

# A businessmen's fishing trip



by Pixie Fishing Reporter

The Nimbin Heads Fishing Team had one outing this month, with a businessman's mid-week overnight trip to Wooli with Pixie the builder, Ashley the plumber, Mark the electrician, Gerard - Mr Bobcat, Pete - Mr Recycle, Mark - NRMA, Chris and Arrow.

Leaving after work Thursday afternoon and knowing beforehand that Friday's weather report is not in our favour, but going anyway. After all, we have a house booked for the night and a chance of going fishing.

When we arrive, we line up the courtesy bus to take us to the Wooli Tavern for tea and a few beers. The barman says to us "Going fishing tomorrow guys? Better you than me, it's not going to be very nice at sea, if you get out at all".

Not what we wanted to hear, we came to catch some snapper.

So after tea and a few beers, the guys decided to get a carton of turkey gobblers to take back to the

**Rewards** (from left): Arrow, Ashley, Gerard, Chris, Pete and Mark with some of the catch.

house. A few more beers and a few gobblers later, some of the fishermen were looking like tomorrow might test them out as burley buckets.

I thought the house was loud when everyone was up and bubbly, but after lights out with all the loud snoring and farting, there wasn't much sleep to be had.

Finally, it was 5am and time to get up and the big weather change still hasn't happened. "You beaut, we're going fishing." With some guys having coffee and a some starting the day with a turkey gobbler, it should be an eventful day if the two metre swell and the 30 knot winds hit as predicted. Six am, we are going through the heads on a one metre swell and a ten knot breeze, going chasing snapper.

In the first hour, Gerard was hooking up and caught eight snapper with everyone else landing a couple, then the barometer started to drop, the change was on its way and the fish went off the bite. So all day, we would catch a couple, they would go

off the bite again, we would pull anchor, move a little, anchor again, catch a couple more, pull anchor, move again. We must have done this 20 times, but it kept working.

During the morning session, your humble

reporter landed the snapper of the day with a four kilo snapper on a floater.

NRMA Mark had a good day. Every time we moved, he seemed to land fish, with a catch of snapper, trevally, kingfish and fusilliers. He bagged 18 fish for a personal best, with Ashley, Pix and Pete not far behind him.

The guys drinking gobblers seemed to catch less fish as the day went on but it was obvious they were having a good day out.

By 3pm, we had been on the water for nine hours and we had a good catch of fish to clean and share and with no big winds it was time to thank the sea gods and head back to land.

As we were cleaning the fish, the big southerly change hit with 30 to 40 knot winds howling through the trees and up the river.

It would not be very nice out at sea, so once again thanks to the sea gods for letting us fish all day.



**Go the Tigers.** Pixie and Pete sharing the back corner chasing snapper.

## Demons celebrate milestones



**Veterans.** Demons ruckmen Julian Sharma and Jimmy Geurtsen. Below: a close contest between wingmen in the Demons-Lions match, which Nimbin lost 140-19, after their 60 points were stripped.

Julian Sharma ties his long hair back when he runs on the field with the Nimbin Demons, unlike some of his dreadlocked team-mates.

Last Saturday he celebrated his 50th game with the club, at their season finale at home against the Casino Lions.

Considering this was his first game in ten weeks following hamstring injuries, the celebration was overdue, but he was glad to be back on the field on a day which also marked the 100th game for 34 year-old Jimmy Geurtsen and the retirement of 'Beast'.

After the match, retrieving his wedding ring from his wife who doubted it would fit back on his swollen hand, he said, "It's been a bit of a struggle this year, but it gives us something to work with next year."

His sentiments were echoed by Demons management, who congratulated the team on having seen the season through, despite so many losses.

Committee member Tony Burton said that, considering the position of the club this time last year, and the difficulties facing village teams in general, the Demons were set to develop as a more competitive team next year.

"It was crucial to field a team this year," he said. "This gives us something to build on."



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| Friday 14th | Boogie Nights  |
| Sunday 16th | Jimmy Willing + Hick-ups<br>Market Sunday 1.30 - 5pm |
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