

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.

We are trying our best to get the information about the club through to you. Yet, mailing out the printed copy of this newsletter is costing us a lot of time and also money. If you want to be among the first to receive the monthly newsletter, switch to the email distribution by sending me your email address to schmidtmumm@internode.on.net

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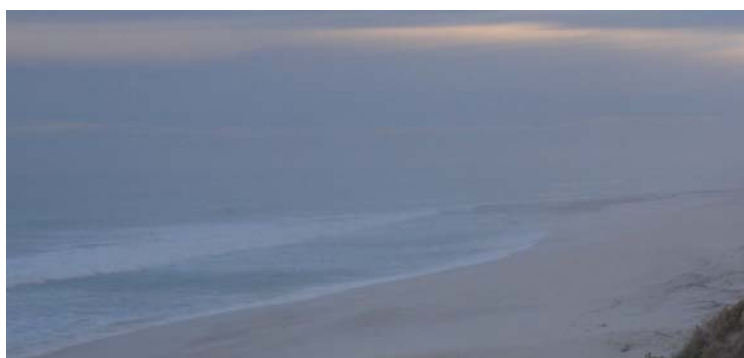
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Event Calendar

Saturday, June 13th
Pt Victoria Boat and Shore

Saturday July 11th
Rapid Bay

March 10th 7:30pm
Club and Committee meeting

Saturday, August 8th
AAA Beach & Rock Championship and
Aggregate - Pt Turton

Saturday, August 22nd
Onkaparinga light line competition

It's been a long time that I found the time to put together a newsletter, so this is the March-April-May-June 2009 edition. My apologies, but sometimes life gets too busy and something's got to give.

To bring you up to date, here are the reports and results of the most recent trips. These reports and results were kindly provided by Gary Brown – so thanks to him for keeping the record, and for some enjoyable reading. It looks like Gary does have quite a sense of humour.

TRIP REPORTS

Sunday, February 15.
Ardrossan Boat ramp.

I am not sure if this one was already reported, but on a Sunday morning at 6 AM 7 brave anglers presented and were dismayed by the 15 to 20 knot wind blowing in from the south west, making conditions very difficult for boat and shore. Ian and Sarina did the smart thing and rang from Port Victoria for a report on the conditions. They very wisely stayed where they were.

Carolyn, Courtney and Sonya decided to try the Ardrossan jetty at first, but without any luck, although Sonya reported a couple of good bites. Meanwhile Gary, Keith, Barry and Adam felt they might like to consider their options over a cup of tea/coffee/breakfast, so retired briefly to the local roadhouse. They decided to drive up to Price to see what the conditions were like there. Gary and Keith liked the look of what they saw and after launching, headed out the creek to the bay where conditions were OK, but they were plagued by medium sized Trumpeters. So it was back into the creek to try a

couple of spots but were again plagued by Trumpeters, this time small ones. Barry and Adam decided against launching and instead did a tour of the local cafes, bakeries etc. Still weighed in as many fish as Gary and Keith.

While this was happening, Sonya has moved from the jetty to the wharf at Price, to be plagued also by Trumpeters. Carolyn and Courtney on the other hand, made a successful move to the Stansbury jetty, where they caught 5 fish between them, and were the only ones to weigh in.

So, one more club trip thwarted by the conditions, but we must remember the words of that great philosopher Roderick Haig-Brown, who wrote "There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."

Results

Carolyn Bryne – 4 fish – 570g
Courtney Bryne – 1 fish – 130g
Keith Oxley – Nil
Gary Brown – Nil
Barry Seidel – Nil
Adam Seidel – Nil
Sonya Smith – Nil

Sunday, March 8th Moonta

On Sunday March 8th, only 6 anglers gathered for the 7 AM briefing at Moonta, but they were an enthusiastic lot and headed off to their chosen spots full of anticipation.

Carolyn headed south to The Bamboos with Courtney and Corey in tow, and they had a lovely time admiring the scenery and weren't bothered at all by any fish. Gary headed north to Black Rock Bay, found a nice spot to set up his chair, cast his line in and waited for some fish to commit suicide. He got lucky, and found a nice patch of Yellowfin Whiting. Not many keepers, but enough to keep him happy (it doesn't take much). Ian and Sarina fared best of all, picking up good bags of garfish, tommies, mullet and "other species" from an area between The Gap and Tippara Rocks. A special mention must go to Sarina for landing a monster garfish that weighed in at 245 grams.

Overall, the lowest attendance we've had in a while, but the best weigh in we've had for quite some time too. So the moral is, if you don't come along to every Club trip, you might just miss one of the good ones.

Results

Carolyn – nil

Courtney – nil

Corey – nil

Gary – 5 fish, 0.72 Kg

Ian – 20 fish, 2.18 Kg

Sarina – 23 fish, 2.68 Kg

April Trip: Southern York Peninsula Cancelled

The April trip was planned for the Southern Yorke Peninsula but had to be cancelled due to roaring storms and raging seas.

May 23rd and 24th AAA Estuary and Off Shore

So on May 23rd and 24th the club trip was combined with the AAA Estuary championship at Pt Broughton: Only a small field of anglers turned up for the AAA Estuary championship at Pt Broughton on Saturday 23 May, with 5 of those being from Western Districts. The reduced numbers were probably due to the weather forecast, which promised 15 to 20 knots winds. The wind blew as promised, but was coming off the land so the waters in the bay stayed remarkably calm, with waves well under half a metre, even out as far as the entrance beacon. The fishing was quite reasonable as well, with many good bags weighed in. The best Western Districts angler was Rex with 18 fish weighing just shy of 10 kg. Next was Gary with 5 fish totalling just over 3 kg. Sarina gave the biggest Salmon trophy a good scare with a fish of 1 kg, but unfortunately it wasn't quite big enough, while Ian and John Vinehall (new member) caused a similar scare, but missed out on the biggest Whiting trophy, each boating 380 g fish. Overall -

good conditions and good fishing - you should have been there.

Results

Rex Hoskin - 18 fish, 9.95 kg

Gary Brown - 5 fish, 3.26 kg (includes 700 g Snook) plus 1 squid 280 g

Sarina Tirri - 7 fish, 2.49 kg (includes 1 kg Salmon)

Ian Hoskin - 13 fish, 2.41 kg (includes 380 g Whiting)

John Vinehall - 7 fish, 1.33 kg (includes 380 g Whiting) plus 19 squid 5.29 kg

Upcoming Trips

Saturday, June 13th Pt Victoria Boat and Shore

Meeting at 10am at the boat ramp for the briefing, suggested weigh in at 5pm.

Please make sure that you attend the briefing as this is a safety requirement for boat trips.

Ian Hoskins has offered some accommodation in his shack at Pt Victoria, but get in contact with him for details: 0427631330

Saturday July 11th Rapid Bay

Come and test the new jetty.

Meeting at Rapid Bay car park at 12:30pm, lines in: 1pm, lines out: 7:00pm, weigh in at 7:30pm

Saturday, August 8th AAA Beach & Rock Championship and Aggregate Pt Turton

Nominations 8:00am

Depart 8:30am

Fishing: 9:00am-3:00pm

Weigh-in 4:00pm

Nominated Species: Sweep, Salmon, Flathead, Heaviest other species

Boundaries: Wool Bay Jetty to Pt. Turton

Headquarters: Napco Fish Factory

Saturday, August 22nd Onkaparinga light line competition Details to be announced.



We are looking for ideas for our annual presentation of trophies. The last couple of years we've gone to the Newmarket Hotel in Pt Adelaide for an early Sunday dinner followed by the presentation. Are people happy to do this again, or do we want to try something different? Different time, different place, different format? Come along and air your opinion at our June meeting.

2008 TROPHY CALL BACK

If you were one of the lucky winners of a 2008 trophy, please return it to the club by the June meeting so

that we can get them ready for the 2009 presentation night.

WDAC Annual Trip

We are also starting to think about a 2009/10 far away fishing adventure destination. This year we went to the Glenelg river on the October long weekend which was a nice trip even without a lot of fish being caught. In previous years we have gone to the Yalata Beaches for the elusive Mulloway.

Suggestions for the next trip so far are Kangaroo Island and someone mentioned Pt Lincoln. But if you have another suggestion for one of those far away places where rumours are that the big fish are plenty, please come to the next meeting on June 9th and let us talk about it – or just send me an email with your suggestion.