

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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The Official Newsletter of the Western Districts Angling and Game Fishing Club Inc.

Event Calendar

Tuesday August 10th at 7.30 PM

Annual General Meeting

Saturday August 14th

AAA Rock and Beach
 Lower Yorke Peninsula

August 29th

Presentation Night, venue t.b.a.

Sat/Sun September 25/26th

Port Victoria

Sunday November 21st

AAA Freshwater

AAA events

October 9th

Fisherman of the year

October 10th

Casting

November 21st

Freshwater, Cobdogla

Upcoming Trips

Saturday August 14th

AAA Rock and Beach
 Lower Yorke Peninsula

Meet at the car park opposite the Warooka Hotel adjacent to the toilet block. That is also where the weigh in will be.

Nominations: 8:00am

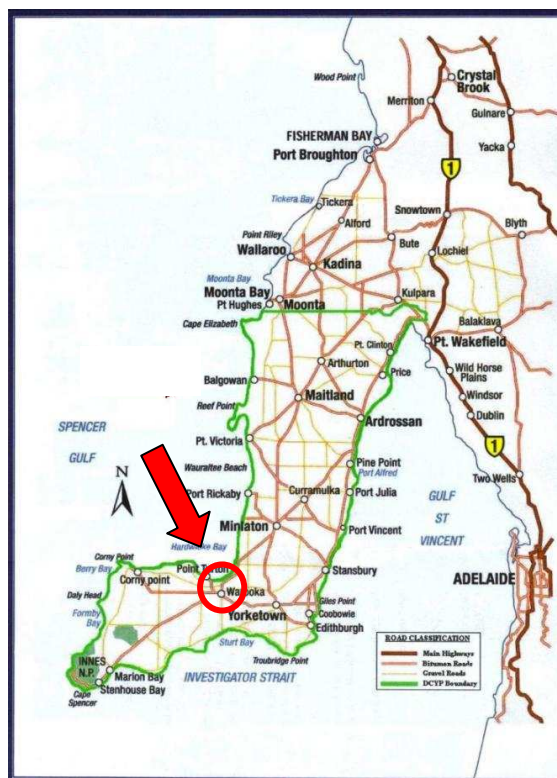
Briefing: 8:15am

Departuer: 8:30am

Lines in 9:00am

Lines out: 4:00pm

Weigh In 5:00pm



Sunday, August 29th , 6pm

Presentation Night, venue t.b.a.

Contact Gary Brown at: 0408802796

For return of trophies ASAP

Venue: Newmarket Hotel,
 meals ~\$20, drinks provided.

Don't forget you contribution to the Raffle!

Sat/Sun September 25/26th

Port Victoria

For details contact Ian Hoskin at: 0427631330



Sunday September 19th (tbc)

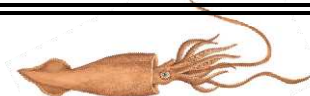
The annual Sinker making

At Phil's place,

6 Carnarvon St., Brooklyn Park

We will start in the morning and end with a BBQ for lunch

Trip Reports



Ardrossan/Price

Boat and Shore,

Sunday July 25th

On an extremely chilly morning, 11 anglers met at the Ardrossan boat ramp for the briefing and then headed for their chosen fishing spots, except for Gary who headed for a coffee until things warmed up a bit. We welcomed new member Kellie Parker, who had been a visitor on a previous trip, but today was competing for points for the first time.

Carolyn, Courtney, Bill, Sarah and Kellie competed in the shore section of the competition, and although they all tried valiantly, no-one managed to land a fish.

Four boats were launched chasing some Whiting and Snapper. First away was Barry who found some nice broken bottom close in and south of the ramp. He did well early, picking up 3 whiting, but from then on it was squid only. Peter and Murray headed out to the Barge hoping for some Big Reds, but all they managed were some small ones, not big enough to keep. Murray did have one good run, but of course, it got off. Ian and Sarina headed down to James Well looking for whiting, but after checking all around could not locate any suitable bottom, so they headed back to where Barry was. By then there were only squid on offer so they had to content themselves with that. Gary also headed for James Well for a similar result to Ian and Sarina. Probably the most notable catch of the day was the monster squid of 0.88 kg hauled in by Sarina.

The conclusion for the boaties at least was that Ardrossan is probably a good spot for Snapper, but you would need to be chasing them after dusk or before dawn.

Full results for those that weighed in are as follows. Note that squid are credited to the bag at $\frac{1}{4}$ of their actual weight:

Men

Barry Seidel - 3 fish and 12 squid, 1.615 kg

Ian Hoskin – 5 squid, 0.319 kg

Gary Brown – 2 squid, 0.176 kg

Ladies

Sarina Tirri - 6 squid, 0.446 kg



Mid life crisis or back to basics?

some musings.....

From the earliest memories of fishing with my father, a boat has always featured, none more vividly than those cherished stolen sepia moments with both my father and grandfather.

A wooden boat rowed by men who had done so all their lives, working crosslines, drum nets, planting willow saplings to hold banks together in flood or trolling aeroplane lures for cod was pure poetry a minimum of effort to maximise distance covered.



Speed was not the priority but an ability to read conditions and currents was essential, later as I grew and my grandfather was no longer there to pass on his knowledge, my father owned a series of boats, starting small and peaking with a Bellboy barracuda. yeah I know. But in those days that was as big as most could hope to afford and raise a young family. And it was new. A new boat even then a big deal.

Because of power restrictions these boats forced an angler to work an area, having read it and studied it in detail first.

You worked your patch and if you did it right you left them on the bite for another day. You fished for the table and were taught not to waste lesser species. If you did well, you were restricted to the freezer in the shiny new kelvinator even though some still had

ice boxes, so you shared your bounty with your neighbors, your family, people from work or church.

There were other boats that came and went as did my Father. They were faster bigger and full of the beginnings of the technology we take for granted, but they were devoid of the simple fun of getting somewhere,

You learnt the sheer joy that results from your ability to master the conditions and environment that will forever drive you, in your search to recapture those halcyon days.

I've reminisced a little too much, following getting in touch with my own mortality, I've sort of got my own "bucket list", and featured on it was a wooden boat, a classic that would allow me to recapture, and to share with my son, a little taste from a simpler time, a time when you had to work at it to achieve success.

The reality of owning a wooden boat was well researched, and the journey has taken about 5 years, it now is complete, and everything performs as it supposed to. I've weakened and bought another modern boat, now i must let go, somewhat reluctantly, of what has been a magical moment of time travel.

It was fitting that i fished the Ardrossan trip the other day as my last outing in ""VENTUALLY""

whilst others moved around i picked the best and most likely looking bottom and worked it, like we used to, I caught a lot of whiting kept a few 30 years ago they would have been big enough, ha ha. And tied a lot of rigs that toadies chewed through.

Caught enough squid to make a difference, although in the old days they would have been bait use only. Generally having a good time, and on her last outing for me she won a trip,

But the message i want to get across is that sometimes you need to slow down, read the conditions not the electronics, remember what worked in the past and be prepared to adapt to the here and now.

Its not too late to have an imaginary conversation with your Dad, Grandpa, uncle or whoever your mentor was, take time to say g'day to the old bloke on the jetty, he knows and he might just tell you!

The next one is the last one(Sue says) so i have to come up with a new name for it.

thanks for indulging me.

Barry Seidel



New Members:

Please welcome Kelly Parker

And hopefully Heath Harradine will accompany us on the next trip to see what WDAC is about.

NEWS FROM THE AGM 2010

The 2010/11 WDAC Committee

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2010/11 Membership rates remain unchanged!

Family: \$50, Nominations: \$5

Single: \$30, Nominations: \$3

Clarification Note

Following a move by Gary Brown we added an explanatory note to clarify family membership details:

"In interpreting clause 6(4) (e) of the constitution which defines family membership, the original intention of the clause is to be kept in mind. That is, a family comprises one or two parents and all their dependent children."

Tight Lines!

From the editor:

My first Barramundi!.... I'm working on it!

