

WEST WIND

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TRIP REPORTS

February 15th

Ardrossan

Club Aggregate Boat & Shore

Sunday, February 15. Ardrossan Boat ramp. 6 AM. 7 brave anglers presented and were dismayed by the 15 to 20 knot wind blowing in from the south east, 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. They still weighed in as many fish as Gary and Keith.

While this was happening, Sonya had 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 Siedel – Nil
Adam Siedel – Nil
Sonya Smith – Nil

March 6th Copper Coast

Club Aggregate Shore

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 Bryne – nil

Courtney Bryne – nil

Corey Bryne – nil

Gary Brown – 5 fish, 0.72 Kg

Ian Hoskin – 20 fish, 2.18 Kg

Sarina Tirri – 23 fish, 2.68 Kg

UPCOMING TRIPS

April 26th 2009

Southern Yorke Peninsula

Club Aggregate Shore

Subject to the weather the next trip is scheduled for Sunday 26th April (yes, that's this coming Sunday), and is a shore trip to the southern Yorke Peninsula, with boundaries from Pt Giles to Pt Turton. We are meeting at the Marion Bay shop/servo at 8am for nominations and a briefing. Lines in at 9am and out at 2pm. Weigh-in back at Marion Bay at 3pm.

Important - Anyone intending to go on this trip should ring Ian Hoskin (0427 631 330) no later than Friday evening to confirm.

May 23rd & 24th

AAA Estuary & Offshore

May 23rd will be a Club Aggregate Boat and Shore trip, combined with the AAA event at Pt Broughton.

The AAA Offshore event on 24th May will **not** be a Club trip

More information at our meeting on 12th May.

June

Suggested Pt Victoria for a Club Aggregate Boat and Shore. To be discussed at our May meeting.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

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 May meeting.