

WEST WIND

Western Districts Angling and Game Fishing Club Inc. meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Western Youth Centre, 79 Marion Road, Cowandilla.

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TRIP REPORTS

Saturday July 11th
 Rapid Bay – was unfortunately cancelled due to foul weather

Western Yorke Peninsula Boat and Shore 13/14 June

In what must have been one of the worst weekend fishing conditions for many years with near gale force winds and at times heavy rain, only a few WDAC anglers braved the conditions. The Sweeney family fished from the Wallaroo Marina basin which was protected from the strong winds and were rewarded with a good variety of fish including Mullet, Salmon Trout, Salmon and Yellowfin Whiting.

Ian and Sarina were unable to fish from the boat at Port Victoria on the Saturday with winds gusting around 30 knots and were restricted to a short 30 minutes fishing session on the Sunday which was enough to catch a few good size whiting. The water was so stirred up that you could not make out the sandy holes even in 6 ft of water.

Results

Shore Competition

Carolyn: 22 fish weighing 3.525 kg (Salmon 0.610 kg)

Courtney: 22 fish weighing 2.920 kg (Mullet: 0.245 kg)

Faye: 7 fish weighing 1.125 kg (Mullet 0.305 kg)

Event Calendar

Saturday August 8th

AAA Beach and Rock – Southern Yorke Peninsula

Tuesday August 11th

at 7.30 PM

WDAC AGM

Saturday August 22nd

Noarlunga Area Light Line

Tuesday September 8th

at 7.30 PM

Club and Committee meeting

Saturday September 19th

Victor Harbor Area – TBC

Sunday September 20th

at 7.30 AM

AAA Casting - Pembroke Oval

October 17th and 18th

Rescheduled AAA Offshore – Pt Hughes

Barry: 11 fish weighing 2.585 kg (Salmon 0.720 kg, Yellowfin Whiting 0.300 kg)

Boat Competition

Sarina: 5 fish weighing 1.530 kg (Whiting 0.455 kg)

Ian: 7 fish weighing 1.545 kg (Whiting 0.325 kg)

Wallaroo – July 12th

This trip was supposed to have been to the Rapid Bay Jetty on Saturday July 11, however the weather forecast looked pretty bad so a flurry of phone calls and text messages on Friday evening and early Saturday morning saw this trip rescheduled and relocated. Unfortunately for one of our members, a flat battery in his mobile phone meant he didn't get the message until after he arrived at Rapid Bay, ready to test the new jetty.

So Sunday morning saw 10 anglers gather at Wallaroo and head for either the jetty or the more sheltered waters of the marina. The initial enthusiasm, fuelled by reports of lots of Salmon Trout, Mullet and even the occasional big Bream being there for the taking, gradually waned as time passed with barely a bite. Later in the day, things improved just a little, with some Mullet and Salmon Trout coming on the bite. They were very wary though, often only nibbling at the bait and proving very difficult to hook.

This resulted in a fairly poor weigh in, with Ian's bag of 6 fish being the most respectable, although 7 of the 10 anglers managed to weigh in at least 1 fish. Maybe better luck next trip.

Results

Mens

Ian: 6 fish weighing 1.060 kg (Mullet 0.220 kg)

Bill (new member): 1 fish weighing 0.165 kg

Paul: 1 fish weighing 0.145 kg

Ladies

Carolyn: 2 fish weighing 0.350 kg

Sarina: 3 fish weighing 0.335 kg

Helen: 1 fish weighing 0.130 kg

Faye: 0 fish

Juniors

Courtney: 1 fish weighing 0.120 kg

Corey: 0 fish

Veterans

Gary: 0 fish

Trip Changes and Cancellations

Because of recent confusion resulting from changes and cancellations (see Wallaroo trip report) caused mostly by the weather, we are instituting a policy, where for each trip a contact person will be appointed, whom you must contact prior to the trip to advise of your intention to participate. We will also be trialling a bulk SMS message service to advise of late changes.

Upcoming Trips

Saturday, August 8th

AAA Beach & Rock Championship and Aggregate - Pt Turton

Nominations: 8.00 AM

Depart: 8:30 AM

Fishing: 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM

Weigh in: 4.00 PM

Boundaries: Wool Bay to Point Turton

Briefing and Weigh in: There is some confusion here. The AAA website says the Napco Fish Factory, but we believe it will be at the reserve opposite the Warooka Hotel. If you are going on this trip, phone Ian Hoskin (0427 631 330) beforehand to advise of attendance and confirm venue.

Noarlunga Area Light Line – August 22

Briefing: 1 PM Perry's Bend

Weigh in: 7 PM Noarlunga Jetty car park.

Boundaries: Port Stanvac refinery fence to southern side of Onkaparinga mouth, including the jetty and both banks of the river.

Note that this is a light line competition, so you are limited to a breaking strain of no more than 2.5 kg. The rules also stipulate that to participate, you must show the spool your line came from.

If you are intending to go on this trip, you should phone Gary Brown (0408 802 796) beforehand to advise of attendance.



WDAC AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is about to roll around again, and all members are urged to attend. A couple of years ago we had a real problem getting a quorum. It took 3 tries before we could hold a properly constituted meeting, which occurred in October, 4 months into our season. So get along this year and show that you are interested in the success of our club.

At the meeting, we will be electing a committee for the 2009/10 year, and while some existing committee members have indicated a willingness to continue, others will be retiring. For our club to continue, these positions must be filled, so consider what you can do to assist with our continuing existence.

The AGM will be held at the Western Youth Centre, 79 Marion Rd. Cowandilla, on Tuesday August 11th and commences at 7.30 PM

Annual Trophy Presentation Dinner

This event is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th, commencing at 6.00 PM. The venue is the Newmarket Hotel, Commercial Rd (cnr. Dale St), Port Adelaide. Once again the hotel is providing us with a very good deal. \$19 (less for children) will purchase a fine 3 course meal, and the club will be paying for tap beer, house wines and soft drinks. Bookings will be required, and information on this will be given at the AGM and in the next newsletter. Please bring a prize for the raffle table, and if you are still holding a trophy from last year, get it to a committee member asap, or bring it to the AGM.

WDAC Annual Excursion

This used to be pretty much a standard fixture in past years, but has lapsed recently. In an attempt to revive the tradition, a long weekend trip to the Glenelg River in Western Victoria was held last October. While the fishing wasn't at all successful, those that attended felt that the trip was worthwhile for other reasons.

Because of this, we are trying to get something happening over the Anzac weekend next year. Suggestions so far have included Kangaroo Island and Port Lincoln area. We will need to be making moves on this pretty soon, so some discussion will occur at the AGM in the hope that we will come out with a decision to go forward, and an indication from members to support this event with their participation. Seems that's another good reason to attend the AGM, so you can have your say.