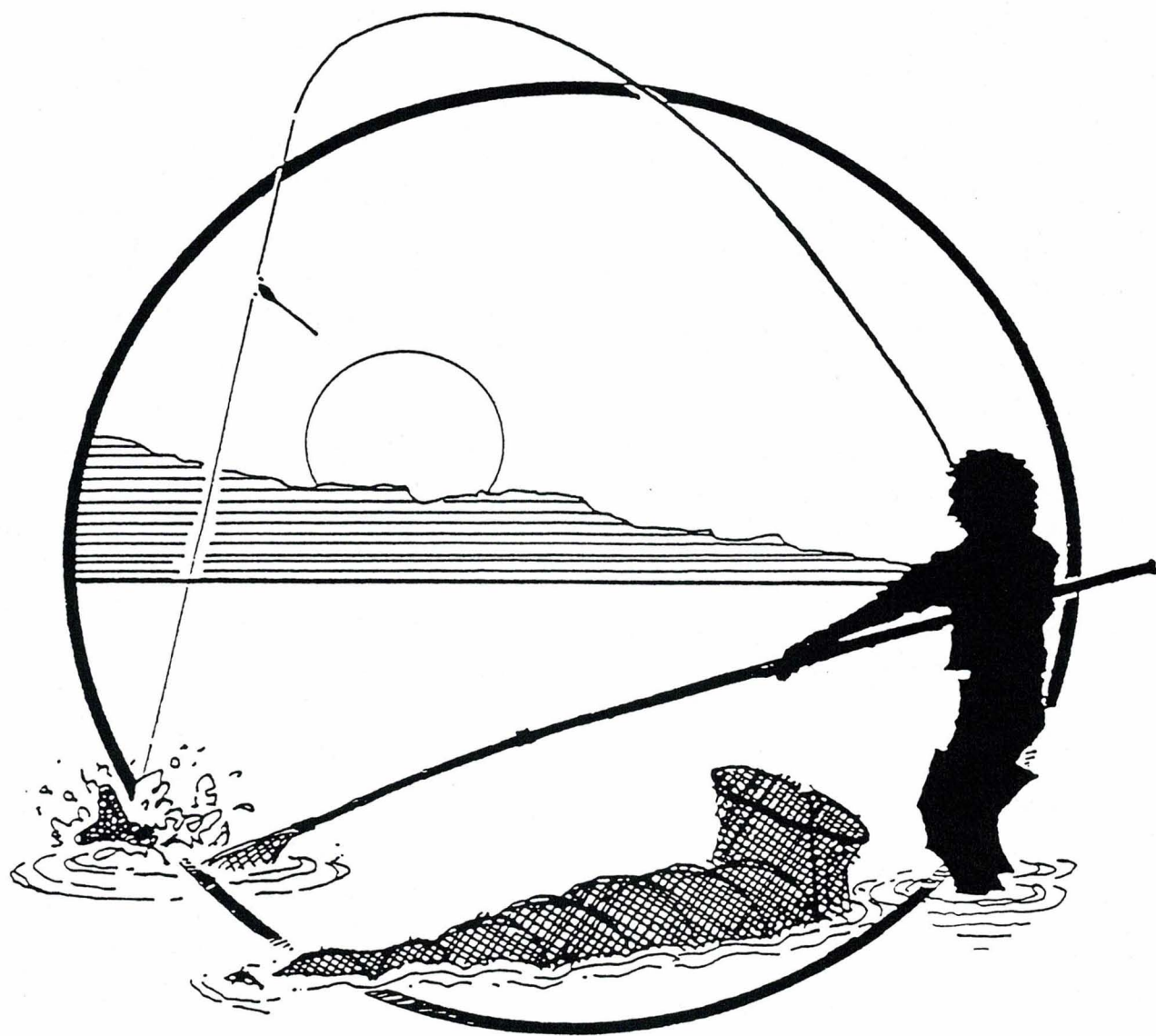


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The Presidents Report

This is only going to be a very short report given that time is limited at the moment and that I want to get this magazine out for the match. The club seems to be going well at the moment and if we could only get certain members off their respective bums and attend a few matches we could probably beat last seasons record. As you may know the Trans Tasman and Nationals are coming up and the club has allocated all raffle moneys to those anglers attending (see committee minutes).

The other important issue at the moment is the lack of dispensation from fisheries, we are now at the stage of either stopping contact with them or taking more drastic action, (see letter). The Lansdown leisure day proved interesting as a number of fish were caught including carp to 5lb and some orange goldfish + lots of small eels. While at Lansdown we were approached by Bill the council ranger to rescue some large mullet from a spillway at the back of Mirrambeena. These mullet were in excess of 6lb and returned to safety, anyway the end result is that Bill is going to put in the good word for us at the council and support the clubs activities.

David has provided an article that is to be published in Modern Fishing that makes interesting reading and is highly commendable, further to this the club's promo material is almost ready for printing.

On behalf of the club I would like to wish all those fishing in the up coming competitions all the very best.

Regards

Steve

96 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REPORT

OUR RAFFLE WAS DRAWN ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER, A DAY LATER THAN PLANNED DUE TO THREE MEMBERS HAVING A MEMORY BREAKDOWN AND FORGETTING TO BRING THEIR TICKETS TO THE LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR. APPOLIGIES TO ALL MEMBERS AND TICKET HOLDERS FROM ROBIN, BILL AND FLUORO.

ON SUNSET, BILL, ROBIN, JOHN DRAPER, AND FINALLY STEVE, ARRIVED AT MY CABIN FOR THE DRAW, BUT AS USUAL TALKED ABOUT SUNDAYS MATCH FOR HOURS UNTIL BILL SAID HE HAD TO GO AT 9.30PM, SO WE FINALLY GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS AND EACH MEMBER HAD THEIR TURN IN DRAWING OUT A TICKET FOR EACH OF OUR PRIZE WINNERS.

1ST PRIZE. MITSUBISHI COLOUR TV - REMOTE DONATED BY: S.C.A.C.
TICKET NO. 0936 BUCKY COLLEE FARMS SOLD BY: S. SCOTT

2ND PRIZE. TELECOM 350 ANSWERING MACHINE DONATED BY: BILL CHILDS
TICKET NO. 1565 W. WALKER - BEVERLY PARK SOLD BY: R. WAITS

3RD PRIZE. 750ML CHIVAS REGAL 12YO SCOTCH DONATED BY: BILL CHILDS
TICKET NO. 1752 PETER SIMPSON - FAIRLIGHT SOLD BY: JOHN DAVIS

4TH PRIZE. WILKINSIN SWORD PRUNERS DONATED BY: BILL CHILDS,
TICKET NO. 944 BUCKY COLLEE FARMS SOLD BY: S. SCOTT

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SELL MORE TICKETS THAN LAST YEAR, WITH A GOOD JOB MATE, FOR STEVE WHO OUT DONE HIMSELF AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS BY SELLING FIVE BOOKS. [THANKS STEVE].

REPORT COMPILED BY HOWARD HILL - TREASURER.

The Leisure day report

The first leisure day of 1997 saw six anglers at the pound trying to do a bit of carp bashing as well as catch bass and anything else with gills and fins. Yours truly was after koi and glaxia but neither decided to play on the day. I managed to lose the first nine fish hooked due to snags, lumps and as many other excuses that you have all heard before.

The other members of the club did not fare much better, Fluro managed a mirror and John Draper got two new species for his list the dreaded gambusia and an empire fish. Ron had a few fish down by the wear and I think Howard also caught. The day was not the best in terms of the amount of fish caught and Fluro probably wishes he had stayed in bed as he managed to snap the 6th section of his pole being lazy and not using the roller while retrieving a 2 gallon galvanized pole pot, OH well thats the breaks.

Regards Steve

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Sydney International Rowing Course Match Report - Round 6

After waiting SIX months, we finally had perfect weather conditions: sunny, NO WIND and the right barometrical pressure. If in the previous match here, with weather conditions that made you think you were crossing the Tasman sea during the Sydney-to-Hobart, the catches were unreal, on this morning we were all dreaming of filling up the net. And the record attendance (19 anglers) proves this.

So after playing "Simon says" with a member of security who made us switch on the hazard lights to alert kids riding their bikes (at 6.30 in the morning; yeah, sure!!!!!!) and did not allow us to drive over a (supposedly) freshly surfaced road (but which was perfectly all right to use when we left!!!), we finally arrived at the venue.

It was not possible to place all the pegs on the same side of the boat ramp because carp nets were still in place at one end and we didn't want to stay too close to them. Unfortunately it made no difference and we did not end up catching anywhere near as much as we did at the previous match and the combined weight of all anglers was less than some anglers had caught on their own. Steve was desperate enough to catch Australian smelt, Ron caught a (tiny) fraction of his record, and the only decent note came from John Draper who, besides winning (well done mate), caught a lump of fish of over 14 lb. The Arnolds, who for the first time in ages ventured all the way to Sydney, were unfortunate enough to complete a trifecta of blanks (and probably ensured they'll wait another ten years before repeating the journey), while Robin repeated himself with yet another blank (I'm sure Robin is praying that the English saying - *third time lucky* - will prevail over the Italian one - *things always come in threes*).

Both new members John and Dave (welcome by the way) managed to score with John (we had better find him a nick name soon - too many Johns!!!) getting also a section win.

We can now only hope that the not so good performance (compared to the previous match there of course) is due to some other reason rather than to netting by some real f!#%&*!&\$. Only next match will tell, so see you there!

Fluoro

MATCH RESULTS SIRC.152\12\96					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	7	J Draper	18.10.00	10	1
2	8	M Triston	15.13.00	9	0
3	12	C Draper	10.15.08	8	1
4	17	J Moses	8.08.00	7	1
5	10	H Hill	8.04.08	6	0
6	14	S Deans	8.02.00	5	0
7	2	J Alimeni	6.07.00	4	1
8	9	R Waits	5.05.00	3	0
9	11	D Richardson	4.01.00	2	0
10	13	D Woods	3.15.00	1	0
11	1	J Davis	1.15.00	1	0
12	19	B Edmonson	1.15.00	1	0
13	16	S Scott	00.00.01	1	0
14	3	B Childs	00.00.00	0	0
15	4	D Arnold Jr	00.00.00	0	0
16	5	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	0
17	6	E Arnold	00.00.00	0	0
18	15	R Ballard	00.00.00	0	0
19	18	D Arnold	00.00.00	0	0

1996-97 Season Table					
Position	Name	Weight	Points	Matches	Section Pts
1	Mark Triston	126.01.00	38	6	1
2	Ron Waits	129.11.00	30	6	3
3	Howard Hill	28.12.08	30	6	1
4	Colin Draper	46.06.00	28	6	2
5	R Ballard	46.13.00	25	6	2
6	Ralph Czichon	85.04.08	22	5	1
7	Steve Scott	74.07.10	17	6	1
8	John Davis	28.00.00	16	5	
9	Bill Childs	26.08.00	15	5	
10	John Alimeni	13.13.08	15	6	2
11	Stuart Deans	16.14.00	13	4	
12	Peter Shire	32.04.00	10	1	1
13	John Draper	18.10.00	10	1	1
14	Eric Willacy	30.01.00	7	4	
15	J Moses	8.08.00	7	1	1
16	David Arnold	14.14.00	6	2	1
17	Doug Richardson	4.01.00	2	1	
18	Barry Edmonson	3.00.00	4	2	
19	D Woods	3.15.00	1	1	
20	Edward Arnold	2.03.00	1	2	
21	David Arnold Jr	00.00.00	0	2	
22	Mick Latimer	00.00.00	0	1	
23	Andy Hicks	00.00.00	0	1	

Round 7 - Lansdowne Match Report

Another glorious day, perfect sunshine no wind and a hot air balloon making it look like a postcard. Even the turnout was good ... for Lansdowne: 13 anglers for this venue is not bad at all. Steve arrived with a new conspicuous hat (I'm not sure whether it is because he always has fishing on his mind or whether it was wishful thinking) with a stuffed gambusia on steroids jumping out of his visor.

The lack of maggots made things even more difficult for many. I even picked my first end-peg of the season but unfortunately, after having spent the two previous nights making super-delicate rigs for my pole, here it counts for nothing, and the pole is just a desperate move.

At the end I missed one fish (probably a few ounces) on a waggler, while my only fish landed (a huge carp) spent about five minutes trying to pull down my 2AAA waggler, exhausted itself completely, losing valuable weight so that at the weigh in, the needle went backwards. On the other hand John Draper is continuing a great come back, losing a nice mullet but still managing second spot.

The glory for this match went to Doug who from the peg just after the bridge, managed a good size late carp for almost 5 pounds all up. Strangely (or maybe not) the same peg was victorious for Ron, again with a late fish, in the previous match there; this is something that goes against the trend since most of the (little) fish caught here are normally landed in the first couple of hours.

Hopefully we will have better action at the Breakaway, next match.

Fluoro

MATCH RESULTS LANSDOWN 5/1/97					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	10	D Richardson	4.15.08	10	1
2	5	J Draper	3.05.00	9	1
3	11	J Davis	2.07.08	8	0
4	6	M Triston	2.06.00	7	0
5	13	S Scott	1.15.08	6	0
6	14	R Waits	1.01.08	5	0
7	12	D Woods	00.09.00	4	0
8	2	C Draper	00.08.00	3	1
9	4	S Deans	00.02.08	2	0
10	1	J Alimeni	00.00.01	1	0
11	3	H Hill	00.00.00	0	0
12	7	B Childs	00.00.00	0	0
13	8	R Ballard	00.00.00	0	0

1996-97 Season Table					
Position	Name	Weight	Points	Matches	Section Pts
1	Mark Triston	128.07.00	45	7	1
2	Ron Waits	130.12.08	35	7	3
3	Colin Draper	46.13.08	31	7	3
4	Howard Hill	29.00.08	30	7	1
5	R Ballard	46.13.00	25	7	2
6	John Davis	30.07.08	24	6	
7	Steve Scott	76.07.02	23	7	1
8	Ralph Czichon	85.04.08	22	5	1
9	John Draper	21.15.00	19	2	2
10	John Alimeni	13.13.09	16	7	2
11	Bill Childs	26.08.00	15	6	
12	Stuart Deans	17.00.08	15	5	
13	Doug Richardson	9.00.08	12	2	1
14	Peter Shire	32.04.00	10	1	1
15	Eric Willacy	30.01.00	7	4	
16	J Moses	8.08.00	7	1	1
17	David Arnold	14.14.00	6	2	1
18	D Woods	4.08.00	5	2	
19	Barry Edmonson	3.00.00	4	2	
20	Edward Arnold	2.03.00	1	2	
21	David Arnold Jr	00.00.00	0	2	
22	Mick Latimer	00.00.00	0	1	
23	Andy Hicks	00.00.00	0	1	

Round 8 - The Breakaway - Match Report

There are sea anglers, fly anglers, coarse anglers and more and they all swear by their own code; but there is one common factor to all of these: the unpredictability of the sport. You never know whether you are going to fill the net with little fish, big fish or none at all. And sure enough this match was no exception. Once again, despite a few blanks on this venue during the last match, most of us were reminiscent of the quality fish Ralph and Ron had caught here. Not to mention a good catch by Mark and his father a week before the match.

But yet again the weather had played a major role with heavy falls on previous days, so much so that the river looked much better than we expected. Having sorted out the pegs in reasonably comfortable positions the match started with the unmistakable horn sound with most anglers being optimistic; I said most because Steve and I drew two pegs that in the last match blanked, while Colin was all smiles with what was the winning peg in the last match AND with the added advantage, this time, of being the end peg. How futile!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reports from other anglers on the hour were quite poor: a couple of fish and an eel. On the second and third hour reports were just the same and most people were looking with frustration at the countless Nepean herrings filling in the swims. Since these don't count and carp were not showing up at all, some "fat minnows" darting among the stones in 8 inches of water were looking more and more interesting.

On the fifth hour desperation hit the maximum and out came the whip for the little beasts. I caught one in no time on bread punch and size 20 hook and after consultation with Steve it turned out to be a rather fat cox gudgeon (he is the expert on gambusia-size fish!!!). It turned out to be a tactical error since Steve had not noticed their presence, and soon caught a couple to score at least one point.

As more people were still running on empty I decided to *build up*, so to speak, my net and I was still catching some fat ones; I even caught two little mullets which I had also verified by Steve. I thought I had better do that since in my previous match all but one of my "alleged mullets" turned out to be Nepean herrings. This turned out to be my second tactical error; Steve again followed suit (he had thought they were all herrings) and caught two mullets. The funny (or should I say distressing) thing was that, at the end of the match, with the exception of Howard and Barry who had caught around four pounds of mullets, only Steve with 15 ounces had beaten me with 8 and half ounces of cox gudgeons.

No carp were caught on the day, which is quite strange, then again some monster Nepean herrings were caught: Barry had one weighing 5 ounces, and this will invariably bring back at the next AGM the issue of this little fish, so numerous at this venue.

Tight lines. **Fluoro**

MATCH RESULTS B/AWAY2/2/97					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	2	H Hill	4.03.00	10	1
2	12	B Edmonson	3.11.00	9	1
3	7	S Scott	00.15.00	8	1
4	6	J Alimeni	00.08.08	7	0
5	5	M Triston	00.07.08	6	0
6	10	R Waits	00.05.00	5	0
7	4	R Czichon	00.04.08	4	0
8	3	D Woods	00.01.08	3	0
9	8	C Draper	00.00.01	1	0
10	9	R Ballard	00.00.00	0	0
11	11	J Moses	00.00.00	0	0
12	13	J Davis	00.00.00	0	0
	1	Spare	00.00.00	0	0

1996-97 Season Table					
Position	Name	Weight	Points	Matches	Section Pts
1	Mark Triston	128.14.08	51	8	1
2	Ron Waits	131.01.08	40	8	3
3	Howard Hill	33.03.08	40	8	2
4	Colin Draper	46.13.09	32	8	3
5	Steve Scott	77.06.02	31	8	2
6	Ralph Czichon	85.09.00	26	6	1
7	R Ballard	46.13.00	25	8	2
8	John Davis	30.07.08	24	7	
9	John Alimeni	14.06.01	23	8	2
10	John Draper	21.15.00	19	2	2
11	Bill Childs	26.08.00	15	6	
12	Stuart Deans	17.00.08	15	5	
13	Barry Edmonson	6.11.00	13	3	1
14	Doug Richardson	9.00.08	12	2	1
15	Peter Shire	32.04.00	10	1	1
16	D Woods	4.09.08	8	3	
17	Eric Willacy	30.01.00	7	4	
18	J Moses	8.08.00	7	2	1
19	David Arnold	14.14.00	6	2	1
20	Edward Arnold	2.03.00	1	2	
21	David Arnold Jr	00.00.00	0	2	
22	Mick Latimer	00.00.00	0	1	
23	Andy Hicks	00.00.00	0	1	

LAST 9 MATCH SELECTION TABLE

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9										
		POUND	PT	WERR	PT	POUND	PT	SIRC	PT	B/AWAY	PT	B/GRIFF	PT	SIRC	PT	LANS	PT	B/AWAY	PT	Total
	NAME	16/6/96		7/7/96		4/8/96		1/9/96		13/10/96		3/11/96		15/12/96		5/1/97		2/2/97		
1	M Triston	1.04.00	5	00.00.00	0	20.04.00	10	67.05.00	9	18.01.00	8	4.10.00	2	15.13.00	9	2.06.00	7	00.07.08	6	56
2	R Waits	6.01.00	8	00.00.00	0	11.01.00	8	90.05.00	10	23.00.00	9	00.00.00	0	5.05.00	3	1.01.08	5	00.05.00	5	48
3	S Scott	13.03.08	10	00.00.00	0	00.15.00	2	63.07.08	8	00.00.01	1	10.01.00	5	00.00.01	1	1.15.08	6	00.15.00	8	41
4	H Hill	00.00.00	0	6.09.08	9	4.12.00	6	3.12.00	3	00.01.08	3	5.09.00	3	8.04.08	6	00.00.00	0	4.03.00	10	40
5	R Ballard	11.11.00	9	15.02.00	10	19.07.00	9	3.10.00	2	00.00.00	0	8.10.00	4	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	34
6	C Draper	00.00.00	0	-	0	1.12.00	4	16.08.08	5	00.02.08	4	17.00.00	7	10.15.00	8	00.08.00	3	00.00.01	1	32
7	J Davis	2.06.08	6	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	5.00.00	7	21.01.00	8	1.15.00	1	2.07.08	8	00.00.00	0	30
8	J Alimeni	4.02.00	7	00.00.00	0	00.07.08	1	3.15.00	4	00.05.00	5	2.11.00	1	6.07.00	4	00.00.01	1	00.08.08	7	30
9	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	-	0	2.10.00	5	21.12.00	6	60.00.00	10	00.14.08	1	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.04.08	4	26
10	J Draper	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	18.10.00	10	3.05.00	9	-	0	19
11	S Deans	-	0	00.00.00	0	8.01.00	7	-	0	-	0	00.11.00	1	8.02.00	5	00.02.08	2	-	0	15
12	B Childs	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.08.00	6	26.00.00	9	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	15
13	B Edmonson	-	0	-	0	1.01.00	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	1.15.00	1	-	0	3.11.00	9	13
14	D Richardson	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	4.01.00	2	4.15.08	10	-	0	12
15	P Shire	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	32.04.00	10	-	0	-	0	-	0	10
16	D Woods	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	3.15.00	1	00.09.00	4	00.01.08	3	8
17	E Willacy	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	30.01.00	7	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	7
18	J Moses	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	8.08.00	7	-	0	00.00.00	0	7
19	D Arnold	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	14.14.00	6	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	6
20	E Arnold	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	2.03.00	1	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	1
21	D Arnold Jr	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	0
22	A Hicks	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
23	M Latimer	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
24	M Winton	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
25	R Crake	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0

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		8		9		1		2		3		4		5		6													
		WERR	PT	POUND	PT	SIRC	PT	B/AWY	PT	BAGRIFF	PT	SIRC	PT	LANS	PT	B/AWAY	PT	0	PT	0	PT	0	PT	0	PT	0	PT	Total	Less
	NAME	7/7/96		4/8/96		1/9/96		13/10/96		3/11/96		15/12/96		5/1/97		2/2/97		2/3/97		13/4/97		11/5/97		1/6/97					Wst 3
1	M Triston	00.00.00	0	20.04.00	10	67.05.00	9	18.01.00	8	4.10.00	2	15.13.00	9	2.06.00	7	00.07.08	6		0		0		0		0		0	51	43
2	R Waits	00.00.00	0	11.01.00	8	90.05.00	10	23.00.00	9	00.00.00	0	5.05.00	3	1.01.08	5	00.05.00	5		0		0		0		0		0	40	37
3	H Hill	6.09.08	9	4.12.00	6	3.12.00	3	00.01.08	3	5.09.00	3	8.04.08	6	00.00.00	0	4.03.00	10		0		0		0		0		0	40	34
4	C Draper	00.00.00	0	1.12.00	4	16.08.08	5	00.02.08	4	17.00.00	7	10.15.00	8	0.08.00	3	00.00.01	1		0		0		0		0		0	32	28
5	S Scott	00.00.00	0	00.15.00	2	63.07.08	8	00.00.01	1	10.01.00	5	00.00.01	1	1.15.08	6	00.15.00	8		0		0		0		0		0	31	29
6	R Czichon	-	0	2.10.00	5	21.12.00	6	60.00.00	10	00.14.08	1	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.04.08	4		0		0		0		0		0	26	26
7	R Ballard	15.02.00	10	19.07.00	9	3.10.00	2	00.00.00	0	8.10.00	4	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0		0		0		0		0		0	25	25
8	J Davis	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	5.00.00	7	21.01.00	8	1.15.00	1	2.07.08	8	00.00.00	0		0		0		0		0		0	24	24
9	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	00.07.08	1	3.15.00	4	00.05.00	5	2.11.00	1	6.07.00	4	00.00.01	1	00.08.08	7		0		0		0		0		0	23	21
10	J Draper	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	18.10.00	10	3.05.00	9	-	0		0		0		0		0		0	19	19
11	B Childs	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.08.00	6	26.00.00	9	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0		0		0		0		0		0	15	15
12	S Deans	00.00.00	0	8.01.00	7	-	0	-	0	00.11.00	1	8.02.00	5	00.02.08	2	-	0		0		0		0		0		0	15	15
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SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB Inc.

Agenda Friday 7th February 1997 (Howards)

Meeting Procedure.

1) Those Present

2) Apologies

3) Absent

4) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

1:1/93-94 SCAC Christmas Party
Who ,what why ,were and how.

ACTION Committee

2:1/93-94 NSW Fisheries (submitted S. Scott)
Current status for dispensation - awaiting an imminent response.

ACTION S. Scott to continue to persue.

4:3/94-95 Access to Venues (submitted S. Scott)
Ongoing issue, Prospect Reservoir and potentially National Parks to be persued.

ACTION Committee.

1:5/95-96 SCAC Profile (Submitted E Willacy)
Promotional material in draft stage.

ACTION D. Kowalick & Committee

1:1/96-97 Purchase of Shirts & Caps
Complete

2:1/96-97 Organisation of Canberra Event
Last Decembers event was very successful. The SCAC has been asked to stage the event on an annual basis every December. How are we going to achieve the continued success of the Canberra Classic and is sponsorship a viable possibility.

ACTION Committee

1:2/96-97

Nepean Herring (Submitted M Triston)

At the AGM Nepean Herring were banned from matches. Due to the unpredictability of the B/away some anglers have stated that they would like to see the Herring counted in matches.

ACTION Committee

2:2/96-97

Wading at Matches (Submitted S Scott)

At the SIRC it is required that nets are arranged away from the shoreline due to the shallow depth of water. Anglers have been fishing adjacent to there nets or simply wading out. Do we need a rule for this?

ACTION Committee

3:2/96-97

Sponsorship of Trans Tas & Nationals (Submitted H Hill)

Allocation of Moines for these events to be decided.

ACTION Committee

4:2/96-97

Lansdown Leisure Day change (Submitted S Scott)

Given that the Trans Tas and Leisure Day clash should the fixture be rearranged?

ACTION Committee

5:2/96-97

Thunder Storms (Submitted S Scott)

Given that it is possible for a match to be interrupted by a storm does the club require a rule; such as

- 1) more than half the match complete result stands as at time of storms beginning.
- 2) Less than half of match complete match abandoned or restarted after storm.

ACTION Committee

5)

Correspondence in and out.

6)

General business new items.

7)

Date and time of next meeting.

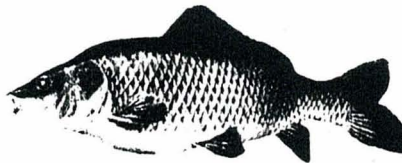
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Close of meeting.

Signed



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C O A R S E
A N G L I N G
C L U B

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Dear Dr. Galister

As president of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. I am writing on behalf of the membership to appeal to you for the speedy resolution to a problem of the departments making.

The SCAC Inc is a freshwater catch and release competition based angling club with several Australian Internationals amongst it's ranks. The club conducts it's competitions under strict rules as prescribed by the Australian Federation and CIPP's international protocols.

Unfortunately our methods and rules are in certain circumstances in conflict with Fisheries Statutes;

- 1) During match competitions several rigged rods are set up (as many as 8 usually 4) however only one rod with one hook may be used at any one time. This is done to maximise opportunities that present during the five hour match competition i.e. fish feeding patterns, water conditions, and climate etc.
- 2) All fish caught are placed in fish friendly keep nets and weighed at the end of the match and returned to the water alive. Dead fish do not count towards the total weight therefor it is in the interests of the angler to maintain all fish in the best possible condition. The main species of fish captured are Carp however Bass on occasions are repeatedly caught during a match and kept in the keep net, contrary to bag or possession limits.
- 3) On occasions native fish are caught that are below the size limit specified and kept for weigh in.

There are several reasons as to why more than the bag limit or undersized fish may be kept and include, additional weight for competition, reduction of wasted time, and upon release during the competition they may spook a feeding shoal of fish reducing the anglers opportunity. As stated the methods used by coarse anglers attempt to render as little harm to the fish as possible, while at the same time traditionally based.

Thanks to the foresight of Mr. Bill Talbot from 1994 dispensation from the two rod rule, bag and size limits was granted as the club practices the catch and release philosophy for all species, and at a fundamental level is not opposed to any fish conservation measures taken by the department with the exception of the possible mandatory killing of carp. In June of 1996 a request for continued dispensation was

sent to the department for the clubs 96-97 season, however it has not been granted. It appears that the problem is in the area of compliance although I am unsure why.

Given that the club has a demonstrated and untarnished record, has had previous dispensation (see enclosed), has organised a fishing day on behalf of Fisheries for Cerebral Palsy sufferers, reported illegal fishing practices, and provided fish population information i.e. Bass, River Blackfish, Australian Grayling etc. and do not in reality contravene the spirit of the statute law i.e. the preservation of fish stocks. Could you please in consultation with Bill Talbot who has all relevant information about the club bring this matter to a favorable conclusion for the club.

Further to the above should dispensation not be granted it will place the SCAC Inc. in a most difficult position, whereby the relationship between the department and the club may have to be closed or legal remedy sort.

On a final note Coarse Fishing is a branch of the sport using leading edge technology and methods and for persons not familiar with is protocols may seem daunting and as such this correspondence may raise many questions which I would be happy to answer at a meeting if required at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you in anticipation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Scott', written in a cursive style.

Steven Scott President SCAC Inc.

Head: The Coarse Fishing Connection

It wouldn't be too difficult for me to forgive anyone who broke out in delirious laughter if I said that coarse fishing and fly fishing have got a lot in common. I'm starting to get used to prejudiced comments and even openly derisive hostility when I tell other anglers that I enjoy coarse fishing. It is at this level that fly fishing and coarse fishing share some common ground.

Any budding angler in the nineties might find it hard to imagine that fly fishing was once considered the pursuit of eccentric buffoons who were a bit detached from the real world. Real men fished with three ganged hooks and pilchards or heavy metal spoons. Real men caught and killed large numbers of fish. That was just the way it was. No body really took the fur and feathers boys seriously. That is until the sportfishing pioneers of the seventies and eighties began forging new paths into previously uncharted territories. Land based game fishing, high speed spinning, deep sea jigging and ultra light lure casting all had their day in the sun. Recreational fishing clubs such as the ANSA popularised fishing with an artificial and ultra light tackle as never before.

It wasn't until some particularly down to earth blokes began to toss fur and feathers down the throats of some fairly respectable tropical beasties on a regular basis that fly fishing began to really turn the heads of the average fisho. When the more traditional fair of southern anglers like bream and flathead began to fall foul of the flyline curiosity gave way to intense interest. Within a decade fly fishing in all its forms emerged from relative obscurity to become what is arguably the most significant angling trend of the nineties.

Coarse fishing is at the same stage fly fishing was some twenty years ago; misunderstood, ignored and sometimes even ridiculed. Only time will reveal the destiny of coarse in this country. However my prediction is that like fly fishing coarse fishing will eventually attract a major following. As fish stocks become fewer and more educated and fisherpeople more numerous and skillful it is inevitable that many anglers will turn to coarse fishing in order to maintain catch rates and the enjoyment of their favourite sport.

As far as I can tell I am one of only very few Australian born and breed coarse anglers. Over the past thirty years one thing has become perfectly clear in the thinking of serious minded Australian sport fishing enthusiasts; a fish captured on an artificial, particularly a fly, is considerably more meritorious than that captured on bait. Consequently little attention has been given to the gathering momentum of the coarse

fishing fraternity.

Certainly for me the pursuit of lure and fly fishing had captured my imagination and disposable income. Long gone were the days of worm drowning and cut baits. However a radical transformation in familial status changed all that. The extensive, expensive and extended trips away became a thing of the past. For me that meant locating new, more accessible waters, targeting a wider range of species and techniques.

The local freshwater fishing club of which I was a member at that time had a small but very dedicated band of coarse fishing enthusiasts who seemed to always be amongst the quality fish. What is more they seemed to have an uncanny ability to extract sizable specimens from over stressed suburban creeks, road side ponds and popular holiday spots. Thus began my introduction to the world of coarse fishing. For the first time in many years bait fishing became an exciting alternative to lure fishing.

The name 'coarse fishing' is not exactly new to Australian fishos and has been touted as the next new trend to revolutionise the Australian freshwater fishing scene. Whilst coarse angling has a strong following in Victoria and to a lesser degree in South Australia it has hardly established a beachhead in the other states. In short the revolution has yet to happen. There seems to be two main reasons why this is so.

Firstly bad marketing. I'm not taking about national advertising campaigns and the like; rather the word of mouth spreading of collective knowledge. Put simply if you don't get the opportunity to talk to someone about it then there is even less chance you'll be giving it a whirl. For the most part the brains trust of Australian coarse angling is held by European immigrants, in particular British migrants. Unfortunately the wealth of knowledge these blokes share is largely circulated among themselves. Why? Well for starters Australian born fishos have regarded coarse anglers with a fair amount of suspicion and held them at arms length. I can't help thinking that the apparent affinity between coarse angling and carp has got something to do with it.

There is no doubt that coarse anglers, especially European born, love to fish for carp. Why wouldn't they? For starters they are familiar with carp and these fish are readily available in this country even in our suburban creeks and rivers. Furthermore carp are on average a large fish, fight harder than most other target species and are particularly susceptible to coarse fishing techniques. In truth however it is the ingrained practise of catch and release which has been the main bone of contention as far as carp are concerned with Australian born anglers.

For most coarse anglers carp are really not the issue; live release ethics are the main concern. Coarse angling has one of the most uncompromising conservation traditions of any recreational fishing sector you care to mention. Almost without exception coarse anglers release every and any fish they catch. Furthermore captured fish are handled with exceptional care. For example the landing nets used by coarse anglers are invariably fitted with knotless nets to preserve the slime coating which safeguards the fish from fungal infections. Some anglers even treat the hook wound with an antiseptic lotion before returning the captured fish to the water. Fish are also weighed in specially constructed slings which further minimise the possible harmful effects of handling the fish. Coarse angling is arguably the front runner in low impact live release practices.

Carp or no carp the point is that coarse angling has not taken its place in the sunshine of mainstream Aussie recreational fishing due to a communications chasm. Apart from a couple of notable exceptions those with the information have not been falling over themselves to share it with the overall angling community either. Maybe this is because coarse anglers tend to be purists. They are in many ways similar to the blackfish specialists and the dry fly enthusiasts. Consequently the dialogue between experienced coarse anglers and mainstream Aussie anglers has been limited.

Having said this it must be pointed out that the necessary information is available to anyone keen enough to dig it out. Books by Australian coarse anglers are currently in print and videos are on display in some of the larger video outlets. Terry Shepherd of Victoria and the late George Walker of South Oz are among the better known exponents of the sport.

Another reason coarse angling has not had the expected impact upon the overall freshwater fishing sector is the non availability of the specialised tackle required to get a start. Furthermore there are very few tackle store attendants who have the necessary expertise to point a would be coarse angler in the right direction. Even some of the larger city tackle suppliers only carry a very limited range of coarse tackle. However there are a few stores dotted around the country who do supply an excellent range of coarse tackle which can be purchased by mail order.

Okay so what's so special about coarse angling? The bottom line is that you will catch more fish more often in fresh water and estuarine systems and have a lot of fun doing it. The techniques and tackle really do give you an edge that conventional techniques can not in most circumstances. The highly refined ground baiting techniques, bite detection, baiting and rigging

innovations and the typically long sensitive rods all add up to more fish in your landing net. Its that simple. When you consider that coarse fishing has emerged from one of the most heavily pressurised fisheries in the world it stands to reason. In some areas of England and Europe any fish caught would most likely have been captured and released many times making them increasingly difficult to entice. Consequently more and more sophisticated techniques have evolved to keep the angler one step ahead of the fish.

Coarse fishing techniques will also allow the angler to have the confidence to target species that are rarely enticed with conventional methods. Freshwater, diamond scale, flat-tailed and bully mullet being prime examples. In fact there is hardly a thing that swims that is not vulnerable to coarse fishing techniques. At other times, particularly when the water is clear and still after a long dry patch of weather many 'normal' target species will shut down. However the proper use of ground bait and thoughtful presentation of the hookbait will most often turn the feeding switch back on.

Furthermore there are some occasions when the nature of the venue to be fished will preclude all but coarse fishing techniques. I can recall fishing over the top of a large weed bed into a four metre deep hole with a waggler float for freshwater mullet. The weed effectively prohibited fishing with a sinker and the depth required an exceptionally long and sensitive rod for correct presentation with the float. In addition the long rod allowed me to efficiently set the hook which was almost the full four metres below the float. Finally a long handled landing net served to secure the fish well away from the weeds and then up a steep bank. The end result was a satisfying net of hard-to-catch freshwater mullet to 1.5 kilos from a challenging location.

Coarse fishing tackle can also be adapted to other styles of angling with good effect. The traditional coarse float rod makes for an excellent black fish rod both in the estuary and the ocean rocks. Incidentally blackfish are suckers for all kinds of coarse fishing techniques. The float rod also has applications for drifting a floating bait along a fast flowing stream for trout or dabbling flies over reed beds. Quiver tip rods have already found their place in the rod collections of many boat fishos as excellent small fish weapons. All forms of estuary fishing can benefit from the use of coarse fishing tackle. Everything from live-baiting for flathead to catching the live bait can be greatly enhanced with the right coarse fishing gear.

The basic requirements to kick off on a coarse fishing venture are as follows. A 3.5 - 4.5 metre float rod, a 3

- 4 metre quiver tip rod, 3.5 - 4.5 metre telescopic knotless landing net, 2 small threadline reels (fixed spool reels) spooled with 1- 3 kg line, 4 rod rests, chemically sharpened size 18,16,14,12,10 and 8 hooks, a handful of waggler and stick floats, super soft 0.1g - 1.0g shot, ledger stops, line stops, a plummet for gauging depth, small sinkers, assorted swimfeeders and quality swivels. All this could set you back to the tune of around \$680-\$800 for middle market quality. Most likely you already have some threadline reels which would fit the bill and it is pretty easy to make your own rod rests. Furthermore it is a simple task to convert that old solid glass rod collecting dust in the shed to a lethal fishing device by swapping the end runner for a threaded guide which can then receive a screw in quiver tip. If so you could be on the water for as little as \$360. Optional extras could include a 4 metre keep net, groundbaiting catapults, sit-on tackle boxes, rod bags, forceps, accurate scales, collapsible groundbait holder, all-weather umbrella, floating line, centre pin reels and 7 to 17 metre long pole fishing gear and the list goes on! One of the most obvious features of the coarse fishing enthusiast is the unbelievable mountain of tackle they carry with them. It is not uncommon for a coarse angler to carry in excess of ten rods to the water to cover every conceivable eventuality.

Coarse fishing tackle is in itself one of the attractions of the sport. There is a huge range of brands and variety of gadgets along with a seemingly endless array of techniques. Consequently many coarse fishers develop sweaty palms and become irrational whenever they walk into a well stocked tackle store. Marriage, career, responsibility and logic all fade to the background when confronted with the latest assortment of state of the art coarse fishing technology. The elegance of a float rod or the sensitivity of a quiver tip rod make them a sheer delight to use. In fact nearly all coarse tackle is anything but coarse. With most anglers using line between one and two kilo breaking strain the tackle must be finely tuned and employed with finesse.

There are three loosely recognised coarse fishing disciplines. These are match fishing, specimen fishing and leisure fishing. The most prominent of these is match fishing which is, simply put, competition fishing. These competitions are conducted under strict supervision and rules. Match fishing differs from normal competition fishing as the angler is restricted to a stretch of bank side roughly 15 metres in length. This is called a 'peg' from which the angler must hook, play and land all his fish singlehandedly. Only one hook can be in the water at any one time although other rods can be rigged and ready to go for a change of tactics. For the most part the pegs are regularly spaced along a relatively uniform shoreline. This makes for

keen competition between the anglers who are not only pitting their wits against the fish but also the competitors either side. Secret ground bait recipes, well prepared hookbaits, tactics and tackle are all vital components to winning a match.

Fishing in a match is one of the best ways to improve your fishing skills. At the end of the competition the angler with the heaviest net of live fish is awarded first place. In these competitions its the little things that consistently put the best anglers in the winning circle. Minutes and even seconds that are wasted doing something that stops the angler from continuously fishing can make the difference between first and second place. Observing a match and seeing how the leading anglers do their thing is also a great way to learn about coarse angling.

Match fishing has a huge following in European countries where the sport commands millions of dollars in sponsorships and advertising. Some anglers make a full time income on the national and international match circuits. Once a year the world championship is hosted with all the ceremony and glamour normally associated with other high profile spectator sports. Upwards of forty countries are represented at these events including Australia.

Specimen fishing can be interpreted as fishing for a better than average example of any given species of fish. For the sake of argument an average sized Australian bass may be 500 grams. A specimen sized bass could be any fish in excess of 1.2 kilos. Each species is considered separately. For instance a specimen sized trout may be any fish in excess of three kilos and Murray Cod could be any thing over 15 kilos. Usually a coarse fishing club will determine by popular consensus the weight they believe would represent a 'specimen'. Specimen anglers 'collect' fish. That is they specifically target specimen sized fish from as many different species as possible.

Finally there is leisure fishing, which as the name implies is simply enjoying fishing for fishing's sake. No rules, no competition, no timetables. Leisure fishing is a great way to explore new venues or to try out new ideas. Coarse fishing technology allows for unlimited innovation and experimentation. Coarse angling is a thinking person's pursuit. To identify and solve a particular angling challenge; be it an apparently uncatchable species, an unfishable venue or successfully employing a new idea is one of the little satisfactions that makes it all worth while. There remains in this nation untold opportunities for enthusiastic anglers to explore and experiment with coarse fishing techniques on the more obscure and enigmatic species of fish especially in the tropics. Maybe it will be a coarse angler who finally cracks the

code for milkfish on a consistent basis for example.

So there you have it; a very brief introduction to the world of coarse fishing. Doubtless much more will be written concerning the various aspects of the sport in years to come as its popularity increases. You may not be ready to join their ranks right now however there is a wealth of ideas and technology that could be incorporated into whatever style of bait fishing you are currently pursuing. If you would like to investigate further I strongly suggest getting in touch with a local coarse fishing club. A word of warning however, coarse fishing can be addictive! It can engage the intelligence and imagination in an obsessive way through its intricate and endless possibilities. For those who are prejudiced against bait fishing coarse angling will give you reason to think again. In the club I am currently a member of there are anglers from such diverse backgrounds as blue water marlin fishing to mountain stream dry fly swishers. No one is safe. Give it a whirl and it may become your preferred pastime too.

CAPTIONS FOR PHOTOS.

Fuji:

No 1:

Estuary blackfish like this kilo plus specimen are prime targets for the stick float.

No 2: The author with a prime freshwater mullet from a Sydney creek.

Kodachrome:

No. 17: This massive suburban bass was taken on a maggot bait by coarse fishing enthusiast John Alimeni.

No. 22: A pole fisherman successfully lands a suburban fish during a match.

Notice the specialised seat box and pole fishing equipment.

No. 23-27: (This is a series of shots showing a pole angler landing a carp).

NO. 23: Coarse fishing legend Robin Ballard draws a beaten fish to the net on the top section of the pole. Notice the unshipped bottom section near his elbow. Fishing without a reel even with light line can be very effective.

No. 24: The fish is scooped into the knotless long handled net.

No 25: With the fish safely in the net the pole is laid aside.

No 26: The fish is then unhooked with the aid of a coarse fishing hook disgorgers. These little devices are by far and away the most effective and

efficient hook displacers that money can buy.

No. 27: Fish in Hand. In this case a 2-3 kilo carp.

No. 31: A coarse angler retrieves his keepnet after a successful freshwater mullet session.

No 31B-34. This 1.5 kilo Oberon rainbow trout fell victim to the waggler float.

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