

Builders day at sea



by Pixie, fishing reporter

Nine North Coast builders were treated to a day at sea in November, courtesy of Hurford's Building Supplies and Asian Pacific Timber Marketing.

Builders Mark Sivwright, John Ryan, Ned and Kyle Priestly from Lismore, Jeff Harrison from Kyogle, Luke Sullivan from Dunoon, Graham Dobbin from Maclean, Barry Cumpstay and Pixie the builder from Nimbin, and Hurford's rep John Mazzer went fishing out of Woolli.

On the way out to sea we all pledged \$5 each into a kitty for the man with the catch of the day. With plenty of live bait on board, all we needed to do was find some good clean bluewater and let the kingfish, amberjack and sampson fish find us, we hoped.

But bluewater is nowhere to be seen, so we put down our live bait in dirty water and wait and wait, with nothing happening. The skipper decided to use some dead bait and fish for snapper, which like dirty water, and straight away – first dead bait – Jeff lands a 6.1kg snapper.

The rest of us decide to bring in all the live bait and fish for snapper. About 30 snapper later, we agreed that we'd made the right decision.

Jeff Harrison got fisherman of the day and the \$50 kitty. Jeff told me he had never caught big fish before, so with a 6kg snapper, 4kg kingfish and a 4kg trag, he was a happy man.

Well braced: the building team. Below: Jeff and Graham with their snapper.



On the other end of the scale, Barry Cumpstay, a well-known fisherman, hooked up all day, but every fish he landed was undersize, and he never put a fish in the box all day. Barry received a pair of vicegrips courtesy of Hurford's, for the hard luck story of the day.

All the blokes had a good day out. Apart from Bazz, everybody caught good fish. We all thank Hurford's again for the trip. With Hurford's now being bought out by J. H. Williams, we look forward to fishing again next year, Mr Williams.

Twilight bowls a big hit



Long shadows streaked across the green at the 6pm start of Nimbin Bowling Club's last club championship of the year, and all eight rinks were filled with teams bedecked in club colours.

Squinting into the slanting rays of the sun, 2007 Bowls Director Chub Nowlan grinned broadly at the success of the Friday afternoon competition. "It's all about having fun," he said.

The club's increase in membership has included an increase in full membership, with some promising prospects coming on for next year's inter-club commitments.

The finals of the Twilight comp will be held on Friday 7th December. On Sunday 9th, the club hosts a visit from Evans Head Bowling Club, and the following day the green will be taken up for its annual servicing, under the direction of Greenkeeper, Ray Nugent.

The green will be re-opened in late January. The management and staff of the Nimbin Bowling, Sport and Recreation Club would like to thank all members and guests for their support this year, and wish a happy and safe festive season to all.

The club will be closed on Christmas Day.



Social activities at the Bowlo have been a bit of a hit lately, too.



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