



Newsletter of the Lake Pedder Anglers Club Inc

Issue: November 2014

Inside: Crescent Captures, Trout Classic, Appointment of Club Patron, Camping at the club pond and plenty more summer reading...

Southwest Bulletin



*Able Australia Club Pond Day
8th November 2014*



Presidents Report

AGM in September saw a few changes in the committee structure, Gary Loh is our new vice president and thanks to John Groves for his time as Vice President. John is stepping back into a committee role, his support while vice president has been invaluable in assisting me. We also welcome new committee members Paul Browne, Yolanda Loh and Dylan Loh. These three have hit the ground running Paul is coordinating the charity pond events for the club, Dylan is taking on the website management and Yolanda arranged the club stand at the Bothwell Bushfest last weekend

Thanks to the Telstra Foundation and Troy Stonehouse for a \$1200 grant which the club used to purchase another marquee for pond events. There is more on this later in the newsletter. The grant has very much assisted the club as we need more shelter at pond events.

The major prize for the Australia Day long weekend competition is now with the club. Thanks to Mercury Marine, Channel Marine, Dunbier, Kings Trailers and Towbars and Hydro Tasmania for their support in making this possible.



We are urging all members if possible to "bring a friend" along this January to assist the club by increasing membership and competitor numbers. Over the past two years despite freezing competition entry fees, we have seen a decline in competitors. If everyone can try to bring one person it will assist the club greatly as some of these people will come back in future years. Rapala are sponsoring the membership prize again this year. This time there will be 3 membership prizes valued at \$500, \$350 and \$150.

Able Australia came to our club pond on 8th November, it was well attended and as the photos in this newsletter show all had a great time and most people from Able caught fish this year. Thanks to Paul Browne for arranging this at short notice. Members had a fun time camping over on the Friday night and thanks to all who assisted the Able people fishing, we all look forward to the next pond event.

The following weekend the club promoted itself to the public at the Bothwell Bushfest. Thanks to those who set up on Friday and helped out on the stand over the weekend. Thanks to Yolanda Loh who organised the stand and all of us. Those who helped out all agreed we had a great time talking about fishing at Pedder, our club and its activities. Dylan Loh's photo display was a hit and created a lot of interest. We were well received by the public and have already been asked back next year.

Have a safe and festive Christmas season, looking forward to seeing you at Lake Pedder in January

Tight Lines, Matt Mallinson

Editorial

We hope you enjoyed this bumper edition and look forward to your contributions for the next newsletter in March 2015.

If you have a story to share, photos, items to sell, a good recipe or anything of interest for members, please send it for the newsletter. This is your newsletter and your contributions help to make this newsletter a success.

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Thank you to Telstra Foundation

At the heart of every Telstra Kids grant is a Telstra employee who nominates a local community activity they value. Our sincere thanks go to Telstra's Troy Stonehouse who is also one of our members. Troy contacted members of the committee as he wished to nominate the club for a grant. At the time the committee was discussing the need for a marquee for the club pond events for Camp Quality and Able Australia. Troy submitted the application on behalf of the club for a marquee and LPAC was lucky to receive \$1200 which has been put towards the purchase of a second marquee to be used at the pond events.

Each year the Telstra Foundation grants funds to organisations like us. Since 2002 Telstra kids has contributed more than \$8.8 million to some 7,600 community projects for kids. The photo below show the marquee purchased with grant funds.



LPAC Club Raffle

Tickets \$2.00 each,

- 1st Prize** 2 nights accommodation at Hubies Hideaway Colesbay, Dinner for family at Iluka Tavern and 3 hour dinghy boat hire value \$500.00 donated by Harding Family and Iluka Tavern
- 2nd Prize** Fly and Dry Wader value \$350.00 donated by Fly and Dry Waders
- 3rd Prize** 1 night accommodation at Bronte Park Highland Village value \$140.00 donated by Bronte Park Highland Village
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- 7th Prize** Tubbies Lure's. value at \$100 donated by Ian Cooper

*All proceeds to Lake Pedder Anglers Club Inc.
Please support our club raffle this year as this is the clubs major fundraiser*

Tickets will be available from registration desk at Australia Day Competition until sold out
Raffle will be drawn on Monday 26th January 2015 during end of Competition presentation

If you are able to sell raffle books please contact Treasurer Natalie Rowlands

LPAC Merchandise

LPAC Hoodies are now in stock \$40 each.

Need Lures for stocking fillers? The LPAC stock of lures and clothes is in Hobart.

Contact Natalie Rowlands on 0427 604 118 if you wish to make a purchase.

Crescent Captures by Martin Exel

Several of our members have been fishing at Lake Crescent over recent months, with some great catches from Peter Glowaki, his Mum Toni, as well as his mate and fellow LPAC member, Rob Hall. Rumour has it they've got the fishing wired, catching many fish in the 7 to 15 pound range during past months, which is an incredible achievement. Toni put some great photos up on her facebook page, with two cracker fish around the 70+ cm size!

Matt Mallinson and I dropped in for an afternoon to see how Peter was going, and managed to catch three trout – 1 estimated at 6 pounds, 1 at 11 pounds, and 1 that was clearly lost from Lake Pedder, as it was only about 1 pound!

We'll have to go back, as Matt managed to lose a couple of good takes from monster fish, so he's got a score to settle!!



Martin and his 6 pounder at Lake Crescent

I returned with Laurie Harrison for a few hours fishing prior to the Great Lake competition round for the Tasmanian Trout Classic, and Laurie landed a lovely 7 pound brown. That was even more memorable, as the electric motor broke down (again – this time following me driving it into a rock in the Great Lake...so when we put it into the water at Lake Crescent, and pulled it out again, the head flowed with water, as the seal wasn't properly on! And that was the day before our Great Lake Tasmanian Trout Classic competition too!!). A gentle touch on rocks with the main propeller also unfortunately created yet another "prop for the bin" for us. No wonder we carry so many spare parts with us!



Prop



Laurie's 7 pounder



Laurie's 7 pounder Lake Crescent

Thanks to help from Justin Causby and other competitors in the Tasmanian Trout Classic, Laurie managed to purchase and have delivered to the Great Lake Hotel a brand new electric motor that night (Friday). He and I finished up with the preliminaries for the competition and dinner, then headed back to the shack to remove the old electric (which I'd broken) and install the new one. All going well at 10.30 pm with our plans, until we discovered there was no soldering iron, and no clip attached to the end of the connecting main wires for the new electric. A few minutes of swearing, a quick scramble around the ground outside, and we had four pieces of twig, wrapped up tightly with a cable tie, effectively holding the wiring together. We took spare pieces of wood and extra cable ties with us during the competition (in case the great job fell apart) but didn't need them – a true test for us as 'bush electricians'!



Prop



invention by bush electricians

The Lake Crescent fishery's clearly recovering after great efforts by the Inland Fisheries Service to eliminate carp from the waters (the first successful eradication in the World!) and there appears to be a healthy population of native galaxias in the lake, to sustain the bigger fish. Most of the fish are being caught casting lures to imitate the galaxias as the water remains a chocolate brown in colour, providing loads of cover for the trout. A number of other anglers have been catching large fish on large wet flies, and some trollers are reportedly having success....but with the majority of the lake at around 2.3 metres deep, the trolling is with shallow lures! A big question will be how well the lake sustains the increased pressure from anglers but, with most of the fish being caught and released, hopefully it'll provide loads of fun for everyone into the future.

Also present at the lake when Matt and I were there was a resident tiger snake at the launching area - so it's worth watching where you're walking if you're thinking of heading to Lake Crescent!



Tiger snake Lake Crescent

Editor's note; Laurie visited the LPAC members during Bushfest last weekend. Reporting another damaged prop for the day!

Appointment of Club Patron Nigel Heaven by John Groves

Nigel Heaven has been appointed as LPAC Club patron. Nigel was nominated for this position at September's Annual General Meeting and a letter requesting Nigel to take on this role was sent following the AGM. Nigel has responded to the club accepting the nomination and at the October committee meeting the position of club patron was passed unanimously. Searching through the history of the club it is clear we have a very deserving club patron who has been appointed according to the club's constitution. Nigel was nominated for many reasons, he is the longest serving member of the club and his involvement and history in the club is one for the archives.

Nigel was stationed at Strathgordon in the early 70's, where he was the local police constable for a while and soon saw the need to establish a boat hire and fishing charter business. Nigel attended the inaugural meeting of the club back in 1976, Club records show he was actively involved in determining whether the Pedder fish were actually the biggest trout ever caught in fresh water. The fisheries at the time advised that the biggest trout came from the Huon River so the conjecture was is that considered fresh or tidal, either way the fish in Pedder were huge as the records show. Nigel was present when most of the huge fish were caught and there are many stories to be told and documented for club members to read. Nigel was responsible for the club and town mascot, a huge brown trout modeled on a Lake Gordon Brown trout. Nigel had Trevor made and he featured in early television advertisements about the Hydro village and the chalet. The large brown trout became known as Trevor and sat over the BP service station, and later in a couple of places at the entrance to the chalet, including over the large log at the entrance and these days over the front door of the chalet.

Nigel is very passionate regarding the club he along with PMM real estate have sponsored the club since 1976. Nigel has attended all January competitions since 1976 not a bad feat by any means. He has held all club executive positions over the years including at times both president and secretary and later treasurer.

We are deeply honored to have Nigel as club patron and look forward to working with him to enhance the Lake Pedder Anglers Club well into the future.

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FLY 'n DRY



Australia Day Long Weekend Competition

Thursday 22nd January – Monday 26th January

Lake Pedder Chalet management has changed. All bookings have been passed on by Sue and Neville. The new management have requested competitors confirm your booking with them for the January competition.

Competition information is now available on the club website.

Tasmanian Trout Classic Tournament update by Martin Exel

A number of our LPAC members are fishing in the Tasmanian Trout Classic series

(<https://www.facebook.com/tasmaniantroutclassics>) which is run over three weekends; Round 1 at the Derwent River, held in September; Round 2 at the Great Lake, held in late October, and the final, remaining, Round 3 which is to be held at Arthurs Lake over the weekend of 29/30 November. The competition is for artificial lure and flies only, and runs each day of the weekend from 7 am to 2 pm, with the aim being to catch, photograph, and release as many trout as each team can in that period of time.

Teams are of two people in one boat, and there are 29 boats entered in each round this year, which is a great effort. More details on the competition and sponsors (who include Lowrance electronics and Tonic eyewear as major sponsors) can be found on the facebook page.

The Derwent round proved very tough for all teams, with limited numbers of fish caught, but great fun had by all. The weekend was won by Will Thorpe and Brendan Lovell, who landed 12 fish, chased hard on their heels by Tony Robertson and Martyn Evans (who did the best of the LPAC members) coming 2nd overall with 12 fish weighed in and only missing out on first spot by count back on length of fish. Dennis Butler and Grant Smith came a very close 3rd (on count back) also with 12 fish, with Laurie Harrison and Martin Exel coming in with 10 fish, giving them 4th.position overall. Archie Cashion and Brad Townsend were right behind them, with 8 fish putting them into 5th place.

That tough couple of days fishing was followed up by the Great Lake round, where everyone had high expectations for big numbers of trout as has happened in past years, but the weather intervened and so bag sizes were down a bit on the past. LPAC members did well in that round, with the winners of the Great Lake round being Justin Causby and Tim Lowe with an exceptional 15 fish on day 1, and 8 fish on day 2. Second place went to Laurie Harrison and Martin Exel (8 fish on day 1; 10 fish day 2); closely chased by other LPAC members including Brad Townsend and Archie Cashion in 4th place (6 fish on day 1; 10 fish day 2). Martyn Evans and Tony Robertson are still in the main group, coming 7th with 5 fish day 1, and 9 fish on day 2. Lots of teams talked about the frustrations of trout following lures, or not hooking up well, but that's all part of fishing!

The overall competition prize is based on points from the three separate rounds, so is closely contested at the top with Laurie and Martin currently sitting first on 6 points (4th in first round, 2nd in second round), closely chased by equal second LPAC members Brad Townsend and Archie Cashion on 9 points (5th in first round, 4th in second) with Martyn Evans and Tony Robertson (2nd first round, 7th second round). Not to be forgotten are Justin Causby and Tim Lowe sitting right on their heels on 12 points (11th in first round, 1st in second round) equal with Dennis Butler and Grant Smith (3rd in the first round, 9th in the second). Other LPAC members are also doing well in the competition, including Dylan Loh and Greg Kowalski on 22 points, after coming 10th in the first round and 11th in the second. So the final round is going to be a ripper!

The Trout Classic tournament provides a great opportunity to meet other keen anglers, have loads of fun, learn different techniques, and improve your fishing skills. It's also worth noting that, in the current top 5 positions (out of 29 boats), four of the leaders are using standard boats without massive outboards. So you don't need a bass boat with 150 horsepower engine on it to be competitive!

Arthurs Lake is going to be fascinating, as reports have it fishing really tough at the moment, although there are usually plenty of small fish to be found, so everyone's hoping for big bags of fish to complete the tournament. Check out the tournament facebook page on 29 and 30 November to see how the LPAC teams go!



Some of the boats getting ready for the 7 am start!



And the start of the great lake trout classic, as boats head out of Swan Bay, headed for their favourite spots to fish.

Are you really supporting our sponsors who in turn support our club?

LPAC needs sponsors and members our sponsors need you, it's getting harder and harder each year for our sponsors to stay with us. Many of our sponsors have been with the club for years and have stuck by us through lean times as they are now. All sponsors report that they would like to see LPAC members shopping with them more often. When your out shopping, show your club card and to let them know you are from LPAC, there's a lot of us now and we can make a difference by getting behind our sponsors when we shop for Christmas.

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Photos from October fishing trip. One fish in boat, lost three. Who needs fish when the lake is like this.
Troy Stonehouse



Online sportsfishtasmania by Shane Alderton

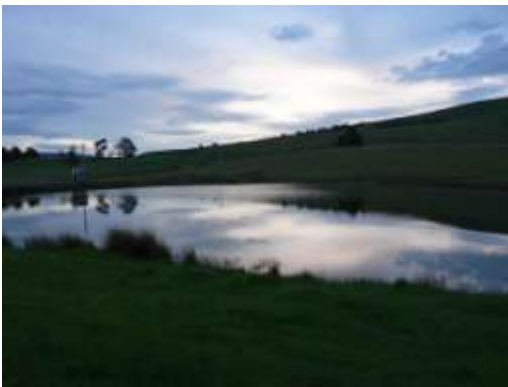
I have been a committee member for almost 2 years and run the chat group for the club at sportsfishtasmania. sportsfishtasmania is an online chat group devoted to people who like to talk about fishing, share information, pictures and stories about fishing related matters they also have a buy and sell forum, online competitions, monthly photo competitions, fresh water and saltwater reports. Forum sponsors advertise the latest fishing gear on this forum, in fact if its fishing related they just about have forum section for it. Membership is free you just have to abide by forum website rules.

Our club uses this forum to promote the Australia Day fishing competition and I use this forum to post stories about Lake Pedder and the club from time to time. I would love to see more club members join and use this forum to tell their fishing stories about Lake Pedder and other places. If any one is interested in joining the forum website link is <http://www.sportsfishtasmania.com/>

If anyone has a great yarn and photos to share but does want to become a forum member you can email me or the club and i would be more than happy to post them on the forum under the club account name.

Pond Camping with LPAC by Sharon Mallinson

On Friday afternoon members met at the club pond to set up tents and camp. Saturday morning Able Australia were coming to fish the pond with members. It's become a ritual that members camp overnight during pond events and as always with our members there is quite a story to share. We started off with our boys forgetting their tent poles, ropes and pegs. To save a trip back home for the necessary items we decided to put them to sleep in our marquee that had luckily been included for extra roof cover on Saturday. Next I hear do you know where the club marquee ropes and tent pegs are. A few minutes later... Where's the ropes and tent pegs for our marquee Sharon? We realised neither marquee had been used since last club event in April, so all must be packed up together but where? All looked and nothing was found. The weather forecasters in the group assured us all is fine, no strong wind forecasted we will sort out tent pegs in the morning before Able arrive. Strong wind is forecasted for later on Saturday so we were told we had time. We had a good evening with a few quite drinks and stories around the fire pot. We celebrated Lachlans 13th Birthday all the while negotiating the very moist deep cow pats which had been a challenge all afternoon. More of a challenge for some than others eh Natalie. As dark came we needed light to find our cars and the toilet without landing knee deep in another cow pat or two. We all went to bed around midnight and gave up on Anthony our newest member calling in to join us around the fire. Around 2 am the wind came and the tents flapped. Dylan tells me he awoke to hearing the club tent and our tent over the boys jumping off the ground. I woke thinking I'm not into this swag need more air and space, I had just unzipped the door when the marquee took off over the swag village. Dylan ducked and the marquee rolled towards the pond followed by Dylan and Matt close behind. How they didn't step in cow pats I don't know. The funniest sight ever two boys laying in their sleeping bags saying the tent blew away mum! Tom was wandering around half asleep for a few minutes and Natalie deep in cow pats again! To cut a long story short 2 hours later we had one tent pulled down and the club marquee tied down thanks to Dave cutting up the fire wood to make tent pegs. We used the swag ropes and Matt's bolts from his tool box came in handy for tent pegs. All the while John and Paul slept through the noise and lights flashing everywhere! Back to bed everyone, now the kids wouldn't sleep out in the open, so I offered and on such a hot night it was a treat. Next day we all awoke at 6am. Natalie was out of bed and cooking Egg and Bacon roles with David by 7am. Later in the day the wind arrived and blew the Able people home by 12pm. We managed with a battle to cook our bbq and then folded up the gear in gales. Kim hey everyone look what I found in my ute – the missing tent pegs and ropes which had travelled back to Ouse overnight.



Able Pond Day by Sharon Mallinson

Our first Able fisherman to arrive had travelled down from Launceston, Paul set them up with rods and they were off fishing. Skinny as we were told to call him was full of jokes and lots of fun. One by one the group home cars arrived with more people. Friends made at the last pond event met up and all quickly set off to catch one of the big fish. They were not disappointed all but two caught fish before the wind set in. They had a ball and the smiles on faces in the photos in this newsletter tell the story.

Brian educated us on the life cycle of the trout and it was good to see some new carers present this time. All had a good day catching fish. Some of the group homes took fish home to cook for the clients. Another point to mention is how well the younger club members worked assisting the Able clients to hook up and net fish. They worked tirelessly all day as you can see from the photos. Thanks to the Central Highlands Mens shed for loaning their bbq equipment and to Paul Browne for his organisation of the pond event on behalf of the club. It was very well run and the day went smoothly. Other sponsors of the event are Petuna for the fish, Vicki Jones who allows us to take over her pond for our events and the local IGA who donate bread for the bbq. Snug Beach Cabin and Caravan Park are also supporters of the club event. Thanks to Gary Loh for arranging the port a toilet again.

Dion the local policeman came to visit and was soon a hit with the clients. Local GP Dr Schwartz came again and was soon involved helping set fish back into the pond. Of course there is always a member who ends up with a hook in them each year. This year the "got hooked award" goes to Shane Alderton who first hooked his shirt then his shoulder. Luckily Dr Schwartz had just arrived and assisted to remove the hook from his shoulder. Who will it be next year? At least this hooking didn't cause a drive back from strathgordon to Hobart as the last two did.



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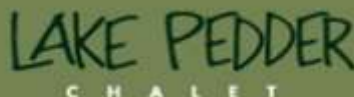
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January

14th Committee Meeting
22nd – 26th Australia Day Competition

February

11th Committee Meeting

March

Date TBC Eddie Wigston Memorial
11th Committee Meeting

April

8th Committee Meeting
Autumnfest

May

Date TBC Liawenee Trout Day
13th Committee Meeting

June

5th – 8th Winter at Pedder Club Competition including flare demonstration
Annual club dinner and memorial award presentation.
Members General Meeting