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# SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB MAGAZINE ISSUE NO; 1



## The Presidents Report

At the time of righting this presidents report I am daydreaming of the coming match at the Breakaway on Fathers day, and no doubt I will have to add to this report at a later date.

So far this season has produced some significant highs and lows for the anglers who have participated in the years events. Without doubt old golden balls Ballard has started the year off in magnificent fashion with a record breaking 10lb Bully Mullet from Mirrambeena. Howard has also chipped in with the first SAS, qualifier a common carp of 15lb+ form Tuggeranong Lake in Canberra. On the match circuit I won the first match at the rowing course and that man Ballard picked up the second at the pound. Unfortunately the Saturday match at the rowing course was pathetic with only one fish caught, I checked with the Peters secretary and no carp have been removed although she did say that the weed machine had been in the week before the event.

The club committee met the other night (see minutes for detail) to discuss amongst other things a change of date for the club match in Canberra, the Canberra Classic and a State of origin competition. The committee decided to move the Canberra club match from the 1st & 2nd of November to the 8th & 9th of November as there is a major sporting event on and there is no accommodation available on the original dates. The final draft proposal for the Canberra Classic and State Of Origin series has been accepted in principle by the AFCAA Inc. It should be noted that for the State of Origin competition that normal club selection rules are not being applied and the team will be picked by a non fishing manager. John Davis has volunteered to forfill this role however the position is open to any other member of the club who may wish to select the team.

It's now the Wednesday after the match at the Breakaway and there is nothing much to say about yours truly who blanked. To say this match was pathetic is true for those of us that did not catch however Dave Woods was ecstatic when he scored first place with 18lbs, (John don't worry about a match report for this one). Speaking of reports both Bill and John (you know who you are) have not submitted any reports for either the Leisure days or SAS.

On a final note Prospect is slowly coming our way in terms of access and I will keep you posted.

Regards

Steve

# Match Report For 1996-1997 Season

This season title did not see a close finish for first position as last season, since Mark Triston had already decided the outcome with a few matches to spare. None the less the battle for second and third spot has seen quite a few candidates.

One item that has clearly improved is that of attendance. Despite a few people taking a very casual attitude towards matches, and a spate of bad weather, we've had 168 anglers taking part in Sunday matches and an average of 14, compared with 154 and an average of 12.8 last season. If we add the Saturday matches the figures are 192 vs 166.

The Sydney International Regatta Centre holds both the lowest and highest number of contestants respectively with 10 and 19. But the Pound also has had an impressive match with 18 anglers.

Finally the overall weight of fish caught has also gone up dramatically, thanks to good catches at SIRC and at the Breakaway. Last season's figure, for Sunday matches only, of 719. lb 10 oz pales into insignificance compared with the figure of just over 1300 lb caught this season (to which unfortunately I have made little contribution this year). Individually, last season largest weight of just over 47 lb by Richard Crake has been beaten on several occasion with Ron Waits topping at 90 lb05 oz..

I can only conclude then, that this has been a very competitive and very successful season and I am looking foward to an even better one for next season.

At a glance	1996	1997
No of participants	154 (166)*	168 (192)*
Average	12.8 (11.7)*	14 (12)*
Individual largest weight	47.04.08 (R. Crake)	90.05.00 (R. Waits)
Overall largest weight	117.08.00 (R. Crake)	183.07.06 (M. Triston)
Total weight	719.10.00	1300.00.06

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Saturday matches

John Alimeni - Match Secretary

### THREE LITTLE FISHERMEN { Two and One canteen Manager }

It was a glorious morning on Sunday the 29 June 1997, the Vicar and my wife had given me absolution, in order that I could go and practice fishing { God really know's what I need!}. So I thought that I would have a go at the Pound. Trouble was that Ron Waits would not be there to Pre bait my swim. So I would have to muddle along all by myself or so I thought!.

I arrived at the Pound at 07.00 and to my surprise found that Robin {Hood} Ballard had just turned up and was just having a cup of his coffee, "Good Morning Bill, would you like a cup of coffee?" said Robin, as always he is very generous with his coffee { it must be a case of him or his wife makes bad coffee, as he is always offering it around, trying to get rid of it perhaps} "Not for me thanks! I just got Mackers, thanks very much Robin" relieved to get out of the sample tasting this week. So then I thought, I have got to beat Robin this week, and toddled off to the swim that he caught 60lb of fish from last week { Peg Pinching Bill Strikes again !!!}

"Do you mind if I sit on your shoulder Bill" Said Robin So I shrugs them and being the nice refine English gentleman that I am, say "No, Of Course not!" { What I meant was Bollock;s there goes the F@#\$%&\* Fish}. Anyway we set up, {Robin in my Pocket } both on the wagglers and start fishing.

Not a touch for two hours, then all of a sudden along comes Howdy Dodie Hill and gives us our first bite of the day in the form of a hot meat pie each. I am amazed what he has got in that van of his.

Jammy that I am, I catch the first fish a Small carp, so Robin does a Ralph with the Ground bait and the water rises 6 inches, Violent Waves start forming all along the Pound and I have to adjust the setting on my float, but it seems to do the trick, Robin catches a carp, then I catch one, Robin gets another, then I get another, this goes on for an hour and low and behold I am in front. Being the nice refine English gentleman that I am and a Sportsman to boot {or One Boot} I say "That as I Have beaten you Robin I am Packing Up, so I win!."

Well! Whip my grannie with a stocking full of hot shit!, you would never believe it, He throws a Wobbly and tosses his rod in to the murky waters of the Pound. Howdy and I just cannot believe it. There is his rod in the water over the far side and Robin laying on the floor flaying the ground with his arms and legs, screaming his lungs out in that rough north of England language, {not like a nice refine English gentleman that I am}. So I thought I need another rod and reel, and I cast out my Tackle Not Wedding Tackle Waggler!} and connect with the rod and reel first time. Gently winding in I manage to get the equipment to the bank "This must be the Specimen of the year, thanks Robin" But Just Looking at his big Doe like eye's, brim full of tears, I decompose and hand him back his rod and reel like the nice refine English gentleman that I am, and only charge him \$20.00. But! But! But! I didn't throw it in, a great big, big fish pulled it in, Honest" he says. Howdy and I look at each other and shake our heads. and I Say "O.K Robin if thats the story you want to tell the club members what happened, I as a nice refine English gentleman that I am and Howdy as the Aussie that he is will keep guiet about this matter for as long as we can". {This is as long as it Gets. I just couldn't wait to tell you all} All of this is true as Howdy is my witness, as he is on the next match. It was Pissing down and I was 2 fish up so Robin packs up and goes furniture shopping with Howdy {Who is setting up who in a secret hideaway!!!! I leave that for you to Decide!}

Tight Lines

Bill Childs

A nice refine English gentleman

# S.I.R.C. 20 JULY 1997 ROUND 1 - MATCH REPORT

Here we go again. Another season is starting: many bruised egos to be repaired, others to be boosted, others to prove a point; other simply looking for an improvement on last year or simply looking for some fun and relaxation. So here we have another bumper attendance (18 anglers) and some welcomed faces we hadn't seen for a while.

The day was simply glorious, there is after the fog had lifted of course, because for a couple of hours you had to cast at your feet if you wanted to have any chance of spotting your float. Otherwise you were always dreaming that your float had disappeared under the water only to be brought back to reality by the fact that the fog had rather swallowed it.

Beside this *minor* problem, which at least affected everybody, the weeds were again a major factor. It affected several people; unfortunately when we peg out in the morning we can only see (fog permitting) the weeds that stick out of the water while most of the weeds hiding just under the surface became visible only as the sun hits the water.

One thing that was confirmed though is the unpredictability of this venue: the last six peg at the far end all blanked, while the one near the boat ramp, which blanked at the previous match, was chockers with fish. Of course there are people who would like to make believe you that it depends on who fishes these pegs; then again there were some *illustrious* names (so to speak) among the blanks this time.

All in all only <u>five</u> people managed to score with a few losing the only fish they hooked which on the day would have made a huge difference. For the record Steve won with almost 45 pounds closely followed by Ron on almost 35. Good weigh-in also for Danny (29.06lb) and Robin (26.01.08lb) enabling him to win his section.

Fluoro.

	MATO	CH RESULTS	SIKC	20/1/47		
Position	Peg	Name	Weight		Section Pt	
1	1	S Scott	44.15.00	10	1	
2	3	R Waits	38.14.00	9		18
3	5	D Brown	29.06.00	8		
4	10	R Ballard	26.01.08	7	1	C Carp 13.01
5	7	J Davis	5.01.00	6	A muses	10: 191W 10793
6	12	S Deans	3.11.00	5		
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# Parrramatta Pound - 3 August 1997 ROUND 2 - MATCH REPORT

Back to the old faithful Pound for the second match of the season. A more manageable number of entries (13) allowed us to spread out a bit more, covering both sides of the bank, and also avoiding what is supposedly the best peg at the far end near the bridge.

Most went out on the pole right from the sound of the horn but bites were few and far between. Certainly they were quite timid so at the end of the day most fish were caught on the pole indeed. Barry, at my right, who hoped to repeat the result from the previous match here, this time could buy a bite; on the other hand Robin, on my left, was on target very soon with a good fish around ten pounds with the pole: a fish that by itself was way heavier that my three fish put together. Then again he caught another three fish and lost a few more, while I managed to find my usual snags.

Doing pretty well and breaking a rather long dry spell was Bill with over 13 pounds on peg number one, at the weir end, to give him second position. Considering the time of the year just four blanks at the Pound is not too bad: also the spread of points is reassuring. For the time being Robin has shot to the top of the table with 17 points with Ron and Steve following on 12. But it is still a looooooooooooog way to gooooooo.

Fluoro (alias Mr Snag).

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Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	4	R Ballard	19.06.00	10	1
2	1	B Childs	13.03.08	9	
3	3	H Hill	8.04.00	8	
4	5	J Alimeni	6.10.08	7	HO 518 0
5	9	M Triston	6.07.00	6	dissident
6	2	C Draper	5.08.00	5	
7	10	J Davis	5.02.00	4	-1817/77/7
8	11	R Waits	4.08.00	3	Sets V 39
9	8	S Scott	2.01.00	2	
-	12	J Moses	00.00.00	0	
(F) (#114 1-)	13	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	
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	6	B Edmonson	00.00.00	0	sann vel

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Position	Peg	Name	Weight	Points	Section Pt
1	11	D Woods	18.07.00	10	1
2	12	M Triston	4.11.00	9	
3	6	H Hill	00.04.00	8	1
4	3	B Childs	00.02.00	7	1
5	1	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	PRODUCE IN
6	2	R Ballard	00.00.00	0	- Nod
7	4	R Waits	00.00.00	0	27.97
8	5	S Deans	00.00.00	0	
9	7	S Scott	00.00.00	0	
	8	J Moses	00.00.00	0	
-	9	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	1500
-	7	C Draper	00.00.00	0	1000000

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1	R Ballard	45.07.08	17	3	2							
2	B Childs	13.05.08	16	3	1							
3	H Hill	8.08.00	16	3	1							
4	M Triston	11.02.00	15	3	1							
5	S Scott	47.00.00	12	3	1							
6	R Waits	43.06.00	12	3								
7	J Davis	10.03.00	10	2								
8	D Woods	18.07.00	10	2	1							
9	D Brown	29.06.00	8	2								
10	J Alimeni	6,10.08	7	3	1							
11	S Deans	3.11.00	5	2								
12	C Draper	5.08.00	5	3								
13	E Willacy	00.00.00	0	1								
14	D Richardson	00.00.00.	0	1								
15	J Draper	00.00.00	0	1								
16	J Moses	00.00.00	0	3								
17	R Czichon	00.00.00	0	3								
18	M Williams	00.00.00	0	1								
19	B Edmonson	00.00.00	0	1								

### LAST 9 MATCH SELECTION TABLE

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1	H Hill	10.14.00	3	13.14.00	7	14.14.00	8	5.04.00	9	00.00.00	0	8.04.00	8	00.02.00	8	00.00.00	0	4.03.00	10	53
2	M Triston	25.08.00	7	19.12.00	9	9.05.00	6	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	6.07.00	6	4.11.00	9	2.06.00	7	00.07.08	6	50
3	S Scott	49.09.00	10	10.02.00	4	00.00.00	0	3.07.08	8	44.15.00	10	201.00	2	00.00.00	0	1.15.08	6	00.15.00	8	48
4	R Ballard	48.11.00	9	35.00.08	10	4.00.00	5	00.00.00	0	26.01.08	7	19.06.00	10	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	41
5	R Waits	40.09.08	8	7.01.00	1	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	38.14.00	9	4.08.00	3	00.00.00	0	1.01.08	5	00.05.00	5	31
6	J Davis	2.01.08	1	2.05.00	1	00.00.00	0	10.03.00	10	5.01.00	6	5.02.00	4	-	0	2.07.08	8	00.00.00	0	30
7	C Draper	2.14.00	1	17.12.00	8	13.02.00	7	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	5.08.00	5	00.00.00	0	00.88.00	3	00.00.01	1	25
8	J Alimeni	9.00.00	2	8.15.00	2	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	6.10.08	7	00.00.00	0	00.00.01	1	00.08.08	7	19
9	D Woods	2.03.08	1	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0		0	18.07.00	10	00.09.00	4	00.01.08	3	18
10	S Deans	1.14.00	1	00.00.00	0	22.01.00	9	00.00.00	0	3.11.00	5	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.02.08	2	-	0	17
11	B Childs	00.00.00	0	4.03.00	1	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	13.03.08	9	00.02.00	7	00.00.00	0	-	0	17
12	D Richardson	25.01.00	6	-	0	-	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	-	0	4.15.08	10	-	0	16
13	R Czichon	24.11.08	5	11.09.00	6	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.04.08	4	15
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15	J Moses	00.00.00	0	3.06.00	1	24.14.00	10	-	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	00.00.00	0	-	0	00.00.00	0	11
16	D Brown	-	0	9.06.00	3	-	0	•	0	29.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	-	0		0		0	11
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1	R Ballard	26.01.08	7	19.06.00	10	00.00.00	0																17
2	B Childs	00.00.00	0	13.03.08	9	00.02.00	7																16
3	H Hill	00.00.00	0	8.04.00	8	00.04.00	8																16
4	M Triston	00.00.00	0	6.07.00	6	4.11.00	9																15
5	S Scott	44.15.00	10	2.01.00	2	00.00.00	0																12
6	R Waits	38.14.00	9	4.08.00	3	00.00.00	0																12
7	J Davis	5.01.00	6	5.02.00	4	dnf	0										1.11						10
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9	D Brown	29.06.00	8	00.00.00	0	dnf	0																8
10	J Alimeni	00.00.00	0	6.10.08	7	00.00.00	0			-													7
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# LEISURE DAY SPECIES LISTS

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Species >>	Common Carp	Bream	Blenny	Bully Mullet	Bass	Nepean Herring	Gambusia	LF Eel	Freshwater Mullet	Eel Tail Catfish	Galaxia	Koi Carp	Cox's Gudgeon	Red fin	Goldfish	Mirror Carp	Aus Smelt	Empire Fish	Striped Gudgeon	Tailor	Trevally	Whiting	Blenny(1)	Silver Perch	Blackfish	Trumpeter	Silver Biddy	Toad	Butter Bream	TOTAL
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R Ballard	1			1																										2
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SPECIES	WEIGHT	CAPTOR	METHOD	BAIT	VENUE	DATE
AUSTRALIAN BASS	2.12.08	JOHN ALIMENI	POLE	MAGGOT	POUND	27/4/96
RIVER BLACKFISH	0.02.08	JON WILSON	Q/TIP	WORM	CROOKWELL	25/4/91
COMMON CARP	22.11.00	RICHARD CRAKE	Q/TIP	BREAD	HAWKSBURY	2/11/96
MIRROR CARP	11.14.00	DAVID KOWALICK	WAGGLER	CORN	PROSPECT CK	11/03/94
KOI CARP	12.00.00	DARRAN COX	WAGGLER	CORN	PROSPECT CK	10/09/94
CRUSIAN CARP	2.06.00	RICHARD CRAKE	WAGGLER	BREAD	PARRAMATTA LAKE	5/05/96
GOLDFISH	3.02.00	HOWARD HILL	WAGGLER	BREAD	PARRAMATTA LAKE	13/6/96
EELTAIL CATFISH	4.00.08	SCOTT D'OMBRAIN	LEDGER	MAGGOT	HUNTER RIVER	10/08/95
MURRAY COD	3.13.00	RICHARD CRAKE	LEDGER	YABBIE	LAKE MULWALA	14/10/95
TROUT COD				Part of the same		
LONGFIN EEL	15.02.00	STEVE SCOTT	FREELINE	PILCHARD	POUND	9/02/92
SHORTFIN EEL	1.07.08	RICHARD CRAKE	WAGGLER	WORM	AURA VALE LAKE VIC	25/2/96
AUSTRALIAN GREYLING				V materials		
NEPEAN HERRING	00.06.08	JAN WILSON	WAGGLER	MAGGOT	COBBITY	3/09/92
BULLY MULLET	10.00.00	R BALLARD	WAGGLER	BREAD	MIRRAMBEENA	16/897
FRESHWATER MULLET	3.09.00	JON WILSON	WAGGLER	BREAD	NEPEAN	92/93
REDFIN PERCH	2.08.00	ROBIN BALLARD	POLE	CORN	BURLY GRIFFIN	11/02/96
SILVER PERCH	5.04.00	JON WILSON	WAGGLER	CORN/WORM	CROOKWELL	3/391
MAQUARY PERCH	1			100 - 100 - 100 m		
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EMPIRE FISH	00.01.12	RICHARD CRAKE	WAGGLER	WORM	NEPEAN	2/11/96
JAP LONGFIN GOBY	00.02.00	ERIC WILLACY	WAGGLER	MAG/WORM	POUND	21/4/96
GALAXIA	00.02.00	JON WILSON	WAGGLER	WORM	POUND	30/1/93
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# SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB Inc. Agenda for meeting August 1997

Meeting Procedure.

- 1) Those Present
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Absent
- 4) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

### 2:1/93-94 NSW Fisheries (submitted S. Scott)

At long last dispensation has been granted and is to be automatic from now on. S Scott to submit new seasons details ASAP. Agreed to leave this item on agenda until new seasons dispensation is received. Dispensation received.

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

Ongoing issue, Prospect Reservoir and potentially National Parks to be pursued. Does anyone else wish to take up this challenge as S.Scott's time is limited. D Kowalick volunteered to take this on. S Scott has also provided the minister a detailed buisiness proposal relevant to the potential use of prospect following his recient press release.

### ACTION D Kowalick.

### 1:5/95-96 SCAC Profile (Submitted E Willacy)

Promotional material completed + article in Modern Fishing. H Hill to advertise club in UK angling press and international press. D Kowalick to talk to 2KY re promotion.

### ACTION D. Kowalick & H Hill.

### 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.

Options discussed;

- 1) Invite Kiwis
- 2) 2x6 hour matches
- 3) Pre baiting allowed on the day
- 4) If possible Stuart to use his marketing experience to attain sponsorship, given TV. and radio coverage is possible.
- S. Deans has completed a draft marketing plan for the Canberra event which will be provided to suitable organisations for consideration. Event be staged on the 6&7th of December.

### **ACTION S Deans & Committee**

### 7:2/96-97 SAS non metro trips (submitted S Scott)

It was agreed that J Davis and D Kowalick are to look at SAS do's out side of the Sydney metro area. To be publicized.

ACTION D Kowalick & J Davis.

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

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### **Action Committee.**

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### 1:4/96-97 Trans Tasmen (submitted S Deans)

It has been discussed that this years Aus Trans Tasmen team may be restricted to 21. In past years the number of anglers that want to attend have been accommodated for. S Deans suggested that this is not acceptable to which the majority agreed. P Shire to correspond to the AFCAA Inc re this issue.

### **ACTION P Shire.**

- Correspondence in and out. 5)
- General business new items. 6)
- Date and time of next meeting. TAB 7)
- 8) Close of meeting.

President SAC. Inc.

Signed

# SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB Inc. MINUTES for meeting 22/8/97

### Meeting Procedure.

1) Those Present

B Childs, J Alimeni, D Kowalick, H Hill, S Scott, J Davis.

2) Apologies

P Shire.

- 3) Absent
- 4) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Motion H Hill seconded J Alimeni.

### 4:3/94-95

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### **ACTION D Kowalick.**

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SCAC Profile (Submitted E Willacy)

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D Kowalick to talk to 2KY re promotion.

D Kowalick to draft letter to ABC. & SBS coarse angling TV show

### ACTION D. Kowalick & B Childs.

### 2:1/96-97

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Action J Davis.

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Action P Shire.

### 1:1/97-98 ACT November dates (submitted H Hill)

Due to a major sporting event being staged in the ACT at the same time as the match and leisure day event the committee has changed the venue dates from the 1st & 2nd to the 8th & 9th of november.

- 5) Correspondence in / out
- 6) Date and time of next meeting. TAB
- 7) Close of meeting. 9.25pm

Signed

President SAC. Inc.

## S.C.A.C SEASON 1997/1998 VENUES & DATES

July

6th Leisure 20th Match S.I.R.C. S.I.R.C.

August

3rd Match

Pound

17th Leisure

Mirrambeena

(Sat Match 23rd)

S.I.R.C.

September

7th Match

The Breakaway

21st Leisure

Eaglevale

October

5th Match

S.I.R.C.

19th Leisure

Derubbin Pk

(Sat Match 25th)

Pound

November

8th Leisure 9th Match A.C.T.

16th Leisure

Prospect Ck.

December

6&7th Canberra Classic

14th Match

Pound.

January

10th Match

Lans/Evale

Trans Tasman (NZ)

22-26th

February

8th Match

S.I.R.C.

15h Leisure

Pound

March

1st Match

Breakaway

7-8th

Nationals

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April

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May

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Second half Saturday matches to be organised by Bill Childs NB. Venues may be subject to change and all dates should be checked.

### **STATE OF ORIGIN**

### **DRAFT PROPOSAL**

The Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. is proposing a competition based on a state of origin concept to enhance the existing interstate competition that exists in the eastern states of Australia. The initial proposal is open for constructive debate to all persons prior to a final decision being made as to it's exact format.

Competing States Initially New South Wales, Victoria, ACT with the

inclusion of South Australia and other states given that

it is practical for participants to attend venues.

**Format** Three five hour matches conducted under normal match rules.

Venues to be decided by host state in conjunction with major

events ie.

ACT Canberra Classic - venue to be decided by D Arnold

Nationals - venue to be decided by Victoria

NSW - venue to be decided by SCAC. and run at a mutually

acceptable time.

(NB the state of origin comp is not part of any other organised event but run when and where possible prior to or after a major scheduled event. Obviously this is not possible with a Sydney

venue as no major event is currently held in Sydney)

Teams One four person team per state selected by each state. Each

team does not have to have the same persons competing in each

leg of the series.

The ACT team will be made up of the Arnolds + an available

member of the SCAC. at this initial stage.

The NSW team will be picked in an appropriate manner by a

non fishing team manager from the SCAC.

The Victorian team will be decided in an appropriate manner

Prizes NO CASH PRIZES

A major perpetual trophy will be presented to the winning state

and a matchman of the series medal presented to the overall

winning angler.

Sponsor It is hoped that a suitable sponsor can be found for this event.

Please indicate if the above proposal is of interest to the Federation and Victorian coarse anglers.



Our reference: F94/467

Mr Steven Scott Preisdent Sydney Coarse Angling Club Inc. 45 Keswick Rd Goerges Hall NSW 2198

1**8** July 1997

Dear Mr Scott

I refer to your request for a permit to authorise dispensation from bag, possession, size and rod limits in conjunction with the SCAC fishing match season.

I am pleased to advise that the permit has been approved. The permit is enclosed and is subject to the conditions as specified therein.

If you have any further inquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bill Talbot (Principal Manager, Recreation) or myself on (02) 9566 7819.

Yours sincerely

Francis Dorman

Aquaculture Officer

for DR JOHN GLAISTER

**Director of NSW Fisheries** 



Our reference: F94/467

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 37 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, members of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club (SCAC), are hereby authorised an exemption from the bag, possession, size and rod limits as set out under the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 1995, Division 2 Part 7, Division 3 Parts 9 and 10, Division 7 Part 6 of the above mentioned Act, while participating in the following SCAC match angling events.

This permit will remain current until 30 June 1998 unless sooner suspended or cancelled, and is subject to the strict adherence of the following conditions:

1. This permit is only valid for the following match angling events:

20 July 1997 Sydney International Regatta Centre Castlereagh Rd Penrith

3 August 1997 Parramatta Pound Parramatta

23 August 1997 Sydney International Regatta Centre Castlereagh Rd Penrith

7 September 1997 The Breakaway Freemans Reach Rd Windsor

5 October 1997 Sydney International Regatta Centre Castlereagh Rd Penrith

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25 October 1997 Parramatta Pound Parramatta

14 December 1997 Parramatta Pound Parramatta

10 January 1998 Lansdown Lake Lansdown

8 February 1998 Sydney International Regatta Centre Castlereagh Rd Penrith

1 March 1998 The Breakaway Freemans Reach Rd Windsor

5 April 1998 Parramatta Pound Parramatta

3 May 1998 Sydney International Regatta Centre Castlereagh Rd Penrith

7 June 1998 Parramatta Pound Parramatta

- 2. Any fish that are showing any signs of trauma, such as heavy bleeding or loss of equilibrium must be released immediately. All other fish caught must be released in good condition as soon as possible after the end of the match.
- 3. This permit must be kept on hand at all times during the events. Both the permit, and a list of club members participating on the day, must be produced to a Fisheries Officer upon request.

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- 4. The District Fisheries Officer in the area where the match angling event is to take place, is to be notified at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event.
- 5. Holders of this permit are expected to behave and conduct these activities under a professional code of conduct that does not generate conflict and criticism from the public or private sectors, including the fishing industries and local communities.
- 6. Any breach of these conditions may result in the immediate cancellation of this permit.

You are reminded that all provisions of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, and its amendments and regulations must be complied with unless specifically varied by this permit.

Paul Murphy

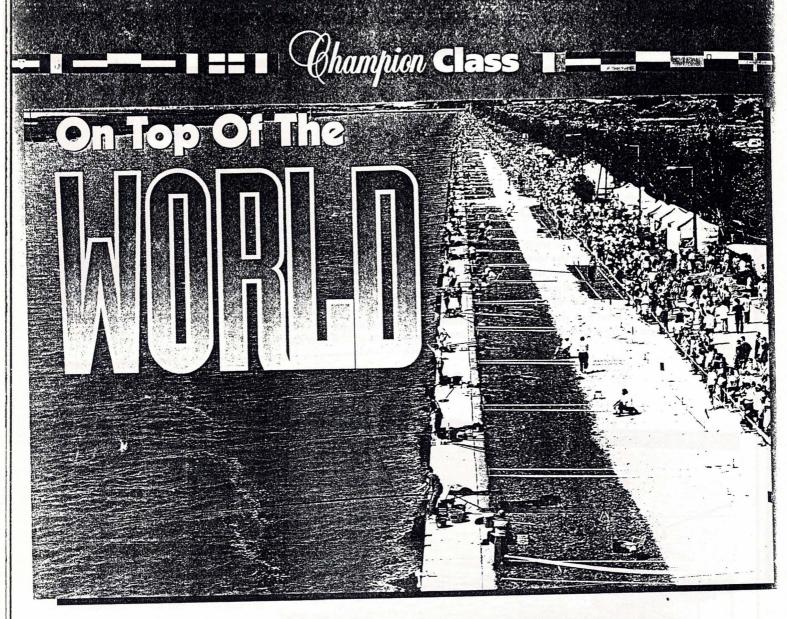
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for DR JOHN GLAISTER

**Director of NSW Fisheries** 

18.7.97

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He did it! Match Fishing's star writer, ALAN SCOTTHORNE, has become the youngest ever angler to win back to back World Championships.

This month he relives the time leading up to his historic win.

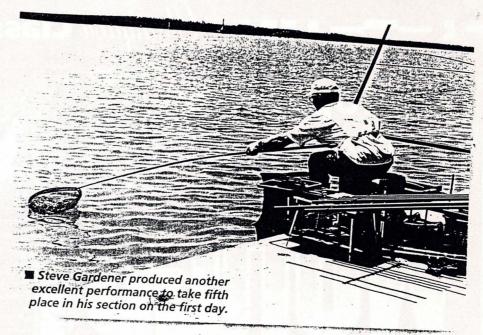
still can't believe it, three weeks after winning the World Championships for the second time it really hasn't sunk in yet. When I won the title in Italy last September I thought that it was impossible to feel happier, I'd achieved my life time ambition, but the feelings I had after realising I'd won the thing again are indescribable.

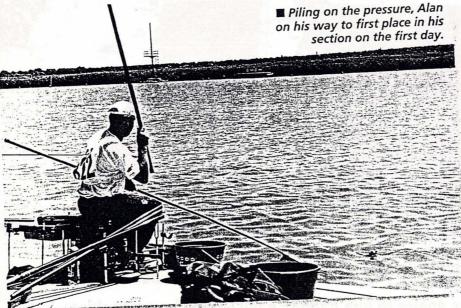
Much was made of the fact that when I won it last year I was going to be the shortest reigning World Champion ever. Because the 1996 event in Italy was held in September and this year's restaged match was in Hungary in June, my reign was only going to be for nine months rather than 12. I must admit that the fact wasn't completely lost on me but really it was just one of those unfortunate things, I had been World Champion after all, my only slight regret was that I would like to



have held the title for the first couple of months of this year's English season. Of course, the result in Hungary means that I'm going to go on record as the shortest reigning World Champion ever and the longest reigning - next year's match in Croatia is in September so I've got three extra months to wear the crown.

Although there was some press speculation about my winning the title again, it was something I hadn't really considered seriously. Once the England squad had been announced my priorities were first to get into the team and second, help England win the team gold medal. You don't think about the individual side of things until after the first match. Of course, if you've done well on the first day, then you allow yourself to dream but that first day is all important.





The first thing we realised once we'd arrived at the rowing course was that it wasn't a simple rowing course at all, it was actually connected to a massive natural lake at several points so the wind had a tremendous influence on what the water did. It didn't take long to understand that in such a large area of water, tow was going to be a major problem - at times the venue flowed like a river! I thought it was going to be like Holme Pierrepont but with fish, I couldn't have been more wrong, the only things they had in common were the wet water and the man made banks!

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# get into the team and second, help England win the team gold medal.

Our first problem was finding somewhere to actually practise, the World Championships length was closed to competitors until the week running up to the event and while we could have practised on the opposite bank, we all felt that would have been of limited use. Thankfully, we found a stretch on the natural section of the lake around half a mile from the end of the match length. The stretch was in a camp site and the depths looked to be about the same - an average of around five feet on the long pole line - but there was no discernible ledge and we had been told to expect to find one. However, we felt we'd be able to weigh up the species present and the best ways of feeding for

# FIRST IMPRESSION

This year's squad comprised myself, Bob Nudd, Steve Gardener, Kim Milsom, Dave Vincent and Mark Addy and none of us took much persuading that visiting the venue a week early would be time well spent. My sponsors Mustad and Shimano helped me out financially and that was me sorted for the trip. The 'coaching party' of Dick Clegg, Mark Downes and Tom Pickering were due to fly out to Hungary at the beginning of the official practice week but the six of us made up an advance party and decided to drive across to Hungary for a week on the water.

Before that trip none of us really knew much of what to expect other than what we'd been able to learn from the lads that fished there for Liverpool Gaswise in the World Club Championships. We'd been told we were fishing a rowing course and that when they

visited the place there'd been loads of bleak to be caught in practice that disappeared to be replaced by skimmers on the day of the race. However the early trip would allow us to build on this information with findings of our

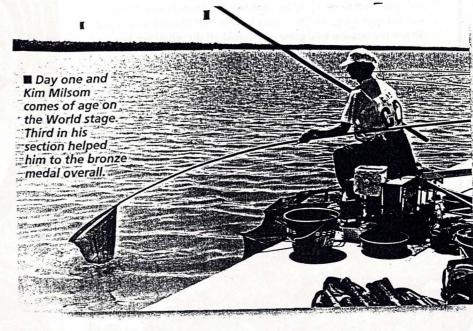
# LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Despite the fact that the Hungarian venue was 1,100 miles from Calais, we all agreed that driving across made sense, it meant we could load our cars with all the tackle we were likely to need and allow us freedom of movement once we arrived. We took the ferry across from Dover to Calais, picked up an initial supply of bloodworm and joker from Belgium and drove through to Hungary. We made one overnight stop in Germany en route but essentially we reached the venue in 23 hours of constant driving.

# Champion Class On Top Of The

Although we were there to practise we certainly had a terrific week's fishing as the section was absolutely solid with fish. The bleak that the Liverpool lads had warned us about were there, millions of them, and on one three hour session I decided to target them exclusively for the first hour, just to see how many I could catch. One hour and 318 bleak later I was a bit worried that the match might turn into a bleak race and that the Italians would be unbeatable, these were big bleak and the catch tipped the scales at five kilos. For the next two hours I targeted the skimmers and caught another five kilos, that gives you an idea of the head of fish in front of us.

We spent the week setting up rigs, tensioning elastics and choosing the correct floats, really we were all coming to terms with the venue, getting the feel for it. By the end of our week we all felt we were half way there, the official practice would be used to work out the groundbait mixes we felt were right and which lines we'd need to feed them on.



# THE BOSS ARRIVES

Dick, Mark and Tommy arrived at the venue on the Saturday evening and, once the nine of us were together, the serious business started. The six of us that had been there for a week had all got used to fishing with bloodworm again and were really looking forward

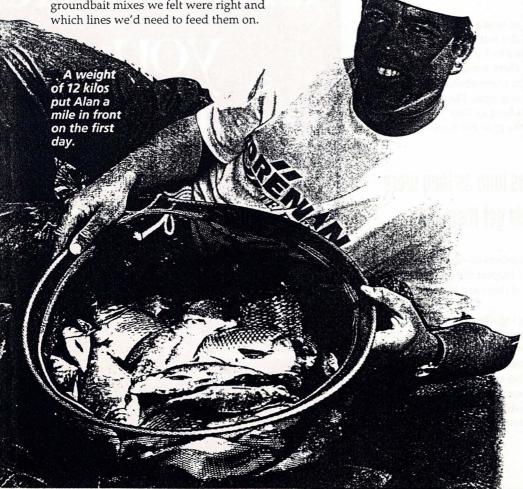
to getting on the match length proper and seeing if what we'd already learned held true for the pegged stretch.

Practice zones are allocated on a draw system and when we arrived at our zone on the Sunday morning. Dick put us straight into a three hour session fishing against each other. He asked us all to fish in whatever way we thought the World Championships ought to be fished.

Mark Addy won the session with around five kilos of skimmers but the interesting thing was that there were hardly any bleak to be caught and none of us saw a carp. After the session we were all a bit disappointed with the way the fish had responded but we all felt the venue would improve as the week went by. If you think about it, this was the first time for more than a week that the pegs we'd been allocated had been fished, it stood to reason that as more grub went in, more fish would be caught.

I mixed my groundbait quite soft so that some of the bait would drift over the edge like a moving carpet.

A pattern was soon set for the rest of the week and I have to say that the format Dick decided on was just about perfect. Our 'timetable' stayed much the same for the whole week, we'd get up at 6.30am and load the cars, breakfast was at seven and we'd pick up our bait on the way to arrive at the venue by 8am.



We'd all 'ball in' at 10.30 am and fish for three hours. Then we'd stop fishing, weigh in and have a chat about the way we all felt the session had gone. We could all do whatever we wanted in the afternoons, it wasn't difficult to predict what Bob Nudd would do, wild horses couldn't drag him away from his box when there were fish to be caught. However, I soon realised that the fishing got much better in the afternoons - in short as the day wore on it became easier to catch - so I did a bit of everything. On some days I'd fish on, on others I'd set rigs up, do some socialising/spying with the opposition or just soak up the atmosphere, it was all very laid back really. The hard work was done in the mornings during what would be the match hours for the coming weekend's World Championship.



# EYE OPENER

Our second official practice session was a bit of an eye opener, I won the 'match' with 11 kilos but we caught a couple of small carp - fish of around a pound to 11/2lb - and we hadn't seen them before. On the third day there were even more carp and the longer the week went on, the more obvious it was that they could play a major part in the outcome. The good thing was that the carp weren't big and as long as they were fairly hooked, we could get them out on the gear we were using for the skimmers.

# The carp weren't big and as long as they were fairly hooked, we could get them out.

To give you an idea of how the numbers of carp were increasing as the week progressed, I topped the penultimate session with 23lb which included just two carp but Bob Nudd had half a dozen.

We all felt that a plan was coming together but I had a couple of ideas of my own that I wanted to try out on the final session. I'd been doing well in the practice sessions and I reckoned it was because I wasn't loose feeding. Instead I'd been topping up my peg with handful-sized balls of joker in leam and it seemed to keep the fish coming. I wanted to try the method out against anglers loose feeding and, perhaps more importantly, see how soon I could start topping the peg up after the start of the match.



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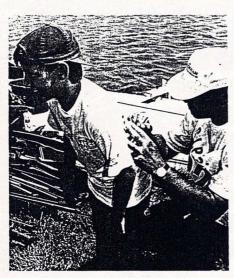
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# FEEDING TIME

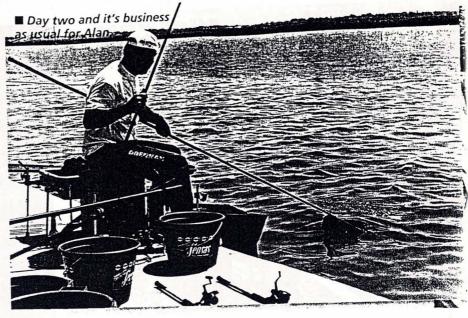
Bob and Steve were both keen to try loose feeding so the boss decreed that I should fish in between them. The pegs we were on were perfect, a shelf at 13 metres dropped straight off and that meant it was comfortable to fish both up the ledge and in the deeper water.

The three of us fed our own way, I started the session by feeding 30 balls of groundbait on top of the ledge, just short of the drop off. I felt that if I could catch there I'd be in the driving seat but I mixed my groundbait quite soft so that some of the bait would drift over the edge like a moving carpet. Bob chose to feed 20 balls on top of the ledge and half a dozen into the deeper water while Steve attacked his swim by putting 15 balls onto each line.



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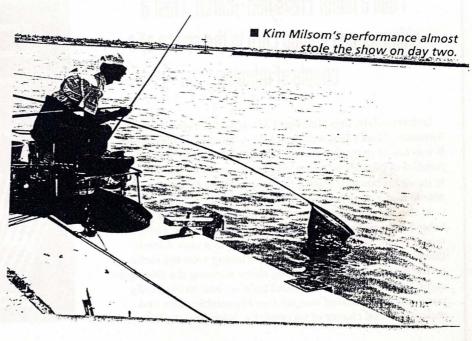
With the main groundbaiting out of the way it was down to the way we fed our pegs for the next three hours. Bob and Steve loose fed, spreading their maggots over the edge of the ledge so that some sank onto the top of the ledge, some sank beyond it. I played it differently, I didn't loose feed at all but after 15 minutes I threw four 'grab sized' balls of joker in leam out to the top of the ledge and repeated the process every quarter hour.



I was delighted to win the session with eight kilos and the important thing as far as I was concerned was that my weight only included one carp, Bob had six kilos including four or five carp and Steve had just under three kilos on the other side. The interesting thing was that mid way through the session Dick asked me to have a look over the ledge, just to check that I hadn't wrecked the far line and two fish in two casts was enough to convince him I was onto something.

The session proved a lot to me, Bob and Steve were still worried that not feeding over the ledge might be a mistake but after our discussion on the bank I went back to my peg, dropped in over the ledge and caught straight away. It seemed obvious that my way of feeding gave you the best of both worlds. When the fish came on top of the ledge you could slaughter them but if you fed over the ledge with your main offering you weren't encouraging the fish to come close.

Of course, the more we practised, the more we realised that some pegs were better than others, even though on the surface every swim looked the same. The difference between a good peg and a bad one was simply where the ledge was situated, the best swims seemed to have a pronounced ledge at 13 metres that allowed you to fish in the shallows by using a pole of between 11.5 and 13 metres or go into the deep water by shipping out to 14.5 metres. It's worth pointing out that World Championship rules limit competitors to poles of not more than 14.5 metres long. If you were unfortunate enough to draw a swim where the ledge was at 14.5 metres, the only way of fishing beyond the ledge was by long lining and of course, as soon as you were committed to fishing beyond your pole tip, presentation





# THE BIG MATCH

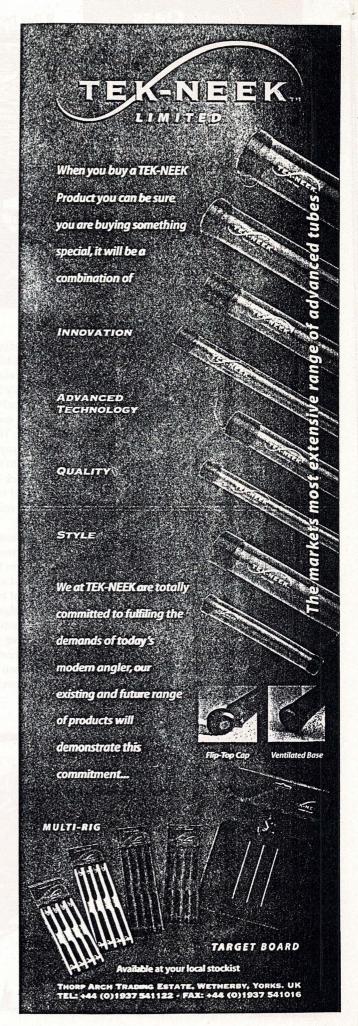
I felt that the feeding pattern we'd decided on was dead right and that all that stood between us and a team gold medal was a series of reasonable pegs. Dick had named the side earlier in the week and on the morning of the first day's match we all felt confident that given that reasonable draw we could do the job we'd set out to do.

I shan't go into the mechanics of my two matches in great detail here, most of what happened was well documented in the two angling weeklies, but there are a few things worth mentioning. My draw on the first match was ideal, peg B22 had exactly what I was looking for - a pronounced ledge at 13 metres - and by following my planned feeding pattern I caught virtually from the off to record an easy win. As far as I was concerned my conviction in feeding on top of the ledge and letting the bait drift down was borne out by the fact that I caught most of my fish over the ledge. I won that first day section by almost seven kilos - a perfect match - and I knew I was doing well because after about an hour of the match Sandra [Halkon Hunt] who was standing behind me shouted "You're cooking with gas now." That was enough to tell me I was comfortably ahead.

# I had a minor crisis mid-match. I lost a skimmer and a good carp in the space of a couple of minutes.

Unfortunately, Bob Nudd and Mark Addy weren't so fortunate, Mark's peg was one of the worst we'd come across. It was full of snags just over the ledge and after losing a handful of plummets before the match even started, Mark had to move his box four metres to the side of his zone just to be able to find a clear run through.

At the end of that first match we were lying fifth, 18 points behind Italy and we had an uphill climb if we were going to win, it wasn't an impossible situation but in a way it made things more straightforward for me. Having won my section on the first day I started thinking about winning the title again and if we were going to overhaul Italy we had to fish really positively. All I needed was another favourable draw and there was a real chance of successfully defending my title.



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# DAY TWO

Because of his nightmare match on the first day, Mark Addy had asked the boss to put Dave Vincent into the team for the second match and we were all confident that we could still pull it off. My draw, peg C11, was nothing like the 'dream draw' of the previous day, the shelf was at 15 metres and it was always going to be difficult to fish because a near gale had sprung up. I decided to feed at 14.5 metres, on top of the ledge and set up a three gram rig for fishing beyond my pole tip if I were forced to follow the fish over into the deeper water.



■ Giz a kiss. Alan wins a congratulatory smacker from Sandra Halkon Hunt for a job well done.

Our feeding plan meant balling in 11/2 kilos of joker during the prebaiting period and then topping up with another kilo of joker in leam during the course of the three hour event. In the past the side has been criticised for being behind the other nations in our understanding of groundbait but on this occasion I'm convinced we had it dead right. The important thing to consider is that we were using bloodworm and joker and that's the best attractor there is in its own right, our concern was largely how to get the joker to the right part of the peg in the right way so the most

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# HREAT

second match well, catching fish as one and better than iggest threat to winning title was the Italian, i, he'd also won his previous day and we were at opposite he section, the bankside e kept me aware of how ras doing. I had a minor 1-match, I lost a skimmer ood carp in the space of e of minutes and there danger I'd lose my way. kfully, the boss came and had a chat with me ettled me down.

■ This 4lb carp underlined Kim Milsom's class. The biggest fish caught in the Championships, it was actually surplus to requirements.

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Big weight specialist Klaus Fix stood behind my peg for the duration of both matches and his encouragement and snippets of information were very welcome. It's always useful to get feedback from good anglers and there were a couple of times when he made observations that definitely helped.

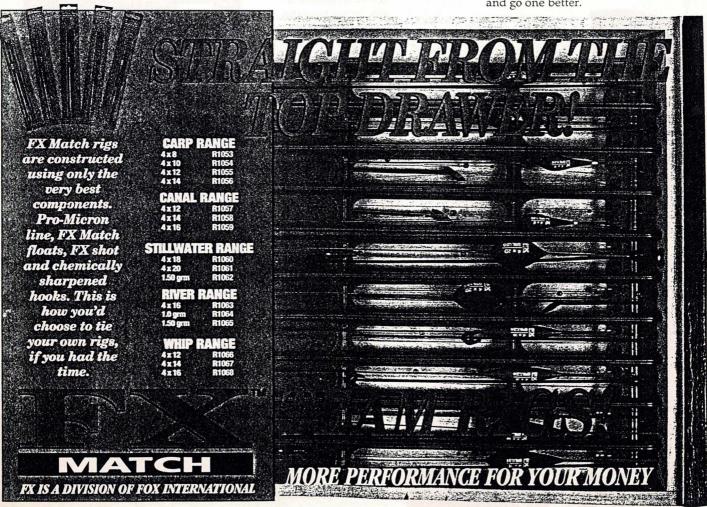
By the end of the three hours it was

obvious that myself and Sorti were fighting it out for the section, a couple of the spectators thought I'd done enough to beat him but you can never be sure and I wouldn't allow myself to be optimistic. I can't think of anything worse than believing you've won the World Championships only to be pipped at the post!

# NAIL BITING

My catch weighed seven kilos 710 grams and put me in front after 11 pegs, unfortunately I was going to have to wait for the officials to weigh in another 21 pegs to know if I'd done enough to win my section again. The wait seemed forever and there was a bit of a scary moment when the Dutch angler on peg C27 tipped almost six kilos from his keepnet. However, the scales eventually arrived at Sorti's peg and I listened over the radio as he weighed in. As soon as I heard his weight - six kilos 600 grams - I knew I'd done it, it was an incredible feeling when I realised I'd won again.

Looking back I realise that the pegs made a massive difference and that I was fortunate to have had swims that gave me half a chance on both days. Overall the team is definitely getting better every year and we're on a par with the top Continental sides, the difference between France, Italy and ourselves is so small now that whatever the venue, the result is likely to be close. I believe that the one thing that stops us being in a class of our own on the World stage is simply that, when it comes to worm and joker fishing, our anglers are handicapped. Thankfully the team result confirms we're still close to the top of the tree, next year we've just got to try and go one better.



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