

# SEABREEZE



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## MOTHERS' DAY

Well, guys, it's that time of the year again to drag out the smelly old chysanthimums and grab a box of choccy's from Coles. Just you try. I'm going to list some suggestions, and help you think outside the square, just so you can surprise your Mum this year and get some brownie points. And, there's no fishing rods, fancy lures or vacuum cleaners on the list!! How about a magazine subscription, a cinema pass, voucher for a manicure and/or pedicure, a nice bottle of vino or Verve Champers, a naughty weekend for two at Margaret River or even a beautiful leather handbag (see page 6) – let your imagination run wild!! But as we all know, presents are only a little bit of the story. The most important thing is to be there for your Mum this Mother's Day and make her special day full of fun and laughter. To all our Mums – have a great day.

## KEEP THESE DATES FREE

### May Fishing Competition

6 May 2012

Standby 13 May 2012

### Club Abrolhos Trip

1<sup>st</sup> June to 5 June 2012

### June Fishing Competition

Now 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Standby 17 June 2012

### Annual Extravaganza Dinner

#### Trophy Presentation

14 July 2012

### Annual General Meeting/Breakfast

Sunday 29 July 2012

## NEXT FISHING COMPETITION

**Sunday 6 MAY 2012**

Standby 13 May 2012

Board Prizes for

**King George Whiting, Herring, Sand  
Whiting, Baldchin Groper, Dhufish and  
Gardie**

### Mystery Fish Prize & Pelagic Prize

Weigh-in 4:00pm at the Club

Fishing Day Members Draw \$100

**COME ALONG, HAVE A FREE HOT DOG**

**AND SUPPORT THE FISHERMEN**

**REMEMBER**

**NO LOG-IN .....NO WEIGH-IN**

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## OUT AND ABOUT

Hello ..... is anyone there?

*Pete did the right thing on the last comp day and rang most people and advised them that the comp was off. However, couldn't work it out when Ellery and Rob said he hadn't spoken to them and then the penny dropped – he had been talking to their answering machine. In fairness, it was 5:00am!!*

the traveling nomads

Got this email from Nada:

*"We are still having a good time. We are at Port Fairy till Sunday then on to Great Ocean Road and Torquay which is the gateway to Bells Beach (surfing capital) Vic. Weather is not too bad but pretty chilly. Rev sad, not been fishing yet. God, one would think he would get that out of his system. He wants a roast dinner but has been shouted out on that one unless he does the cooking himself. Does he not know one does not do a roast whilst caravanning?"*

onya mark



*Finding he had an excess of fishing gear, Mark bought it up the Club for anyone to help themselves. Not sure if it all went but there were many grateful recipients.*

Thanks Mark – a great gesture.

Check it out

*The club's presence in the new area is just about complete with the addition of an Honour Board, Boat Photos of Inaugural 2007 Members, and Perpetual Trophies. Thanks to Bob Chalmers for his assistance with the hanging of the Memorabilia, etc.*

No speaka da Engl ish ...

*Rob and Ellery have been having problems with their radio and couldn't quite work out why they couldn't get onto the "chat" channel and the only communication they were getting was in Chinese till they realized they had a VHF Radio and needed a 27meg to communicate with other club members. There must have been some very interesting fishing trips!!*

Rip

*We're sorry to report that Brian's Nanna – of Sausage Roll fame – passed away recently. We're thinking of you Brian and Jo.*

Wibbl e wobbl e ... not

*Derek has found a unique way to make jelly – only use half the amount of water, it sets in half the time and is incredibly "chewy". Some Mothers .....*

Fishing humour

*Why were Linda and Jo caught laughing (almost uncontrollably) at the April weigh-in. See The Pirate's report for further explanation!!*

A friend indeed

*Thanks to Chris and Allison for allowing a club member's boat to be penned in their Two Rocks floating Marina business berth while the trailer was being re-built.*

## Upcoming Friday night Entertainment

FRIDAY 18 MAY

The Swinging Years

Frank Sinatra & Friends

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

"The Dinner Singer"

## Bunnings sausage sizzle 20 may 2012

The last Club Fundraiser for this financial year will be held on Sunday 20 May 2012 between 8:30am and 4:30pm. We will be calling for 5 roster periods of 2 hours with each period overlapping for staff changeover periods.

Please let Derek Smith know if you are prepared to give 2 hours of your time for a great cause.

Derek will bring the roster to the Club next Friday 4 May 2012.

## Handy Club Contacts

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Does this remind you of someone you know???



**"Now suppose you tell me what the problem was before you tried to fix it"**



The Deckie ....

Is this what they call "from the sublime to the ridiculous"?!



.....and the Skipper

## Barramundi heaven In Darwin

It all happened when ShirI and I met with another couple for dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoying good company, food and wine, the topics of conversation covered everything and we managed to solve the world's problems at the same time! At one point during the evening, we discussed future travel plans and trips we had organized. Our dinner companions were leaving for Darwin within a couple of days for a three week stay in a two bedroom, two bathroom unit overlooking the marina at Cullen Bay. There and then we were invited to join them for a few nights. Unfortunately, ShirI had to decline the invitation, but I readily accepted! The prospect of chasing the elusive "barra" was too good an opportunity to miss! The following day, I was booking flights. Within five days, I was on my way ..

After being met at the airport, my friends and I called in to a local fishing store and arranged for a guided trip to the South Alligator River situated approx 250kms from Darwin. Two days later, we were collected from our accommodation at 5:00am for the three and a half hour trip to the boat ramp on the river. We found ourselves in the water by about 9:00am and headed off down-stream towards the river mouth fishing some of the small creeks running into the river as we went. At this stage, the tide is ebbing – the theory being that barramundi wait for baitfish to be washed down the creeks accumulating around the different coloured water, ie fresh water and salt water. The tide turned in another couple of hours and we followed the baitfish upstream fishing all the way.

The afternoon saw us up on the floodplains approx 30kms from the boat ramp. The tally for the day was seven barramundi – two were 600mm, four were undersized and returned to the water and one is still in the mangroves! The whole area is a pristine wilderness with amazing bird and animal life plus the occasional crocodile for good measure! By 3:00pm it was time to pack up the gear, head back to the boat ramp and, after attaching the boat to the trailer, return to Darwin. We arrived by 6:30pm. All in all it was a great day and if you're on a short stay in Darwin, it's a great way to squeeze some fishing thrills into limited time. **Bob C**

### Fishing Facts

One day "barra" fishing with a guide on a 7 metre aluminium boat with casting platform;  
 All travel from Darwin accommodation;  
 Use of good quality rods, reels, lures and soft plastics; and  
 Lunch, soft drinks and water.  
 Cost: \$350-\$400 per person (Maximum three guests)

## My birthday present.

Early this month I had the good fortune to turn 50, nooooo you say! Yes, I know I don't look a day over 20, but it's true. To my surprise my wife Deanne had booked a holiday in Darwin with a day's helicopter fishing thrown in for good measure. It felt like a TV episode "come on pack your bags we are leaving right now "

Having always wanted to go Barra fishing, once we landed in Darwin the anticipation was palatable.

Finally the day was upon us and we arrived at an out back place where crazy people land small planes and launch helicopters. After seeing our allotted craft there was some debate as to whether the doors should be left on or off. I lost unfortunately and the doors were removed. What can I say about the time spent flying over flood plains, woodlands, hills and rivers sometimes at less than a few hundred feet - unbelievable? The sounds of joy and excitement from Deanne and my 3 year old Tully mixed with my constant fear of falling out of the flying cockroach are something I will never forget.

The fish were on early with Deanne and myself landing Barra's, Tully was too interested in terrorizing the local hermit crab population.



Unfortunately, I lost more than I landed through skill errors. Having someone stand behind you with a gun looking out for Crocs and wild pigs can be a bit off putting. Apparently the day before shots were fired and underpants changed due to a crocodile issue.

Like a lot of fishing trips it's the journey that offers the most, to catch a fish is just a bonus. Something I will never forget.

**Craig**

# The pirate's report

Hi Folks

Looks like the gremlins are back. Had a great time at the last comp, the GPS had a fit and the motor chucked a wobbly.

On a more positive note I got to renew some great friendships with my mates at Whitfords Sea Rescue, and Ian and I had a leisurely cruise back to the Marina on a Tow line!

Have you ever noticed that when you break down out there it's always in an area as barren as the dark side of the moon? That's my excuse for not weighing in any fish. Good fish seemed to be very few and far between at the comp, one of the rare occasions when no Dhuies were weighed in.

Cameron took line honours with a nice bag of fish featuring a very nice Pinky and earning him 42 points. Brett was runner up with 34 points and Bob Chalmers (on one of his few touchdowns in Perth) took third with 33 points.

Ellery and Linda represented the ladies division with 27 and 12 points in that order, well done girls.

Bailey Johnston won the juniors with a very credible 29 Points.

Thanks to all our competitors and sponsors for making our monthly competitions so enjoyable.

One of the highlights of the day was undoubtedly the appearance of a full moon every time our new Weigh master (**Bob**) bent down to pick up fish. Thanks Bob you put everyone off their hot dogs!

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE remember to log on when entering the comp.**

**Once you are on the log you have to pay your entrance fee, then you are eligible to weigh in!**

**It's only a \$4.00 entrance fee and believe me that doesn't even scratch the surface of our expenses.**

To conclude my monthly ravings I feel I must congratulate the Quinns Rocks Sports Club and its Committee members for not only providing our club with a venue to die for but also the Friday night entertainment.

See you all on Friday. Fish hard and keep smiling

*The Pirate*



*Mark with a good size King George*



*Ellery with the winning Baldy*

*Board Prize Winners  
Mark, Ellery, Cam and Brian*



**Please support the sponsors who generously support our Club. When you call at their premises always tell them that you are a member of the MDSSC and that you appreciate their ongoing support.**



*There's no business like boat business.*



# Fishing whispers

No sign-in = no weigh-in

Why is it so?

Besides being in the MDSSC By-Laws the principle reason is one of safety. If a Club member who logs on but does not attend the weigh in (irrespective of not catching any fish) our Club automatically advises the Sea Rescue Authorities and Police that we may have a member in trouble at sea and a sea/air search is commenced immediately. It could very well be a life saving experience. Our Club also needs a minimum of three boats logged in for a competition to occur, so it is not acceptable to not log in (inadvertence or otherwise) and then present a bag for weigh in only if a member catches fish – under those circumstances the **no sign in / no weigh in** rule applies

## Bail ey and cam's secrets

Things were pretty quiet out on Direction Bank last competition so the dynamic duo decided to burley up big with a Coles bag full of whiting heads from their last expedition. Enter one nice size snapper thus again proving that "burleying" for Pinkies does indeed work.

Not stopping there, they motored in to their favourite gardie/herring reef spot to try and entice a few extra species. They ended up with huge gardies all round the boat and despite trying squid, prawns, occy and fresh fish for bait the gardies were not at all interested. In sheer desperation and frustration Cam had a brain wave and reached for the boat bin and retrieved a half eaten chicken sandwich that Bailey had discarded (in his usual fashion) some 2 hours before. They both worked the bread back to original dough by firmly rubbing in the palm of their hands and then placing minute amounts on an extremely small hook – this worked and the gardies were literally fighting each other for a sip of the new bread treats!!!

## Doing it in style

Gary Waterman had the chance to deckie on Tony Torrie's 24 foot Whittlely and reported back that the trip to and from Direction Bank was like being in heaven (in boaty terms) even though he only caught a small Breaksea Cod and a large Sgt Baker, the trip was a terrific experience.

## Secret hooks



fishing voucher in the last comp.

Bob C is quite careful with his pennies and outlaid the princely sum of \$9.99 for a 3 pack special chemically sharpened and tested (not sure what for) hooks. He lost two of the hooks in the recent fishing comp (approx \$6.66) but recouped his \$9.99 hook outlay with a \$10 MDSSC/Bluewater

## Club records

Two more competitions (May and June) to break club records and receive an end of year prize for your trouble. See Page 6 of this Newsletter for a list of weights and species that you need to beat. Please note that the June competition dates have been changed to 10 and 17 June (due to the Abrolhos trip).

## Anyone seen my moj o?

All genuine fisherperso ns refer to that special power "Fishing Mojo". It is like a disease/power worse than Golden Staff and can come and go without warning

I first heard of the disease from Club member Craig who was always complaining that he had lost his Fishing Mojo. Well heaven forbid – without warning it has struck me down like a rock in the back of the head.

For the last 2 x competitions all I have caught is 3 of the tiniest fish (whiting, butter fish and yellow tail) and I have been both shallow and deep fishing (Direction Bank etc).

To prove my point, while drifting on the whiting bank with Brian Harris and Bobby Chalmers I suddenly felt something powerful on my light gear - played it to the surface for a double header – little flathead and the biggest sand whiting I have seen for a while – looked like a possible club record in excess of 300 grms. I gently lifted both fish out of the water – the flathead flicked like they do – the whiting hit the gunnel – jumped in the air and fell in the water and started going round and round on the surface. Before I



had a chance to grab the landing net a huge Albatross grabbed the whiting in distress – looked at us 4 feet away and appeared to say "Thanks for the lunch fellows!!!".

Admittedly the tides have been wrong but how come my Deckies have still caught fish and won prizes and I haven't. Well I am not used to it and am going to my local Doctor on Monday to ask him to prescribe a suitable antibiotic. I am sulking, in a bad mood, bad dreaming, not sleeping, sweating and absolutely scared of the thought of missing out again for the third time in a row – after all I have responsibilities and a wife to feed! Roll on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May – I cannot wait to see if the antibiotics work.

## Smart big pinkies

I do not normally copy articles form newspapers but was impressed with an article by Mike Roennfeldt in last week's Sunday Times.

Apparently giant pinkies follow the cray boats up and down the coast of WA and feed on scraps discarded out of cray pots (old bait).

So, the charter boats are now burleying and revving their motors to imitate the sounds of the professional cray boats – WHAT NEXT!!

## Blue swimmer crabs

The Cockburn Sound season has been extended by four months to 31 August 2012, with the protection closure still occurring from 1 September to 1

December 2012. I still think crabbing is the most relaxing and fun of all forms of fishing.



*Tomots*

## For sale

The club has had 15 specially made canvas lure holders which are available for purchase at \$15. First in, best dressed. See Derek or Pete at the Club or the weigh-in.

## Membership draw

The membership draw at the weigh-in has jackpotted to \$100. Remember, you have to be there to win.



## DOMESTIC BLISS

May is a big month for the Grumpy one and me. First it's Mother's Day and then we celebrate our Wedding Anniversary. Yes, 43 years!! The kids told me recently I am

"an amazing woman" for putting up with the Grumpy One for that long. They've seen a lot in those 43 years and often refer to their Dad as Ted Bullpit (of Kingswood Country fame) or Teddles (even though he doesn't quite glad wrap the number plate or have a concrete aboriginal in the front garden).

All this is said with great affection, but they recall one Mother's Day, when everyone else was getting flowers and Grumpy walked through the door with about a 10kg dhuie and exclaimed "isn't it a bewdy Darl". Needless, to say he and the dhuie made a very quick exit out the door.

Buying presents isn't his strong point – the other memorable occasion was one Valentines Day when he proudly delivered a beautiful red teddy bear clutching a box of chocolates. However, on closer examination the "teddy" had horns, a tail and was carrying a spear – it was a Horny Devil!!

Suppose it would be easier if

I went fishing, and by now would have 43 reels, 43 rods, 43 knives plus an assortment of lures. But c'est la vie and welcome to Internet Shopping and the recently delivered genuine leather French handbag purchased in a moment of weakness!! I'm beside myself waiting till he asks the inevitable question "what do you want for Mothers Day" – I haven't often seen him lost for words, but this could just about do it.

*The Other Half*

Lest we forget



A boy went to war in 1914 and left his bike chained to a small tree. He never made it home, and his family left the bike by the tree in his memory. This is that tree today.

Baldchin Groper	4.480kg	07.10.07	Craig Johnston
Blue Devil Fish	0.274	05.07.09	Jamie Straw
Boxfish Western Smooth	0.792	13.06.10	Mike Gofford
Breaksea Cod	1.862	02.11.08	George Bartell
Bronze Bullseye	0.070	02.12.07	Gary Waterman
Buff Bream	5.592	07.06.09	Thomas Shaw
Butterfish	0.376	06.07.08	Nick Shaw
Cod (Wirra)	0.852	04.10.09	George Bartell
Dhufish	16.880	04.10.09	Cam Johnston
Dolphinfish	3.850	11.01.12	Cam Johnston
Eel (Woodwards Reef)	0.656	04.07.10	Kye Carter
Flathead	1.604	07.09.08	Bailey Johnston
Flounder	0.558	06.07.08	Bert Straw
Foxfish	1.038	02.05.10	George Bartell
Garfish	0.280	02.12.07	Bill Leech
Goatfish	0.352	06.07.08	Nick Shaw
Harlequin	1.862	03.10.10	Bob Kalebich
Herring	0.318	04.11.07	Brian Harris
KG Whiting	1.304	07.06.09	Craig Johnston
Leather Jacket	1.596	07.09.08	George Bartell
Leather Jacket (6 barb)	2.080	01.08.10	Brian Harris
Leather Jacket C/Man)	2.902	07.03.10	George Bartell
Mackerel (Blue)	0.346	02.08.09	Bob Meneguz
Mackerel (Jack)	0.266	06.11.11	Rob Akerstrom
Mackerel Spanish	10.215	03.04.11	John Barnes
Mulloway	1.934	08.03.09	Jayden Bartell
Nannygai	0.420	07.09.08	Nick Shaw
Painted Grinner (Lizard Fish)	0.264	02.05.10	Ted Stevens
Pig Fish	0.882	07.08.11	Cam Johnston
Pike	3.218	07.03.10	Bob Kalebich
Pink Snapper	6.020	03.02.08	Bob Kalebich
Queen Snapper	5.420	07.02.10	George Bartell
Salmon	5.572	11.04.10	Mark Thomson
Sampson Fish	18.160	02.08.09	George Bartell
Sand Bass	0.620	08.02.09	Jamie Straw
Sergeant Baker	1.348	07.08.11	George Bartell
Shark (Bronze Whaler)	15.150	04.05.08	Stuart Bartlett
Shark (Gummy)	8.110	07.08.11	Ellery Akerstrom
Shark (Hammerhead)	13.360	04.04.09	George Bartell
Shark (Mako)	8.900	07.06.09	Stephen Foote
Shark (Port Jackson)	9.373	05.07.09	Ted Stevens
Silver Spot Fish	0.557	07.10.07	Bert Straw
Skipjack (Silver Trevally)	1.188	02.05.10	Jayden Bartell
Snook	1.704	13.02.11	Derek Smith
Swallowtail Snapper	0.542	08.03.09	Derek Smith
Sweep (Banded)	1.808	07.03.10	Mike Gofford
Sweep (Sea)	2.684	04.07.10	Nick Shaw
Sweep (Football)	0.190	04.04.09	George Bartell
Sweep(Moonlighter)	1.238	07.02.10	Jamie Straw
Sweetlip (Painted)	4.946	04.07.10	Cam Johnston
Sweetlip (Spotted Golden)	1.936	02.11.08	Craig Johnston
Tailor	1.158	04.10.09	Mark Thomson
Tarwhine	0.700	03.02.08	Ted Stevens
Trumpeter	0.390	07.11.10	Jamie Straw
Tuna (Bonito)	3.980	13.02.11	Sharon Barnes
Tuna (Southern Bluefin)	6.730	02.05.10	Bob Meneguz
Tuna (Skipjack)	4.050	06.04.08	Craig Johnston
Western Scalyfin	0.378	07.09.08	Mark Thomson
Whiskered Prowfish	0.025	04.04.09	Brandon Straw
Whiting	0.270	06.07.08	Derek Smith
Woodward's Pomfret	0.106	08.11.09	Jamie Straw
Yellowtail	0.160	02.08.09	Bob Meneguz

