



BIG RED RESULTS

November 2008

2008 Big Red Competition

The Big Red competition this year proved to be a huge success. For something that we were trying to decide on whether to cancel or downsize, as we were unsure of how to finance such a popular competition, the Big Red rose to the top.

This only happened because of the commitment and financial donations of many members plus the huge contribution of new and old sponsors.

The lead up to the Big Red including a briefing night at the club on the Wednesday previous, with approximately 80 people attending, the scene was set. Weather forecasts for Saturday were great, but Sunday was not looking good with 20-30 knot winds expected. With a large flotilla of both club and guest boats on Port Phillip Bay early Saturday morning the Snapper were patchy. After previously **firing** for the Thursday and Friday, reports were not great across the radio. Many smaller fish came in from the shallows, where the most consistent were in the deep channel areas.

You could tell by late morning with the boats moving around that not a lot of fish were caught.

A northerly sprung up mid Saturday morning which forced a lot of boats off the water, at least they could go home, rest and gain some composure. Weigh-in at Braeside on Saturday afternoon told the story, more fish were actually caught than expected, but the average size of just over 2 kg showed that this year's competition was going to be about winning with smaller fish as we did not expect to see any of the thumpers of previous years.

By the end of weigh-in on Saturday the competition was led 1,2,3, by three fish from the same boat. Club members and fisherman couldn't wait to get back out onto the water as the weather eased off for Saturday evening. Without the crowd of the fishing public, the seaway was much quieter on boats and unfortunately again, much quieter on fish. Many members gave up by midnight with a few keen anglers fishing right through.

After the forecast many anglers decided not to fish on Sunday however the wind stayed away. For those who did venture out, they were rewarded by good water, very little wind but again unfortunately with the barometer dropping, there was a noticeable lack of fish.

With few fish caught and a lack of time remaining all eyes were turned to the weigh-in. Crowds starting milling in around BCF Braeside at approximately midday, with the weigh-in closing in at 1 pm, in anticipation of bigger fish being caught. Unfortunately this was not so, as a fish of 6.4kg was the end result.

Overall the day was tops and all seemed to enjoy. It look like a carnival was happening from Springvale road. Plans have already started for next years competition, and your committee is asking you , the members what we can do to improve. If you can offer any feedback, please talk to one of the committee soon.

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Upcoming Events at the Club

- General Meeting on 3rd December
- Kids Christmas Party 14th December
- 17th December 2008 Last Club night for the year(Usually fun and George gets generous
- 7th January - Club reopens
- 1st February –Port Phillip Bay comp

Ultimate Team Results

Hobsons Bay

Garry Friend 2nd Juniors

Tea Tree

4th Steve Makarios

Gala @ Beaumaris

2nd Michael Fox

Juniors

1st William Hipkin

2nd Garry Freind

Thanks from the committee

We would like to thank all the club members and family's that contributed to the success of this years BIG RED. A lot of the effort is behind the scenes in planning and setting up for the event. Many people take the day off work to help on the Friday before. Once the day arrives, approx. 25 % of the club members find themselves helping out in one way or another, and then the worst job, after a long weekend of fishing etc, is packing up and getting the gear back to the clubrooms.

We would also like to thank Greg Goepel, Daryl Thomas and Robert Lewis for financial contribution that helped us buy the Hero Boat. Also we could not have done it without the experience and effort from Geoff "Sangers" and John "Nukie". Also new committee members Chris & Corey's help to Eddie was invaluable. Thanks also go to "alphabet" George, Campbell, and his ladies in Catering.

"Thanks"

Vale Shane Finn

Since the last newsletter we've lost one of our long term members, Shane Finn. Shane was a senior member since he turned 18, and was listed as a junior before that. After suffering a long illness, he was put to rest late last month. Many members turned up at the funeral all wearing their Club colours in respect for the time and effort Shane had put into the club. Shane's father, Rod, was one of the founding members of Brighton Central Angling Club. Shanes jovial nature will be well missed at club events and meetings alike.



Hero Boat Winner—
Geoff Rose

Big Red Winners,
1st, Evan Tsiokas
2nd Zoe Mahic
3rd Bill Tsiokas



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Hobsons Bay Classic

The 2008 Hobson's bay competition, which was held over the weekend of **8th & 9th of November** had mixed results. With over 20 ultimate angling team members fishing, it was very hard work. Saturday had 2-3 metre seas on Port Phillip Bay, which didn't subside until 2am on Sunday morning. From there the fishing scene heated up with most people reaching their bag limits, but unfortunately the size of fish averaged between 2-2.5kg, with only Foxy to get one over 6kg. The team set up its own marquee and waited and waited for the presentation, it seemed like a very slow day and with very varied results from the ultimate angling team the day seemed to go on forever. Gary Friend came second in the juniors, but there were no senior results (for us).

Christmas Party

The 2008 Christmas party preparation are well under way. Everybody who has been to one of these events in the last three years, know how much fun it can be for both adults and children alike. The club loves to attract children from members and friends down to the rooms for this great, fun day. Rhia and the committee have been organizing popular events such as a jumping castle, face painting, ponies, icy-poles, and of course the visit from Santa! This is one family event we suggest you don't miss. However its time you put in your forms and let Rhia and Co. have the number attending, their ages, and the small contribution required going towards the day of only \$10 per child

Waterways Family Day

The club has been invited down to the opening of the waterways subdivision lake on the 30th of November this impoundment has apparently been stocked with native fish and should be a good day. We've been invited down to show our skills and help the locals and their children learn how to catch fish. This also will be a very good promotional day for the club. It is also to be treated as our Family Fishing Day changing it from late January to this date, as many people will either still be away or just coming back from their holidays. Be in contact with the club on Wednesday evening to find out more.

Camping at Lake Wartook – Melbourne Cup Weekend

After a three hour drive through Victoria we arrived at Hall's Gap, home to one of Victoria's best hidden secrets – Lake Wartook. Those who came along for the trip included Nukie and his family, Sam Bolous and his sons, and Frank Politakis (the wine connoisseur). For the first timers, Lake Wartook was a great discovery as it is a place where you don't need your mobile phones or remote control; you can just sit back, relax, and take in the beauty that surrounds you (and we aren't talking about Sam's hairdo or Frank!).

Lake Wartook is a great spot to take the family, especially little ones, as there is a lot for them to explore. There is a beautiful white beach, the Grampian Mountains which surround the entire lake, and a range of wild life, including kangaroos, kookaburras, emus, and Frank's favourite – the Pelicans.

It didn't take long for Nukie to get his gear together and go out on the boat to catch a trout for dinner. Although it wasn't a serious fishing trip, we managed to catch four rainbow trout, two brown trout, and two redfin.

Like many camping trips, one of the greatest highlights was the camp fire. It was the place where we all gathered over the four days to talk, sing, dance, roast marshmallows and drink. Nukie and his apprentice Sam cooked up a storm with their barbeques and casseroles. However, there was a down side – we ran out of grape juice. Thanks Frank! Overall, we had a great trip and a great time and the first timers are counting down until we go there again.

Contribution from Nukie



Editors Note.

Website Update. We are still building the new website, but I do not want to upload it until we have 80% of it completed. Work restraints and content are the two main handicaps. We plan to have it up for Christmas, but even that is fast approaching. We will keep at it. If you believe you may have some contributions I would appreciate it. Item examples that we could use are, Recipes, Photos, club history items and old newsletters, stories, Club GPS Marks etc. All appreciated. Also if you believe there is something that should be on the site, send me a suggestion.

Photo Wall. We have over 250 photos of the Big Red on Display at the club. Come and have a look, and even let me know which ones you may like a copy. I can email any particular ones as well.

Club Merchandise. Nukie has lots of new style shirts, caps, hats, etc available at rock bottom prices, just grab him when at the club.

Newsletter. If any club member has a great xmas vacation story or location that they want to share with other club members, please forward to me with a couple of photos, gratefully received.

Monthly Funny



"I don't want to talk about it."

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JUNIOR COMPETITION

Number of competitors	56
Number of snapper weighted in	32
Average weight of snapper	2.07KG
Heaviest Snapper	3.73KG
Number of Whiting weighted in	4
Number of Flathead weighted in	8
Number of Garfish weighted in	1

Heaviest Snapper 1st	3.73KG	Tanya Turhan
Heaviest Snapper 2nd	3.67KG	Cody Lehman
Heaviest Snapper 3rd	3.66KG	William Hipkin

Mystery Weight Snapper 1	Adrian Da Silva
Mystery Weight Snapper 2	Matthew Castaldo
Mystery Weight Whiting	Cody Lehmann
Mystery Weight Flathead	Georgia Warren
Mystery Weight Garfish	Tom Jessop

CATCH AND RELEASE SNAPPER COMPETITION

Number of entries	9
Average length of snapper	54cm
Longest snapper	64cm

Longest Snapper 1st	64cm	John Close
Longest Snapper 2nd	57cm	Bruce Sutherland
Longest Snapper 3rd	55cm	Barney Friend

Mystery Length Snapper 1	Greg Goepel
Mystery Length Snapper 2	Bruce Sutherland

OPEN COMPETITION

Number of competitors	260
Number of snapper weighted in	150
Average weight of snapper	2.65KG
Heaviest Snapper	6.46KG

Heaviest Snapper 1st	6.46KG	Evan Tsiokas
Heaviest Snapper 2nd	6.25KG	Zoe Mahic
Heaviest Snapper 3rd	5.88KG	Bill Tsiokas

Lucky Angler Boat Prize

Geoff Rose