

Dreaming about fishing

by Pixie, fishing reporter

With the floods that have taken over the north coast, the big seas that have been around for the past month, along with strong winds, fishing the high seas has become a thing of the past, or it certainly seems that way.

To calm the nerves and stop the shakes, fishing DVDs are working a treat, the old fishing mags seem to be scattered around the place, all a man can do is dream about good fishing times gone by.

So set yourself up in front of the screen with a few beers, knock the top off and watch some fishing guru clean up in some exotic fishing adventure.

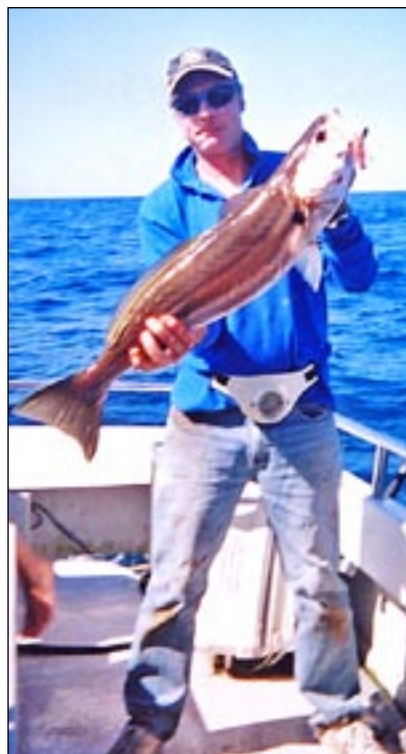
This month is nearly over, and it seems like it will match the same amount of fishing I did last month – none. Not the sort of fishing I like to talk about, so I'm dreaming about one of the good trips out a couple of months ago.

I was fishing the shelf with some friends when we came across a school of large traglen. Harry landed a 6kg trag, the best fish of the day – now that was a good day's fishing. Or last year on Fraser Island when Mark landed a 10½ kg job fish – dreaming it feels good. Or my trip to Lord Howe Island last April fishing with my mate John, fighting with big bronze whaler sharks and big kingfish – now that was good fishing.

So keep dreaming, things must change for the better for all of us keen fishermen. All we want now is good seas coming into the mackerel season and then we'll have something to dream about.



Dream fish (above) Pixie with a 12 1/2 kg kingfish off Lord Howe Island, (below) Harry fishing the continental shelf with his 6kg trag, (below left) Mark with his 10 1/2 kg job fish caught off Fraser Island.



Demons look to new AFL season

Nimbin Demons AFL is gearing up for a big season this year, with a good response to their season-launch BBQ at Nimbin pool.

Club president James Alexander said he had taken 28 potential names, a mixture of older players coming back and a strong interest from young players.

"We're starting with a much better base than last year," James said. "07 was our survival year. We came back after being out of the competition, and it was our make or break season."

The club managed to field teams for every match throughout the season, had no players disciplined for bad behaviour, enhanced their reputation for having the best crowd in the league, and ended the season financially in the black.

Committee member Mick Martin is pleased with the club's development program. "We've got a pro-active youth policy, with 10 teenagers signed up so far," he said.

"We've got the strongest goori representation of any team in the league. We had seven gooris on the field last year. One player, Billie, said of all the clubs he's been to, we were the most welcoming," Mick said.

Negotiations with star player Cameron Hatty are well advanced, and could see his return to the club this year.

Club Secretary Tony Burton



said, "It's a big job putting a team together. We couldn't do it without the outstanding support from the local community, the pub, the bakery, the newsagent, and all our supporters."

Six teams will play in the Summerland AFL league this year, which is now affiliated with AFL Queensland, another positive move for the Demons. Tony Burton said, "We'll get better support from AFLQ, they're closer to us."

The Demons are further encouraged by the progress of their plans for a 10-year lease and major upgrade of their home

Dream team. Demons committeemen James Alexander (centre) and Mick Martin, with Red at rear, cooking up a storm at the sign-on BBQ.

ground, 'Demon Park', involving levelling, lighting and fencing, and construction of a new clubhouse, due for completion before the start of the 2009 season.

Anyone wishing to try out for the team, or volunteer for the support roles of timekeeper, first aid, goal umpires or water runners should contact Tony Burton on 6689-0381.

Soccer sign-on fun

by Neil McClean, Secretary, Nimbin Headers Football Club

the Headers ground from 11am to 1pm.

Fun Day

Sign on for the 2008 season and have a fun day (and evening) at Nimbin Town Hall on Saturday 23rd February, from noon to midnight. Sign-on, fun, games, music and general get-together.

An additional sign-on will take place on Saturday 1st March at

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