

THE SOUTHERN SPEARO

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VALDES PAIRS COMPETITION

The Enrique Valdes Pairs Comp was held on the 11th of February. It was a very successful day with twelve pairs competing at Fossil Beach, Mornington. We had strong easterly winds, which is offshore here so the bay was just a little choppy out wide. The visibility was very good, and there was plenty of fish about.

Justin Goss landed a nice stargazer and a 2kg snook, and Paul Dorfstatter weighed in a silver dory which is a most unusual catch for the Bay.



▲ Justin with 2070gm Snook.

After the dive we had a BBQ lunch in the dust storm that was Mornington Park. At least the wind was good for diving! Rob Torelli and Nelson Valdes won the day with twelve species. Rob gave a great acceptance speech acknowledging the Valdes family, his and Nelsons efforts leading up to the event, and his fellow competitors.

Here is the list of pairs who weighed in fish:

- 1st ROB TORELLI & NELSON VALDES, 12 species, 1371.4 points
- 2nd JUSTIN GOSS & CHRIS MONAGHAN, 11 species, 1248.8 points
- 3rd ILIAS PAPADOPOULOS & PAUL DORFSTATTER, 11 species, 1200.7 pts
- 4th DREW FENNEY & AARON CROCOMBE, 10 species, 1139.5 points
- 5th ALEX VISSER & LEIGH ELLIOTT, 7 species, 711.8 points
- 6th RUSSELL & IVOR, 4 species, 462.3 points
- 7th FRANK DIMARTINO & JOESPH BEDNAREK, 4 species, 438 points
- 8th MURRAY & NATHAN, 3 species, 338.1 points
- 9th NICK & JOHN, 2 species, 211.6 points.



▲ Nelson, Mrs Valdes and Rob with shield.



▲ Louie and Paul with Silver Dory.

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VIC CHALLENGE

The Vic Challenge is running as per usual with Brett Illingworth leading the way.

Many good fish have been weighed in this year, and compared to previous years, the crayfish out there must be getting bigger, with six crays over 2.5kgs.

The largest a massive 4.3kgs weighed in by Drew Fenney. If Drew weighs in a full list this year, it will be a big challenge for Brett to maintain the cup.

Brett Illingworth 6 species 56.5 points

Drew Fenney 5 species 43.5 points

Aaron Crocombe 5 species 43 points

Chris Monaghan 4 species 29 points

Matt Koopman 4 species 28 points

Louie Papadopoulos 3 species 23 points

The Challenge ends on the 6th of May coinciding with the last club comp.

For a full leaderboard and competition rules see the club website.



CLUB COMPS

CAPE WOOLAMAI CLUB COMP 18/02/207

What a comp! Some of the results:

1. Drew Fenney, 17 species, 1977.8 points.
1. Rob Torelli, 17 species, 1977.8 points.
2. Paul Dorfstatter, 13 species, 1492.5 points.
3. Louie Papadopoulos, 13 species, 1482.4 points.
4. Chris Monaghan, 12 species, 1367 points.
5. Jay Schultz, 11 Species, 1248 points.

First ever tie for first place???

CAPE SCHANK CLUB COMP 25/02/07

- 1st ROB TORELLI 1982.4 points, 100% 17 species.
- 2nd DREW FENNEY 1732.1 points, 87.37% 15 species.
- 3rd CHRIS MONAGHAN 1391.2 points, 70.18% 12 species.
- 4th PAUL DORFSTATTER 1157.8 points, 58.40% 10 species.
- 5th FRANK DIMARTINO 1147.7 points, 57.89% 10 species.
- 6th MURRY PETERSON 1,116.0 points, 56.29% 10 species.
- 7th AARON CROCOMBE 1110.8 points, 56.03% 10 species.
- 8th JASON HORNE 1031.8 points, 52.01% 9 species.
- 9th JAKE TORELLI 1001.9 points, 50.54% 9 species.
- 10th JOSEPH BEDNARIK 869.7 points, 43.87% 8 species.
- 11th LOUIE PAPADOPOULOS 802.9 points, 40.50% 7 species.
- 12th LEIGH ELLIOTT 679.2 points, 34.26% 6 species.

Swell - 1m gentle choppy

Visibility - 10m to 15m

Wind - 10kt Southerly increasing.

WESTERN DISTRICTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

HEAT 1- PORT FAIRY- 26/1/06

HEAT 2 – DRAIN BAY- 27/1/06 TOTAL PTS

1st DREW FENNEY 1650.3 (15 species) 1280.9 (11 species)

TOTAL PTS 2931.2 total fish 26

2nd ILIAS (LOUIE) PAPADOPOULOS 1218.9 (11 species) 704.2

(6 species) TOTAL PTS 1923.1 total fish 17.

3rd RIC DEVRIES 1362.4 (12 species) 469.2 (4 species)

TOTAL PTS 1831.6 total fish 16.

4th JUSTIN GOSS 1153.1 (10 species) 666.5 (6 species)

TOTAL PTS 1814.6 total fish 16.

5th PETER RIDDLE 1079.8 (10 species) 680.9 (6 species)

TOTAL PTS 1760.7 total fish 16.

6th PAUL DORFSTATTER 997.4 (9 species) 566.4 (5 species)

TOTAL PTS 1563.8 total fish 14.

7th ALEX VISSER 449.4 (4 species) 678.8 (6 species) TOTAL

PTS 1128.2 total fish 10.

8th TIM FITZPATRICK 667 (6 species) DNF TOTAL PTS 667

total fish 6.

9th MICHAEL MALADY 349.8 (3 species) DNF TOTAL PTS

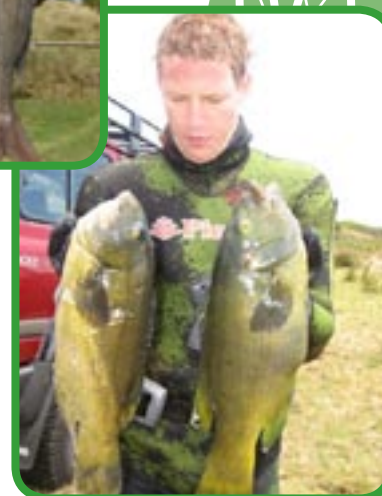
349.8 total fish 3.

10th MATT MILER (J) 321.1 (3 species) DNF TOTAL PTS 321.2

total fish 3.



SHOTS FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICTS



◀ This photograph of a boarfish was taken by Brett Illingworth at Fossil Beach, Mornington. Our club is currently running a photography competition, focusing on varying aspects of underwater photography. For more details contact Jack Monkewicz or see the club website.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The presentation night will be again held at the Dingley International on the night of Saturday June 23rd. This is always a great night of dinner, raffles, speeches and awards for club members and their families. For details contact Rob Miler.

VICTORIAN TITLES

Our premier competition, the Victorian Titles will be held in the waters around Wilsons Promontory on the 24th and 25th of March. This will be a boat based comp. Contact Paul Dorfstatter if you are interested in competing.



▲ Brett with a 3kg giant boarfish speared off Frankston. Previously unseen, it is about the fifth one landed by a club member in the last couple of years.



▲ This is a 50 kg wahoo speared in the Coral Sea.... Nothing to do with our club but pretty impressive eh!?

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