

Hurfords fishing day



by Pixie, Fishing Editor

Hurford's Building Supplies' pre-Christmas fishing promotion for nine north coast contractors was a great success.

The contractors were Pixie the builder and offsider Gerard Cudmore from Nimbin, Rolly and Jeff Harrison from Kyogle, Greg Baidon from Casino, Wayne Bird from Lismore, Tom and Chris Murphy from Tenterfield, and Jamie Smith from Ballina. Together with John Mazzer, Hurford's rep from Lismore, we were treated to a day on the sea on the charter boat "Erebus"

Hurfords rep John Mazzer was given some instruction on the finer points of deep sea fishing from Pixie the NGT fishing editor, and the results speak for themselves.

from Wooli Deep Sea Charter.

Most of the contractors had never met before, so Hurfords supplied a house at Wooli for the night, which also made an early Friday morning start a little easier. Thursday night was a good get-together over a Chinese meal and a few beers at the Wooli bowlo, with fishing stories being the order of the night, making everyone keen for Friday morning.

The sea Gods were doing everything right on Friday morning, with a light five

knot breeze and a half metre swell. On the way out, we were all talking about catching a big fish, and everyone was feeling good. The captain put us on a patch of slimy mackerel, we got the bait jigs working and with great teamwork we filled the live bait tub in 15 minutes.

First stop for some serious fishing. The captain put us on a small reef about 30km out to sea. To try and keep the tangles down, only six would fish at a time. When you catch a fish or two, you hand the rod to the next bloke. Using live slimeys for bait, you didn't have long to wait for a good hit.

Some of the guys not used to fishing deep-sea took a while to get the feel of a heavy sinker and the pull of the ocean, and were wondering what they were doing different to the Nimbin guys, who were hooking up

right from the start. Your fishing editor pulled in the first big fish, being a 4.5kg kingfish, only to be topped by Gerard with a 5.5kg sampson fish and a 5.5kg amber jack. By now all the guys were starting to hook up some nice big snapper, pearl perch and kingfish coming into the boat.

The captain decided to go out wider, about another 15km to another reef. With no land in sight we hooked up on some good sized amber jack, kingfish and sampson fish, with all the guys now landing big fish and some getting double hook-ups, including John Mazzer who thought he hooked a monster to find it was two good-sized kingfish swimming in different directions.

When not fishing, Greg Baidon was on the movie camera. He seemed to be everywhere all day, and I believe the finished product is good viewing for all concerned, with a copy going to all. Good work Greg.

The captain's choice Fish of the day went to Jeff Harrison with his 3kg snapper. This won him a folding BBQ table and chair set supplied by Hurford's.

Hard luck story went to John Mazzer who had a good fight happening down the back of the boat when sweat turned to tears as, according to him, Wayne Bird tangled their line and snapped his, sabotaging his best fish.

After being at sea for ten hours and doing some great fishing, between ten guys we brought back about 300kg of top quality deep sea fish which would be shared out between Ballina and Tenterfield.

A great day, guys. Thanks Hurford

Nimbin's Supermotard Legend



Winners are grinders. Laurie Turner, with bike and trophy. Picture: Charlie Wood

Local bloke Laurie Turner recently won the veterans class in the 3rd round of the 2005 Supermotard Extreme QLD state championships, held at Carnell raceway, Stanthorpe on the 10th and 11th of December.

Supermotard combines motocross and road racing, on a track which has a combination of dirt, jumps and tar. Laurie's bike, a Honda CRF 450, is a dirt bike which is fitted with slick road tyres.

Arriving at the track Saturday morning expecting to purchase a set of racing slicks from the mobile tyre retailer, he finds the rubber man a no show, so Laurie set about sourcing second-hand tyres from a factory race team.

After finding some tyres he had to miss the practice session fitting them and just made his first race, entering the track while the other riders were gridding up

Starting last (20th) without even a sighting lap, on cold tyres he finished the first of four races in 7th place, then went on, backing that up with two firsts and a third, giving him enough points to take the round win.

Not bad for a Nimbinite, especially in the veterans class. There is, however, no truth in the rumour that he honed his riding skills by practicing extreme ride-on techniques in his work for Jonesy's Mowing Service.



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