



Tight Lines Update

Between Beaconsfield Parade & The Sand, Kerferd Road Pier, Albert Park.

UPDATE: Wednesday 13th March - Tuesday 26th March

Hot hot hot

Labour Day long weekend was hot in weather and hot in talent down at the Clubhouse.



Peter Cupples' *Sunday Session* was a huge success as he did songs from his Burt Bacharach and Steve Wonder songbooks. The place was jumping.

Make sure you keep reading *Tight Lines* to keep updated with what's happening. Ask fellow members if they are receiving their Tight Lines emails, and to get them to contact us if not.

The next Saturday night dining will be on Grand Prix Weekend, March 23rd, with Neville Boyd's band *Into the Groove* playing. It's also Hawaiian night.

We are closed for Easter, 29th March to, and including, 1st April. The General Meeting is on Wednesday April 3rd and we re-open for dining on April 4th.

See you at the club!

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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Thursdays

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw will be \$2,000 for the 15th. of March.

Assorted bar snacks are available.

The Member's Draw rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim it within one minute. If not claimed, jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won.

Last week's losers: *Julia McArdle, Edward Ostrognay, Sophie Gunnersen & Adrian Quinn.*

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Five Prizes up for grabs:

- Mystery Hamper.
- Brenta Meats tray, (*thanks Ches*).
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 meal voucher.
- A secret prize.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT only).

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by [clicking this link](#).

Reminder: When making a reservation for dinning it is expected you order within 30 mins of your booking time and all meals must be ordered before 8 p.m. Thank you.

Saturday night dining - LIVE MUSIC



Saturday 23rd March.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!



7 - 9 p.m.

Neville Boyd's band 'Into The Groove'

Menu for Saturday nights:

- Fish and Chips,
- Scotch Fillet Steak,
- Chicken Parmigiana,
- Rigatoni Pollo e Funghi / Vegetarian Rigatoni, and
- Seafood Spaghetti.

The full children's and dessert menu will be as usual.

Book your table by [clicking here](#).

Last drinks 9:30 p.m. (We may close earlier if no demand).

Boathouse Hawaiian Night.



Boathouse Hawaiian Night
Come and join us to
'Farewell the Summertime Sunset'

Saturday 23rd March
5.00 -7.00 p.m.

Your \$70 ticket includes:
Famous 'Boathouse Cocktails'
Red & White Wine
Beer
Piccolo Sparkling Wine
Soft Drinks

Tasty treats such as:
Oysters
Chicken / Mixed Sandwiches
Sushi
Ham & Pineapple Sliders
Sumai
And more ...

Get in the mood. Wear your florals,
and everything Hawaiian!

These events sell out very quickly
so book fast to avoid disappointment
by clicking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CP PJX>

This is a Club event put on for members by volunteers.
We are looking for more volunteers for this event.
Please contact Sandra Rogerson [by clicking here](#).



Angler's Kitchen.

Specials

Super Green Salad with Pan Fried Atlantic Salmon Fillet.

*Pan Fried Atlantic Salmon on a
Super Salad of Broccolini, Spinach, Snow
Peas, Edamame, Bok Choy, Goji Berries,
Red Chillies with Lemon & a Sesame Dressing*
\$30.20

Double Wagyu Cheeseburger

*Double Wagyu Patties, Cheese, Bacon,
Egg, Pickles and Special Sauce, served with
Beer Battered Chips*
\$29.70

Prawn Linguini

*Linguini with Pan Fried Prawns, Chilli,
Garlic & Basil in a Rich Napoli Sauce
finished with Parmesan Cheese and Rocket.*
\$28.70

Dessert

Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding

with ice cream & strawberries
\$9.70

E.&O.E

BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or click
<https://tinyurl.com/AnglersBOOKING>

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Kitchen hours.

Lunch

*Thursday-Sunday
12 noon - 2:30 p.m.*

Dinner

*Thursdays, Fridays, and Selected Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Website PDF version of Tight Lines. This PDF differs from the emailed version of Tight Lines in that the links are shown in their entirety. The position of each story and image may be different, but the content is all included.

From the President.



Thank you to all those that attended last Wednesday's General Meeting, and also thank you to Chantal Meehan for organising such great speakers.

As discussed at the meeting, Barry and I had a visit from ex Mayor, **Marcus Pearl** from the City of Port Phillip. He's keen to work with us on any project that we feel the council could be of service with. We discussed such issues as a disability ramp to the beach, the lack of disability parking, rod holders on the pier, and the Gantry, just to name a few. If you have any ideas that you would like us to throw in to our feedback to him, please feel free to email them to me, and we will add them to the list.

We had an unfortunate incident where a member lost his footing going down the stairs and ended-up hitting his head on the blue stone wall. Thank you to Seth, Annabelle and Barry Smith for everything you did to help, this shows the importance of keeping our First Aid training up to date. We wish him a speedy recovery.

As a result, you will see a sign at the club encouraging people to use the ramp to exit, the stairs are steep, and this isn't the first time they have taken a victim. The club will be looking a slip-free surface to be added to the ramp as it can also get slippery with the sand at times.

Another issue that is important to keep in mind, is that we have many elderly members, so while we fully support and encourage families to enjoy our wonderful club, we do ask that children are reminded not to run around, climb on the barrels, and generally consider the other club members.

Lastly a reminder that we have the Boathouse Hawaiian night coming up on Saturday 23rd March. There are still a few tickets left, so get involved. It will be a great night and I look forward to seeing you there.

See you at the club,

Lee

Lee Spyrou,
President.

Well what a week of football! - Round Zero!

Tip-stars of the week:

- Good quality tipping from most tip-stars who picked three from four.
- No Joker was played this week. That was smart with only 4 matches played.
- Leading after the opening round is Chris Derrick, Jamie and Shifdy. The full Leaderboard can be found on the app or website.

Not Worthy or Noteworthy:

- Mason Cox channels Dermie by running through the Giants ruck practice. *Not Worthy.*
- Tigers embarrassed themselves in the first half against the Suns with 19 scoring shots to three. Matt Rowell had a lazy 20 clearances for the day. Richmond had 31 as a team. *Not Worthy.*
- *Noteworthy.* The Swans were favourites and won comfortably in the end. Grundy showed the Demons what they were missing with Gawn looking tired at the end.
- *Noteworthy.* Carlton's 46 point comeback win. *I switched off at half time...*

The Trivia questions of the week:

1. How many Number One draft picks have played in an AFL premiership? *Four.*
2. How many times has Harley Reid, Number One draft pick last year, been on the back or front page of the West Australian newspaper since he was drafted? *Over 30 times.*
3. Who is the umpire that has received AFL dispensation to throw the ball up this season due to a back injury? *Razor Ray.*

How did my smokie tip of the week go:

- My smokie tip was that the Tigers would beat Gold Coast. For those who followed my usually sound smokie tipping advice ... *sorry about that!*
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The Oracle predicts - Round One

The serious staff starts on Thursday, following last week's Opening Round semi-practice matches.

Thursday night blockbuster.

Carlton (4th) play Richmond (8th) at the MCG in the traditional Round One opening match. All good Victorians think this is so much more meaningful than last week's matches. There is a match you can actually attend now. The crowd will be 80k+ and this is really important for both sides. The Tigers most likely have Dusty, Nank, and big Tom Lynch in the team. That is enough to get supporters excited. But they come up against the Blues with a lot of quality. Ever since 1982 I have never really liked the Blues, and much as it pains me to say it, I think they will beat up the Tiges on Thursday night.

Other big Match of the Round.

Collingwood (7th) play the Swans (3rd) at the MCG on Friday night. The Swans have a few key midfielders down which won't help and come up against the Premiers in a first round '*Welcome to the MCG*' that few teams would wish for. The Pies will win this comfortably. Last week against GWS, the Pies lost badly but still managed more inside 50s. The Swans have a lot to like about them this year but this match will be a Collingwood victory.

Trivia questions

- 2024 is a Leap Year. Gold Coast is on top of the ladder after the first round of this season. From the last six Leap Years how many teams at the top of the ladder after the initial round went on to win the Premiership in that year? (a) 6 (b) 5 (c) 4
- Carlton and Richmond have played the season opening match for most of the last decade in what is now a blockbuster event. In the last 10 years, how many times have Carlton won when they first played Richmond in a season?
- How many players, from any side, have kicked eight goals or more in a match at the MCG in the last decade?

Smokie tip of the week.

The Fremantle Dockers play Brisbane in Perth. That is a long way to travel and if this match was in Queensland then I would not give this match a second thought. But it isn't. It will be on the rock hard Perth oval in front of a full house of Freo ferals. This is game on, and I reckon Freo will cause a massive upset here ... *don't be surprised*.

Good tipping!

Mike.

Boat and jet ski license

Date: Monday 18th March, 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club,
129 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park

Cost: \$135.00 cash

Please be at venue approximately 5.15 p.m. to fill in enrolment form.

Course takes approximately three and a half hours, including the test.

You get two goes at doing test.

Must bring any one of: Photo ID, Passport, Driver's Licence, Learner's Permit etc.

Children 16 and over are able to sit the jet ski licence.

CHECK WITH SPRAGG - There is also a restricted licence for over 12s that converts to a full licence at 16 I am told.

Please ring Sue on 0408 302 381 for further information, or to book your seat.

Boat House.

Boat house inductions are continuing, contact Ian Sekac at i.sekac@bigpond.com if you have not already been booked in and been contacted. We will be sure to let everyone know the date and time and put it in Tight Lines.

Club Boat hire is being used on a regular basis if you want to hire one of the club boats or kayaks contact Tom Harris at tomharris.au@bigpond.com

The planned boat licence session will now be on March 18, let me know those interested captain@apyac.org.au and watch Tight Lines. To get ready for this you can study up the rules and get information here:

<https://safetransport.vic.gov.au/on-the-water/recreational-boating/boat-licence-and-registration/>

And

<https://constructiontraining.com.au/pdf/Victorian-Recreational-Boating-Safety-Handbook.pdf>

The session lasts around three and a half hours and at the end of the session you will be tested and hopefully qualified to pick up the licence from VicRoads. The cost is \$135 cash, no cards, payable on the night, doors open at 5.00pm for registration and course starts at 6.00pm. This course is open to members and non-members.

Boat House volunteer mornings are happening every Wednesday, and the volunteers do a sensational job in keeping the boathouse running. There is work being done on restoring boats,

maintenance on the hire fleet, maintenance on the general building, anyone male or female or other very welcome, be at the boathouse at 8.30am and tasks will be given to match your skills. We sincerely thank Ian Sekac and his volunteer team for the great work they do. Come along on a Wednesday morning if you have some spare time and join the fun.

We all thank Ian Sekac and his dedicated crew who last week comprised of Bruce, Robert P., Neil, Pat, Stu. R., Kathleen and Mick for the sterling job they do.

The Boat House boat owners freezer is going to be re-arranged in the near future, we ask all users of this freezer to remove their bait (some of it looks years old) so we can institute a fairer and easier system for boathouse boat owners to store their bait. We will be clearing out the freezer on 15 April or thereabouts.

When boating always err on the safe side, if the weather forecast not good but the bay calm do not venture far as conditions on the bay change from mirror flat to surf quickly. Know and check all the required safety gear and inform passengers of where safety gear is. Check fuel levels often.

Life Jackets must be worn during times of Heightened Risk.

Heightened Risk is not limited to when the vessel is underway. (Includes up to and including 4.8 metres and are in an open area of the vessel), but includes when launching and retrieving. Vessels are often in restricted areas and the risk of being nudged by another vessel, or bumping into a jetty or other object, is high.

The Gantry is considered a *Heightened Risk* area so Life Jackets must be worn when Launching and Retrieving.

John Spragg & Ian Sekac.



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Angling News

Not a lot to report this edition as I have been chasing Brown and Rainbow Trout in the Lake Taupo area of New Zealand. The scenery outstanding and the fish obliging.

The water temperature in Port Phillip is now around 22 degrees, and maybe be warmer after the latest hot spell. This generally means Flathead, Whiting, Snook and Squid are on.

Squid, Snook and Whiting are generally found in large numbers in shallow water 2-4 metres deep over reefy, weedy areas with sand patches.

Flathead in areas of sand. Drift for Squid and Flathead, and anchor for Whiting and Snook, burley-ing is the key for both.

I have heard Garfish are in in Port Phillip in very large numbers, so a float with a couple of small hooks, and bread —or similar— burley are good to attract them to you.

Snapper are still around the bottom end of the Bays and there have been reports there are a few around Williamstown. There is generally a late run now until the end of April. So still worth fishing for them.

A group of our anglers headed to Lake Purrumbete for our annual contest at the lake, there have been some very nice trout, redfin and salmon landed. The winner receives the highly prized *Mug of Purrumbete*.

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John Spragg.

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Shellfish Reef Project.



APYAC Life Member **Bob Pearce**.

Our Club, and Life Member **Bob Pearce**, are known worldwide for spearheading restoration of the reefs and indigenous shellfish to the bays of Port Phillip. Working with The Nature Conservancy and others we have won numerous awards.

As a member of the Club you may be asked about the progress, so keep up to date by attending Club meetings, and by checking out this short video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vlhYd9WsSc

Scoreboard

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	14	Michael Sass	58	198.7	Harry Tsoumbakos	18	85.1
OCTOBER	32	Michael Briffa	40	136.7	Tony Panayotou	9	27.2
NOVEMBER	131	Manny Hiotis	22	78.9	Rob Raffa	5	14.9
DECEMBER	17	Richard Muscat	13	46.7	Eddy Bernobich	4	11.9
JANUARY	15	Tony Spinelli	15	43.4	Jake Smith	3	11.1
FEBRUARY	21	Alex Spyrou	6	28.8	Robert Pope	1	4.0
MARCH		Mark Mercieca	6	23.6			
APRIL		Lee Spyrou	4	13.1			
MAY		Grant Ahearn	2	9.1			
		John Spragg	2	4.4			
		Yossi Merimi	1	2.4			
		Rob Misitano	1	3.5			
JUNIORS		Danny Vitkin	8	11.2	Heidi Osborne	1	1.0
		Kye Cormick	1	5.8	Rebecca Gowans	1	1.0
		Andre Cartel	4	4.0	Matthew Gowans	4	4.0
					Will Osborne (Jnr)	1	1.0
					Henry Rudd	2	2.0

Spreadsheet updated by **Chantal Meehan**.

The scoreboard is updated at the Club by **Roland Nicholls** every Friday night.

LONGEST FISH			
Kye Cormick (Jnr)	Snapper	Open	91
Harry Tsoumbakos	Snapper	In-House	81
Richard Muscat	Whiting	Open	43
Rob Raffa	Whiting	In-House	44
John Spragg	Broadnosed 7-Gill	Open	212
Mark Mercieca	Gummy	Open	127
Tony Panayotou	Gummy	In-House	90
Tony Panayotou	Salmon	In-House	46
Richard Muscat	Salmon	Open	52
Tony Panayotou	Mulloway	In-House	110
Alex Spyrou	Pike	Open	61
Harry Tsoumbakos	Pike	In-House	51
John Spragg	Flathead	Open	48
Danny Vitkin (Jnr)	Gummy	Open	46
William Pope (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	85
Henry Rudd (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	87
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Rock Cod	Open	33
Rebecca Gowans (Jnr)	Flathead	In-House	42
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Flathead	Open	41
Heidi Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	34
Will Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	36



Easter Egg Guessing Jar.

\$2.50 a guess. Drawn Thursday 28th March, straight after lucky draw.
 Guess how many eggs in the jar and they are yours! Guess as many times as you like.
 Starts this Thursday.

Receiving your Tight Lines email.

If you don't get Tight Lines in your email inbox, you won't be reading this!

So, this is for people whose friends are members but always complain that they don't know what's happening at the Club. If they are members they get our emails sent to them, but they may have ended-up in their SPAM or JUNK folders.

Please copy and paste this to them so they can sort it out.

The trick is to do a search for @apyac.org.au which will reveal every email we've sent. Then the detective work starts: WHERE are those emails? (Most likely in SPAM or JUNK)

Having found them, to make sure you are alerted to our messages:

GMAIL users:

Move us to your primary inbox so we aren't lost in the shuffle.

On desktop? Back out of this email then drag and drop this email into the "Primary" tab near the top left of your screen. (You can also make a LABEL, say, APYAC).

APPLE mail users:

Tap on our email address at the top of this email (next to 'From:' on mobile) and click 'Add to VIPs'.

OTHERS:

Add any of our email addresses (*memberships, admin, manager, info, or noreply*) to your address book, mark us a safe sender, or add us to your allow list.

If you don't see our newsletter over the next few weeks, we recommend checking your spam folder for our emails, and moving us back into your inbox. Inboxes can be fickle, and we want to make sure you get your regular dose of club news.

And, of course, it doesn't help if you change your email address without telling us. Email admin@apyac.org.au if you need to contact us.



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APYAC
FUNCTIONS CALENDAR 2024

Sunday 23rd March
Hawaiian Night

Sunday 5th May
Greek Lunch

Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day

Saturday 25th May
Oyster Night

Saturday 27th July
Presentation Night.

APYAC
FISHING SEASON 2024 CALENDAR

Sunday – Albert Park Lake Family & Friends fishing
To be confirmed based on fish releases.

Sunday 26th May
Australia Day Clinker Boat race
Postponed - date to be confirmed.
Official fishing season end & BBQ

Friday 7th June – Monday 10th June
Port Mac Tuna weekend T.B.C.

Saturday 27th July
Presentation night.

Tour The Rip



Once a year, the **Ocean Racing Club of Victoria** (ORCV) conducts a tour of Port Phillip Heads to provide insight into how to transition the "*The Rip*" safely. We invite you, your family, and friends to join us for the 2024 tour on **Sunday, March 24th.**, departing Queenscliff Searoad Ferry Terminal at 10.00 a.m. on a chartered Searoad Ferry, the 36m 'Peninsula Princess'.

Getting in and out of Port Phillip Bay from and to Bass Strait, through the notorious Port Phillip Heads, which is affectionally known as The Rip, can be a little daunting for anyone not familiar with The Rip and its challenges:

- narrow entrance
- tides can flow very fast in different directions
- underwater reefs and rocks you can't see
- marine charts can be difficult to understand
- some weather conditions can be make it very dangerous
- more than 4,000 commercials ships transit annually

You can read a book, look at the marine charts and diagrams but there's nothing like seeing it from the water with expert guidance. The Rip Tour is a practical on-water training event where experienced offshore navigators will share information on how and when to safely transit. Everyone gets their own personal headset, so you don't miss any of the navigation aids, lead lights and shipping channels and a you'll also get a copy of the ORCV's Rip Guide.

We use one of the SeaRoad Ferries smaller ferries which is large enough to feel very safe and small enough to see everything from a recreational boat perspective. Suitable for any recreational boaters, divers, fishers, sailors, surfers and holidaymakers. It's a great idea for gifting an experience.

[Click here for](#) more information.

Victorian Fisheries Authority.



Nice to see APYAC on the the front page of the VFA website. They have so many things going on, from forums to kids days, fish stocking, and more. Check out their WHAT'S ON page [by clicking here](#)

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Hats \$25
Beanie \$20
Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! (Buy for your Grandma!)
Stubby Holder \$10.



Tight Lines – Why so often?

The large edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next club meeting, and always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend.

The smaller edition, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials.

The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom.

Tight Lines is edited by **James Nixon**.

Opening Hours.

TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

THU - FRI BAR: 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

DINNER: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SAT - SUN BAR: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

* Bar closes at 4 p.m. Saturdays if there is a function booked, & remains open later on Band Sundays.

UPDATE: Wednesday 13th March - Tuesday 26th March

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