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Quick Quiz:

In which year did it last
snow on Christmas day in
Dunedin?



Introducing: Doug Stevens

Our New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA) President!

Have you ever looked at an old photo of yourself and been startled at the changes time has wrought? We see ourselves in the mirror daily and do not notice the small cumulative changes as they happen. It is when we look back that we see how much change has actually taken place. And unfortunately it is not always for the better!

Our fishing is like that. We continue to visit and fish our favourite spots year in year out. The river may change slightly with new pools replacing old favourites, some seasons may be better than others and of course the weather is never as good as it was years ago. But we still enjoy the fabulous fishing this country offers just as generations have before us. But there is a time coming, when if we do look back, we may be startled by what changes have stealthily crept up on our sport.

Because like it or not our fisheries are under severe pressure from a number of sources. And if we do not do something to change these cumulative inroads we will one day be forced to answer the question our grandchildren will inevitably ask; "How did you let that happen?"

My name is Doug Stevens and for over 25 years I was a dean in



President's CORNER

Hi,

Jingle Bells were certainly ringing @ this Year's Club Christmas BBQ !

Great turnout of children enjoying not only the Coutta Hunt, with those that had a 'hit' with a 'catch', but also giving the adults lessons in cricket! A Great Family Day as Lloyd Walker stated "one of the best I've been too". The food was cooked to perfection and should be; as we had our "two chef's", Grant & Sarah Hutton, on hand to direct the rest of the Hutton Family, and Club Members. My Thanks to the Family for their sterling job.

Thanks to Allen Hurrell for his meat preparation and a special mention to Mark Fraser for his Paua donation - Yum! My thanks to Lester Mathieson in 'organising/diverting' Father Christmas to our BBQ event. The children were happy with Father Christmas's chocolate gifts and even life member Ata Johns & Patron Lorraine Mathieson enjoyed the

moment! The party was completed by the sounds of 'Super Glue' band and the dancing feet of the children.

The Coutta Hunt was a success with all those club members, that have boats, taking our 'kids fishing'. Introducing Children to fishing is such a rewarding exercise. To you all, whether you are river, lake or sea fishing keep safe over the holiday period.

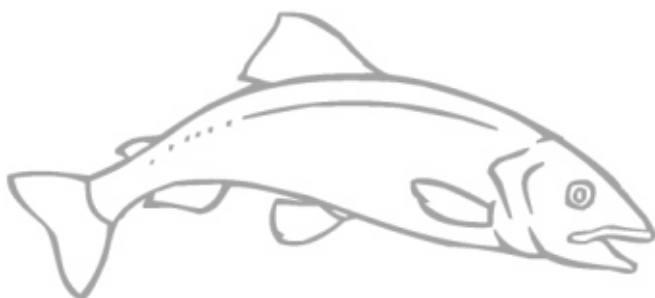
Best Wishes over this Festive Season,
Have Fun !

Cheers, Brett.



Blue Cod – 3.135kg Cate Bardwell.
 Salmon – 9.500Kg Grant Hutton.
 Barracoutta – 3.305kg William Mathieson.
 Jock Stewart – 1.095kg Sarah Hutton.
 Red Cod – 2.760kg Grant Hutton.

Junior Trophy – William Mathieson (Coutta)
 Ladies Trophy – Cate Bardwell (Blue Cod)



Skippers Points (Non Game Fish):

Nathan Pitcher 1 Pt
 Alan Clearwater 1 Pt

Provisional Points:

Grant Hutton 2 Pts
 (Jock Stewart & Salmon)
 Nathan Pitcher 2Pts (Blue Cod & Ladies)
 Alan Clearwater 2 Pts
 (Barracouta & Junior)



in the tertiary educational sector. I only left that position because my boss said something that meant I knew I could not and would not ever work for that man again! (If you are interested the words he said to me were, "Doug, I am making you redundant").

From this humbling experience I set up the fishing website www.nzfishing.com which has proven to be one of the best things I have ever done. I now work in a job totally dedicated to the sport I love. Over the past few years as I have been running the site, I have been very fortunate to have fished all over New Zealand, stayed in remarkable places and met some of the most wonderful people.

While many envy my life-style (and with good reason – who else as part of their "work" gets to fish around 100 days a year?), I have also become increasingly uncomfortable about some of the directions we are going in this country – especially as regards our outdoor recreational pursuits such as fishing and hunting. So much so that at the last election I stood for parliament with the sole aim of seeing some of these changes be stopped.

So what are these concerns and what must each of us do about the rot that is setting in?

Pollution

One of the most obvious and well publicised issues facing our sport is the continuing degradation of our rivers and lakes. In the name of economic growth we are allowing a few individuals to destroy our environment for personal gain. The Manawatu River was recently named as the most polluted river in 300 waterways surveyed in the OECD. The culprits in this are many and include towns, industry but especially poor farming practices.

When concerns are raised we are told that for NZ to be competitive and raise our economic standards, we need to encourage industry and more intensive farming – especially dairying. The destruction of our lowland rivers and lakes is just an unfortunate consequence. But I would like to challenge those that say losing our waterways is the inevitable cost of raising our living standards. Which would you regard as the wealthier nation – one that has rivers clean enough to swim in and drink the water from or one that has destroyed the rivers through pollution (but

can now afford swimming pools)? I grew up swimming, fishing and playing in our rivers, lakes and streams. If the choice for my grandchildren is being able to swim in the local river or having to use a swimming pool I know which I see as preferable.

What is happening to our rivers and streams is criminal. Take the Waihou river near Putaruru for instance. At its source it is so pure it supplies over 60% of our bottled water. In its headwaters it holds the largest head of fish per kilometre in the country – up to 900 fish per km!. But by the time it reaches Te Aroha, halfway on its journey to the sea, it is too polluted for swimming or even dogs cannot drink the water from it. By the time it reaches the Thames estuary it is carrying so much silt and nutrients it is causing several acres of new mangroves to become established every year. Truly, can we say this is progress?

Loss of wild rivers

We as a country are blessed with a great number of stunning wild rivers. But we are also cursed by the need for ever increasing power generation and our first choice is the damming of our rivers. We must protect the remaining wild rivers where-ever possible. The Nevis, the Mohikini, the Mohaka and the Ngaruroro are all too precious to destroy. It is time we looked to alternatives to the destruction of these wonderful iconic waterways and make sure that future generations can also enjoy them in their pristine state.



Doug and daughter Anna rafting down the Rangitikei

Access

I once asked a farmer in England if he would mind if I fished on his property (I had just arrived in the UK so was just following what I always did as a Kiwi when I saw a nice stretch of water). I will always remember his reply. "No I don't mind you fishing on my river if you don't mind being shot!".

Kiwis are used to being able to fish where we like as long as we have a licence and abide by the rules. We take this as our right. But there are very few countries that have this egalitarian approach to their fishing (and hunting). I have heard of one case where an angler friend of mine in the UK pays NZ\$27,000 each year to be able to fish every second Tuesday along a 2 km stretch of one bank of one river. And as the season lasted only 5 months his fortnightly angling adventures cost him over NZ\$2,000 per day! We gasp when we hear such stories and count our blessings that our far sighted forefathers decided that all fishing and hunting would be open to everyone in this country, regardless of class or wealth. But this pernicious trend of selling access to fishing is becoming established in this country.

Already certain rivers such as the headwaters of the upper Rangitikei are only open to people who fly in through a certain helicopter company and / or take one of a limited number of guides. To "freedom fish" these waters is impossible now – you have to pay for the privilege.



There are many forces that would like to see access to vast tracts of our country become off-limits to the average Kiwi. There are those, for example, who would like to set up private hunting and fishing reserves where only the well-heeled anglers and

hunters will be able to access the prime waters and hunting grounds. It is only through the work of those who constantly monitor and challenge those that wish to take away our rights in this area that we can continue to enjoy our sport with the freedom that is the envy of much of the world.

But it is not all doom and gloom. There is much happening in this country that is very positive. Firstly we still have the best freshwater fishery in the world. For a small fee we are able to fish all years on a huge number of rivers and lakes. It has been estimated that there may be as much as 160,000kms of river bank and lakeside open to anglers. While much of this is not necessarily great fishing, we must ensure that we retain free access to these waters.

Secondly, we have a sports fishing and hunting management system that is the envy of the world; namely Fish and Game. I was at a conference on recreational fishing (yes, academics do write papers about fishing) and Fish and Game were universally recognised as the best recreational management system in the world. We buy a licence and every cent of that money goes towards the management of fishing and wing shooting. It is not a tax but a great example of "user pays, user says" where the users of the resource determine how the resource is managed. One note is that it is a shame that so few anglers exercise their rights to vote at the Fish and Game elections.

Thirdly, the issues mentioned above are starting to be recognized as problems. Horizon's "One Plan" is a genuine attempt by everyone concerned to try and find solutions to the pollution problems plaguing the Manawatu region. Time will tell if their far-reaching and very sound recommendations are allowed to come to fruition. Public pressure caused the decision to dam the Mohikiniui to be reversed and there is a growing groundswell to protect a number of other iconic rivers.

Finally there are moves to sort out the access issues. Politicians such as Peter Dunne from UnitedFuture have been unwavering in their fight to keep access open for all New Zealanders and not allow our hunting and fishing to become the exclusive preserve of the wealthy. We need to support parties such as UnitedFuture for all they have done and continue to do for the outdoor community. We now have the

Walking Access Commission that has set up a mapping system which shows 56,000 kms of roads and tracks allowing the public free unfettered access to and along rivers and lakes.

Late last year I became the president of the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA). While much of our time is looking at the issues facing us, I have to say that I have found in this dedicated group much to give rise for optimism. In meetings with diverse groups such as politicians, Federated Farmers, other outdoor groups such as Kayak NZ, I believe I have seen the true character of the average New Zealander. We believe in fair play. We believe in maintaining our egalitarian approach to the outdoors and when it is threatened we will do something to ensure future generations enjoy the same advantages that we inherited from our forefathers.

But, this will only happen if more and more people become aware of the problems and issues facing us. And then do something about it. We owe this much to our grandchildren and to those who provided us with such a world class resource.



Bio

Doug Stevens is owner / manager of the website www.nzfishing.com. He is also the president of the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA). Previous to setting up nzfishing.com he was a dean at a number of polytechnics around the country. In 2011 he stood for election to parliament and was second on the list for UnitedFuture. He campaigned on the platform of protecting our outdoor heritage.



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**FINAL WEIGH IN and PRIZE GIVING will be 6.00pm,
Sunday 6th January**

For Otago Fish and Game Ranger, Steven Dixon, it all began with subtle murmurings that the salmon were on the move so on an early November morning, just as dawn was breaking over the heads, the 5-metre dominator powered its way to the mouth of the Dunedin harbour.

Using a blue and white lure, fished deep with a paravane, and after landing only barracuda, Steven started to wonder if there was any truth to the murmurings he had heard. Once again the reel sang out, "Not another barracuda," he thought. But as the fish was played towards the boat, he realized, with joy, that it was indeed a salmon! Being on his own, however, uncertainty crept in as the fish was still to be landed and he had lost many salmon before at this crucial stage. With rod clutched in his left hand and with the net in his right, the 5kg salmon was finally landed!



Salmon Running in Salmon City!

Steven continued to fish hoping that he would catch another salmon but after 10 barracuda he began to think that it was time to call it a day, especially after the 10th barracuda split open his finger! Desperately Steve taped up his finger with insulation tape to stop the bleeding. As it was only a short trip back to the boat ramp he decided to keep fishing on the way back. Suddenly, halfway between the heads and Port Chalmers, the rod started to move in sharp jerks. Steven played the fish towards the boat and, with even greater joy than before he realized it was another salmon! With a final pull on the rod the salmon was landed. Caught on the same blue and white lure this salmon weighed in at 3.5kg. An excited text was sent home informing the family that not one, but two, salmon had been caught!! What a day and what an exciting start to this fisherman's salmon haul in Dunedin, salmon city of the southern hemisphere!

CLUB FISHING COMPETITIONS

Keep these dates Free – Early 2013

LADIES DAY JAN 20TH RESERVE DAY JAN 27TH

SALMON COMPETITION & COUTTA HUNT - Sunday FEB 3RD PLUS - Free BBQ
(RESERVE Sunday FEB 10TH)

NZ NATIONALS MEETING 6.00PM SUN 10TH FEB

MOERAKI COMPETITION - SAT 20TH APRIL

MATTINGLY CUP MAY12TH - RESERVE MAY 19TH

Prizes to be advised

RUSSELL MOYLAN – Club Chief Weigh Master & Records Manager.

MONSTER Salmon

No one wanted to or couldn't come fishing with Grant Hutton (Tautuku Fishing Club Committee Member) on the Tuesday 4th December after work.

Pity as Grant had 'a ball'. The fish danced to his tune !

While trawling around Carey's Bay basin in the Dunedin Harbour and up to the cross channel, he started catching barracutta, one after another. While heading out towards the Harbour Heads and over a spot where his crew member Roger Kan lost a 4lb and his nephew lost a 5lb salmon, two days prior, Grant spotted a group of blue penguins swimming close to his boat. Just as he was about to take a photo of a lifetime, his rod goes off with a 'roar' – NOT another Coutta was the thought. There was no real run or surface as salmon do. While just 'hauling' in about half way the Salmon was spotted with excitement. PROBLEM now was the



drift of the boat to the sand bank, had to restart the motor, slowly steer the boat and 'play' the Salmon. Finally netted this 21lb Salmon City monster. A Great surprize to see the depth & size of this 'conditioned' Salmon. It's great that Grant now has his "photo of a lifetime"

Well Done!!!

Otago Salmon Anglers "Tanker" Launch

OSA last week launched their Salmon Transporter Tanker at the Dunedin Salmon Hatchery, in Sawyers Bay.

This event was held in conjunction with the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust, and the Supporters Club; Hens Jacks & Sprats for their Sponsors and their children.

A release in Carey's Bay of 250 medium sized Salmon were videoed by Dunedin Light who are producing a adventure video for Tourism Dunedin.

Prior to the release; Sponsors, Children & invite guests were thanked and the children enjoyed a 'salmon catch' from the hatchery tank.

A Great Day @ the Hatchery !



COUTTA HUNT !

The Children Beat the Adults !

Results:

Children Section:

1st: William Mathieson 3.305kg.
2nd: Andrew Walker 3.115kg.
3rd: Zac Hibbert 2.905kg.
4th: Jake Hibbert 2.860kg.
5th Jorja Hutton 2.720kg.

Men's Section:

1st: Grant Hutton 2.855kg.
2nd: Nathan Pitcher 2.705kg.

Ladies Section:

Sarah Hutton 2.725kg.

Many boats didn't catch a Coutta @ all !!!!



PHOTO: L to R. Hayley Warren, Jorja Hutton, Georgia Warren, Caleb Warren, Andrew Walker & William Mathieson.

Current Lines 8 December 2012

JUST WATCHING SOME 20/20 CRICKET LAST NIGHT AND I DO HOPE THE MARLIN HIT LIKE Jessie Ryder did. WOW 75 off 25 balls! Theme song must be Pat Benatar's "Hit Me With Your Best Shot, just fire away"

We are all waiting with baited breath for the first marlin of the season or if there will be a run of yellowfin tuna this year. Word has it that Rick Pollock may have encountered some large yellowfin at the back of Whale Island whilst kingy fishing, not landed or seen but described as large fast freight trains.

FISHING from Whitianga: Not a lot of people out fishing this week but those who have been out have done OK on the sand. John Neighbours had a team out on Wednesday afternoon and managed to catch some good tarakihi and snapper in 14m just off Round. Just off the Kuaotunu Reef, out off Pink and on the sand on light foul between the Islands is a good place for a drift or set line. Plenty of crays along the Coastline with quite a few fish between 2 – 4lb being caught/potted in the Bay. The scallops have gained condition quickly but the fish in Home Bay reported as being in the best condition. **MUSEUM – HISTORY OF FISHING DISPLAY** - This display was officially opened on Wednesday night and an invitation extended to Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club members to check the display out on Thursday night. A fantastic display and well worth the effort to pay the museum a visit.

IGFA – free I membership: this message from IGFA President "with global pressures on fisheries increasing, the conservation of game fish is more important than ever. NOW is the time for anglers to unite online and make our voices heard." **GET ON BOARD TODAY** a free IGFA I-membership brings you closer to the news and issues that matter to you most. By joining IGFA as an I-member you will be closer to the best fishing and hottest bites around the world, all with a click of a button. Simply sign up with your name and e-mail address and no matter where you live or fish, you'll have instant access to; More **how to videos** from the IGFA School of Sportfishing, IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and more, **Photos** online for All-Tackle world records, Catch details available for All-Tackle world records on the IGFA website, E-newsletters to keep you informed about the latest **world record catches** and breaking news in recreational fishing. VISIT <http://membership.igfa.org/> also check out the IGFA apps for smart phones.

Crittercam is a camera tagging process where you can view what the recently released gamefish do via video recording in real time for the immediate time just after release. The Crittercam program is headed to Panama this weekend for a two week expedition chasing big blacks and blues. Nat Geo (National Geographic) has decided to cover the expedition via their online Explorer's Journal. There will be daily updates at <http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/tag/billfish-2013/>.

NZSFC has come of age, the modern age that is. 'Like' us on Facebook and post your thoughts, comments and recent catches of significance. I am sure you all know how it works - go to 'Search for people, places and things' on your Facebook page and type in 'New Zealand Sport Fishing Council' and don't forget to 'like' or 'friend request'. This has just happened and will grow with time to be all it can be. The more postings the better.

With the holiday season just around the corner, schools are closing down week by week and the promise of a long hot dry summer. There are great discounts for members on fuel cards, and NZ Sport Fishing benefits as well which FLOWS back to the members. Your clubs have the forms and information from PL or you can phone them on 0800 42 83 83 or visit their website www.petroleumlogistics.co.nz . If you have any feedback about PL and / or service (good or bad), they would like to hear from you so please feel free to DROP THEM A LINE –admin@petroleumlogistics.co.nz.

With trophies and certificates up for grabs for the first and heaviest of each species of gamefish we recognise, fishing should be of a high priority. Please remember to take what you need, limit your catch not catch your limit. Safety should always be to the fore with enjoyment and coming home the Christmas wish we wish to all.

Editor, NZSFC

Is the theme song for this season to be “Hooked on a Feeling” or the Stones classic “I can’t get no Satisfaction?” Only time and tides will tell. There have been a few whispers around of sighted marlin from the Bay of plenty and Northland. Who will catch the first? Remember for the first marlin to count as such, the NZ Sport Fishing Council Secretary must be notified within 24 hours of the fish being weighed or tagged.

From the Big Fish Fishing Club – there have been regular reporting of slender tuna being caught out off the Cavallis and Great Barrier Island. Normally caught as by catch in single numbers. This spring they are regularly being caught on deep jigs and in good numbers.

Also reported from the President’s own words, “a 14-15 foot mako was caught and released on the 16.12.2012 on 15kg line. The reason it was released - 1: It was a very very fat female and 2: It was so big and scary they were afraid.” Make your own decision on this one.

Also a local boat out jigging for kingfish out from the Cavallis hooked then released a tiger shark whilst another was circling the boat.

From Whitianga – a new club record snapper pending. At last some good weather, calm seas and water temps between 17.5° and 18°. Lots of skippies about and some large schools of trevally, particularly just outside of the Red. With the increase in water temperature the snapper are back on the bite and most anglers are catching plenty of good sized fish. Ohinau, outside the Red to Never Fail and Cuvier starting to fish really well. They have also had some top catches in Coastal Sanctuary and a very good catch in Whitianga Firestone. Liam Dunn fishing on Sacri-Vice caught a 13.045 kg snapper on 10kg on 12.12.12 fishing in Whitianga Firestone. This fish will take a bit of beating. **NEW CLUB RECORD** (to be ratified). With the skippies in close it will not be long before we see the heavy gear getting deployed.

Petroleum Logistics – We keep it Pumping - A reminder to those of you out there who haven’t yet applied for an account with Petroleum Logistics, that we can now offer members of NZ Sport Fishing 10c/L incl GST discount at Mobil with a PL Mobil Fuel Card (no card fees or charges) and as from 1 January 2013, you will also be able to use these cards at Pak N Save & New World Fuel Outlets. We are also able to supply oil for your vessels, and by having a PL Fuel card, you will receive 6c/L incl gst off your fuel at a PL Marina. Your Fishing Clubs have the forms, or give us a ring on 0800 42 83 83, email Claire at admin@plpl.co.nz or go to our website www.petroleumlogistics.co.nz. All accounts that were opened in November went into the draw to win a “Flight Jacket” Cleaning / Polishing Kit. Congratulations to Garry Duke of the Doubtless Bay Sportfishing Club the WINNER. From the Team at PL, Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy New Year. Don’t Slip. Slap only Sunscreen and if you have to slop, don’t waste it! From Claire & the Team at PL

From Waihou Bay - Christmas competition is all set to go and the prizes are great! Heaviest tuna (includes albacore) \$1000! Heaviest kingfish \$1000! Briefing December 26th. Fishing 27th December through to Jan 2nd with the prize giving on the 3rd. Don’t forget the theme for the social evening on the 29th is ‘nautical’. Also a gentle reminder, as there are some out there who want your fishing tackle more than you do. Please make sure you have photos of all your fishing gear for insurance purposes. Especially your game reels which should be photographed showing the serial numbers. Also record the serial numbers in written form.

Remember “**Carol**” from an earlier issue, well she has now crossed the Cook Strait channel and is going to spend Christmas in the South Island. Check it out on our face book page.

Merry Christmas Everyone and Best wishes for the New Year

Editor

Smaill Family Homestead Plaque Unveiling

Sunday 27th January 2013 @ 4.30pm.
All Club Members Welcome.

GLENCAIRN HOMESTEAD

Born 1847 in Scotland, Alexander was the fourth son of
Charles and Isabella Smaill

The family sailed to Dunedin on the Strathallan in 1858,
they settled and farmed here at Tomahawk

This Homestead was built for
Alexander and Catherine Smaill
in the 1870's and named along with the farm 'Glencairn'

Erected by the descendants of the Smaill Family
27th January 2013

MR. ALEXANDER SMAILL is the fourth son of the late Mr. Charles Smaill, of Tomahawk, who arrived by the ship "Strathallan," in 1858, accompanied by Mrs Smaill, five sons and three daughters. He was born at Corstorphine, Edinburgh, Scotland, and at the age of nine came with his father to New Zealand. Like the sons of other pioneers, he began hard work at an early age, and was engaged with his brother in cutting bush on the property their father had bought at Tomahawk: he also helped to build the house into which the family moved in 1860. The walls were made of fern-tree, and the roof covered with manuka scrub and raupo. This primitive residence was neat and comfortable, but has long since been replaced by a handsome two-storey stone dwelling, standing in extensive ornamental grounds. Mr. Smaill has carried on dairy farming for years, and has largely extended the area of the original property bought by his father. He has always taken a leading part in the affairs of his district, and has been a member of the Tomahawk Road Board for fourteen years, and its chairman for nearly the whole of that period. In respect to local drainage, Mr. Smaill has been a most determined opponent of what is known as the Bird Island scheme. He is a member of the Agricultural and Pastoral Society and of the Dairymen's Association. As a volunteer, Mr. Smaill served for six years in the Naval Brigade and five years in the Otago Hussars. He successfully manufactures a superior hematite paint discovered on his property, and was awarded a silver medal at the Otago Jubilee Exhibition in 1898 for specimens of this useful industrial product. Mr. Smaill married Miss King, daughter of an old colonist who arrived by the ship "Robert Henderson," and there is a family of five sons and two daughters.



MR. AND MRS. A. SMAILL AND FAMILY.

On the day....

Not being a seasoned 'boatie', the chance to get out on the Nikita for the Coutta' Hunt was an exciting prospect which definitely lived up to expectation.

Despite having lived in Dunedin most of my life, I realised I had never actually got out on the harbour in anything larger than a 2 person runabout (and one harrowing occasion involving a sea kayak during a storm!). It was great to see Tairoa Heads from the north, a view I had not experienced before and the choppy rolling seas beyond the heads got my pulse running!

After a spell beyond the heads, which may have been a lesson in how to keep lunch down(!), we cruised back in passing the Monarch on the way and commenced fishing duties.

The paravane seemed to be the winner on the day helping get strike after strike of good sized Coutta' which perhaps would have been disappointing if not for the fact that it was a Coutta' competition. My salmon dinner remained elusive though!

It was a day for the kids and it was great to see them getting involved in an activity not solely involving a computer screen; fresh sea air cannot be recreated in cyber space.

My thanks to all involved in organising the day and the fella's on the Nikita; Alan Clearwater, Warren Matheison, Stuart Springer and John Sheppard (apologies if I've got any names wrong!). It was a great experience and one I hope to enjoy more in the future.

Cheers,
Jerry Neill



Fish Dish: Steamed Salmon with Ginger and Coriander

Ingredients

- 1 Whole Salmon
- 2 Limes thinly sliced
- 5cm piece of fresh Ginger cut into matchsticks
- 1/4 cup of Caster Sugar
- 1/4 cup of Lime Juice
- Zest of one Lime
- 1 large handful of Coriander Leaves

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees celcius. Fill the cavity of the salmon with the lime slices and some of the ginger, then place the fish on a large sheet of greased tin foil. Wrap the fish completely with foil and bake on a baking tray for 20 - 30 minutes, until the fish is just cooked.

2. Combine the sugar and lime juice with 250 mls of water in a small sauce pan and stir without boiling until sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes until syrupy. Stir in the remaining ginger and lime zest. Put the fish on a large plate. Top with coriander leaves and pour the hot syrup over it.

Serve with rice or a crispy salad.

Hens, Jacks and Sprats Supporters Club



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