

Tangled Lines

newsletter



JANUARY—2024

**Next general meeting will held at:
Devil Bend Golf Club**

**When: January 31st - 6.30pm
Where: 48 Loders Rd, Moorooduc VIC 3933**

**What's On
Family Dinner Meeting
RSVP to Jan ☎ 0418 382 492**



Check out our socials and website online

Learn more and see what's biting and where. Check out our socials or visit us on our website: www.spac.org.au

PRESIDENTS REPORT - JANUARY

Hi All,

Well Christmas is only about 345 days away!

I hope you all had the best Christmas/New Year you could, I know I did even without a boat. But that's a story for another time.



We have a very busy calendar ahead of us starting with Australia Day open comp and 2 weigh-in locations Woodside and Mt Eliza Regional Park off Two Bays Rd. Remember weigh-in is between 3 to 3.30pm Sunday as this is an open competition. The weather hasn't been kind to us over the break so let's hope it improves from here on.

The last meeting is at BCF Mornington Wednesday 29 th November was a cracker! with an open mike talk on snapper fishing techniques from John Dalla Rosa. The venue worked well, and we must thank Mark and the team from BCF for their hospitality.

Our Christmas party at the Western Port Hotel on December 2nd went off with a BANG it was great to catch up with everyone in a relaxed setting. Thanks to Jan, Rein and Chippy for setting up the terrace for the night.

Thank you to John Briggs for doing the newsletter for the past umpteen dozen years and welcome to Robert Chin for taking a firm grip on the reins. Please keep an eye on the website, Facebook and Instagram pages as Robert has some great ideas. Don't forget if you have a report, information or photos please send them to:

snappernewsletter@gmail.com

HOUSE KEEPING

1. Please RSVP NOW to Jan on 0418382492 for our first meeting of the year (Jan 31st) being the family meeting with dinner supplied.
2. Please let Crackers know if you are coming to Woodside for the weekend so they can plan for where you are to stay.

Well, that's it for me and until we meet again I bid you Happy Fishing!

Russell Sheppard (President)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members: Dimitri Korammesinis and Robert Chin

BBQ ROSTER

These choices were made by random draw at committee level.

If you are named for a BBQ and are unable to fulfil your duty it is up to you to find someone else to take your place. Instructions for BBQ duty are available on the SPAC Website.

Month	Date	Duty	Month	Date	Duty
January	22nd	Mauro Moulett	July	TBC	TBC
February	19th	Ray Saggars	August	TBC	TBC
February	26th	Stuart Allen	September	TBC	TBC
March	26th	Glen Raven	October	TBC	TBC
April	23rd	Greg Plant	November	TBC	TBC
May	21st	Hugh Pearce	December	TBC	TBC
June	TBC	TBC			

\$25 DRAW @ GENERAL MEETINGS

To encourage attendance at General Meetings, the Club has will introduced a new \$25 Cash prize to be drawn at every General Meeting.

Rules:

- Each meeting, one members name will be drawn from an up to date membership list, and to win you **must be in attendance**.
- The Prize money will jackpot cumulatively by \$25 per meeting until successfully won.
- The incentive shall run through the Club financial year.
- Any balance of prize money not previously won, shall be drawn from members attending the AGM , until won

Progress so far:

August Draw: Wayne Preston: Not in attendance - missed \$75

September Draw: Mauro Molento: In attendance - as AGM winner **Won \$125**

October Draw: Lance Medwin : In attendance - **won \$25**

November Draw: Lance Medwin : In attendance - **won \$25**



COMMUNICATIONS/ OUR SOCIALS NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE



SPAC is going public.

We want to make more people aware of our great club. Attract new members and keep our current members better informed. We're busy updating our website, our Instagram and Facebook pages and Tangled Lines, our newsletter.



We will also be creating a FB Messenger chat group that we will add you all into to get instant updates. The more you interact—the better it is. So feel free to contribute or send in content and we will include it where possible.



Learn more and see what's biting and where. Check us out by clicking on the logos or via:



Website: www.spac.org.au

Instagram Page: [@snapperpointangling](https://www.instagram.com/snapperpointangling)

Facebook: [Snapper Point Angling Club](https://www.facebook.com/SnapperPointAnglingClub)

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BOATING TIP: CROSSING A BAR SAFELY

Bar Crossing procedure

- Wear a life jacket.
- Tide movement / Wave direction.
Slack or incoming is best.
- Discuss your intentions with the crew.
- Mark your track.
- Watch wave sequences, Sets.
- Identify clear passage.
- Where possible follow someone experienced
- Keep in contact with other boats or someone ashore. Radio or phone.

Speed

- As fast as it is safe.
- Don't become air born.
- Accelerate after a wave and back of into the next. Inertia.

Don't

- Follow another vessel too closely.
- Pass another vessel in the bar.
- Turn around in the bar.

On Return

- Follow your track.
- Ride the back of a wave.

Heightened risk / Wear a life jacket !!!

The following situations and activities are considered to be of heightened risk:

If you are boating in any of these situations, it is critical that you know how to handle your vessel and know what safety equipment you need, particularly what lifejacket you need to wear. PFD 1.

- Operating alone
- Operating at night (one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise)
- Crossing an ocean bar or [Port Phillip Heads](#)
- Boating in restricted visibility
- When the vessel is disabled
- The vessel is operating in an area where the Bureau of Meteorology has issued a [weather warning](#) of the following kind:
 - a gale warning
 - a storm force wind warning
 - a hurricane force wind warning
 - a severe thunderstorm warning
 - a severe weather warning.

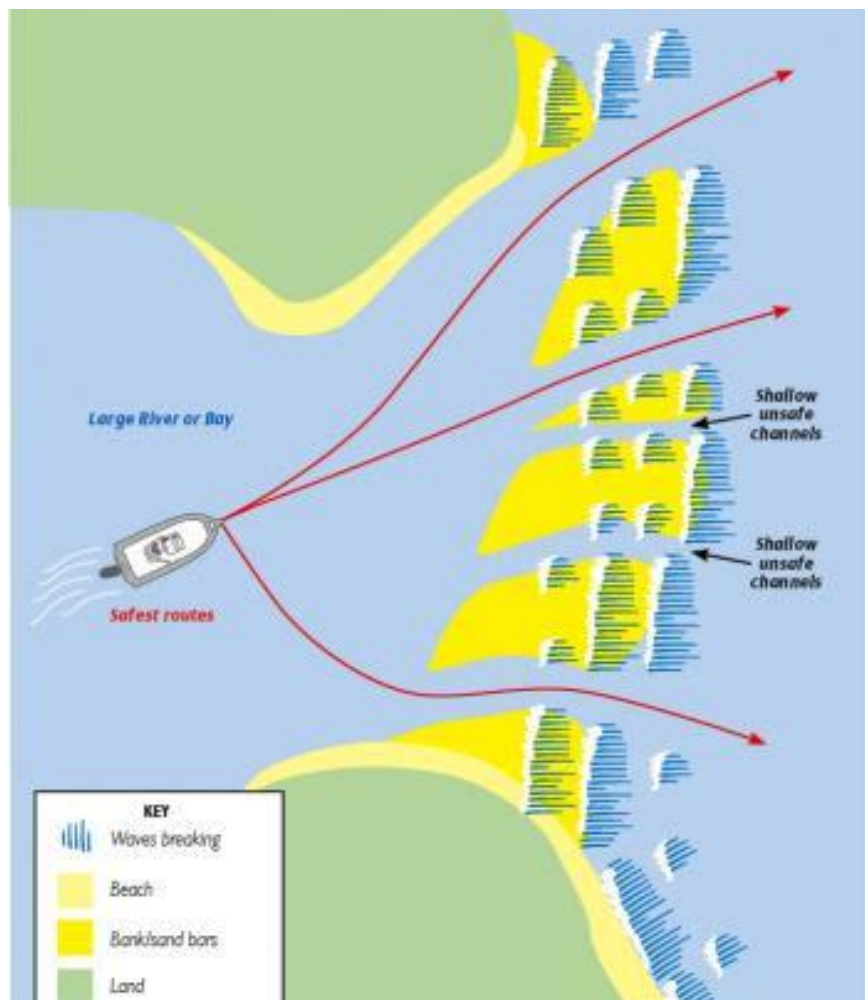


Photo courtesy of Fishing Monthly Magazine

MEMBERS RECIPES

Robert Chins recipe for this month: **Steamed Snapper with Ginger & Spring Onions**

This is a classic family dish for many Asian people, I know some of you throw pan size Snapper back but we love them. Simple and easy to cook.



Ingredients:

- 1 large pan-size whole snapper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 spring onions, white and green bits
- 20cm sized knob of ginger, peeled and cut into thin matchsticks
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon caster sugar (optional)

Technique:

- 1) Gut, Clean and Scale Snapper
- 2) Prepare fish by cutting thick diagonal cuts—both sides
- 3) In a large pan or fish steamer—place an upside plate to hold the cooking plate
- 4) Fill with water to the level of the upside down plate and place your prepared fish on a suitably sized plate in the pan or steam (oval shaped plates are ideal)
- 5) Steam the fish until it's cooked—might take 15 minutes

While the fish is cooking—prepare the rest of the dish:

- 6) Thinly slice (lengthwise) the spring onions and the ginger
- 7) Mix together the soy sauce, salt, and sugar and stir to dissolve.
- 8) Pour the mixture over the fish
- 9) Scatter the top of the fish with the ginger.
- 10) Heat the oil in a separate pan until smoking and pour over the fish, spring onion and ginger.

Preparation time: 5 minutes - **Cooking Time:** 15-20 minutes **Degree of difficulty:** Easy

FROM THE MEMBERS



From Wayne Preston: OzFish

Do you know about OzFish? OzFish Unlimited is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping the millions of Aussie recreational fishers take control of the health of their rivers, lakes and estuaries and shore up the future of the sport they love. Learn more about OzFish by going to their website—[Click here](#): org or the local Mornington chapter Facebook page by clicking on the FB logo



Pres. Russell and Charlie with some good whiting from Tort ice Bank



Nice bag, a good days work.



Jimmy with a prize Gummy. Looks happy



FROM THE MEMBERS

Surf fishing Southern N.S.W.

By Wayne Preston



Over the recent Christmas break I had the pleasure of two weeks camping in the beautiful forest of Bournda National Park situated just South of Tathra on the southern NSW coast. If you take the back Rd from Merimbula to Tathra the park is in this area with only 60 non powered camping sites available. I have been camping in this area for over 25 years now and fishing the beautiful unspoiled Bournda beach which produces magnificent Salmon well up over the 3K mark.

We have also caught yellow fin Bream, Flathead and Tailor. This particular year the fishing was so consistent that we didn't have one session where we missed out on a catch. Fishing with both bait and lures were equally successful. Our normal method of bait fishing over the years consists of a paternoster rig with a surf poppa on the top hook and the bottom hook baited with pilchard. This year I fished with the popular snapper snatches with 4/0 circle hooks both baited with half pieces of blue bait. The blue bait was salted and tended to stay on the hook better. This method worked extremely well combined with a three- or four-ounce star sinker on the bottom of the rig which proved a good amount of weight to set the circle hook has a fish took the bait.

Landing some of the bigger 2 and 3K fish through the surf is certainly a lot of fun. Most days I had the full beach to myself and with a couple of beers it was certainly most relaxing. I don't listen to what a lot of people say about eating salmon only that I find if I bleed them the moment they are caught, bury them upside down in the sand to let them bleed out and eat them cooked on the open fire in breadcrumbs that night or the following day they are as good as most fresh fish. I won't freeze them or try to keep them any longer than two days. Cooked in breadcrumbs and smothered with lemon juice and a cold beer they are delicious.

Editors note: If you have a story and pictures to share : feel free to drop on our Socials or email it to: snappernewsletter@gmail.com

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of November GENERAL MEETING DATE 29/ 11/ 2023

Held at: BCF Mornington. **Chairman:** Russell Sheppard

Visitors: Craig Pittard, Ron Lourensz, Hamish Royce

Apologies: Ray Watson, Tony Kent, John and Rob Bleumink,

Minutes of previous meeting 25/10/2023 in last Newsletter

Moved Kathy Scott Seconded Carlos Gasparotti

Vote carried

Correspondence

Items In - 8

1. Invitation to attend key stakeholders meeting regarding the upgrade of the Mothers Beach boat ramp on Wed 22nd November
2. Notice of concerns raised during the consultation of the Mothers Beach boat ramp.
3. VFA advising of recreational fishing grants available for application
4. Invitation from Lincoln Trophies looking for our business
5. Oz Fish newsletter in electronic format
6. Enquiry from prospective member Argeal (Ron)??
7. Notice of podcast regarding the battle against carp numbers
8. Oz Fish podcast 9 now available

Items Out — 1

Email to prospective member advising of change of venue for tonight's meeting

Moved Rien Bleumink Seconded Kathy Scott

Secretaries Report by Wayne Preston

- Currently paid up 44 members
- 3 x new member kits, one given to new member Robert Chin in attendance

Treasurers Report by Jan Bleumink

- Financial Report for August was tabled (recorded with Committee minutes).
- The Club now banks with Bendigo Bank. All accounts have been changed over.

Moved David Muscat Seconded Col Pardy Vote carried

Presidents Report

At the blink of an eye! There goes another year. Well I'm excited with Christmas only a few weeks away and no plans for travel, I'll be hitting local waters fishing every chance I can. Whether it be offshore chasing Makos and Gummies or in the bays targeting whiting, snapper and squid its going to be fun.

There are a couple of important dates coming up.

Our Christmas party at the Western Port Hotel on December 2nd, Please RSVP NOW to Jan on 0418382492 as the cut off date is Nov 29th Tonight!!!!

Family dinner meeting on January 31st back at the golf club. Please let a committee member know if you intend to come to help with catering.

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of November GENERAL MEETING DATE 29/ 11/ 2023- continued

Recently we had 2 weigh-ins at Conifers Park in Mt Martha. It went well with about 8 then 12 members attending braving the cold wind. The area worked well and there is a 3 walled rotunda to escape the wet if required. There are toilets, several BBQs, tap water and a fair amount of parking. If you have another location you think we should try please check it out and let me know what is available there and send some photos. John Dalla-Rosa has investigated Balcombe Park in Two Bays Rd Mt Eliza which we may trial soon. Please keep informed through Texts, Emails and our Facebook Page for the next location as the golf club has demolished the shed and BBQ.

On a more somber note, I am sure you all join me in sending our deepest condolences to David Little and family after the passing of Marilyn recently. David has written a tribute to Marilyn who has been a strong contributor to the club over the years since its inception. We will be forever grateful for her help and support over the many years. David's Tribute has been included in the newsletter for all to read and reflect on.

Angling Report by Nil

Fish of the month, Garfish
16th and 17th Dec Snapper # 3

Weighmasters Report by Russell Sheppard

Snapper #1 Largest Snapper; John Dalla-Rosa 1.67kg , 1.226g Attendance; Russell Sheppard
Snapper #2 Largest Snapper Tony Kent 5.036kg Largest Bag; Steve Hanley 9.447 kg Attendance David Little

Public Relations Report by

Nil

Social Group Report by Russell Sheppard

Christmas Party 2 December, next Sunday please register and pay tonight if interested

Juniors Report by

Nil to report

Vice Presidents Report by

Nil to report

Fishing Reports

- John Dalla Rosa 18 metres off Mt Eliza three snapper, garfish and squid.
- John gave some instruction on the rigs he uses for snapper. Well received
- Wayne Preston had 5 days at Mallacoota on House boat. Caught up to 690 mm flathead, bream 400g + . Great idea for a holiday

General Business

- Rien Bleumink asked of possible interest in aluminium fish measuring plaques
- Russell mentioned opportunity to do VHF radio operators course, min of 8. Interested people should see Russell
- Russell mentioned proposed upgrade of Mornington Boat Ramp and issues raised, particularly regarding parking. Proposal of Parks Victoria was discussed including concerns. Members urged to look at proposals and lobby contribute their
- Draw; Attendance Draw Steve Hanley Not in attendance Jackpot to \$50

Raffle

1st	Brendan Chipp (Meat Tray)	2nd	Harry Bartolo
3rd	Col Pardy	4th	

Meeting Closed at 9.32.

SPONSORS PAGE

The meat tray is on again this month and we would like to thank

Australian Butchers Store

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Pop in and say g'day or visit their website: [Somerville Butcher Shop](http://www.austrianbutchers.com.au)

