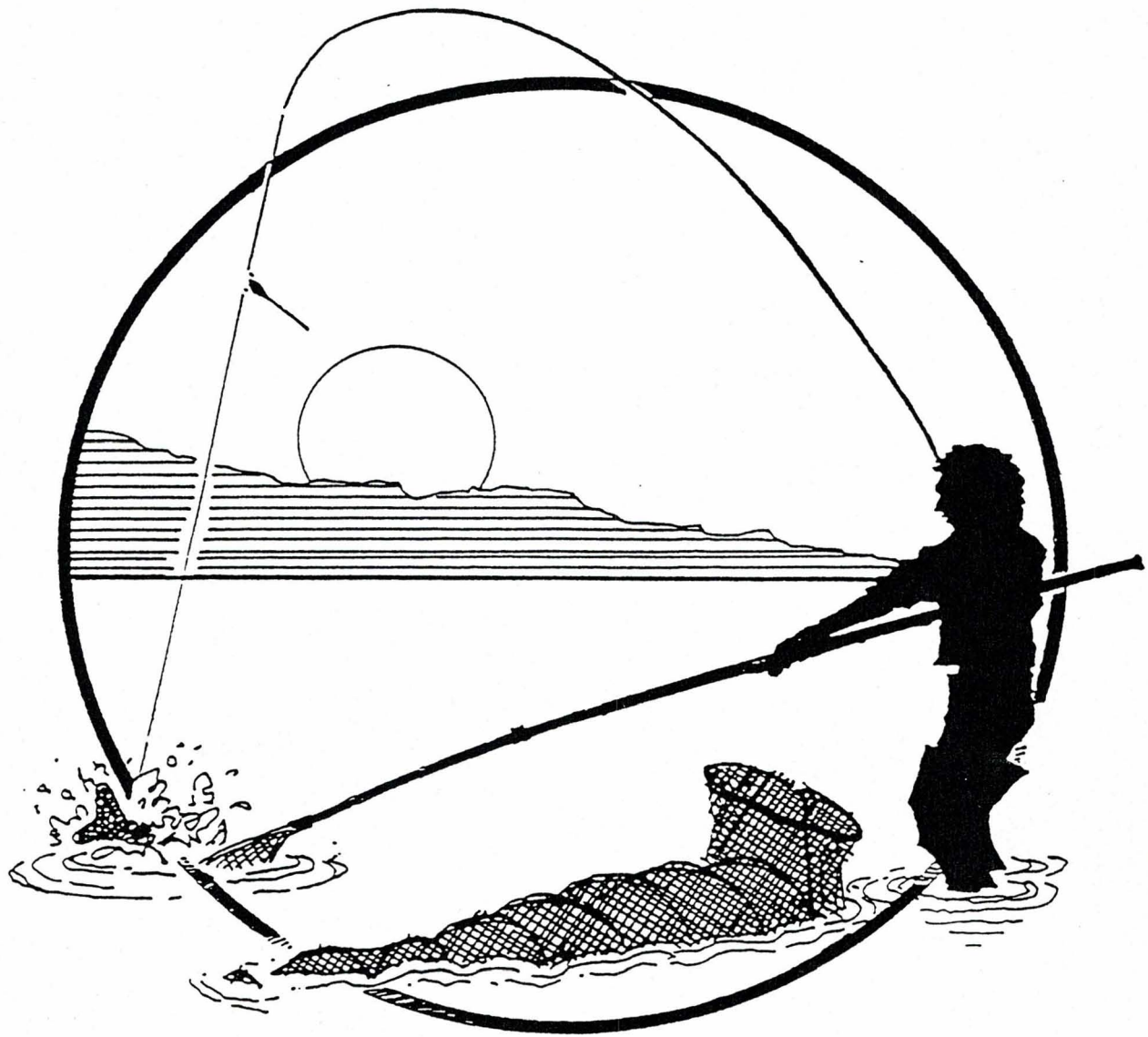


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The presidents report

Three matches to go and yours truly is ahead by 11 points, my thoughts turn to the great Newcastle United who have found more ways to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory for many a championship. On a serious note I feel that the club is ready to depart some of its old ways, for example the leisure days have not been well attended with the same 3 – 4 anglers turning up, and the SAS match comp also has not really fired. Given that we are three months away from the AGM. I ask all of you to think about what you want from your club in terms of competition. The committee has its own ideas but are they compatible with yours? Please let us know.

On a brighter note the club has submitted a proposal to stage the Trans Tasman Trophy in Canberra. To achieve the successful completion of this project a sub committee has been formed (see minutes) and no doubt in the future this group will ask for your assistance, in fund raising or attending the event as a marshal. If at all possible could you please assist, as the successful running of the event will improve the standing of our club and coarse fishing?

Back to the subject of matches, in recent times I have noticed grumbling about some venues that are difficult to fish, or produce only small fish. Far be it from me to preach about match angling, however, I do think that if the club and its members are to progress these venues must be included in our calender. The logic behind this statement is that it would be nice to front a venue, throw out a waggler or feeder and catch 40lb +every time but what would we learn? If you only want to fish the odd match that's ok, or if you don't like a particular venue that is also ok. Please understand that access to venues in Sydney is limited and that some times cracking a difficult venue is more pleasurable than knocking out fish after fish.

On a final note all the very best to those attending this years Nationals and representing the club in the second leg of the State of Origin. The third leg looks like being held on the 28th March at the Pound with an open match on the 29th at the rowing course.

All the best

Steve

SNAKE

Tales
by
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I THINK
HE'S AN
ANGLER!

WHAT'S
AN
ANGLER?

A JERK
AT ONE END
OF A LINE
WAITING FOR
A JERK AT
THE OTHER
END!!

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1998 Trans Tasman Trophy

The four of us Bill, Cameron, Ralph and I set off to the land of the long white cloud on the 20th of January on one of the Qantas jumbo jets decked out in aboriginal colours. While the flight was good I don't think much of a plane that looks like the proverbial "dogs dinner" with wombats etc. painted on the outside. While sitting there I could not help wondering what Qantas were trying to advertise. On our arrival we picked up our car which MMI had contributed to as I told the hire Car Company that I was attending an international conference and was entitled to MMI's corporate rates. The car was a Falcon station wagon, which is a big car, however it seemed rather small with four sets of fishing gear, suitcases and us in it.

The motel we stayed in was excellent and cheap although the proprietors must have wondered what had hit them with fishing gear all over the room, maggots and worms (in pig poo) in the fridge and keepnets hanging from the lattice work outside the room. We blamed the smells on each other and told the proprietors that we would disinfect the gear, fridge and room before we departed, which we did. The storey was much the same in Danny, Stuart and Howard's room next door.

The three days prior to the Trans Tasman competition were spent practicing on the Mangawarra River and at a place called Twin Lakes. The river is about 1 hour's drive from Auckland and on the way is a place called Pokeno which had the best food place for brekkie and after fishing ice cream. NZ is a funny place at times, on the sides of the road people place crosses where road fatalities have occurred and maintain them with flowers; we counted at least 90! From Auckland to the river. The other thing that we saw were the Mori grave sites which are placed on steep hills with the more ornate ones being at the top presumably to honour the more senior members of the tribe. The fishing on the river was excellent and I caught Rudd, Goldfish, Koi Carp, Catfish, and a fish called a Smelt which the Kiwi's call a cucumber fish as after you handle it your hands smell like a cucumber. Twin Lakes would have to be the best looking venue that I have fished. About 1 hour's drive SE of Auckland it is a privately owned estate with two ornamental lakes, with the owners house right on the edge of the larger lake. Surrounding the lake are willow trees and Japanese Maples, combined with this there are huge lily pads and an ornamental gazebo in the lake. Here I managed to catch a couple of Tench, lots of Rudd and a bloody duck that insisted on pigging out on the ground bait that I was feeding. I gave the duck a whack on the head with my pole when he surfaced and he got tangled up in my rig. Unfortunately for us the owner's dog spied the food on offer and muscled in on the action as well. At this venue all bar Stuart managed a Tench and Ralph actually caught quite a few which made a change.

On the day of the competition (Saturday) we arrived at the upper reaches of the river expecting a hard day's fishing against the Kiwi's. I drew peg E6 between two of the better Kiwi anglers and according to Les Willshaw a Kiwi that I met a few years ago would be hard pushed to beat. I had come up with the idea of using a bait dropper as a method of feeding and decided that I would use it to feed chopped worms every half-hour. At the end of the match I had beaten the Kiwi's on either side by a long way (unfortunately one was in another section) and although I finished third in the section, my section was one of two won by the Australian team on the first day. The idea of using the bait dropper had worked.

The second day saw us at a lake about 15 minutes from Auckland although for the life of me I can't remember what it was called. After the first day the Australian team were only 12 points behind, and the Kiwi's told us that the lake would suit our style of fishing, as there were loads of large Koi Carp around. What a red Herring that was! Without exception the Kiwi's fished for the smaller Rudd while the Australians targeted the Koi Carp. Drawn on peg A2 between Alan Yohanson the top Kiwi angler and Roy Field, things looked good. After the start of the match I soon realised that chasing the Koi Carp was not the way to go, and switched to catching Rudd. I was behind the Kiwi's when I started but managed to catch them and pass Roy. It was then that it all fell in a heap when an eel took the bait thrashed around in the water and scared off the Rudd before making its escape. I tried to get the Rudd feeding but without much success and at the end of the match was soundly beaten by both Alan and Roy. If I had kept going on the Rudd I would probably have done well in the section as I had 10lb of fish in 1 hour compared with Roy's 30lb and Alan's 43lb in six hours. Australia were hammered on the second day.

The presentation night gave me a quick look at the city of Auckland, which seems quite nice, and looks a bit like Sydney with a tower and the usual skyscrapers. The place where the presentation night was staged is on Auckland Harbour, which is quite spectacular with the city as a backdrop. The Kiwi's were fantastic hosts and the night was very good, I just hope that the Sydney boy's can do as well as we have decided to run the 1999 competition in Canberra.

The last day saw the Sydney boy's take on the West Auckland club in a match on a lake called Hakkenowa and we managed to win and restore some self-respect. On the Tuesday we flew back to Sydney and I arrived absolutely buggered to start my new job on the Wednesday.

All said the trip to NZ was fantastic, the fishing was great and the company amongst the Sydney boy's was excellent, and yes that even includes Stuart.

Steve

TRANSTASMAN TROPY AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND
24TH 25TH JANUARY 1998

		DAY 1. MANGAWARA STREAM						DAY 2 KARAKA LAKE.						FINAL RESULTS			
TEAM	NAME	PEQ	SECTION	LBS	OZ	POINTS	PLACE	PEQ	SECTION	ILB	OZ	POINTS	PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	LBS	OZ	PLACE O'ALL
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	D	34	14	1	2	1	A	45	3	1	1	2	80	1	1
NZ	Green. Paul	5	F	15	8	1	5	1	D	27	7	1	4	2	42	15	2
NZ	Gausden Barry	1	E	16	12	1	4	3	E	19	15	1	6	2	36	11	3
NZ	Fry. Dexter	1	A	36	6	1	1	1	F	27	13	2	8	3	64	3	4
NZ	Holmes. Mike	3	G	21	12	2	9	1	B	26	2	1	5	3	47	14	5
NZ	Bourne. Garry	1	C	11	7	1	6	5	G	22	8	2	11	3	33	15	6
NZ	Bridgette. Rob	5	A	25	9	2	8	5	A	25	6	2	9	4	50	15	7
AUS	Moore. Richard	4	G	19	8	3	16	2	C	17	3	1	7	4	36	11	8
AUS	Williams Matt	6	F	15	7	2	11	6	B	20	6	2	12	4	35	13	9
NZ	Buckley. Mike	5	G	34	8	1	3	3	G	13	7	4	25	5	47	15	10
NZ	Deamer. Andy	1	F	9	3	3	19	5	D	22	10	2	10	5	31	13	11
AUS	Williams Mike	2	B	9	10	2	14	4	G	18	0	3	18	5	27	10	12
AUS	Thomas. Keith	2	C	11	0	2	13	6	A	23	4	4	22	6	34	4	13
AUS	Rymer. Martyn	4	D	18	7	3	17	4	B	14	15	3	20	6	33	6	14
NZ	O.Regan Mike	5	B	5	8	5	33	1	G	27	12	1	3	6	33	4	15
NZ	Field. Roy	1	B	7	2	3	21	3	A	25	0	3	15	6	32	2	16
NZ	Sutherland. Paul	3	A	12	10	4	23	1	C	15	5	2	14	6	27	15	17
NZ	Brewin. Dennis	3	B	9	13	1	7	5	B	10	5	5	34	6	20	2	18
NZ	Conroy Adrian	3	C	3	12	6	40	5	F	44	9	1	2	7	48	5	19
AUS	Reed. Martin	2	D	20	10	2	10	6	G	12	13	5	31	7	33	7	20
AUS	Dean. Stewart	6	D	8	14	4	24	2	E	16	14	3	19	7	25	12	21
NZ	Jones. John	3	F	4	11	5	34	5	E	18	8	2	13	7	23	3	22
AUS	Dawson. Keith	2	G	14	6	4	22	4	F	17	4	4	23	8	31	10	23
AUS	Barrett. Mike	2	E	13	14	2	12	2	F	13	8	6	36	8	27	6	24
NZ	Sutherland Angus	5	D	7	2	5	31	3	F	20	1	3	16	8	27	3	25
AUS	Scott. Steve	6	E	12	0	3	18	2	A	14	14	5	29	8	26	14	26
NZ	Clayton Roy	3	E	6	4	5	32	3	C	14	5	3	21	8	20	9	27
NZ	Miller. Trevor	5	C	7	13	3	20	5	C	11	1	5	33	8	18	14	28
AUS	Brown Danny	4	B	6	12	4	26	4	C	11	14	4	27	8	18	10	29
AUS	Green. John	4	E	6	7	4	27	4	D	9	12	4	28	8	16	3	30
AUS	Czichon. Ralph.	6	A	24	5	3	15	2	B	4	14	6	41	9	29	3	31
NZ	Cambell Darren	1	G	13	6	5	29	3	B	12	14	4	26	9	26	4	32
NZ	Stinton Mike	5	E	5	13	6	39	3	D	19	2	3	17	9	24	15	33
AUS	Dobbs. Alan	2	A	9	14	5	30	4	E	12	5	5	32	10	22	3	34
NZ	Western. George	3	D	6	6	6	38	1	E	13	14	4	24	10	20	4	35
AUS	Webb. Michael	4	F	5	11	4	28	6	E	9	0	6	39	10	14	11	36
AUS	Hill. Howard	6	C	7	2	4	25	6	D	4	9	6	42	10	11	11	37
AUS	Jones. Cameron	4	C	4	8	5	35	4	A	11	12	6	37	11	16	4	38
AUS	Childs Bill	6	B	1	4	6	42	6	F	13	13	5	30	11	15	1	39
AUS	Faulkner. Barry	2	F	1	12	6	41	2	D	9	9	5	35	11	11	5	40

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AUS	Moore. Richard	4	G	19	8	3	16	2	C	17	3	1	
AUS	Williams Matt	6	F	15	7	2	11	6	B	20	6	2	
AUS	Williams Mike	2	B	9	10	2	14	4	G	18	0	3	
AUS	Dean. Stewart	6	D	8	14	4	24	2	E	16	14	3	
AUS	Rymer. Martyn	4	D	18	7	3	17	4	B	14	15	3	
AUS	Thomas. Keith	2	C	11	0	2	13	6	A	23	4	4	
AUS	Dawson. Keith	2	G	14	6	4	22	4	F	17	4	4	
AUS	Brown Danny	4	B	6	12	4	26	4	C	11	14	4	
AUS	Green. John	4	E	6	7	4	27	4	D	9	12	4	
AUS	Scott. Steve	6	E	12	0	3	18	2	A	14	14	5	
AUS	Childs Bill	6	B	1	4	6	42	6	F	13	13	5	
AUS	Reed. Martin	2	D	20	10	2	10	6	G	12	13	5	
AUS	Dobbs. Alan	2	A	9	14	5	30	4	E	12	5	5	
AUS	Faulkner. Barry	2	F	1	12	6	41	2	D	9	9	5	
AUS	Barrett. Mike	2	E	13	14	2	12	2	F	13	8	6	
												59	
AUS	Johns. Cameron	4	C	4	8	5	35	4	A	11	12	6	
AUS	Payne. Fred	6	G	12	7.5	6	36	6	C	10	13	6	
AUS	Webb. Michael	4	F	5	11	4	28	6	E	9	0	6	
AUS	Effrett. Simon	4	A	8	14	6	37	2	G	6	2	6	
AUS	Czichon. Ralph.	6	A	24	5	3	15	2	B	4	14	6	
AUS	Hill. Howard	6	C	7	2	4	25	6	D	4	9	6	
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	D	34	14	1	2	1	A	45	3	1	
NZ	Conroy Adrian	3	C	3	12	6	40	5	F	44	9	1	
NZ	O.Regan Mike	5	B	5	8	5	33	1	G	27	12	1	
NZ	Green. Paul	5	F	15	8	1	5	1	D	27	7	1	
NZ	Holmes. Mike	3	G	21	12	2	9	1	B	26	2	1	
NZ	Gausden Barry	1	E	16	12	1	4	3	E	19	15	1	
NZ	Fry. Dexter	1	A	36	6	1	1	1	F	27	13	2	
NZ	Bridgette. Rob	5	A	25	9	2	8	5	A	25	6	2	
NZ	Deamer. Andy	1	F	9	3	3	19	5	D	22	10	2	
NZ	Bourne. Garry	1	C	11	7	1	6	5	G	22	8	2	
NZ	Jones. John	3	F	4	11	5	34	5	E	18	8	2	
NZ	Sutherland. Paul	3	A	12	10	4	23	1	C	15	5	2	
NZ	Field. Roy	1	B	7	2	3	21	3	A	25	0	3	
NZ	Sutherland Angus	5	D	7	2	5	31	3	F	20	1	3	
NZ	Stinton Mike	5	E	5	13	6	39	3	D	19	2	3	
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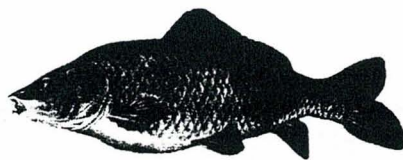
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NZ	Western. George	3	D	6	6	6	38
NZ	Buckley. Mike	5	G	34	8	1	3
NZ	Cambell Darren	1	G	13	6	5	29
NZ	Miller. Trevor	5	C	7	13	3	20
NZ	Brewin. Dennis	3	B	9	13	1	7
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SECTION WINNERS DAY 1							
NZ	Fry. Dexter	1	A	36	6	1	
NZ	Brewin. Dennis	3	B	9	13	1	
NZ	Bourne. Garry	1	C	11	7	1	
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	D	34	14	1	
NZ	Green. Paul	5	F	15	8	1	
NZ	Buckley. Mike	5	G	34	8	1	
SECTION WINNERS DAY 2							
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	A	45	3	1	
NZ	Holmes. Mike	1	B	26	2	1	
AUS	Moore. Richard	2	C	17	3	1	
NZ	Green. Paul	1	D	27	7	1	
NZ	Gausden Barry	3	E	19	15	1	
NZ	Conroy Adrian	5	F	44	9	1	
NZ	O.Regan Mike	1	G	27	12	1	

1	E	13	14	4
3	G	13	7	4
3	B	12	14	4
5	C	11	1	5
5	B	10	5	5
TOTAL POINTS DAY 1				
AUS				46
NZ				34
TOTAL POINTS DAY 2				
AUS				59
NZ				27
top 15 in each team only				

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AUS	Payne. Fred	6	G	12	7.5	6	36	6	C	10	13	6	38	12	23	5.5	41
AUS	Effrett. Simon	4	A	8	14	6	37	2	G	6	2	6	40	12	15	0	42
				529	0.5					736	11				1265	11.5	
SECTION WINNERS DAY 1								TOTAL POINTS DAY 1					OVERALL WINNER				
NZ	Fry. Dexter	1	A	36	6	1		AUS				46	Alan Johansen 2 points 80.lb. 1.oz				
NZ	Brewin. Dennis	3	B	9	13	1		NZ				34					
NZ	Bourne. Garry	1	C	11	7	1							FINAL TEAM RESULTS				
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	D	34	14	1		TOTAL POINTS DAY 2									TOTAL POINTS
NZ	Green. Paul	5	F	15	8	1		AUS				59	AUSTRALIA				105
NZ	Buckley. Mike	5	G	34	8	1		NZ				27	NEW ZEALAND				61
SECTION WINNERS DAY 2								top 15 in each team only									
NZ	Johansen. Alan	1	A	45	3	1											
NZ	Holmes. Mike	1	B	26	2	1											
AUS	Moore. Richard	2	C	17	3	1											
NZ	Green. Paul	1	D	27	7	1											
NZ	Gausden Barry	3	E	19	15	1											
NZ	Conroy Adrian	5	F	44	9	1											
NZ	O.Regan Mike	1	G	27	12	1											



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Dear Paul

Following our recent visit to NZ I thought it appropriate to thank you and your fellow Kiwi's for the superb organisation of the Trans Tazman and presentation night. Given that it was my first visit to NZ I am sure that following the experience it wont be my last and this equally applies to the other Sydney Boy's.

It seems that there is no valid reason as to why the 1999 competition can't be organised in Canberra (apart from Victorian egos) (don't repeat this) and I will be putting our proposal to the AFCAA Inc in the near future. As suggested we should copy all correspondence to each other over the coming months so that we both know the exact status of the Trans Tazman format, dates, and numbers etc.

Once again on behalf of all the Sydney Boy's

Thanks

Steve Scott President SCAC Inc.

Round 7 - Eagle Vale - 11 January

Match Report

After a long absence, it was with some interest that we returned to Eagle Vale. The time that lapsed had seen some drastic landscaping work being done to the lake, and that also meant draining it almost intirely.

It was also the first time that we were going to have a Sunday match: in the past we had had several leisure days and one team event.

So pegging for 16 anglers also proved a challenge as quite a few pegs would have been "new" irrespective of whether any landscaping work had been carried out. In any case we started from the child-care centre and continued over on the left hand side until we reached the opposite corner.

From experience we were not expecting many "big mothers" but we were at least counting on plenty of tiddlers. As it turned out, most of us waited, and waited, and waited, and waited in vain. At the shallower end near the child-care centre, there was some action: no mothers but Mark at least managed to find their babes and "whipped" them into his keepnet to just over two pounds. Dave, who was fishing in the narrower stretch, in front of the island, in a peg that most thought to be one of the best, struggled to find the same kind of fish and managed only one once.

In other previously recognised decent spots, like mine, right after the covered area, you could only find weeds and tangles. In the past at least these weeds were to contain quite a few tiddlers, but on the day they just were not there. Next to me Robin was also not the happiest man with weeds aplenty. So he tried fishing almost in the middle of the lake but got busted 3 times, and this made him even more unhappy.

The story around was largely the same with many more blanks and an ugly slimy eel that at least brought 9 points to Colin. In a day of general disappointment things would have not been that bad if it wasn't for "big-arse-I-don't-care-when-I-draw-because-I-always-get-the-best-peg-anyway" Steve who not only managed to get plenty of little ones, but also found one of the mothers for almost 13 pounds. To this there is nothing much to add, but just hope that one day, hopefully this century, mother luck will smile also at you.

Fluoro.

MATCH RESULTS EAGLEVALE 11/1/98					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	7	S Scott	12.10.00	10	1
2	14	C Draper	3.06.00	9	1
3	2	M Triston	2.02.00	8	1
4	1	B Edmonson	1.07.00	7	
5	5	D Woods	00.01.00	6	
6	16	B Childs	00.00.08	5	
7	4	E Willacy	00.00.00	0	
8	6	J Moses	00.00.00	0	
9	8	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	
10	9	R Ballard	00.00.00	0	
11	10	J Davis	00.00.00	0	
12	11	H Hill	00.00.00	0	
13	12	S Lodge	00.00.00	0	
14	14	C Jones	00.00.00	0	
15	15	R Waits	00.00.00	0	

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Position	Name	Weight	Points	Matches	Section Pts
1	D Woods	105.01.08	40	6	2
2	S Scott	120.14.00	38	7	2
3	R Ballard	92.15.00	34	7	5
4	M Triston	57.10.8	31	7	2
5	R Waits	87.08.00	29	7	1
6	C Draper	47.01.00	26	7	1
7	H Hill	30.10.00	24	7	1
8	B Childs	17.00.00	23	6	1
9	J Moses	104.00.00	19	7	2
10	J Alimeni	32.12.08	16	7	1
11	C Jones	36.02.00	14	4	1
12	J Davis	24.07.08	12	6	
13	D Arnold Jnr	37.15.00	9	1	
14	R Czichon	35.00.00	9	6	1
15	D Brown	29.06.00	8	2	
16	B Edmonson	12.03.00	8	3	
17	S Deans	11.10.00	7	4	
18	D Arnold Snr	16.06.00	4	1	
19	E Arnold	14.03.00	2	1	
20	E Willacy	00.00.00	0	2	
21	D Richardson	00.00.00	0	1	
22	J Draper	00.00.00	0	1	
23	M Williams	00.00.00	0	1	
24	S Lodge	00.00.00	0	1	

SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB Inc.

Agenda for meeting 4th February 1998 (Howard's)

Meeting procedure.

1. Those present
2. Apologies
3. Absent
4. Confirmation of previous minutes

4:3/94-95 Access to venues (submitted S. Scott.)
S Scott to report on progress for the use of Prospect Reservoir,
B Childs to report on discussions with T Paretch for the use of private
property venues.

Action: S Scott & B Childs

1:5/95-96 SCAC Inc. Profile (submitted E Willacy)

D Kowalick to report on progress relevant to correspondence sent to
TV. Stations.

Action: D Kowalick.

7:2/96-97 SAS. Non metro trips (submitted S Scott)

D Kowalick & J Davis to advise on any dates.

Action D K. & JD.

3:3/96-97 Identification of Goldfish / Crusian Carp (submitted S Scott)

No further progress on this item, as is until a crusian is positively
identified.

6:3/96-97 State of Origin (submitted J Davis)

J Davis to advise on progress.

Action: J Davis.

1:4/96-97 Trans Tasman qualification (submitted S Scott)

Qualification rules will be adhered to, except for the State of Origin
competition.

1:2/97-98 Changes to match venues (submitted S Scott)

Agreed that short notice changes to the match venue will not occur except when the venue is unfishable.

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Letter sent to AFCAA Inc D Kowalick and C Jones to report on progress

6:2/97-98 Invite OS Anglers (submitted J Davis)

Any progress?

Action: J Davis

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Action: Committee

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2:3/97-98 Organisation of Trans Tasman event (submitted S Deans S Scott)

Draft proposal to be submitted to meeting for discussion.

Action: Committee

3:3/97-98 Attendance at matches (submitted S Scott J Alimeni)

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Action: Committee

5. Correspondence in / out
6. Date and time of next meeting
7. Close of meeting

Signed



President SCAC Inc.

SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB Inc.

Minutes of meeting 4th February 1998 (Howard's)

Meeting procedure.

1. Those present D Kowalick, J Alimmeni, B Childs, J Davis, H Hill,
C Jones, S Scott
2. Apologies
3. Absent P Shire
4. Visitors S Deans, S Lodge
5. Confirmation of previous minutes – J Davis, H Hill.

4:3/94-95 Access to venues (submitted S. Scott.)

S Scott informed that the relevant authorities have approved use of Prospect Reservoir, however the Water Board has yet to change the current regulations to allow public access. There is the possibility that the SCAC will be allowed in conjunction with Fisheries to conduct a fact-finding visit in the near future.

B Childs is to conduct a door knock of leaseholders in the Campbell Town area. Combined with this Liverpool weir and Fitzroy Falls Dam is to be fished in the near future to determine their potential.

Action: S Scott B Childs & D Kowalick

1:5/95-96 SCAC Inc. Profile (submitted E Willacy)

D Kowalick, reported on progress relevant to correspondence sent to TV. Stations (little action as yet). Saen Roberts sent letter offering a web site in Canberra while Simon Lodge offered a larger site in Sydney. D Kowalick is to provide the coordination of both sites ie. Local in Canberra and major site in Sydney. S Scott to provide clubs history.

Action: D Kowalick, S Scott, S Lodge, S Roberts.

7:2/96-97 SAS. Non metro trips (submitted S Scott)

D Kowalick & J Davis to advise on any dates.

Action D K. & JD.

6:3/96-97 State of Origin (submitted J Davis)

J Davis to continue to advise on progress and consult with B Dimmack in Victoria.

Action: J Davis.

1:4/96-97 Trans Tasman qualification (submitted S Scott)

Qualification rules will be adhered to, except for the State of Origin competition. Held over to AGM.

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2:3/97-98 Organisation of Trans Tasman event (submitted S Deans S Scott)

Draft proposal approved by committee and is to be sent to NZ. and AFCAA. A sub committee was formed to coordinate efforts, consisting of H Hill, S Deans, S Scott, and C Jones +D Arnold in Canberra.

Action: Sub Committee

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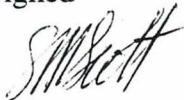
Action: Committee

6. Correspondence in / out
7. New Business / General items

S Deans requested that it be recorded and brought to the attention of the AFCAA Inc that the SCAC Inc, found the incident involving two Vic anglers in NZ as embarrassing and that such violence should not occur again.

8. Date and time of next meeting – TBA.
9. Close of meeting 9.30pm.

Signed



President SCAC Inc.



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Box 499, Gympie, NSW. 2227.

February 29, 1998.

To the committee,
Federation of Coarse Anglers Australia.

I am writing on behalf of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club with a proposal we believe would benefit all federation members. We are at a critical stage in the development of our sport in this nation and in order to make our way forward it will take considerable cooperation and mutual support to effectively combat the obvious prejudice that coarse anglers receive at this time. Obviously to do that we need to communicate effectively with other members of the coarse angling fraternity and to be aware of the developing trends of the sport at a national level.

To that end we have proposed that a national newsletter/magazine be instated to give coarse anglers the capacity to corporately communicate their concerns and to provide a useful tool for information sharing. The need for such an agent is now all the more urgent as the "Hooked on Angling" magazine has folded.

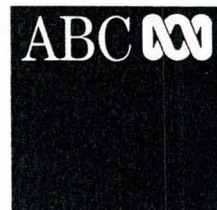
The newsletter could include results of major matches, national coarse fishing records, classified ads for second hand fishing tackle, species profiles (eg: tench, where to catch them and best methods etc.), venue profiles (eg: Carrum waters, species available, best methods, best pegs and so on), letters to the editor, calendar of upcoming events and even display ads from reputable coarse fishing suppliers at very reasonable rates.

In addition to the obvious benefits to its immediate readership the newsletter could also become an avenue for promoting coarse fishing in Australia and protecting our values and rights. I fear that without a corporate channel of communication that coarse fishing in Australia will remain a marginal pursuit and even be divided within itself. A newsletter as described above would, we believe be a prudent use of our subscription fees and could be subsidised by charging for classified and display ads.

We have the necessary expertise and willingness to produce such a newsletter here in Sydney and welcome your comments and ideas.

Yours faithfully,

David Kowalick.
Secretary SCAC.



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8 December, 1997

David Kowalick
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Dear David,

Thank you for forwarding your proposal for a Coarse Angling fishing program.

I have referred your letter to Don Reynolds the Head of Program Production.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sue Lester", is located below the "Yours sincerely," text. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Lester
Network Program Co-ordinator

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24 December, 1997

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Dear David

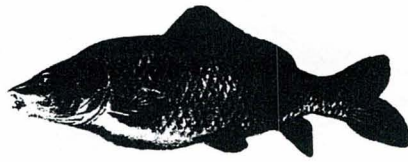
Thankyou for your letter of 22 November regarding a program on coarse angling.

SBS has recently commissioned another series of the fishing series "Wildfish", and I have passed your details on to the producer of this program, John Haenke, at Offshore Productions in Queensland (tel 076 393 878). It may be a topic he may like to cover in the upcoming series.

Yours sincerely

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Sylvia Wilczynski
Production Coordinator



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6/02/98

Dear Paul

As promised please find the attached draft proposal for the running of the Trans Tasman and Canberra Classic competitions. A sub committee of the following people has been formed for the running of these events and consists of:

- * S Scott (H) 02 9724 6772
- * H Hill (H) 02 9726 5590
- * S Deans (H) 02 9897 3889
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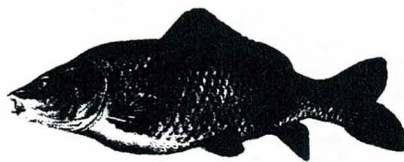
- Is the draft proposal acceptable to the NZ Federation?
- Has the NZ federation proposed anything relative to the future running of the Trans Tasman?
- Will the NZ team be able to fly into Canberra?
- How many anglers will be attending the Trans Tasman event?
- Will the Kiwi's want to fish the Canberra Classic?

This correspondence will also be sent to Bob Dimmack of the AFCAA Inc so that we all know what is going on.

Please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience,

Yours truly,

Steve Scott President SCAC Inc.



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The sub committee needs to know at this early stage the following;

- Is the draft proposal acceptable?
- Has the NZ Federation proposed that the top 15 count etc?
- Will there be any flack from those people who want to fish Carrum?

This correspondence will also be sent to Paul Sutherland NZ FOCA so that we all know what is going on.

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Yours truly,

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DRAFT PROPOSAL

1999 Trans Tasman & Canberra Classic

The Trans Tasman and Canberra Classic are two of Australia's premier coarse angling events and great pride is taken in wearing the green and gold while fishing against the New Zealand team or beating interstate rivals.

It is with pleasure that the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. submits the following proposal for the International match between Australia and New Zealand, and the continued running of the Canberra Classic.

The Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. will organise and conduct the Trans Tasman competition in as professional manner as possible in January 1999 in conjunction with the running of the Canberra Classic.

The venue for the Trans Tasman event will be Lake Burley Griffin. This venue is a vast expanse of water and on it's picturesque shores can be found many of the capitals attractions. The east basin provides excellent fishing with good access, and dependent on where you are pegged the depth of water varies from between six and ten feet. The species that reside in the lake are many and varied and include Murray Cod, Yellow Belly, Silver Perch, Red Fin, Goldfish and Trout. Carp are however the main target species as the other residents don't always show. The climactic conditions can vary a great deal in Canberra so take ice packs and sun screen, wet weather gear, and snow skis to be on the safe side.

Proposed Options

Option 1

Venue – East Basin, Lake Burly Griffin, Canberra. (Both competitions)

Duration of matches – 6 hours

7.00 am draw 9.00am to 3pm match

Dates - Trans Tasman	-	Friday 22 & Saturday 23 January 1999
- Canberra Classic	-	Sunday 24 & Monday 25 January 1999

Option 2

Venue – East Basin, Lake Burly Griffin, Canberra (Trans Tasman only)

- Tuggranong Lake, Canberra (Canberra Classic only)

Duration of matches – 6 Hours

700am draw 9.00am to 3pm match

Dates – as option 1.

Resources and Requirements

Accommodation – in keeping with past practice at this stage it is anticipated that all participants will stay at the Federal Highway Tourist Resort, either in bunk house or cabin accommodation.

New Zealand team transport – the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc will be responsible for arranging the required transport and providing drivers. NZ team to arrange own transport to Canberra.

Presentation dinner – the Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc will be responsible for the arranging both the venue and food (drinks to be paid for by attendees)

Bait – the AFCAA Inc will be responsible for the supply of three pints of maggots per New Zealand participant at no cost to the participant.

Cost Responsibility

Accommodation – Each individual

New Zealand teams transport – Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc.

Presentation dinner – Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. Australian team members to pay their own way.

Bait (maggots only) AFCAA Inc.

Sponsorship – C Jones c/o Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc.

Rules and match requirements

Rules – As per Canberra Classic (to be supplied)

Venue access – to be arranged by D Arnold

Dispensation from Fisheries rules – to be arranged by D Arnold

Pegging – Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc

Marshals – Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc.

Australian shirt – compulsory depending on price and availability. Sydney Coarse Angling club.

Australian team composition – 1 Canberra, 8 SCAC, balance made up from Victoria and South Australia.

Interstate Anglers must pay a \$55 deposit by the end of October who want to compete in the Trans Tasman. The money will then be refunded or may be used to pay the entry fee for the Canberra Classic. Should an interstate angler drop out after the deposit has been paid the money will not be refunded until a replacement Australian angler has been found. If the deposit has not been received by the end of October from an interstate angler who wants to participate then that person will not be eligible to fish in the Trans Tasman event and will be replaced by an SCAC member or Canberra angler. (These arrangements have been included to prevent the Australian team being under manned as happened during the 1998 competition).

Should there be any matters or questions arising from this draft proposal please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Steve Scott President SCAC Inc.

Round 8 - S.I.R.C.

8 February - Match Report

Back at the S.I.R.C., arguably the best and worst of our avenue list, depending on where you draw. It is now well established that the peg near the boat ramp is the best especially if there is a bit of wind blowing into it. With the other ones, it is a matter of finding a path, if you can find it, among the weeds. And this is such a big task that nobody complains anymore about distance in between pegs or whether there are weeds. Those who don't find too many of them just count themselves lucky and keep fishing.

The other recurring thing is the "bust syndrome": more and more often we hear of fellow anglers having one or two runs, only to be miserably busted by the animal at the other end with the weeds a strict accomplice. So line diameters have gone up a bit with some, while some others, like Barry, go straight for 12lb. Then again he managed to lose a couple of good fish anyway.

So the day went according to the script [with the only true exception being Steve that for the very first time, got past peg No 4] and drew No 12). No 1 (Ron) eventually got really hot and hauled almost 46lb, with one fish alone over 12lb. Close by, on No 3 Robin also went quite well with 31lb. Bill, yet again blanked (I think he deserves an award for not having caught one single fish here in several attempts!!!!!!). Barry did pretty well with some early catch and 15.5lb (but there are rumours that next match here he might be using some LBG (land based game fishing) gear. Steve also did quite well again (!!!) with almost 20lb; we might have to reconsider things a bit - he might actually know a few things about fishing. With the others it is the same old story: so many fish that you just couldn't stop. Unfortunately, not only I did lose an animal, like many others, but I even had the humiliation of a fatality: my only fish landed - a small bass - suffered the post-trauma of a tonsillectomy and was pretty stiff by the time weigh-in arrived. Something that, in all fairness, makes me rethink the dead-fish rule. We are treating someone who lands a fish (which dies) in the same way as those who don't land any fish. There must be a difference.!!!

Fluoro

HIGH TIDE



MATCH RESULTS SIRC 8/2/98					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	1	R Waits	45.12.08	10	1
2	3	R Ballard	31.00.00	9	
3	12	S Scott	19.11.08	8	1
4	6	B Edmonson	15.05.00	7	1
5	8	M Triston	9.04.00	6	
6	2	S Deans	5.05.00	5	
	4	B Childs	00.00.00	0	
	5	C Jones	00.00.00	0	
	7	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	
	9	D Woods	00.00.00	0	
	10	C Draper	00.00.00	0	
	13	H Hill	00.00.00	0	
	14	S Lodge	00.00.00	0	
	15	J Moses	00.00.00	0	
	16	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	

SEASON 1997/98					
Position	Name	Weight	Points	Matches	Section Pts
1	S Scott	140.09.08	46	8	3
2	R Ballard	123.15.00	43	8	5
3	D Woods	105.01.08	40	7	2
4	R Waits	133.04.08	39	8	2
5	M Triston	66.14.08	37	8	2
6	C Draper	47.01.00	26	8	1
7	H Hill	30.10.00	24	8	1
8	B Childs	17.00.00	23	7	1
9	J Moses	104.00.00	19	8	2
10	J Alimeni	32.12.08	16	8	1
11	B Edmonson	27.08.00	15	4	1
12	C Jones	36.02.00	14	5	1
13	J Davis	24.07.08	12	6	
14	S Deans	16.15.00	12	5	
15	D Arnold Jnr	37.15.00	9	1	
16	R Czichon	35.00.00	9	7	1
17	D Brown	29.06.00	8	2	
18	D Arnold Snr	16.06.00	4	1	
19	E Arnold	14.03.00	2	1	
20	E Willacy	00.00.00	0	2	
21	D Richardson	00.00.00.	0	1	
22	J Draper	00.00.00	0	2	
23	M Williams	00.00.00	0	1	
24	S Lodge	00.00.00	0	2	

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1997/1998

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Round 9 - The Breakaway

I March - Match Report

It might have been the weather, or it might have been that this venue lately hasn't fired that well, or it might have been a combination of the two. But today we've had the worst turn-out for the season, with only 10 anglers (and compared with 16 at the previous two matches) it's quite a drop.

In any case the weather has been quite good and spared us any rain at all; in fact after the heat wave early in the week, AND the big rain on Friday, we could have not hoped for a better day. Well I suppose we could have hoped for a few more fish, Yes, that would have helped. Then again I had at least 20 fish in my net. It's really a pity though, that most of them were only a few drams each.

Most of us, after a brief fight with the surrounding vegetation, set up we high hopes of catching perhaps a carp, but realistically set our minds to catch the elusive mullet. But instead it was the Nepean herring that kept coming, and kept coming, and kept coming. Every now and then you would hear rumours of mullet actually being caught, but at that stage they would have only been unsubstantiated rumours to be checked at weigh-in.

In the meantime, just to be on the safe side I started to catch cox-gudgeon; I've had too many blanks, and I was determined to break this pathetic sequence. I would catch a few of those and then try to get a more decent fish, only to be more disappointed so that I would go back to catch more cox gudgeons. Dave, next to me probably thought that I was insane; he knew that I was catching some form of fish, but from his distance he probably could not see them. I am sure he must have thought at some stage to go and borrow the special lens from Popeye.

The peaceful silence of this venue would be occasionally broken by the noise of a small outboard motor (small but big enough to make BIG waves) and by a string of f....unny words that would unmistakably be Steve's cursing anything that comes in his way followed by another string of the same as a relief for actually having landed the fish. At least with Steve you know when he is catching. And he did. Unfortunately. In his case the only carp landed on the day (John Moses could not manage to land his) made the difference with the balance being 2 mullets and a few cox-gudgeon. Howard, MT and Ron all managed also some form of mullets, as I did with one fish caught ten minutes from the end, and one more lost one minute from the whistle.

To sum up things it was a rather close match with half the field catching. Not the most exciting match, but we've had worse.

Fluoro.

MATCH RESULTS BREAKAWAY 1/3/98					
Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	7	S Scott	13.02.00	10	1
2	1	H Hill	2.12.00	9	1
3	9	J Alimeni	2.11.00	8	
4	3	M Triston	2.04.00	7	
5	8	R Waits	00.06.00	6	
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23	M Williams	00.00.00	0	1	
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1996/1997 SEASON

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6	H Hill	00.00.00	0	8.04.00	8	00.04.00	8	00.00.00	0	16.07.00	5	5.13.00	3	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	2.12.00	9							33
7	C Draper	00.00.00	0	5.08.00	5	00.00.00	0	15.07.00	5	15.07.00	3	8.05.00	4	3.06.00	9	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0							26
8	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	6.10.08	7	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	20.07.00	7	5.11.00	2	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	2.11.00	8							24
9	B Childs	00.00.00	0	13.03.08	9	00.02.00	7	dnf	0	2.11.00	1	1.07.08	1	00.00.08	5	00.00.00	0	dnf	0							23
10	J Moses	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	74.12.00	10	8.14.00	1	20.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0							19
11	B Edmonson	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	10.12.00	1	dnf	0	1.07.00	7	15.05.00	7	dnf	0							15
12	C Jones	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	6.14.00	3	5.15.00	1	23.05.00	10	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	dnf	0							14
13	J Davis	5.01.00	6	5.02.00	4	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	11.14.00	1	2.06.08	1	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							12
14	S Deans	3.11.00	5	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	4.12.00	1	3.03.00	1	dnf	0	dnf	0	5.05.00	5	dnf	0							12
15	D Arnold Jr	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	37.15.00	9	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							9
16	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	30.00.00	8	00.00.00	0	5.00.00	1	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0							9
17	D Brown	29.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							8
18	D Arnold	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	16.06.00	4	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							4
19	E Arnold	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	14.03.00	2	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							2
20	P Shire	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
21	M Williams	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
22	J Draper	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	dnf	0							0
23	E Willacy	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
24	D Richardson	00.00.00	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
25	D Kowalick	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
26	A Hicks	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0							0
27	S Lodge	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	dnf	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	dnf	0							0

LAST 9 MATCH SELECTION TABLE

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9										
		POUND	PT	E/VALE	PT	SIRC	PT	B/AWAY	PT	SIRC	PT	POUND	PT	B/AWAY	PT	SIRC	PT	CANBERRA	PT	Total
	NAME	14/12/97		1/11/98		8/02/98		1/03/98		20/07/97		3/08/97		7/09/97		5/10/97		9/11/97		
1	S Scott	9.10.00	6	12.10.00	10	19.11.08	8	13.02.00	10	44.15.00	10	2..01.00	2	00.00.00	0	43.05.00	9	8.00.00	1	56
2	R Waits	8.12.00	5	00.00.00	0	45.12.08	10	00.06.00	6	38.14.00	9	4.08.00	3	00.00.00	0	10.11.00	4	24.11.00	8	45
3	M Triston	5.01.00	1	2.02.00	8	9.04.00	6	2.04.00	7	00.00.00	0	6.07.00	6	4.11.00	9	25.12.08	6	13.09.00	1	44
4	R Ballard	22.01.08	9	00.00.00	0	31.00.00	9	00.00.00	0	26.01.08	7	19.06.00	10	00.00.00	0	5.06.00	2	19.15.00	6	43
5	D Woods	15.09.00	7	00.01.00	6	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	18.07.00	10	26.00.00	7	45.00.08	10	40
6	H Hill	5.13.00	3	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	2.12.00	9	00.00.00	0	8.04.00	8	00.02.00	8	00.00.00	0	16.07.00	5	33
7	C Draper	8.05.00	4	3.06.00	9	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	5.08.00	5	00.00.00	0	15.07.00	5	15.07.00	3	26
8	J Alimeni	5.11.00	2	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	2.11.00	8	00.00.00	0	6.10.08	7	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	20.07.00	7	24
9	B Childs	1.07.08	1	00.00.08	5	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	13.03.08	9	00.02.00	7	-	0	2.11.00	1	23
10	J Davis	2.06.08	1	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	10	5.01.00	6	5.02.00	4	-	0	00.00.00	0	11.14.00	1	22
11	J Moses	20.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	74.12.00	10	8.14.00	1	19
12	B Edmonson	-	0	1.07.00	7	15.05.00	7	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	10.12.00	1	15
13	C Jones	23.05.00	10	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	6.14.00	3	5.15.00	1	14
14	S Deans	-	0	-	0	5.05.00	5	-	0	3.11.00	5	-	0	00.00.00	0	4.12.00	1	3.03.00	1	12
15	R Czichon	5.00.00	1	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	30.00.00	8	00.00.00	0	9
16	D Arnold Jr	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	37.15.00	9	9
17	D Brown	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	29.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	8
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19	E Arnold	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	14.03.00	2	2
20	A Hicks	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
21	S Lodge	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
22	D Richardson	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
23	J Draper	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
24	E Willacy	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0
25	M Williams	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0

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DEAR Steve and anyone else interested,

Hello , Yep, I have found the typing gear but only have a small gap on the desk to work so if you see the odd word like wikkel, dont worry about it.

Believe it or not it is now a couple of weeks since I wrote that last bit, I got side tracked and the computer dissapeared almost instantly I blinked. Anyway, im now at it again with an hour to go before I have to move again so I should get this finished. Angus, in New Zealand, sent me a copy of the video made during the last trans tasman, it was great to see loads of old mates and brilliant to NOT see all the prats that I would have no wish to see, My only criticism of the tape is that I would have liked to have seen more footage of the anglers and less of bob talking, I can imagine a lot of anglers will be dissapointed to have helped finance the venture in the hope of seeing themselves only to find they are no where in sight. I had a bit of a laugh shortly after I recieved it, Dave Arnold from Canberra phoned and I told him that I thought his moment of stardom on the video was great to which he promptly asked me how I knew since he had payed in advance for a copy and had still not recieved it, I left him puzzling over how it could be available in England but not in OZ.

Mymate has just joined a bit of an exclusive fishing club nearby that has eleven ponds all stocked with monster fish, even catfish that weighed 55 lbs when they were stocked. He joined three months ago but his membership didnt start until the new year and since that day, its been so bloody windy, he hasent had a crack at it yet, sounds great dont it? mind you at 200 quid a year, it will be a while before I join him.

As for the club mag, I really like to get them so I can see how certain members are doing, Im constantly amazed at how BADLY Stuart has been going, I mean hes such a legend, (hi Stewie)

As per your request for a donation, I gave it a bit of a think and decided that the club cant really be in need of a couple of dollars for postage, and since I noticed that the mini records arnt really tumbling, Id send the club a set of scales that will allow you to accurately weigh the mini fish, since you have now turned your backs on tradition and opted for metric weighing, they are metric salters. Someones wife will have to make a mini weigh sling and weight it so that you can zero them but I reckon they should come in handy for the small records and even maybe seperating two small fish in a match that seem to weigh the same on the bigger scales. Who knows, you could even hold gambusia matches now, I hope the club finds this to be a sufficient donation.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

CHEERS FOR NOW,

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LUCKY. ARE YOU USING THE BEST? ? - THE POLEMAN

Are you confused by pole elastics?
Do you know your Drennans from your Middys
and does a pretty colour influence your decision of which to buy?

We charged engineer and Team Image match ace KEVIN FOLWELL to come up with the definitive guide to shock absorbers.

Read before you buy!

With so many different pole elastics on the market there's bound to be some confusion about what each is capable of. The problem is there's no industry standard and, although experienced anglers soon work out for themselves where a new brand fits into the scheme of things, it's all a bit 'trial and error'. For instance, the Future and Preston Innovations elastics are two of the most popular brands on the market yet their grades don't match exactly. As an example, the Future number three elastic seems lighter than Preston's number three but heavier than the number two, it's almost like a size 2½. Add to these anomalies the fact that no two manufacturers use the same colours for each grade and that not all manufacturers publish breaking strains or diameters for their wares and it's plain to see why there's a great deal of confusion.

MYSTERY

Some elastics are surface dyed, some are coloured throughout. Some are made of pure rubber, some are latex and no two brands seem identical across all the grades of their own ranges.

In a bid to cut through the mystery surrounding elastics, we collected as many different makes as we could and tested them all for diameter, elasticity and strength. What we ended up with was a table that should allow you to see, at a glance, exactly where each elastic sits compared to its competitors.

However, there are a few points worth

considering. First, every elastic we tested lost strength after it had been 'bottomed out'. Sometimes that strength reduction was by as much as 50 per cent so it's worth bearing in mind that if you have a red letter day and catch a big weight of powerful fish such as carp, one of the first tasks you need to do when you get home is change the elastic in that pole tip.

That factor might not be such a consideration if you're an angler that spends all his time snatching roach and gudgeon from a canal but it is worth bearing in mind if you ever 'get bottomed' by a rogue chub or pike.

CONTROL

Essentially there isn't any massive difference between the various brands in terms of straight performance. That said, we also tested some white, undyed elastic as a 'control' and found it to be marginally stronger, diameter for diameter, than any of the dyed samples. Fashion has dictated that coloured elastics are the norm these days but there seemed little doubt after our tests that the dyeing process does weaken the material to a small degree.

However, given that anglers seem to have very few problems with dyed elastic in use, this chart should best be used to help you select the correct brand and strength for the fishing you do.

Our tests did reveal one or two quirks in the breaking strains of elastics and they have been marked with a star*. This symbol has been used whenever a particular material broke at less than

we'd expect and, although we've only tested one sample spool or winder of each elastic, if we encountered a strange reading we conducted several tests at intervals along the full length of the material supplied. The moral seems to be, don't take anything at face value and, if you have doubts about any material you're currently using, test it yourself and only continue using it if you're satisfied in its performance.

CHANGING TIMES

For some time I've used elastics from several different manufacturers and I've long been a believer that just because one firm makes the best lighter grades, it doesn't necessarily follow that the same firm is best for the 'beast tamers'. Now this table will allow you to tell, at a glance, exactly how each performs.

We have endeavoured to test every elastic on the market, however, times change and products become replaced. For instance, since collecting all these samples together, Maver and Milo, to name just two, have replaced the elastics featured here with new products. Our reason for keeping these older samples in the guide is based on the assumption that both will still be available through retailers for some months while stocks run down. In a future issue we will update the guide and, if possible, subject every new product to the same series of tests.

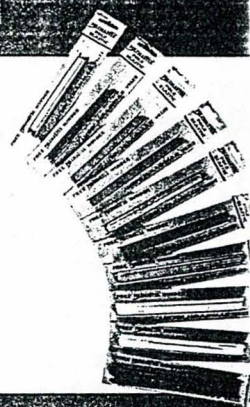
Pole elastic is the vital link between you and your rig so it makes sense to know exactly what each brand is capable of.

Here's How They Performed...

No	Colour	Knot B/S (Stated)	Stated Diameter	Actual Diameter	Stretch Factor	Breaking Pull
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DRENNAN

1	Grey	2.5lb/1.1kg	0.55mm	0.58mm	5.2/1	2.5lb
2	■ Purple	3.5lb/1.6kg	0.67mm	0.69mm	5.5/1	3.0lb
3	■ Orange	4.5lb/2kg	0.75mm	0.77mm	5.4/1	4.0lb
4	■ Blue	5.5lb/2.5kg	0.85mm	0.88mm	5.4/1	6.0lb
5	■ Green	6.5lb/2.9kg	0.9mm	1.01mm	5.4/1	6.5lb
6	■ Red	8.5lb/3.8kg	0.98mm	1.14mm	5.4/1	7.0lb
8	Mustard	10.5lb/4.7kg	1.10mm	1.22mm	5.5/1	8.5lb
10	■ Yellow	12.5lb/5.7kg	1.27mm	1.39mm	5.3/1	11.0lb
12	□ White	14.5lb/6.6kg	1.50mm	1.43mm	5.4/1	9.0lb*
14	■ Blue	16.0lb/7.3kg	1.80mm	1.97mm	5.0/1	13.0lb



FUTURE

1	■ Red	Not Given	0.55mm	0.47mm	6.3/1	1.25lb
2	■ Purple	Not Given	0.65mm	0.57mm	6.2/1	2.5lb
3	■ Green	Not Given	0.74mm	0.74mm	6.2/1	4.0lb
4	■ Orange	Not Given	0.84mm	0.82mm	6.3/1	4.75lb
5	■ Blue	Not Given	0.91mm	0.86mm	6.2/1	5.0lb
6	■ Yellow	Not Given	1.05mm	1.16mm	5.8/1	9.0lb
8	■ Purple	Not Given	1.27mm	1.27mm	5.8/1	10.0lb
10	■ Green	Not Given	1.55mm	1.58mm	5.8/1	13.0lb
12	■ Blue	Not Given	1.80mm	2.10mm	5.5/1	19.0lb*
14	■ Green	Not Given	2.15mm	2.15mm	5.5/1	16.0lb*
18	■ Blue	Not Given	2.55mm	2.06mm	5.5/1	17.0lb
20	■ Orange	Not Given	2.70mm	2.38mm	5.3/1	23.0lb



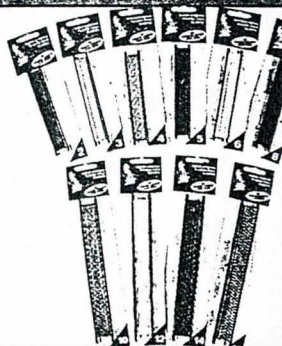
FX MATCH

1	■ Red	Not Given	0.49mm	0.51mm	6.3/1	2.0lb
2	■ Pink	Not Given	0.66mm	0.73mm	6.1/1	4.0lb
3	■ Yellow	Not Given	0.75mm	0.69mm	6.2/1	3.5lb*
4	■ Orange	Not Given	0.84mm	0.83mm	6.5/1	4.5lb
5	■ Green	Not Given	0.93mm	0.94mm	6.0/1	6.0lb
6	■ Yellow	Not Given	1.06mm	1.07mm	6.3/1	7.0lb
8	■ Purple	Not Given	1.27mm	1.34mm	6.0/1	10.0lb
10	■ Red	Not Given	1.44mm	1.56mm	6.0/1	11.0lb
12	■ Magenta	Not Given	1.60mm	1.71mm	6.0/1	12.0lb
14	■ Blue	Not Given	1.80mm	1.90mm	6.0/1	14.0lb
16	■ Green	Not Given	2.00mm	2.10mm	6.3/1	16.0lb



MAP

2	■ Blue	Not Given	0.66mm	0.64mm	5.7/1	3.25lb
3	■ Green	Not Given	0.76mm	0.80mm	5.9/1	4.5lb
4	■ Orange	Not Given	0.84mm	0.91mm	6.0/1	5.0lb
5	■ Purple	Not Given	0.90mm	0.98mm	5.9/1	6.5lb
6	■ Yellow	Not Given	1.05mm	1.06mm	5.5/1	7.5lb
8	■ Black	Not Given	1.28mm	1.23mm	6.0/1	10.0lb
10	■ Blue	Not Given	1.50mm	1.58mm	5.7/1	13.5lb
12	■ Yellow	Not Given	1.70mm	1.75mm	5.5/1	16.5lb
14	■ Purple	Not Given	1.90mm	1.87mm	5.3/1	19.5lb
16	■ Green	Not Given	2.10mm	2.05mm	5.0/1	20.0lb



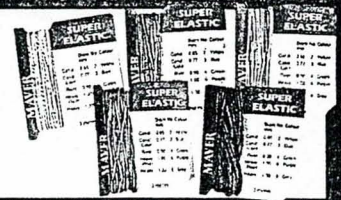
MAVER SUPER STRONG CARP

8	■ Blue	1.76lb/0.8kg	0.50mm	0.53mm	6.2/1	2.5lb
16	■ Azure	3.5lb/1.6lb	0.61mm	0.66mm	6.2/1	4.0lb
26	■ Black	5.7lb/2.6kg	0.87mm	0.84mm	6.1/1	6.0lb
33	■ Cream	7.3lb/3.3kg	1.08mm	1.12mm	6.5/1	9.0lb
48	□ White	10.6lb/4.8kg	1.25mm	1.25mm	6.2/1	10.0lb



MAVER SUPER ELASTIC

2	Yellow	Not Given	0.65mm	0.66mm	6.0/1	4.0lb
3	Blue	Not Given	0.77mm	0.79mm	6.0/1	5.0lb
4	Green	Not Given	0.90mm	0.92mm	6.0/1	6.0lb
6	Purple	Not Given	1.00mm	1.06mm	5.7/1	9.0lb
8	Grey	Not Given	1.30mm	1.29mm	6.0/1	11.5lb



MIDDY

1-2	White	Not Given	0.65mm	0.62mm	6.3/1	2.5lb
2-4	Green	Not Given	0.75mm	0.76mm	5.7/1	3.0lb
4-6	Purple	Not Given	0.875mm	0.86mm	6.1/1	4.75lb
6-8	Orange	Not Given	1.00mm	1.07mm	5.9/1	5.5lb
8-10	Yellow	Not Given	1.30mm	1.34mm	6.2/1	10.0lb
10-14	Red	Not Given	1.60mm	1.65mm	6.1/1	11.5lb
14-18	Blue	Not Given	2.10mm	2.07mm	6.4/1	15.0lb



MILO SUPER LUBRICANT ELASTIC

3	Violet	2.0kg	0.95mm	0.93mm	5.6/1	4.5lb
4	White	2.35kg	1.05mm	1.00mm	5.8/1	7.0lb
5	Black	2.9kg	1.25mm	1.12mm	6.3/1	7.5lb
6	Cream	3.7kg	1.35mm	1.30mm	6.0/1	8.0lb
7	Yellow	5.2kg	1.43mm	1.43mm	6.0/1	9.0lb



MILO SUPER CARPA ELASTIC

2	Buff	8.6kg	2.00mm	1.98mm	6.0/1	11.0lb
3	Buff	15.5kg	3.00mm	3.05mm	4.7/1	25.5lb

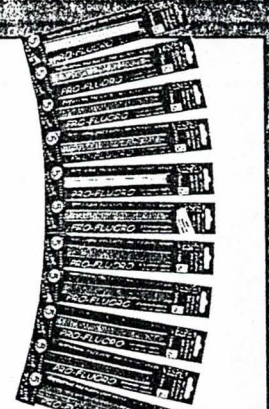
PRESTON INNOVATIONS

1	Purple	Not Given	0.58mm	0.59mm	5.6/1	3.0lb
2	Red	Not Given	0.67mm	0.67mm	5.8/1	4.25lb
3	Green	Not Given	0.75mm	0.78mm	5.9/1	5.0lb
4	Orange	Not Given	0.85mm	0.86mm	6.0/1	5.5lb
5	Blue	Not Given	0.91mm	0.91mm	5.9/1	6.0lb
6	Yellow	Not Given	1.06mm	1.09mm	5.9/1	8.0lb
8	Black	Not Given	1.27mm	1.27mm	5.9/1	9.0lb
10	Blue	Not Given	1.4mm	1.56mm	5.7/1	10.0lb
12	Green	Not Given	1.6mm	1.63mm	5.7/1	11.0lb
14	Purple	Not Given	1.8mm	1.96mm	5.8/1	12.0lb
16	Yellow	Not Given	2.0mm	2.13mm	5.8/1	12.5lb
18	Orange	Not Given	2.2mm	2.37mm	5.5/1	15.5lb



VESPE

2	Green	2.0lb/0.9kg	0.66mm	0.66mm	5.2/1	2.5lb
3	Orange	3.1lb/1.4kg	0.75mm	0.75mm	5.4/1	3.0lb
4	Blue	3.9lb/1.8kg	0.86mm	0.90mm	5.7/1	5.0lb
5	Red	5.0lb/2.3kg	0.93mm	0.93mm	5.8/1	5.5lb
6	Yellow	6.8lb/3.1kg	1.06mm	1.02mm	5.4/1	8.0lb
7	Red	7.4lb/3.3kg	1.13mm	1.13mm	5.5/1	9.0lb
8	Purple	7.9lb/3.6kg	1.20mm	1.20mm	5.5/1	8.5lb*
10	Green	10.2lb/4.6kg	1.40mm	1.45mm	5.4/1	12.0lb
12	Red	12.3lb/5.6kg	1.60mm	1.63mm	5.5/1	11.0lb
14	Blue	15.8lb/7.2kg	1.80mm	1.85mm	5.6/1	17.0lb
16	Blue	21.6lb/9.8kg	2.10mm	2.05mm	5.5/1	20.0lb



NOTES

Shades of colour vary, we have tried to simplify the descriptions as much as possible. Not all manufacturers state a breaking strain for their elastics, where provided the information is reproduced as it appears on the packaging. Not all manufacturers state diameters for their elastics. The actual diameters shown are an average sample of the length of the elastic as provided to us.

The stretch shown is of each sample of elastic, straight from the spool or winder on which it was supplied.

The breaking pull is the maximum amount of 'weight' that could be applied to each elastic until a clean break occurred. All the elastics tested were considerably weaker than the figures shown here once they had been 'bottomed out' and re-tested. Where unusual readings were found, the elastic was tested several times and an average taken.

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I drew D section again but this time I was halfway along on peg seven. The best first day weight from the area was 45lb and had come to the feeder at 50 yards. The angler who had taken it was John Holden from Melbourne and he'd drawn peg six again.

My first three fish on the pole were little perch so I was out on the feeder with John Holden by the hour mark. We soon started getting a few and I matched him fish for fish until the end. My worm hook bait certainly sorted out the better fish and I finished with 62lb to John's 50lb. My best three went 20lb together.



Another section win and I'd done it. Adey fished his lungs out for 102lb on the pole and a section win which gave him second spot on the day and John got another second in section for fourth spot overall. Revis Stanley took top weight on day two with a huge 120lb. Remember, these are not stocked waters.

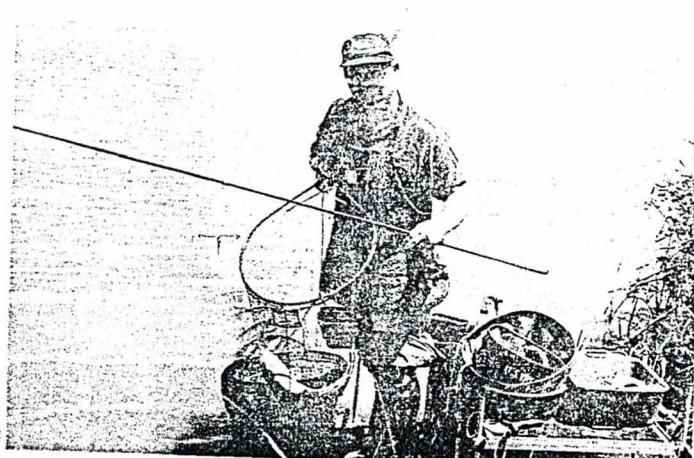
REVELRY

Team wise we'd beaten Northern Select by just two points and Team Vikings filled third spot. The presentation and revelry which followed were truly memorable. We supped more than was good for us and ended up emptying the Indian restaurant with Tony Lyons' singing and my whistle playing!

The win brought us a combined \$1,400, which is a mega pick up in Aussie match fishing so we were well pleased.

I only fished a small sweepstakes in December and that was as much to get a current feel for Carrum than anything else. I piled the Whizzo in and set just a feeder rod up. Despite a water skiing boat cutting off a probable double figure carp, I scored a second with 24lb to the well earned 32lb of Keith Thomas and that was my year over.

Not a lot of matches, but my best season so far in Australia and over \$1,500 in winnings. We're now looking forward to the National in March and with our 'Whizzo' sponsorship I've got a good feeling. I'll have to send you another postcard.



He asked the tattooist to do him a roach. "Sure," the bloke said. "Do you want it walking or just sat still?"

DECISIVE

As a compromise, I decided to feed a pole line, but probably fish the feeder as a main line of attack. It was a bit shallower, around six feet at 12 metres, so I put in a full bowl of feed at 35 yards and just a couple of balls on the pole line. I'd also put some chopped worm into the pole line feed and started with a worm on the hook.



Carp fighters tip scales against villain of river

By ANTHONY HOY
Rural Editor

It's high noon at Deniliquin's carp corral.

A single weir has trapped a 5,000-tonne piscatorial enemy army in putrid, receding, oxygen-depleted Moira Lake.

In a desperate three-day struggle to reach freedom in the fresher waters of the Murray River, huge schools of the aquatic pest digest 40 tonnes of soil, failing by only centimetres in a mammoth and frightening excavation feat to separate the steel and timber structure from its foundations.

Man has, by the skin of his teeth, notched his first significant win against the European carp, dubbed "the villain of our rivers" by the CSIRO.

For the first time since the 1934 construction of the Hume Weir, near Albury, Moira Lake is in its natural drying cycle, leaving hundreds of thousands of carp to die on its cracking clay bed.

Pelicans engorged on the smaller carp can no longer take off. Sea and wedgetail eagles, foxes and crows feast on the remains of larger fish, between six and nine kilograms.

Moira Lake is the largest wetland on the central Murray, once a spawning ground and commercial and recreational cornucopia for prized native fish - Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch. In 1892 the 1,200-hectare reservoir yielded 35 tonnes of the 130 tonnes of



Murray River fish sold at the Melbourne Fish Market.

Carp now dominate the lake to the almost total exclusion of native fish - as they do in the Murray and an increasing number of waterways extending from the Canning River near Perth to the streams and canals of Queensland's Gold Coast hinterland, Victoria's Gippsland Lakes and the headwaters of the Clyde River in Tasmania.

Of 2,654 fish caught in Moira Lake during a recent six-day NSW Fisheries survey, only six were native fish and around 2,400 were European carp.

The lake is the focal point of the most ambitious project yet to restore native fish breeding on the Murray River by saving vast tracts of the wetlands.

The NSW Murray Wetlands Working Group - comprising government departments, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Environment Planning and Protection Authority and representatives of catchment management committees - is spending \$1 million to rid the lake of carp and allow native fish to return.

An artificial creek will move water and native fish back to the river during the lake's reinstated natural dry period.

"By re-establishing the drying phase, the working group is intending to emulate the natural wet-dry cycle for the benefit of native fish, plants and other animals, particular waterbirds," a State Forests ecologist, Mr David Leslie, said.

The carp will periodically be removed by electrofishing, which stuns them with an electric current. "A benefit of electrofishing, as opposed to netting, the fish, is that native fish can be released unharmed back into the Murray River," he said.

The carp will be herded to where an excavator will scoop them from the lake. They will then be snap-frozen, processed and marketed as a high-nitrogen organic fertiliser.

Regulators and fishways are being built to allow water levels in the lake and the adjoining Millewa red gum forests to be managed to favour native fish, waterbirds and wetland plants and discourage European carp.

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What a pity they don't spend
\$1m on public education about angling!
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