

## EDEN AMATEUR FISHING CLUB JANUARY 2011 PRESIDENTS REPORT

For the first time in 2012, greetings members,

This was meant to be out in time to wish you all a merry Christmas but now all we can say is we hope you had a good one and wish you all the best for the new year.

After a very busy finish to 2011 we have all have a break from Fishing Club social events until they resume on January 21<sup>st</sup> when we will be holding our very popular seafood night. The date was chosen instead of the last Saturday of the month as the public holiday on the 26<sup>th</sup> may have seen many of you either away or entertaining visitors. The usual feast of Prawns, Calamari, and fish n chips will be served followed no doubt by some scrumptious deserts . A cover charge of ten dollar will apply to adults, no charge for children and we need numbers attending by Wed 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call Gwen on 64962134.

The prize for Decembers fish of the month will be presented on the night but you can keep chasing the January target fish, the Slimy Mackerel until the end of the month and the presentation will happen at the first opportunity. This may mean a treble presentation with Februarys Sand Flathead and Marchs Kingfish and if this doesn't see a few receipts tabled then I'll give up.

The first of the big events in the lead up to the Christmas break was the visit from the Tuross Head crew and feedback from both sides suggest that the weekend was a beauty. The T bones supplied by the Tuross club went down well and Geoff organized the perfect competition for the event. His presentation along with the raffle run by the Tuross guys kept us all entertained until home going time. The winners of the mixed club competition was the Team of Stephen and Jamie Boulter, fishing for Eden with a pretty good skipper in Fritz, and David Greenhouse and Bob Wilcox, the traitor, fishing for Tuross. David Greenhouse was the most successful Angler for Tuross and was awarded one of our club shirts for his efforts while Ron Cummings will receive a Tuross Head club shirt for being the highest scoring Eden contestant. Congratulations to John Ryan on his very nice 5.990 kg snapper, it was without doubt the most meritorious fish for the day and the best specimen weighed at the clubhouse for a good few years.

It was a long day at the office for Geoff, his offer to clean fish was well accepted and left him trying to eat his meal while he tallied scores for the competition before hopping straight into the presentation. The fish cleaning was an important contribution to the day though and I hope that with a bit more help Geoff will continue to do it at future events.

Just two weeks later it was Christmas Party time and the feast began with an entrée of prawns before we tucked into the mountain of food that our catering team had put together for the main meal. Thanks Gwen and your catering team for a great job, and to all of you who contributed to a great meal by bringing salads and sweets. Thanks also to our good supporters at Hooked on Seafood for kindly donating the prawns and to Fritz for making it happen.

The Christmas hamper that we were building on had really grown in recent weeks and with the addition of a ham and other stuff from the club, had taken on an impressive look as the raffle draw began. Our regular raffle drawer Emma who does a great job pulled out the winning ticket and lucky Myra Eygenraam was the excited winner of the major Prize.

A double fish of the month presentation saw the Junior Bream taken out by Jake Smart, his father Phillip Rugg was the senior winner. Grandpa Rugg won the Senior Luderick with a big fish weighing 1.550 kg after no junior Luderick fisher person came forth.

**Fishing report.** Conditions have been ordinary in recent weeks with wind, more wind and big swells persisting. There are however fish out there to be caught, still plenty of Tiger flathead at about 65 metres with Sandies in closer and a few nice Snapper and a good few Mowies from the reefs. The Kingies are back at Greencape but most seen on the cleaning tables are not big. On the game fishing scene, Yellowfin to around 12 kg have been taken and a couple of Marlin as well. There have been reports of Salmon and some big Taylor from the Beaches to the north and the estuaries should be fishing reasonably well. Results from Wonboyn have been patchy but reportedly improving, this can be confirmed by yours truly as a couple of recent outings have produced some nice bream, Luderick, Whiting and a couple of Flathead.

Despite the conditions there are plenty of visitors giving it a go, 137 vehicles with trailers saw the parking facilities filled almost to capacity the day after Boxing Day and there have been bigger days since. Thanks Chris for replacing the hoses and fittings at the cleaning tables, good job.

**A word of advice.** On returning from an outing before retrieving your boat it is a good idea to check that your trailer coupling, lights, or winch line have not been tampered with, there have been instances of this form of vandalism in recent weeks and a good day on the water could be soured by the actions of some goose or geese.

**New Members.** The committee wish to welcome long time Eden residents Dave and June Hutchison, John Mayer from Melbourne, and Ivan and Jo Caldwell and daughters Zoe and Sophie from Cooma. We would also like to welcome junior members Dean van de Waterbeemd, ( grandson of our treasurer of course ) and Locky Smith from Canberra. Locky has already weighed in a nice Tiger Flatty and will undoubtedly bring in many more flatties fishing from the boat of Grandparents Wayne and Pat Emmerson.

**Fishing Competition.** With the festive season over the sponsorship drive is progressing and we need a hand with the mail out of posters to last years out of the area entrants. There is an opportunity to knock this off on the afternoon of the Seafood Night if we can get some volunteers to come out at about four o'clock and get stuck into it while the food is being prepared. We need at least half a dozen helpers a couple more if possible.

**Programme error.** The date for the June function is incorrect on the programme, it should read Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Well spotted Jane.

That's all for now enjoy your fishing see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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